

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Blue Ball Tavern Inventory Number: BA-1185
 Address: 8419 Philadelphia Road (MD 7) Historic district: yes no
 City: Rosedale Zip Code: 21237 County: Baltimore County
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore East
 Property Owner: Toney & Esther Alatzas Tax Account ID Number: 1600007043
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 506 Tax Map Number: 89
 Project: Rosedale Streetscape Project, MD 7: US 40 to I-695 Agency: MD State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration
 Preparer's Name: Melissa Hess Date Prepared: 04/17/2006
 Documentation is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey (1980)
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Blue Ball Tavern is no longer extant. According to a long-time resident of Rosedale who lives next door to the site, the tavern was demolished circa 2000. There is one historic outbuilding still extant on the property. There is also a modern commercial building on the property, but not in the location of the former tavern.

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MHT Comments:

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date: 4/28/06

 Reviewer, National Register Program Date: _____

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The Blue Ball Tavern is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Though the tavern once had an association with nineteenth-century turnpike transportation, it no longer retains its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, and is not eligible under Criterion A. The property is not known to be associated with the lives of persons significant in our past and is not eligible under Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it no longer embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic value. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

Demolished - 2000

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Surveyed by Melissa Hess
MD SHA
April 11, 2006

ADDENDUM

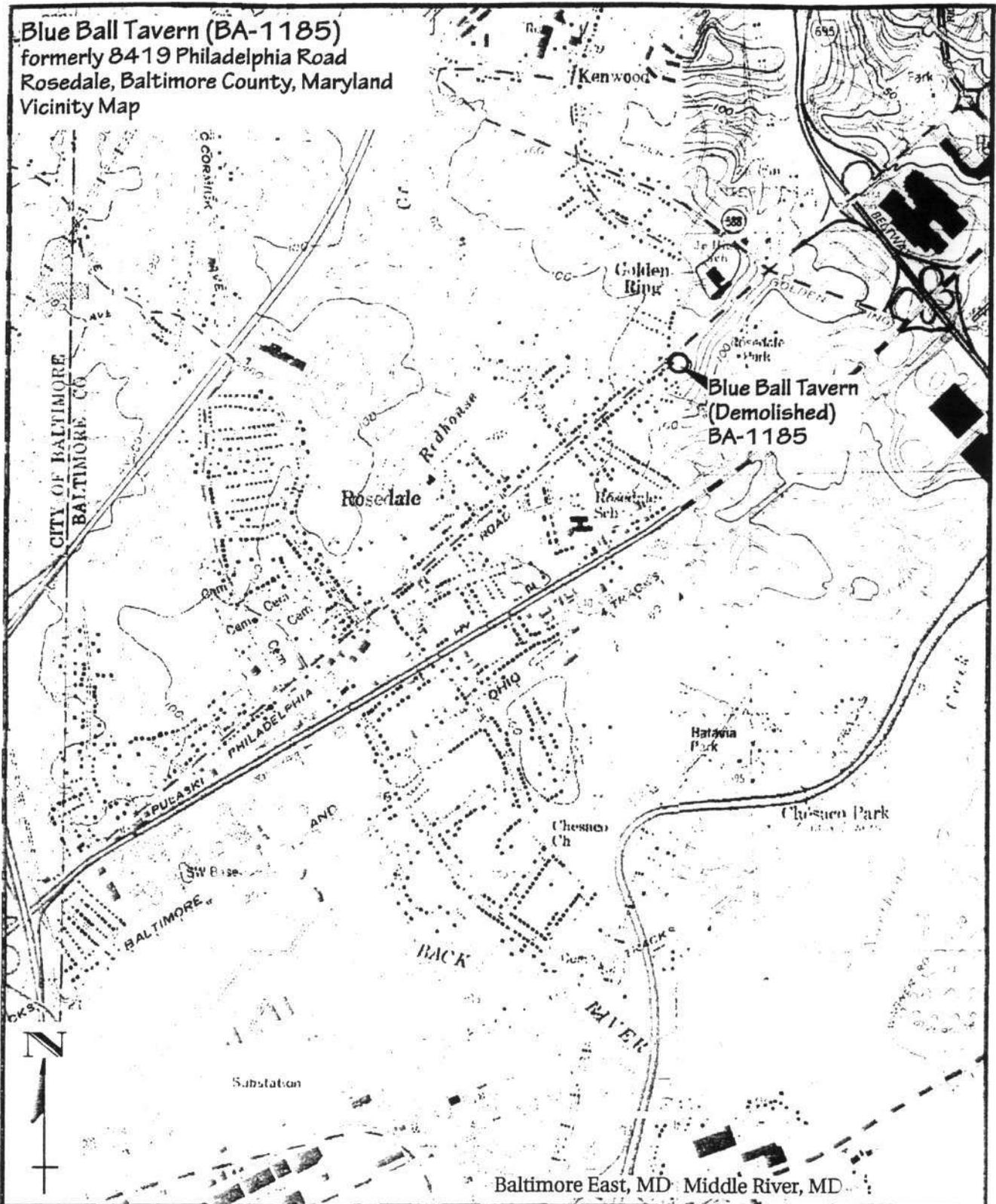
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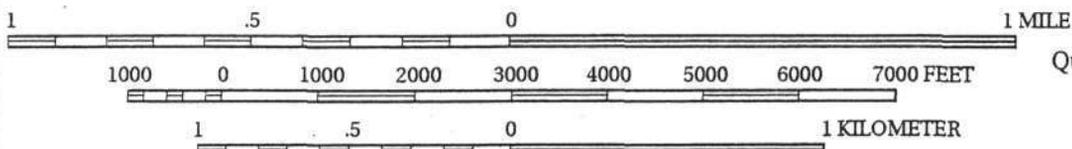
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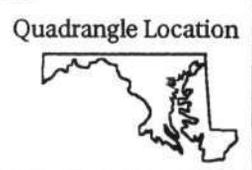
Blue Ball Tavern (BA-1185)
 formerly 8419 Philadelphia Road
 Rosedale, Baltimore County, Maryland
 Vicinity Map



Baltimore East, MD Middle River, MD



SCALE 1:24,000 CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET





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Blue Ball Tavern

8419 Old Philadelphia Road

Rosedale

Baltimore County

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MD SHPO

Former tavern site, View Southeast

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Blue Ball Tavern

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Smokehouse, View South

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Smokehouse, View South

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Smokehouse, North and West elevations

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Smokehouse, West and South Elevations

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Smokehouse, East Elevation

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Smokehouse Door

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Smokehouse Wall Detail

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Blue Ball Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8419 Old Philadelphia Road

CITY, TOWN Rosedale VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE, <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Charles L. Limmer Telephone #: (301) 687-8369

STREET & NUMBER 8521 Old Philadelphia Road

CITY, TOWN Rosedale VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD, 21237

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Court House

Liber #: 5268
Folio #: 96

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Towson STATE MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Blue Ball Tavern is a mid-nineteenth century tavern of frame construction, two stories with a gable roof, located on the southeast side of Md. Route 7, Old Philadelphia Road, approximately 50 feet southwest of the intersection of Kenwood Road, and facing northwest.

The building is two bays wide on the front or northwest elevation, two bays on the north gable end, and three bays with a center entry on the rear or southeast side. The south side has a one story shed addition of stone covered in stucco and a modern brick exterior chimney. The main section has an off-center chimney. A one story shed roofed porch extends across the front elevation. The porch has Tuscan columns and a balustrade, and is probably of later construction than the house. The entry is off-center near the north bay and may not be the original opening. The windows are shuttered and are 1/1 sliding sash.

The rear three-bay elevation has an entry porch at the center bay with square columns. The first floor window to the right of the entry has shutters, but the rest of the windows have no shutters. Window frames on all elevations are plain and most sash is 1/1. On the north gable end, the windows in the rear bay are covered by shutters. Two small 2/2 windows are at the attic level.

The exterior is covered in German siding, but was probably originally weatherboard. The roof is modern compositional material.

Two small outbuildings are located together slightly to the rear and south of the main building. One of these is a frame gable roofed, one story structure with German siding and two windows on the north and south elevations. Immediately east of this building is a square one story stone building with a stucco exterior. It has a peaked roof and small square windows on two sides. This building may have been a spring house or dairy.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Blue Ball Tavern is a relatively unaltered tavern building dating from the 1840's, a period of great activity along the turnpike routes in Maryland. The Old Philadelphia Road, on which the Tavern stands, was one of the main routes to Philadelphia from Baltimore and points south. Many taverns were kept along the turnpike, including the more well-known Golden Ring Tavern, which stood about a half-mile northeast on the Philadelphia Road.

A January 23, 1886 Baltimore County Union article stated the Blue Ball was a tavern and hotel for 40 years. The Gettman family were owners of the property from at least 1853 to 1932.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1850 Sidney Map
 1877 Atlas
 1915 Bromley's Atlas

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

co-terminous with structure

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Davis

ORGANIZATION

MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE

November 24, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

BLUE BALL TAVERN (15)(BC

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"The old Blue Ball Tavern, situated on the turnpike towards the City, and which had been used as a hotel for 40 years, is no longer kept for that purpose. It was formerly a voting place until the district was precincted. Mr. John Getman now lives on the place and is engaged in the packing business."

--Baltimore County Union, January 23, 1886.

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BLUE BALL TAVERN. White frame clapboard structure, 2 stories, on east side of Md. Route 7 (No. 8419 Philadelphia Road), just south of terminus of Kenwood Avenue. Shown as M. Gettman's on 1850 map by J.C. Sidney, and as J. Gettman's in 1877 Hopkins Atlas. (Now District 15) Property was acquired some time before 1850 from Robert Howard; original transaction probably recorded in present B.City records prior to separation of city and county. Tax Map 89, Parcel 506. BALTO. E. QD.

Mrs. Carl Schultz

Deeds OTG 5268:96

May 15, 1972 Arrah B. Schultz, Executrix under last will and testament of Ethel J. Boone deceased ... to---- Charles L. Limmer & wf ... ref to last will and testament ... Wills LJD 116/524 ... private sale to Limmer ... \$29,000 ... parcel ... Beginning in center of Philadelphia Road ... beginning of whole tract of which the parcel now being described is a part 1946 ... conveyed by William A. Sullivan unmarried--to--Ethel J. Boone ... JWB 1518/424 (metes and bounds ... etc.) ... 3.614 acres ... No. 8419 Philadelphia Road ... (refs to other deeds)

Deeds JWB 1518:425

straw-man deed from William A. Sullivan--to--Ethel J. Boone & husband ... Dec 9 1946 ... same as deed of even date ↴

f. 422

Ethel J. Boone & husband--to--William A. Sullivan, unmarried ... Dec 9 1946 ... \$1 ... all tract in 15th Election District ... surveyed 1939 ... 7.15 acres ... S/A ... acquired by grantors by deed from John Gettman & Caroline Gettman ... March 31 1932 ... recorded L McL M 897:245 ... (ref to former life estate) John Gettman died Feb 20 1934 ... bldgs

LMcLM 897:245

John Gettman & wf to Ethel J. Boone & husband ... 31 March 1932 ... \$5-plus ... 7.15 acres ... also a ref (not a Same-As) to deed of 1853 from Robert Howard--to--Martin Gettman recorded HMF 6:378 ...

Ref: HMF 6:378 ... 1853 ... Robert Howard to Martin Gettman ... part of Lot 45 of Principio Company ... ref to an earlier sale from Howard to Gettman

1877 atlas shows Blue Ball Tavern--J. Gettman--house seems to be in path of center line from center of present Kenwood Avenue

1850 Sidney map -Blue Ball(Tavern) ... M. Gettman

1918 Tax Ledger, 15th District--f. 269

John Gettman, Rossville
1918 32 acres Phila Road \$2270
House 250 Outbuildings 250 500

1911 Tax Ledger, 15th District, f. 107

John Gettman
(same ... including Live Stock \$95)

*Information from John Mc Grain
Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning*

*See also
card ---*



BALTIMORE EAST
Quad

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north east elevation

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feat of southeast elevation

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