

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Ridgley Todd House Inventory Number: BA-3068

Address: 8900 North Point Road City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21219

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Sparrows Point Quad

Owner: The Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Research undertaken by Robert and Judy Iman for their Resident Curatorship Proposal: Todd's Inheritance Phase 1 Archeological Investigation of the House Precinct Todd's Inheritance (18BA370), North Point, Baltimore County, Maryland, undertaken by John Milner Associates, May 2001; Journal of the War of 1812 and the Era 1800 to 1840. Fall 1997.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Ridgley Todd House is located at 8900 North Point Road, within Black Marsh, Baltimore County, Maryland. The property was acquired by the State of Maryland for the use of the Department of Natural Resources by deed dated December 15, 1987 and recorded among the land records of Baltimore County at Liber 7753/Folio 195. This property is now a part of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Resident-Curatorship Program with Bob and Judy Iman undertaking the restoration of the house, an early twentieth century, two-story, frame Dutch colonial. There is also a wood frame garage located behind the house. The Ridgley Todd house qualifies for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A, because of the land around it being associated with the War of 1812, and more specifically criterion B because of the house belonging to the Todd family who were active in the events of the area, during the War of 1812.

Thomas Todd and his wife Ann were some of the earliest settlers in the Patapsco Neck area of Maryland. They obtained their first land grant there in 1664 and began assembling land in Baltimore County. The Todds were one of the wealthiest landowners in Baltimore County at that time, but they are best known for their association with the War of 1812.

During the War, American troops used the Todd Estate as their headquarters and sentries patrolled the area watching for British troops. "In September 1814, according to legend, Bernard Todd and eight other lookouts stationed at his house gave the first

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Comments: <i>Association of land with War of 1812 compromised by construction of house in 1923; later generations of Todd family are not meaningfully associated with war of 1812.</i>	
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<i>[Signature]</i> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR program	<i>4/8/03</i> Date

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warning that the British had landed off North Point and were preparing to invade Baltimore Harbor. Supposedly, the Todd house and outbuildings were burned by the British troops in retaliation." (John Milner and Associates) The current house at Todd's Inheritance could be directly located on the site of the much earlier Todd structure that was burned to the ground during the War of 1812.

The National Register of Historic Places plaque from 1977 beside Todd's Inheritance reads "Thomas Todd settled here from Gloucester County, VA. in 1664. Homestead has remained in Todd family for more than three centuries. Farm once contained 1,700 acres. 17th century brick house was burned by British soldiers, Sept. 14, 1814 as they withdrew from unsuccessful assault on Baltimore. Rebuilt on site in 1816. Remodeled in 1867."

Ridgely Todd built his house around 1923, on this land that had been settled by his family in the late 17th century. "The Ridgely Todd house is one of three Todd family dwellings still standing in the area, and its association with the others, as well as its association to the history of the Todd family, give it a high level of historical significance." (Resident-Curatorship proposal completed by the Imans) The other Todd house, all of which are within sight of each other on North Point Road, is the Todd Farmhouse, a two story frame Victorian that dates from the late 19th century.

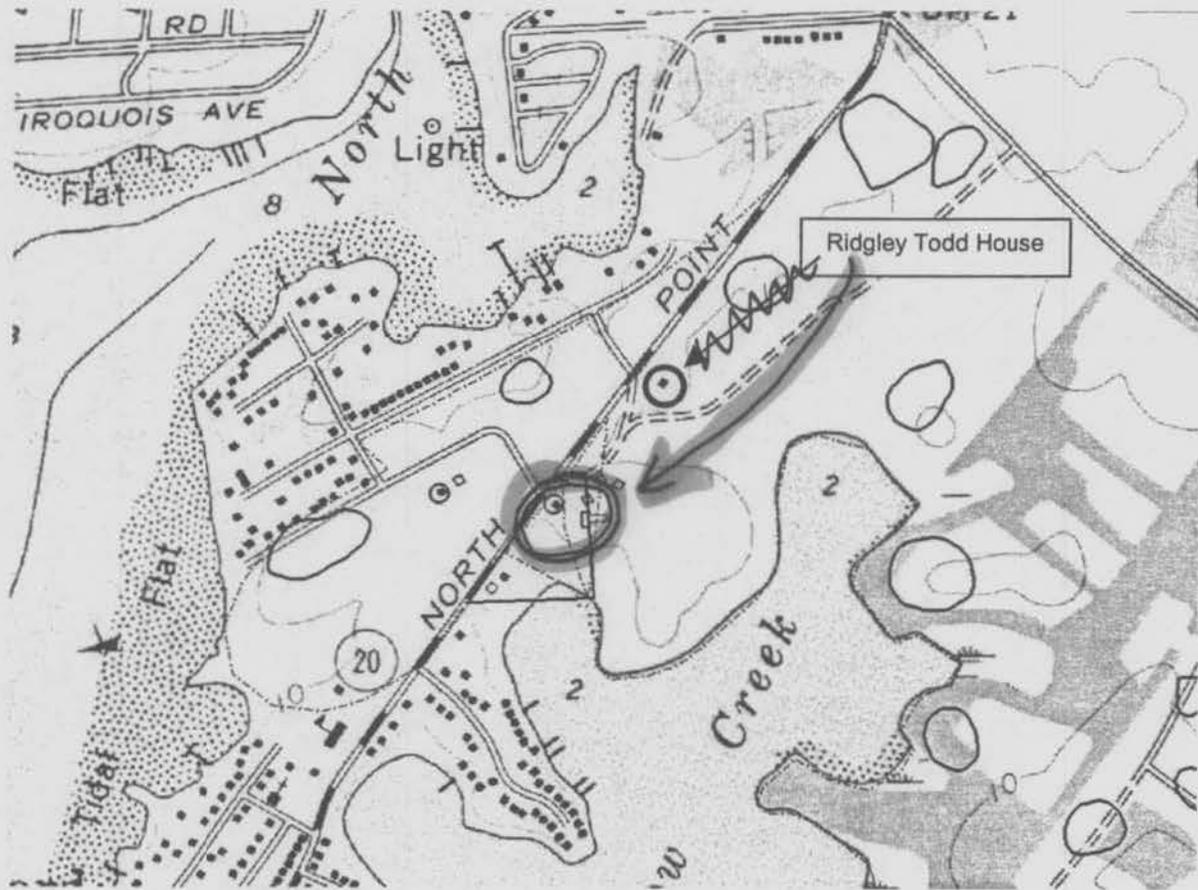
Today the Department of Natural Resources owns all three structures. The Todd Farmhouse and the Ridgely Todd House are both Resident-Curatorships, and Todd's Inheritance is currently being leased to a Friends of Group that is dedicated to its preservation, and use as a house museum. These three structures, all representing architecture from different centuries, are important reminders of the importance of the Todd family, in the area of Fort Howard.

The Ridgely Todd house should be considered eligible for the National Register.

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