

**Ernest M. Jameson House**  
**CH-632**  
**Bryantown vic.**  
**Private**

**Circa 1895-1900**

The Ernest M. Jameson House rests on a 200-acre farm at the end of Edelen Road in the vicinity of the historic village of Bryantown. The house consists of a 2 ½ story, three bay, side-passage frame dwelling with a rear wing creating an overall L-plan. The dwelling is approached by a tree-lined drive and surrounded by an array of outbuildings, open fields, and fencelines. The facade is distinguished by a decorative center gable adorned with a decorative arched window. A wide, one-story wrap-around porch is supported on ten simply turned posts. The house retains a great deal of its original materials. Of particular note is the square raised multi-panel door with carved daisy woodwork, and a pair of unusually long, fixed 6-light windows on the first floor. Believed to have been built by Ernest M. Jameson between 1895-1900, the property remained in the Jameson family until 1970.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ernest M. Jameson House (preferred)  
 other Peartree Hill

### 2. Location

street and number 6375 Peartree Hill Place not for publication  
 city, town Bryantown x vicinity  
 county Charles

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Neal and Katherine Myers  
 street and number 6350 Peartree Hill Place telephone  
 city, town Bryantown state MD zip code 20617

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 34-41  
 city, town LaPlata liber 216 folio 646

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture			landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1		recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense			religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	2	3	social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education			transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	3	work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government			unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care			vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry			other:
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
			0		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ernest M. Jameson House rests on a 200-acre farm at the end of Edelen Road in the vicinity of the historic village of Bryantown. The house consists of a 2 1/2 story, three bay side passage frame dwelling approached by a tree-lined drive and surrounded by an array of outbuildings, open fields, and fencelines. The façade is distinguished by a decorative center gable adorned with an arched lunette window. A wide one-story wrap around porch is supported on ten simply turned posts. The house retains a great deal of its original materials including windows and doors. Of particular note is the square raised multi-panel door with carved daisy woodwork, and a pair of unusually long fixed 6-light windows on the first floor. In view from the front porch is the massive chimney of Phoenix Hall (CH-216).

The dwelling is currently covered with vinyl siding and rests on a brick pier and concrete block foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and pierced by a central brick chimney as well as a later exterior concrete block flue on the south wall. A rear two story ell extends from the west wall. Two bays in length, this wing was probably part of the original construction. To the rear of this wing is an additional two story wing of smaller proportions.

The façade reveals a side passage plan with a door situated at the northernmost bay and long rectangular windows occupying the southernmost bays. These fixed six light windows are unusually long, terminating almost at the floor. On the second story there are three symmetrically aligned windows of more typical dimensions.

Windows throughout the rest of the dwelling appear to be original and are of Victorian 2/2 light wood sash double-hung composition with the exception of a single first floor window at the rear of the dwelling and four windows found on the later shed addition.

### OUTBUILDINGS

#### Corncrib

Some distance to the southwest of the dwelling is a rectangular corncrib. This narrow front gable structure includes the characteristic widely spaced slats found on many local examples, as well as a frame construction and metal seam roof.

### TOBACCO BARN

Proceeding north along a fenceline one crosses a lane that approaches the dwelling and then turns sharply to follow the edge of existing fields while making its way to the rear of the property. On one such turn is a large tobacco barn, probably built at the turn of twentieth century. The tall barn is covered in vertical board siding and has a broad shed addition that ends a few feet from the lane. Doors are located on the gable ends.

### NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

A sloping roof shed and equipment shed, both in poor condition are situated behind the dwelling as well as a larger sloping roof shed.

To the north of the dwelling were two or three larger agricultural buildings not examined at the time of the survey, which may qualify as contributing resources.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1895-1900	<b>Architect</b>	unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1895-1900	<b>Builder</b>	Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Ernest M. Jameson House is an excellent example of an average farmhouse in Charles County. During the late 19th century the center gable, three bay farmhouse adorned with a lunette window dominated local building preferences until the 1930's. The Ernest M. Jameson House, which retains a considerable degree of architectural integrity, also has the potential to provide additional information on the regional preference for side passage dwellings popularized more than a century before with local interpretations of Federal-style architecture.

According to the Charles County property tax records, a building was constructed on the site in 1915, a date not inconsistent with the architectural evidence for the dwelling and outbuildings. However, archival research suggests an earlier construction date.

Much of the surrounding land had been in the Jameson family for some time and the adjacent historic home Phoenix Hall (CH-216) was considered the Jameson family homeplace. In 1899 William M. and Margaret M. Jameson deeded to their son Ernest, Part of Phoenix Hall and part of Peartree Hill bordering on Zekiah Swamp said to contain 200 acres. William M. Jameson's will, written the same year leaves the his son Ernest the Phoenix Hall/Peartree Hill property upon which he has built a home. (1) The house remained in the possession of Jameson heirs until 1970 when it was purchased by the current owners Neil A. and Katherine H. Myers.

(1) Charles County Wills CND 29 Folio 258, LaPlata, MD.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 5  
Acreage of historical setting 200  
Quadrangle name LaPlata Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Ernest M. Jameson House is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 34, Grid 1, parcel 21.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning	date	12/21/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state	MD
		zipcode	20646

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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DHCD/DHCP  
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Crownsville MD 21032  
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Charles County, Maryland

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Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD  
BRYANTOWN VIC

CH-632  
ERNEST M. JAMESON HOUSE  
6375 DEARTREE HILL PL.

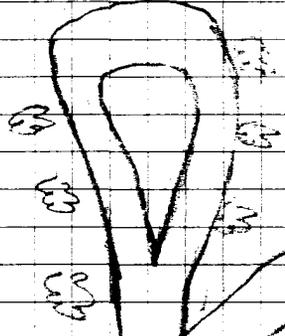


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ERNEST M. JAMESON



FENCELINE

OPEN



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FIELD

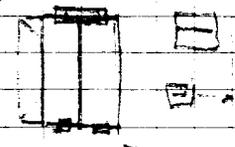
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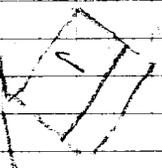
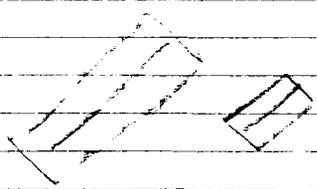
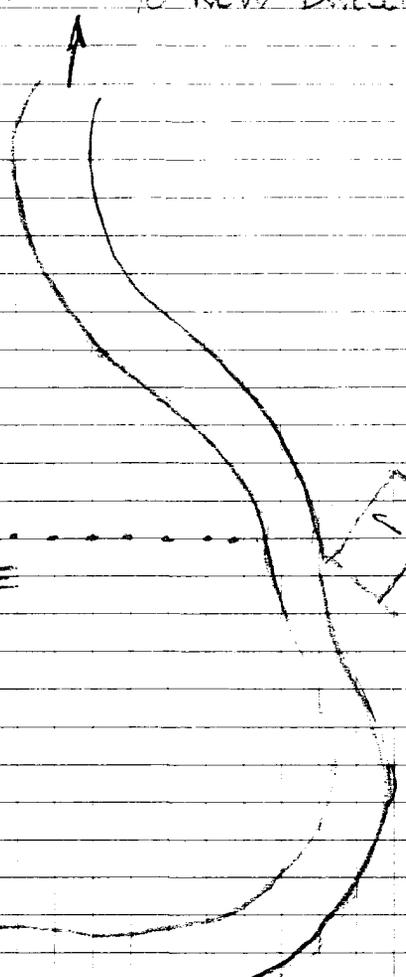
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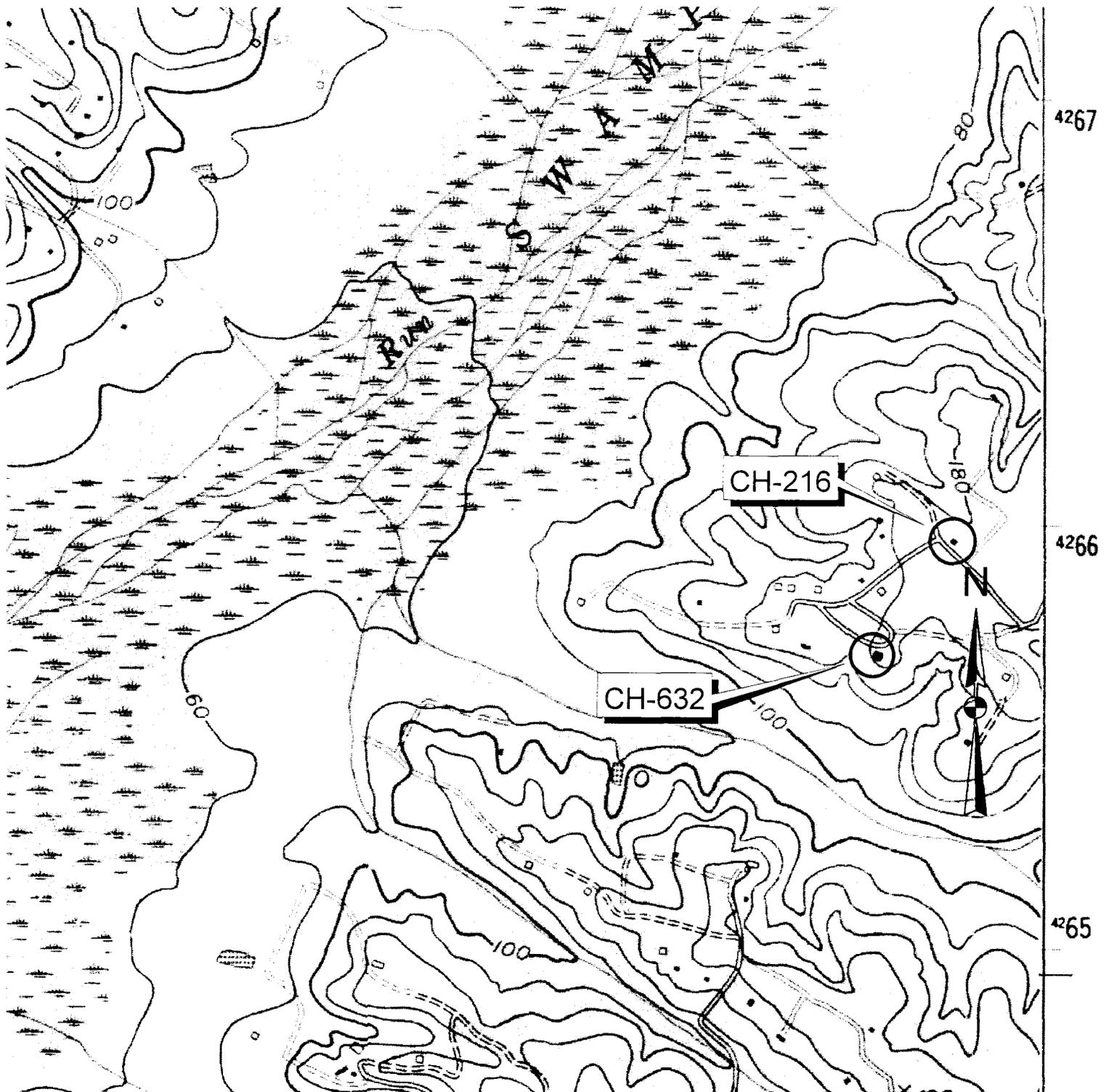
CH-216  
PHOENIX HALL



BRYANTOWN  
VIC

TO NEW DWELLING





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C. CURRY  
MD. SHPO

LOOKING WEST

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MD SHPO  
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MD SHPO

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MD SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS, LOOKING SE

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C. CURRY

MD SHPO

TREE LINED DRIVE/DWELLING, LOOKING SOUTH

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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C. CURREY

MD SHPO

FENCELINE, BARN & LANE, LOOKING N.

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