

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ball Place

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South Side of Ball Road

6th

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Ijamsville

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Map 87, P 51

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles L. and Ethel V. Rice

Telephone #: 662-3177

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 191D

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Ijamsville

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21754

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 487

Folio #: 460

STREET & NUMBER

Record

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ball Place is a four part multi-storied frame structure which faces east from the south side of Ball Road. The house was built in several stages and has numerous additions.

The oldest and most interesting part of the structure is the north main section which is two stories high, three bays wide and one room deep. The main entrance, a modern door, with a pilastered and broken pedimented entrance way is located in the second bay. 9/6 windows occupy the remaining two bays on the first level. A gabled dormer window with an overhang is located in the first bay on the second level; a small window is located just beneath the cornice in the second bay. This section of the house has a tin salt box roof which hangs over a back entrance and one 6/6 window with louvered shutters. A gabled dormer window with an overhang and 9/3 window extends from the roof on the west side. A one story shed addition is located to the north of this section; a 2 1/2 story later frame addition with an open porch and one story gabled addition is located to the south. Both south additions have tin gabled roofs with boxed cornices and 2/2 windows. The south main section is three bays wide; a damaged six panel door is located in the second bay. The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation. Two inside single chimneys are located on the north side of both main sections. An early log outbuilding with replaced chimney, slate roof and original strap hinges is located immediately to the west of the house.

A modern dairy barn, storage sheds and an old tenant house are also located on the premises.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input 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. 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Information concerning the Ball Place is sketchy but it is known that the land was originally part of the large Duvall tract called "Duvall's Forest" owned by Thomas Benjamin and William Duvall which adjoined the Ijams tract to the west. The tract was granted to William Duvall in 1763<sup>1</sup> and it seems likely that the north section of the building was constructed by 1790 before it was sold to Elisha Beall for 517 pounds. The house has subsequently been named the Duvall House.<sup>2</sup> The house was closely related to the nearby slate quarries on the north side of Ball Road and near Ijamsville since brothers John, William and Thomas Duvall opened the quarries as early as 1800 and Elisha Beall, a later owner, is listed in deeds as a "slate farmer" in 1786.<sup>4</sup> There have been numerous later additions to the home and a slave cabin stood on the property until 1948.

The house is currently unoccupied and is slowly deteriorating.

1 Ijamsville, The Story of a Country Village, Mary Lou, p. 5

2 Ibid

3 Ibid

4 Frederick County Land Records, Liber W.R. 7, Folio 36

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ijamsville, The Story of a Country Village, Charles Moylan

Frederick News Post - Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 1951

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 235.73 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall, East Church Street

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

DATE

TELEPHONE

663-8300 Ext. 266

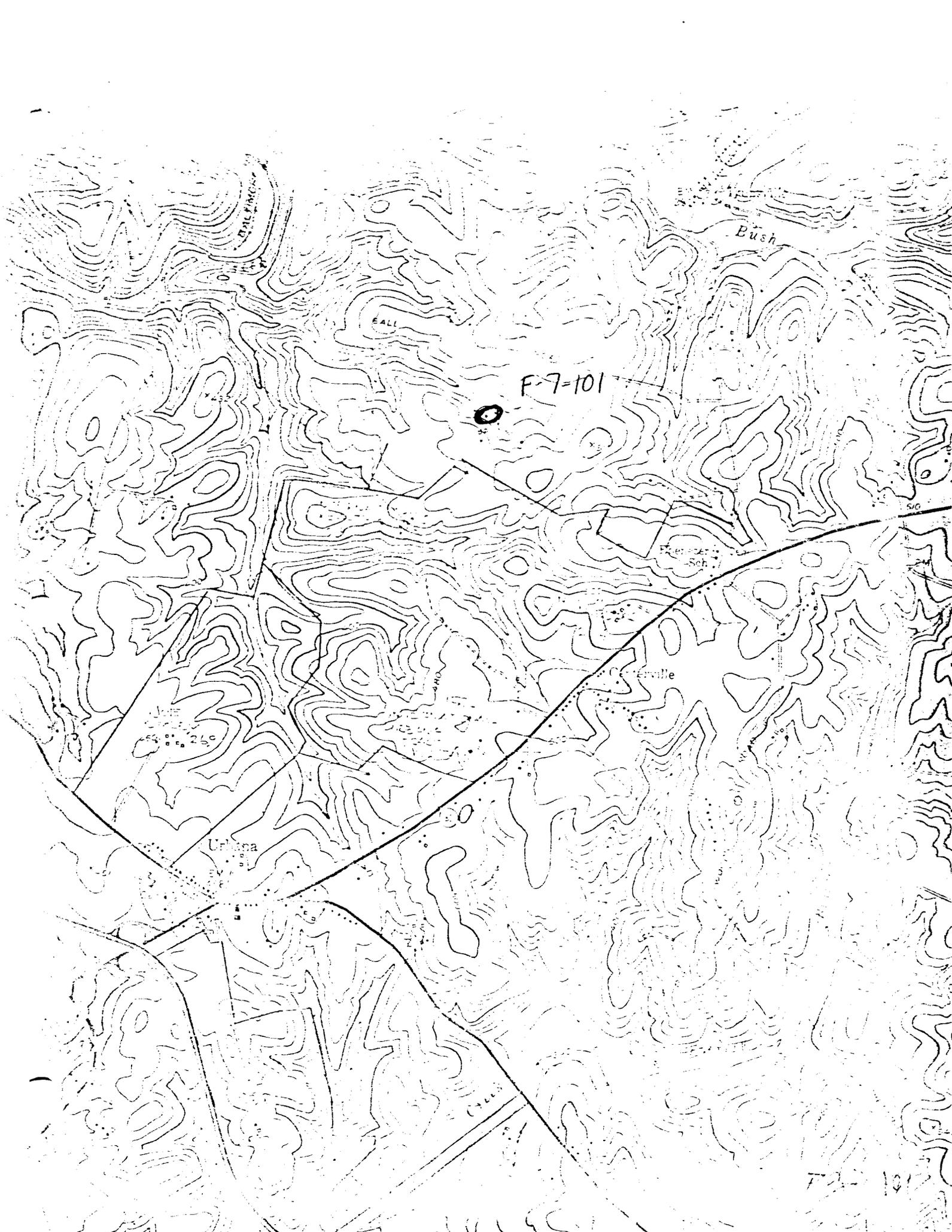
STATE

Maryland 21701

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.

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Ball House

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South side, Ball Road

Northeast view





Ball House  
South side, Ball Road  
Southwest view

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Outbuilding of ~~Ball~~ House F-7-101  
South side Ball Road  
South west view

