

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Ijams House Inventory Number: F-7-21
 Address: 4335 Ijamsville Road City: Ijamsville Zip Code: 21754
 County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Urbana
 Owner: Samuel Hollingsworth Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 56 Tax Map Number: 87 Tax Account ID Number: 198124
 Project: Ijamsville Road Improvements Agency: Frederick County Division of Public Works
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible Yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP forms

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

The Ijams house (F-7-21) was documented in a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form completed in 1978. The dwelling is located on the Hollingsworth property (F-7-7), which consists of seven built resources including two dwellings (the Ijams house and the Hollingsworth house), a meat house, a storage building, a corn crib, a dairy barn, and a silo. The Hollingsworth house and the five agricultural buildings and structures are documented in F-7-7. The Ijams dwelling is recessed from, and sits parallel to the road; a driveway provides access to the dwellings and outbuildings. Landscaping consists of mature trees and low shrubs along the foundations of the dwelling. The building is located on parcel 56 on tax map 87. The dwelling is a contributing resource to the Hollingsworth property. The historic resource boundaries are discussed in the historic resource boundaries for the Hollingsworth property.

The Ijams House

The ca. 1819 two-story house is located north of the Hollingsworth house. The dwelling rests on a rubble stone foundation and faces west. The banked-log building terminates in a gable roof clad in slate. A gable end exterior brick chimney is located on the north and south elevations. The exterior of the building is clad in German lap siding. Six-over-six light, double-hung, wood-sash windows characterize the building. The front (west) of the building has paired, off-center entrances sheltered by a half-width, off-center front porch. The porch is supported by chamfered, wood columns and rests on a poured concrete

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Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Comments: _____

Jim [Signature]
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/20/04
 Date

[Signature]
 Reviewer, NR Program

4/26/04
 Date

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foundation. A second porch is found at the rear (east) of the building. The screened, rear porch is supported by square, wood columns and has a simple wood balustrade. Minor alterations to the rear porch have occurred since the 1978 MIHP form was completed.

The 1978 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form discussed the presence of slave quarters; the buildings were not identified during a 2003 site visit.

History

The Hollingsworth property originally was owned by and was the home farm of a branch of the Ijams family. Plummer Ijams acquired the property in 1819 from Joseph Hibberd. The parcel contained approximately 175 acres and consisted of parts of Paris the Third, Duvall's Forest, and May's Fall, which were early land patents (Liber JS8 Folio 239). Mary M. Ijams (1851-1926), granddaughter of Plummer Ijams (1781-1849), died in 1927 without a will and without heirs. The ensuing equity case resulted in the property leaving Ijams family ownership when it was sold to Gilmore and Ruth Flautt and Grayson and Grace Mercer in 1927 at a public auction (Equity Case 11324). A succession of three owners held title to the property prior to the acquisition of the parcel by the present owners, Samuel and Josephine Hollingsworth, in 1952.

Plummer Ijams arrived in Frederick County from Anne Arundel County in ca. 1785 (Moylan 1951:5). The 1790 Census records indicate three members of the Ijams family living in Frederick County: John, Richard, and Plummer. The 1795 will of Plummer Ijams requested that all of his estate, real and personal, that remained after satisfying his creditors be divided amongst his children: Ann, Plummer, Ruth, Rebecca, and John (Liber GM3 Folio 34). His cousin, John Ijams, was named executor. Property records indicate that a Plummer Ijams purchased the property in 1819. The Plummer Ijams associated with the property in this investigation died without a will in ca. 1849 at the age of 69. According to a 1853 equity case, the property was sold to Richard Ijams, the son of Plummer Ijams, Sr., from Grayson Eichelberger who was appointed trustee (Liber ES3 Folio 350). Richard Ijams married Elizabeth Mussetter; they had one surviving daughter, Mary M. Ijams, commonly called Mollie. Mollie Ijams lived on the farm after she retired as a teacher at the Maryland School for the Deaf, a position she held for 45 years (Moylan 1951:11). Mary Ijams died at the farm in 1926 at the age of 75.

Genealogical material on the Ijams family is contradictory. The Plummer Ijams born in 1781 is referred to as Plummer Ijams, Sr. in property deeds, and as Plummer Ijams, Jr. in Charles Moylan's history of the town. In addition, Plummer was commonly used as a middle name for family members of all branches of the Ijams family (Liber ES3 Folio 350, Moylan 1951). It appears that males were referred to as Plummer, even if Plummer was the middle name (Moylan 1951:11, Equity Case 11324, Holdcraft 1985:616). Plummer Ijams appears in the 1820, 1830, and 1840 Census (www.heritagequestonline.com). The 1850s census has a record of three Ijams living in the New Market District: Richard, aged 29, Harriet, aged 42, and John P., aged 13 (www.heritagequestonline.com). A Harriett Ijams, aged 53, was living in the Eighth District of Frederick County (www.heritagequestonline.com). Purportedly, the Plummer Ijams associated with F-7-21 and F-7-7 was the town's first postmaster and was influential in establishing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station depot in Ijamsville (Moylan 1951:5). It is unclear if this is the son of the Plummer Ijams mentioned in the 1795 will, or if this Plummer is the son of another member of the Ijams family. According to Moylan's history, Plummer Ijams gave the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad a right-of-way through his property; in return, the railroad company agreed to construct a depot and name it Ijams' Mill (Moylan 1951:5). He also served one term as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1819. In his history of Ijamsville, Thomas Scharf attributes the town's name to John Ijams, who owned the land on which the village was constructed (Scharf 1882:598). Referencing a family history by the granddaughter of Plummer Ijams, Mary M. Ijams, Moylan, however, attributes the naming of the town after Plummer Ijams (Moylan 1851:5).

Evaluation

The Ijams house is a contributing element to the complex of buildings and structures that is more fully discussed in F-7-7. The Ijams house possesses the qualities of significance under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A and C. The farmstead is associated with important patterns of twentieth century agricultural history in Frederick County (Criterion A). Agriculture provided the economic basis for Frederick County during the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries. Grains were the primary cash crop prior to the Civil War. By the early twentieth century, dairy farming dominated the agriculture industry in Frederick County. The dairy barn and silo reflect the trend towards dairy farming in Frederick County. The specialized buildings embody the significant aspects of farming in Frederick County during the early twentieth century. The property continues to be actively farmed. The period of significance extends from the date the property was acquired by Plummer Ijams

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in 1819 to 1952, the date it was acquired by the Hollingsworths. The buildings and structures possess integrity of setting, location, association, feeling, and design to convey their association with the Ijams family and early twentieth century agriculture in Frederick County.

The buildings located on the farmstead embody the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction (Criterion C). The Ijams house is characteristic of the evolution of a two-story banked log dwelling, common during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Frederick County, into a twentieth century dwelling. The agricultural buildings reflect the specialized building types and methods of construction common from the nineteenth century until the mid-twentieth century. The barn, silo, meat house, and corn crib reflect specialized function and nineteenth and early-twentieth century farm technologies.

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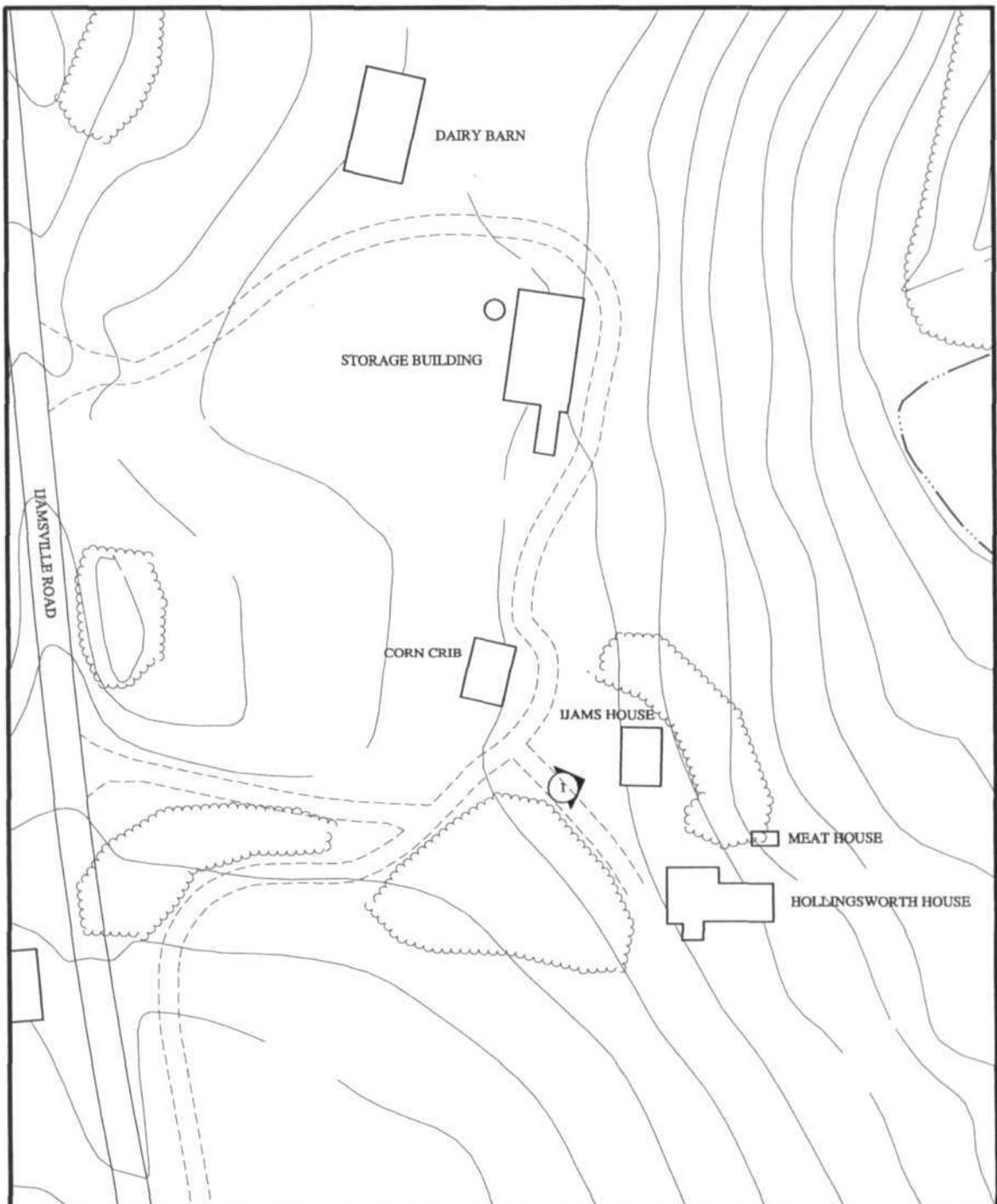
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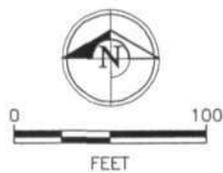
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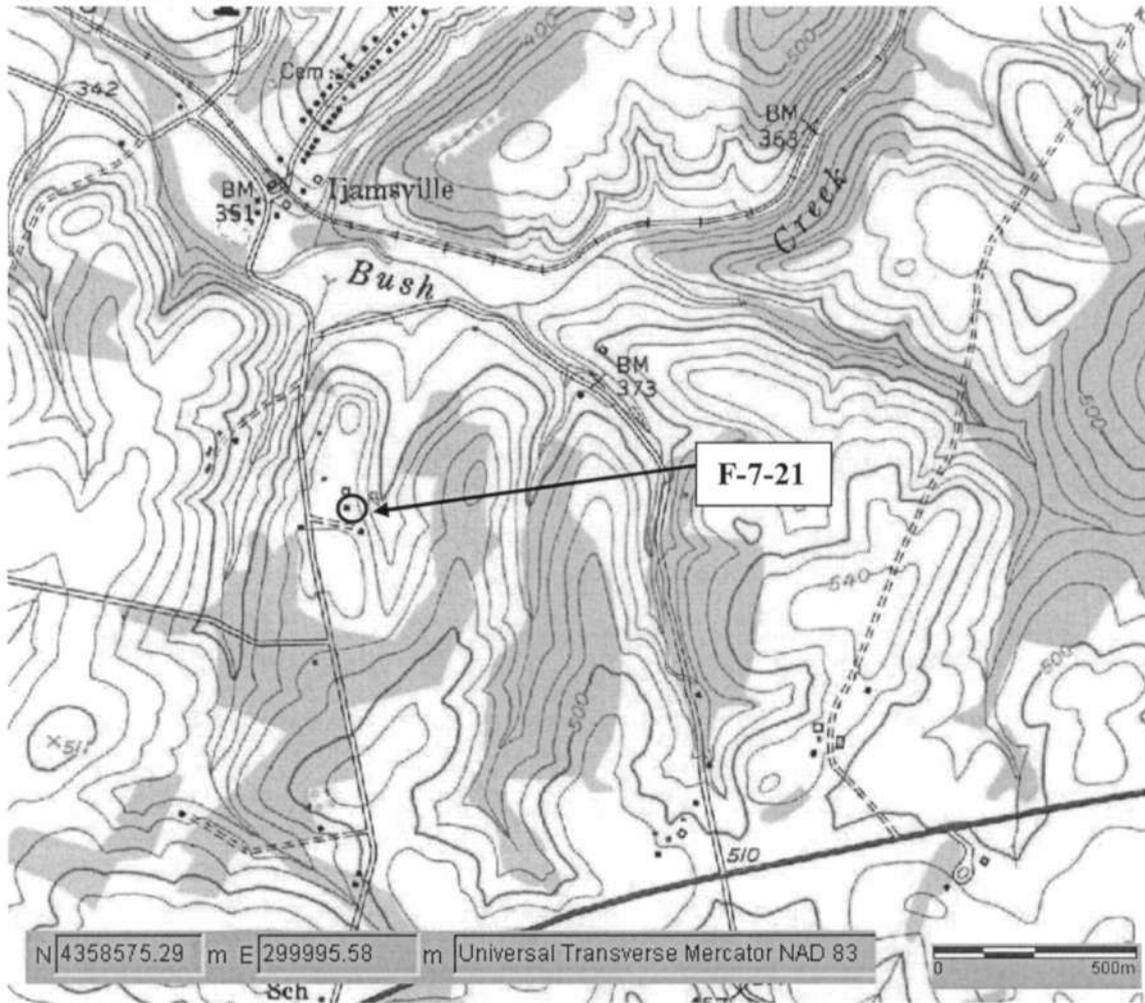


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-  GRAVEL ROAD/DRIVEWAY
-  TREELINE
-  WATER
-  PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION AND NUMBER



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 IJAMS HOUSE
 Ijamsville
 Frederick County, Maryland
 Resource Sketch Map, Keyed
 Drawn By: KP, BW
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Ijams House
4335 Ijamsville Road
Urbana Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo





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