

John Farr Farmhouse

circa 1920

CH-747

Newburg vic.

Private

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-747

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Farr Farmhouse
 other _____

2. Location

street and number 14200 Banks O'Dee Road _____ not for publication
 city, town Newburg X vicinity
 county Charles

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

name John F. Farr farmhouse
 street and number 711 Ridge Trail Road telephone Unknown
 city, town Kingston state TN zip code 37763-7029

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 86 p.3
 city, town La Plata, MD liber 1489 folio 271

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
 Other _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>4</u>	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<u> </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

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

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

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The roof is asphalt and is pierced by three interior corbel capped chimneys. Windows are finished with square edged wood surrounds. The cornice is boxed. The principal elevation faces west and includes three bays with a centered doorway that includes a transom and sidelights. The decorative gable is adorned with a lunette window. The rear wing is augmented with a two-story shed addition in the interior L of the south elevation and a one-story shed on the remaining south wall. The dwelling has been re-clad in vinyl siding and new windows have been added. The interior was not available at the time of the survey.

The frame smokehouse likely predates the remaining structures found on the property and includes a 4-panel Victorian door. The tobacco barns stand in an open field behind the dwelling. The first, likely erected around 1920, stands near the property and consists of a center-isle structure and has a roof ridge running from north to south. It has a metal roof and vertical board siding. The second has a shallow roof pitch, double isles on the gable end, vertical board siding and a metal roof. Believed to have been constructed around 1950, the roof ridge runs in a east west axis.

A concrete block garage/ workshop also stands on the site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 81

Acreage of historical setting 81

Quadrangle name Colonial Beach North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 86, Parcel 3.

11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

CH- 747 Charles County, MD
Name: JOHN FARR FARMHOUSE
Location: NEWBURGA VIC.
Quad: 1977 AERIAL

CH-153
LOCUST GROVE

CH-747

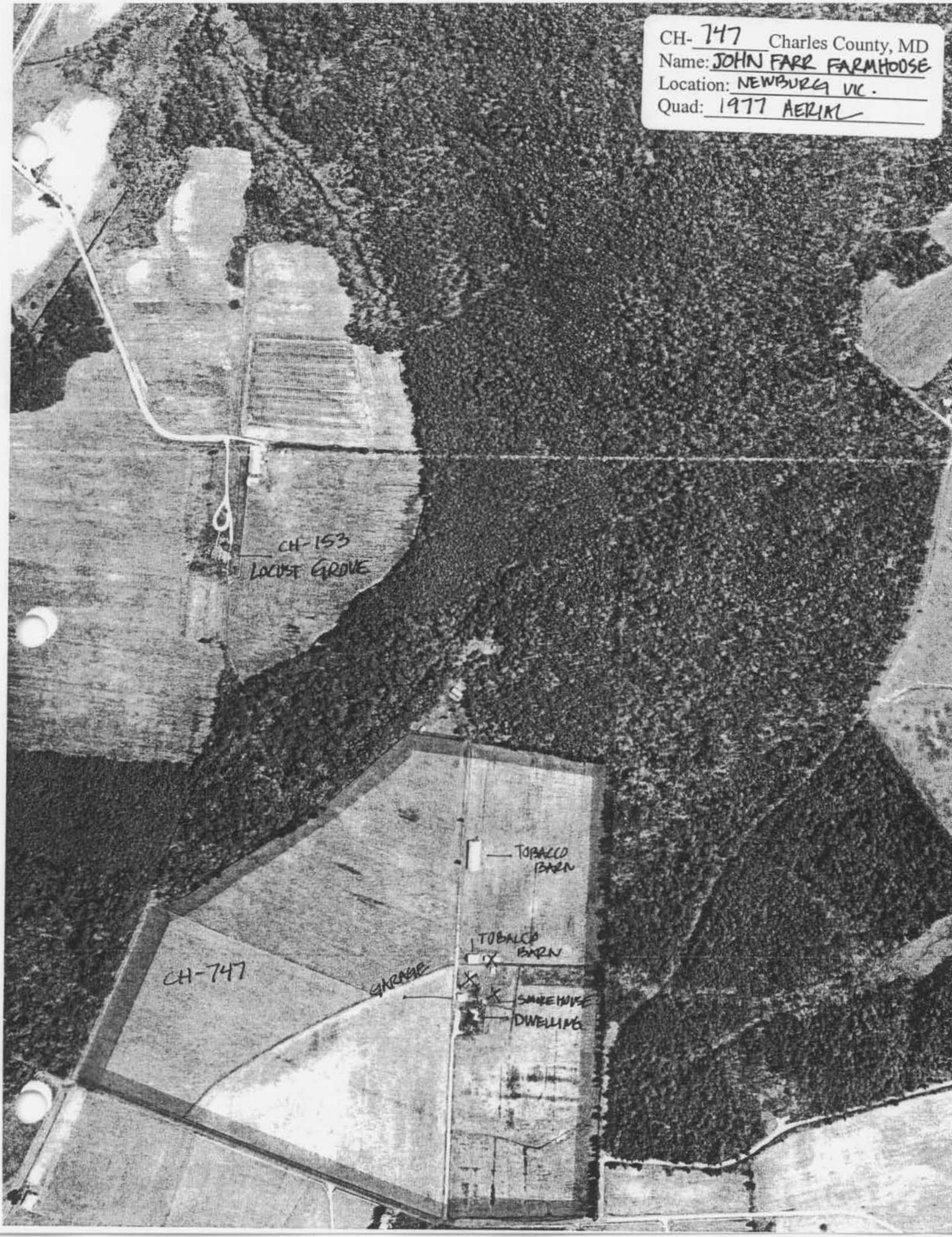
GARAGE

TOBACCO BARN

TOBACCO BARN

SMOKEHOUSE

DWELLING





CH- 747 Charles County, MD
Name: JOHN FARR FARMHOUSE
Location: BANKS O'DEE
Quad: COLONIAL BEACH NORTH



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