

**Maryland Tobacco Grower's Association Building (demolished)**

**1925-1945**

**CH-750**

**Waldorf**

**Private**

Erected in the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Maryland Tobacco Grower's Association Building is significant in its association with the tobacco industry in Charles County as well as the development of the railroad village of Waldorf. Although its original use is not known, according to a local resident the structure once served as an agricultural supply store for area farmers. The building, now demolished, was a simple commercial structure constructed during the second quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It consisted of a one-story front-gable molded concrete block structure with a brick pedimented false-front. The site stands just south of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad tracks. The original structure had a metal roof and a rear brick chimney flue.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-750

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

historic Maryland Tobacco Growers Association Building

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number N. Side Leonardtown Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Waldorf \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity

county Charles

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

name Four Thousand Dour Branch Avenue LLC

street and number 7002 Reisterstown Road telephone unknown

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 20646

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 15 p. 266

city, town La Plata liber 3303 folio 70

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

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input 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 Maryland Tobacco Growers Association Building was demolished shortly after being surveyed. This simple commercial structure is believed to have been constructed during the second quarter of the 20th century and consisted of a one-story front-gable molded concrete block structure with a brick pedimented false front. The site stands just south of the Baltimore an Potomac railroad tracks. The front elevation included one centered door flanked by two large plate glass windows while the north elevation included four windows blocked in with simple concrete blocks. The south elevation included asymmetrical fenestration in the form of two windows and a contemporary door replacing an earlier window. The original structure had a metal roof and a rear brick chimney flue. The rear of the structure had been extended at least twice.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philospohy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1925-1945 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1925-1945

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.)

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Waldorf was first established in 1872 as a stop along the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad line. Originally known as Beantown Station for the nearby community of Beantown, after 1880 the railroad village was renamed Waldorf. The village grew quickly and in less than ten years after its establishment Waldorf supported two general stores, a restaurant and a hotel. The village also boasted a few necessary tradesmen including an undertaker, painter and blacksmith. In that year, the total population was 57. Initial development was clustered at the intersection of the railroad tracks and Leonardtown Road. The railroad became the principle means of transporting tobacco to the markets at Baltimore and Washington. Conversely, agricultural products and farm machinery arrived exclusively by rail until after World War II.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .6 acres

Acreage of historical setting .6 acres

Quadrangle name La Plata

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 15, Grid 4, Parcel 266.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning

date 9/5/2002

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city or town La Plata

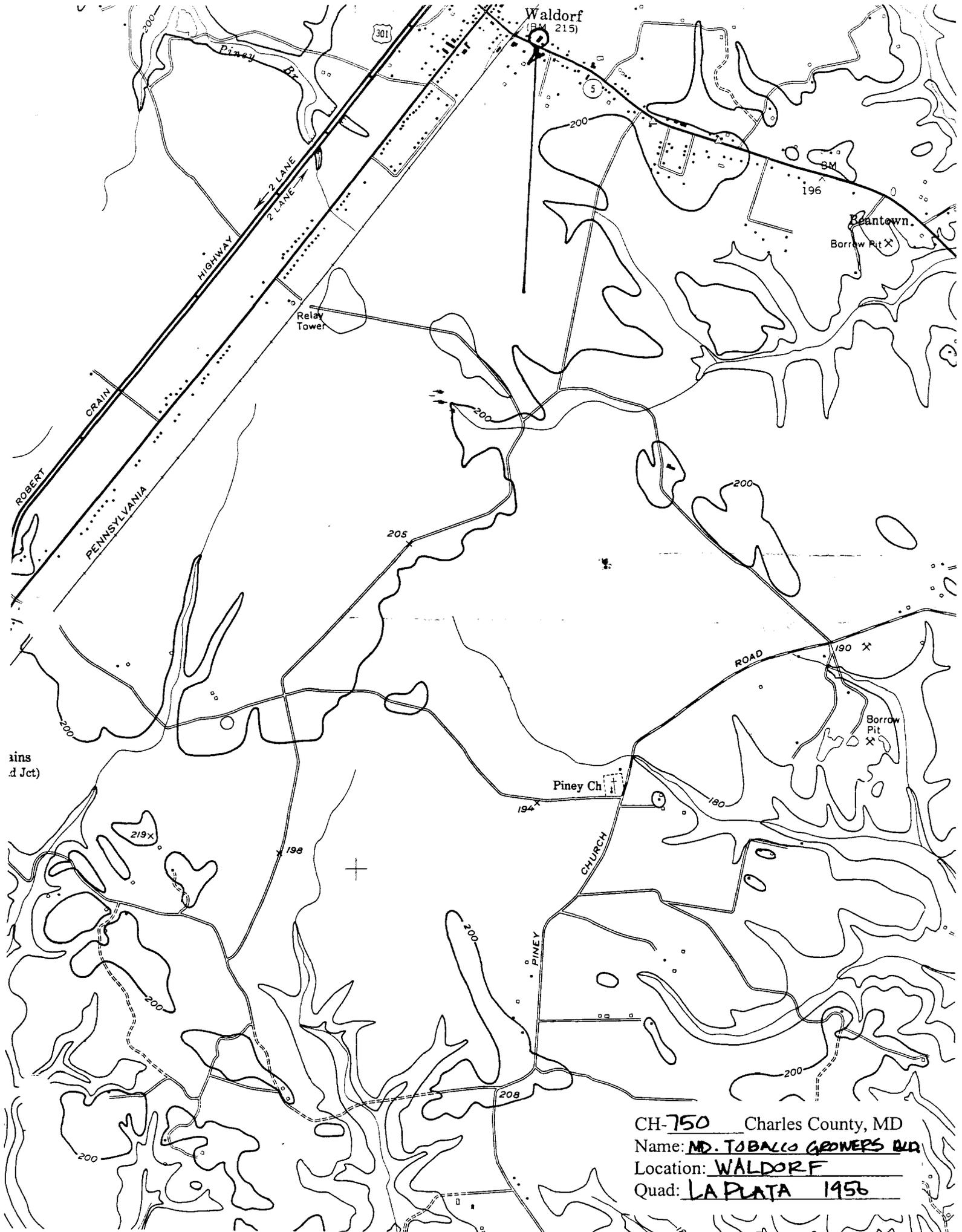
state MD zip code 20646

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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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Name: MD. TOBACCO GROWERS BLD.  
Location: WALDORF  
Quad: LA PLATA 1956



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CHARLES CO MD

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