

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Ross Farm Inventory Number: S-212
 Address: Dublin Road City: Princess Anne Zip Code: 21853
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Princess Anne
 Owner: Bonard & Evelyn Timmons Is the property being evaluated a district? ___yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 0017 Tax Map Number: 0024 Tax Account ID Number: 15-007842
 Project: Great Bay Solar Project Agency: _____
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? ___yes X no

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| <i>If the property is within a district</i> | | 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 ___ | | |

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| <i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i> | |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___yes <u>X</u> no | |

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library (MHT form S-212)

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

Ross Farm is located on the east side of Dublin Road near Princess Anne. The farm is all that remains of an expansive nineteenth century farmstead that at its height contained up to 900 acres of land. The main house (built circa 1860) is a three-bay, two-story center hall house constructed atop a brick pier foundation. The property includes several agricultural outbuildings dispersed throughout the property, with the majority concentrated on the north and south sides of the driveway close to the house. The house is currently vacant and open to the elements and exhibits significant deterioration. Many of the above-mentioned outbuildings are in distressed condition, with several partially or fully collapsed.

The house was previously surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-212 in MHT Library), which provided a description of the exterior of house, and noted the interior appeared to be intact with Greek Revival post and lintel mantels and four-panel door, as well as other early details. The interior of the house has been significantly damaged due to exposure to the elements as well as vandalism. No additions or alterations to material have occurred to the exterior of the house, though the rear service wing has partially collapsed, and several windows are missing. Though the previous survey did not enumerate all of the outbuildings present at the site, only a handful on the north side of the house are still extant, and appear to be of mid-twentieth century construction, and lack historic significance. Two small early twentieth century sheds on the east and south sides of the house are still standing, though the two granaries noted in the previous survey are no longer extant. The twentieth century iron

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| Eligibility recommended ___ | Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u> |
| Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D | Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None |
| Comments: _____ | |
| <u>Jonathan Bayn</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | <u>9/25/15</u> Date |
| <u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program | <u>9/21/15</u> Date |

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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gas pump with glass globe is still intact. Most of the outbuildings located on the south side of the driveway and house are partially collapsed or no longer extant, leaving only foundational remains among heavy brush.

A number of agricultural outbuildings are located along the periphery of the property. A large, gambrel-roofed barn from the mid-to-late twentieth century is located north of the central farm complex, and exhibits significant deterioration. A one-story open tractor shed with wood cladding is located in the woods to the east of the house, and though intact displays deterioration due to lack of maintenance and exposure to the elements. A long one-story barn with front gabled roof and vertical wood cladding is located at the southeast corner of the property, but has been completely overgrown with vegetation. The rear portion of the barn has collapsed and is covered by vegetation.

Ross Farm is an intact but significantly deteriorated example of a mid-nineteenth century farmstead with associated outbuildings in Somerset County. Despite retaining integrity of form, location, and feeling as a mid-nineteenth century farm complex in Somerset County, Ross Farm does not satisfy the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places due to its deteriorated condition and lack of historic integrity due to loss of historic features, as well as the loss of historic association through the deterioration and loss of several of the historic outbuildings previously located on the site.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson

Date Prepared: August 2015



Great Bay Solar Project
 Somerset County, Maryland
Ross Farm (S-212)
 August 2015

Notes: Basemap: ESRI "USA Topomaps" Online Map Service

■ MIHP DOE Properties

Princess Anne Quad.



| MIHP Number: S-212 | | |
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| Property Name: Ross Farm | | |
| Ink Specifications: Epson K3 UltraChrome | | |
| Paper Specifications: Epson Enhanced Matte | | |
| DVD-R Gold Specifications: Verbatim Ultralife Archival Grade Gold DVD-R | | |
| Photo Number | Image File Name | Description of view |
| 1 | S-212_2015-03-10_01 | View N toward southwest elevation of Ross Farm house |
| 2 | S-212_2015-03-10_02 | View W toward northeast elevation of Ross Farm house |
| 3 | S-212_2015-03-10_03 | View NW toward collapsed service wing |
| 4 | S-212_2015-03-10_04 | View SW towards NE elevation of house and service wing |
| 5 | S-212_2015-06-10_05 | View NE toward Ross Farm house and outbuildings |
| 6 | S-212_2015-06-10_06 | View NE toward modern outbuilding |
| 7 | S-212_2015-06-10_07 | View NE toward aluminum-clad shed |
| 8 | S-212_2015-06-10_08 | View NE toward wood-clad outbuilding |
| 9 | S-212_2015-06-10_09 | View N toward eastern outbuilding |
| 10 | S-212_2015-03-10_10 | View W toward one-story agricultural outbuilding |
| 11 | S-212_2015-06-10_11 | View NE toward collapsed tenant house |
| 12 | S-212_2015-03-10_12 | View NW towards cinder block agricultural outbuilding |
| 13 | S-212_2015-06-10_13 | View SE toward collapsed mid-twentieth century outbuilding |
| 14 | S-212_2015-06-10_14 | View NW toward mid-twentieth century barn |
| 15 | S-212_2015-03-10_15 | View SE toward area of collapsed granaries |
| 16 | S-212_2015-03-10_16 | Detail, iron gas pump with glass globe |
| 17 | S-212_2015-03-10_17 | Detail, interior of Ross Farm house |
| 18 | S-212_2015-03-10_18 | View NE toward tractor shed |
| 19 | S-212_2015-03-10_19 | View SE toward northwest elevation of tractor barn |
| 20 | S-212_2015-03-10_20 | View SW toward northeast elevation of tractor barn |
| 21 | S-212_2015-06-10_21 | View N from Dublin Road toward Ross Farm |
| 22 | S-212_2015-06-10_22 | View NE from Dublin Road toward Ross Farm |



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ROSS FARM

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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3/10/2015

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW N TOWARD SOUTHWEST ELEVATION OF ROSS FARM HOUSE

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VIEW W TOWARD NORTHEAST ELEVATION OF ROSS FARM HOUSE

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VIEW NW TOWARD COLLAPSED SERVICE WING

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VIEW SW TOWARDS NE ELEVATION OF HOUSE AND SERVICE WING.

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VIEW NE TOWARD ROSS FARM HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS

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VIEW NE TOWARD MODERN OUTBUILDING

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VIEW NE TOWARD ALUMINUM-CLAD SHED

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VIEW NE TOWARD WOOD-GLAD OUTBUILDING

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VIEW N TOWARD EASTERN OUTBUILDING

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VIEW W TOWARD ONE STORY AGRICULTURAL - OUTBUILDING

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VIEW NE TOWARD COLLAPSED TENANT HOUSE

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VIEW NW TOWARDS CINDER BLOCK AGRICULTURAL OUTBUILDING

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VIEW SE TOWARD COLLAPSED MID-TWENTIETH CENTURY OUTBUILDING

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VIEW NW TOWARD MID-TWENTIETH CENTURY BARN

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VIEW SE TOWARD AREA OF COLLAPSED GRANARIES

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DETAIL, IRON GAS PUMP WITH GLASS GLOBE

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DETAIL, INTERIOR OF ROSS FARM HOUSE

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VIEW NE TOWARD TRACTOR SHED

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VIEW SE TOWARD NORTHWEST ELEVATION OF TRACTOR BARN

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VIEW SW TOWARD NORTHEAST ELEVATION OF TRACTOR BARN

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VIEW N FROM DUBLIN ROAD TOWARD ROSS FARM

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ROSS FARM

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VIEW NE FROM DUBLIN ROAD TOWARD ROSS FARM

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Ross Farm
Near Princess Anne
Private

c. 1850-1870

The Ross Farmhouse is a significant mid 19th-century dwelling in deteriorated, but intact condition. The hip roof and twin chimneys combined with the untouched mid 19th-century interior woodwork distinguishes this farmhouse from many others located in this general area. The surrounding outbuildings post-date the house. Perhaps the most significant object in the farmyard in the early 20th-century gas pump.

Layfayette Ross, the probable builder, is located on this site in 1877 and designated in the patron list as owning a 900-acre farm.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ross Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of Dublin Road not for publication

city, town Wellington vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne, Maryland state 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-212

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

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

The Ross Farm is situated along the east side of Dublin Road approximately two miles east of the Old Princess Anne-Westover Road. Centered among a few outbuildings is an abandoned two-story frame house of c. 1860-1870 date. The structure faces west with the roof ridge running north/south.

The two-story three-bay center hall house is supported by a brick pier foundation and sheathed with narrow weatherboards. A hip roof covers the house and retains its wood shingles. Twin corbelled brick chimneys with dentils rise from the center of the house. Extending to the rear is a shorter two-story six-bay by one-room service wing which was built in two stages. Surrounding the house are a few outbuildings which date from the late 19th and 20th-centuries. An iron gas pump with glass globe survives next to one corn crib.

The west elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows which have been boarded up. The front six-panel door is framed by sidelights and a transom as well as a molded surround. The header molding has a slight temple arch and very small crossetts. The boxed cornice stretches around the perimeter of the roof and is without brackets.

Both ends of the front block are treated in a similar manner with a 6/6 sash window on each floor. Remnants of louvered shutters survive on a few windows.

Extending from the east (back) side of the house is the service wing which consists of two principal sections. The ^{first} three bays appear to be of one period while the second three comprise a later addition. Four-panel side doors open into the first section and are flanked by 6/6 sash windows. Smaller 6/3 sash windows light the second floor. Gable end is flush, and a narrow brick stove stack rises from it.

The second section repeats the essential form of the first three bays, but was built slightly shorter so there is a shift in the roofline between sections.

The house is well boarded up, but the interiors appear to be intact with Greek Revival post and lintel mantels and four-panel door. Shallow pediments top the major interior door openings. In addition, an early paint scheme survives in at least one room. The walls are lathed and plastered with sawn lath attached with cut nails.

Standing behind the house is a pair of frame corn cribs that rest on concrete block saddle stones. The framing is held together with wire nails. Immediately north of one crib is an iron gas pump of the same early 20th-century vintage. Standing farther from the house are several insignificant wagon sheds and storage buildings of 20th-century date.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-212

| 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input 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

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

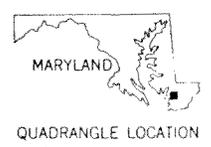
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Ross farmhouse is a significant mid-19th century dwelling in deteriorated, but intact, condition. The hip roof and twin chimneys combined with the untouched mid 19th-century interior woodwork distinguishes this farmhouse from many other structures located in this general area.

Lafayette Ross is the probable builder of this structure since he is located on the site in 1877 and designated in the patron list as owning a 900-acre farm.



- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway, hard surface
 - Secondary highway, hard surface
 - Trails
 - Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
 - Unimproved road
 - Interstate Route
 - U. S. Route
 - State Route

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 N3807.5—W7537.5/7.5

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 5860 II SE



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Ross Farm

Near Wellington, Somerset County

West Elevation

5/84 Paul Touart

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Ross Farm
Near Wellington, Somerset County
North Elevation
5/84 Paul Touart
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Ross Farm

Near Wellington, Somerset County

Southeast Elevation

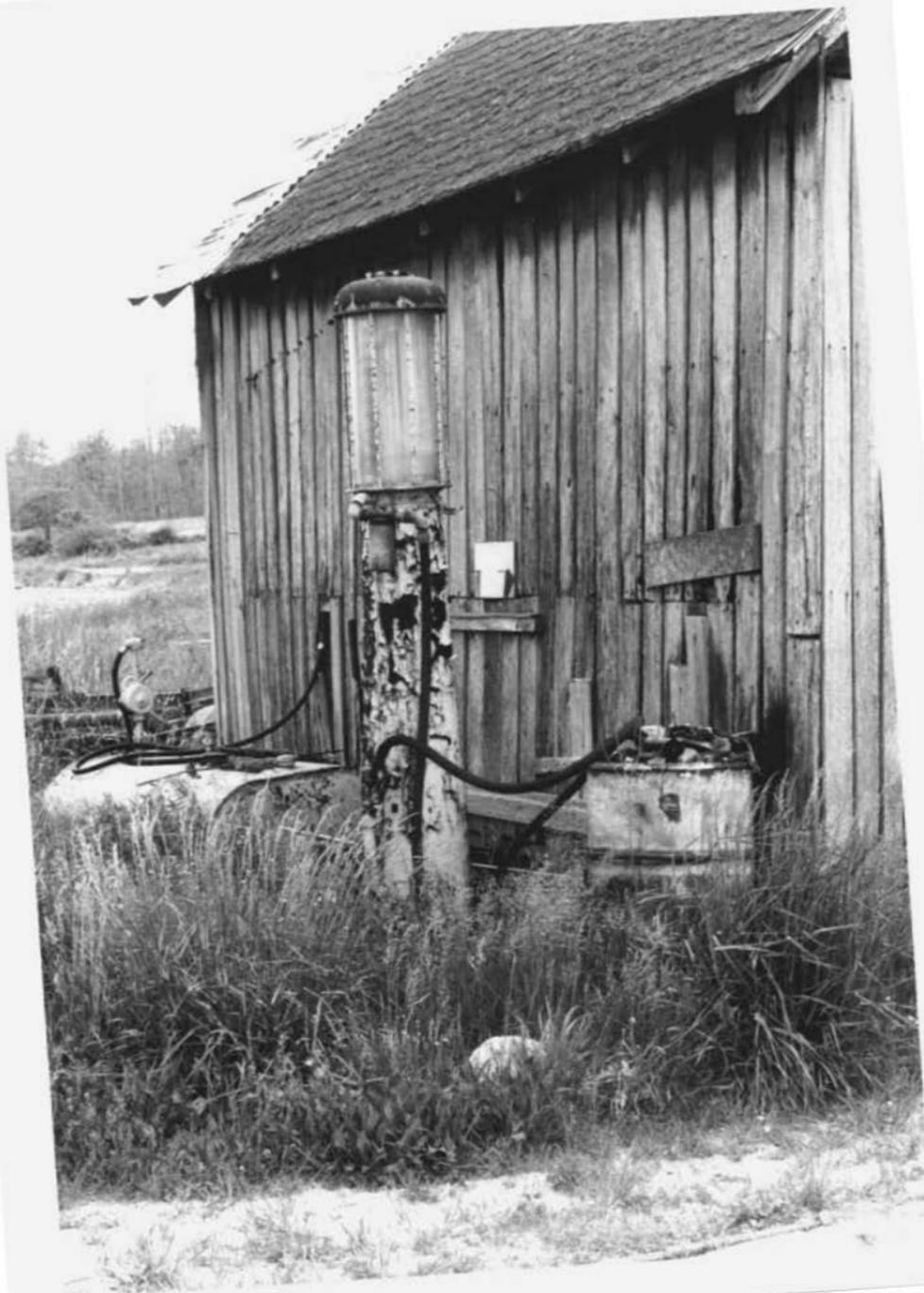
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Ross Farm
Near Wellington, Somerset County
Northeast Elevation
5/84 Paul Touart
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Ross Farm
Near Wellington, Somerset County
Gas Pump and Corn Crib
5/84 Paul Touart
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Ross Farm

Near Wellington, Somerset County

Center Entrance

5/84 Paul Touart

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Ross Farm

Southwest Elevation

Corn Cribs

Near Wellington, Somerset County

5/84 Paul Touart

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