

S-226
John D. East Farm
Near Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1870-1880

The East Farm is situated on the ~~north~~^{northeast} side of US 13, immediately south of the Old Costen Railroad Station. The farm is a moderately significant agricultural complex. Due to a fire the c. 1870 farmhouse has been remodeled. Accompanying the house are a few small agricultural buildings including a potato house, a pump house and a wagon shed. Perhaps the most noteworthy structure is the Quinton School House, see S-225.

Since 1916 this property has been owned by the East family, bought in that year by John D. East, after he moved north from the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John D. East Farm

and/or common East Farm

2. Location

street & number SW side of Old Costen Pocomoke Road not for publication

city, town Costen 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 Mrs. John East

street & number R.F.D. 1 telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code Maryland 21851

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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 John D. East Farm is situated on the southwest side of the Old Costen Road and northeast of US 13 immediately south of the Old Costen Railroad Station. The nearest town is Pocomoke City, Maryland, in Worcester County. The two-story c. 1870 center hall frame house faces northeast with the primary gable on northwest/southeast axis. Accompanying the farmhouse are several outbuildings including a potato house, a pump house, a granary, a corn crib and a wagon shed. The Old Quinton School was moved onto the property after it was abandoned.

The farmhouse is a two-story three-bay center hall dwelling which rests on a brick pier dwelling and is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles and two central corbelled brick chimneys pierce the roofline. A two-story three-bay T-service wing extends to the rear.

The northeast (main) elevation is symmetrical with a center entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows. Three 6/6 sash windows light the second floor.

Each gable end has a single 6/6 sash on each floor.

The two-story service wing extends to the rear and is flanked by single-story shed porches.

Immediately southeast of the service wing is a 1½-story frame potato house with stuccoed foundation and asbestos siding. The medium sloped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves are extended. A board and batten door pierces the gable front along with a 6/6 sash window above. Each side except for the back has a single 6/6 sash window. The interior has been reworked. A tight winder stair rises in the southeast corner.

Standing southwest of the farmhouse is a bi-level frame granary on a brick pier foundation and covered with German siding. A wagon bay is located under each flanking shed. Exposed framing members indicate the main posts and several structural beams are reused from an earlier building.

A small frame pump house, a wagon shed, and a corn crib complete the complex. The Old Quinton schoolhouse (see S-225) also stands on the property.

8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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 East Farm is a moderately significant late 19th-century agricultural complex. Due to a fire the c. 1870 farmhouse has been remodeled. The accompanying agricultural buildings are standard late 19th forms. Perhaps the most significant structure on the property is the Quinton schoolhouse. (see individual form, S-225).

History and Support

Since 1916 this property has been owned by the East family, bought in that year by John D. East after he moved north from the Lower Eastern Shore of Virginia.



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John D. East Farm
Near Pocomoke City
Potato Cellar-southwest Elevation
6/84 Paul Touart
Neg./Maryland Historic Trust



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John D. East Farm
Near Pocomoke City
Northeast Elevation
6/84 Paul Touart
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John D. East Farm
Near Pocomoke City
Southwest Elevation
6/84 Paul Touart
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John D. East East Farm
Near Pocomoke City
North Elevation of farm building
and Quinton Schoolhouse
6/84 Paul Touart
Neg./Maryland Historic Trust



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John D. East Farm
Near Pocomoke City
Granary-southeast Elevation
6/84 Paul Touart
Neg./Maryland Historic Trust