

Capsule Summary
SM-164
Marvin Fowler Farmhouse
Budd's Creek vicinity
Private

Circa 1850 -1860

The only original section of the Marvin Fowler Farmhouse which survives is the two-story, western, gable end wing. This wing is in good condition, retaining both its interior woodwork and room configuration. A collection of outbuildings survive on the north side of the house. One of the most interesting of these is a frame, gable roof structure with barred windows. Located next to the granary, its original function remains unclear.

Known as "Last Resort," or "Sunnyside," this property was owned by Luke W.D. Hutchins who sold the property to William A. Kirk in 1861. The Kirk family retained the property until the 1930s. According to the current owner, the oldest section of the house was the central wing, removed in the 1980s, which began as a one-and-a-half story structure with a steep pitched roof. The next period of building was the two-story western gable end wing. The central section of the house was then raised to a second story. Finally, the one-story kitchen wing was attached on the east end of the house.

SM-164, Marvin Fowler Farm
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815 -1870.

Historic Period Theme: Agriculture
Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-164

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Last Resort, Sunnyside

and/or common Marvin Fowler Farm

2. Location

street & number 2130 Thompson Corner Rd not for publication

city, town Budd's Creek vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <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 checked="" 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 Marvin L. and Martha E. Fowler

street & number 2130 Thompson Corner Rd. telephone no.: (301)884-4391

city, town Budd's Creek state and zip code Md

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber CBG 62

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 62

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| <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.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

The Marvin Fowler Farm is located at the end of a dirt road on the north side of Thompsons Corner Road (Route 236) near Budd's Creek in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The Farm consists of the main dwelling house and six outbuildings. The house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The Marvin Fowler Farm is a telescope like structure which has a central two-story, main block with a one-story wing on its east end and a two-story gable end structure on its west end. Only the two-story west gable end structure is original, dating to around 1860. The central two-story structure and one-story east wing were erected in the 1980s following the demolition of the earliest central section of the house and the removal of the eastern kitchen wing. This new construction is almost identical in scale to the central and eastern sections of the original house.

The exterior of all three sections of the Marvin Fowler Farmhouse are sheathed with vinyl siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The house is supported by a continuous masonry foundation. In some cases, bricks taken from the chimney and foundation of the older sections of the house were reused in the foundation of the new construction.

The south (main) elevation of the west wing of the house is lit on the first floor by two four-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds and a cyma curve crown molding. The interior edges of the surrounds are beaded. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows with wide surrounds and a peaked cyma curve crown molding. A three-sided louvered vent pierces the eave. The gable end roofline is finished with an eave board finished with wood scroll decoration. The apex of the roofline is finished with a wood pendant. To the east of the original west wing of the house extends the 1980s additions.

The east elevation of the west wing is completely obscured by the modern eastern additions.

The first floor of the west wing's north elevation is obscured by a modern shed roof addition. The second floor is lit by one one-over-one sash window on the second floor. The roofline is finished with the same scroll decoration and pendant as on the south elevation.

The west elevation is pierced on the first floor by two four-over-four sash windows with wide surrounds and a peaked, cyma curve crown molding. The second floor is lit by two four-over-four sash windows with wide surrounds and a flat cyma

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-164

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreage surrounding house and outbuildings.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date April 1994

street & number

telephone (301) 475-4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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curve crown molding.

The interior of the west wing is one large room on the first floor. The ceiling of this room is finished with an elaborate oval plaster medallion. The second floor, accessible by means of a stairway in the center section of the house, consists of three bedrooms. The attic space of the house's center section reveals the up and down sawn lumber and mature machine cut nails which comprise the fabric of this west wing.

The outbuildings on the property include a small, modern cinderblock building on the north side of the house. Also on the north side of the house is the former kitchen wing which was detached and moved to its current location in the 1980s. The kitchen wing is a one-story frame structure sheathed with german siding and roofed with metal. The south side of the kitchen, originally the wing's north side, is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows and a five-panel door. The east end is open. The north side of the kitchen, originally its main facade, is lit by two window openings. The roofline is broken by a central gable lit by a diamond shaped window. The west side of kitchen is pierced by one window opening. The interior walls of the kitchen are sheathed with decorative pressed metal.

Five frame outbuildings stand on the northwest side of the house. One of these is a stable in deteriorated condition which faces east with its gable roof on an east/west axis. The stable is sheathed with board and batten siding and roofed with metal. The foundation consists of concrete. The stable timbers include hewn members and up and down sawn corner posts which have been reused in the structure. The original stables were much larger, and located east of their current location. They burned in the twentieth century.

A granary building located north of the stable faces east with its gable roof on an east/west axis. It is sheathed with vertical siding and roofed with metal. The ceiling joists are hewn on one side. The ground sills and corner posts are mortise and tenoned and pegged into place. Mature machine cut nails have been used throughout the building.

A third outbuilding, situated north of the granary, faces east with its gable roof on an east/west axis. It is sheathed with vertical siding which has been attached with mature machine cut nails. The roof is metal over the original wood shingles. Its ground sills rest on concrete blocks. The structure's tie beams are half lapped into the principal posts and extend beyond the exterior wall. These tie beams then support a false plate on which the rafters rest. On the north, west, and south sides of the structure are narrow, rectangular windows infilled with metal bars. A loft was added to the building interior at a later date. Hewn timbers frame the doorway on the east side

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of the building, but the top plate is circular sawn. The use for this building is unclear.

Two large frame barns stand to the north of the smaller outbuildings. One of these was built in the 1940s and is currently used for storage. The second barn is a tobacco barn built in the 1980s. An ice house was formerly located near a stream on the north side of the most recently constructed tobacco barn.

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St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Marvin L. and Martha E. Fowler
FROM: James T. and Eleanor Baker
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 62, folio 62.
DATE: March 13, 1956
NOTES: Transfer of a tract formerly belonging to Margaret B. Saxton.

TO: James T. and Eleanor Baker
FROM: Margaret B. Saxton, widow.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 106.
DATE: April 30, 1945.
NOTES: Transfer of 119 1/4 acres, being the same as JMM 11/263.

TO: Margaret B. Saxton
FROM: John H. T. Briscoe, executor of the last will and testament of Ida Kirk
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 11, folio 263.
DATE: November 1, 1938.

NOTES: Transfer of 1.) portion of "Last Resort" or "Sunnyside" being about 14 acres including the dwelling, lawn, orchards, and gardens. This is a portion of JTB 3/568 which Ida Kirk inherited from Martha E. Kirk. 2.) Portion of "Last Resort" or "Sunnyside" being 40 acres of a field, same as JMM 5/44. 3.) Part of "Barber's Enclosure" being a portion of the home farm of Ida Kirk which lies south of Budd's Creek-Bethel Road, also known as The South Field or Bethel Field of the Home Farm. This tract is 54 acres, although it appears in the deed reference as 35 acres, and the same as JMM 8/62.

TO: Ida Kirk
FROM: Martha Kirk
RECORD: St. Mary's County Orphan's Court Record, Estate #597.
DATE: 1925
NOTES: Martha Kirk died intestate.

TO: Martha E. Kirk
FROM: Luke W. B. Hutchins, Lydia A. Hutchins, Y. Fred Maddox, Trustee.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 2, folio 296.
DATE: May 24, 1867.
NOTES: Hutchins contracted to sell Elizabeth's Purchase and Part Hard Bargain, being 200 acres, to W.A. Kirk allowing Kirk to take possession of the property before he had paid for it in full. No deed was recorded for this transfer. By 1866, Kirk still owed money on the land. At the Court of Equity on June 20, 1866 in the case John M.

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Broome vs. W.A. Kirk, Maddox was appointed to sell the land (Decree Record JAC 2/357) in order to satisfy Kirk's creditors.

TO: Martha E. Kirk

FROM: Robert Ford

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 568.

DATE: March 25, 1861.

NOTES: Transfer of "Last Resort", 230 acres formerly owned by Luke W.D. Hutchins being the same upon which William A. Kirk now resides. Also, one tract known as part of "Barber's Enclosure" being 72 acres, the same bought by Kirk of H.G.S. Key. On January 30 1864, Tippettt divided Lot No. 5 of Barber's Inclosure into two equal parts between William A. Kirk and Eleanor Carpenter.

TO: Robert Ford

FROM: William A. Kirk

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 3, folio 568.

DATE: March 25, 1861.

NOTES: Transfer of property being the same as that listed above.

None of the properties transferred to Luke W. D. Hutchins prior to 1861 are referred to as "Last Resort." "Last Resort" is also not included in Ben Tippettt's survey books. The provenance of the tract is unclear.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

STMA-164

MARVIN FOWLER FARM

Chaptico

Private

19th century

Local tradition identifies the location and name of this site. Requires further study.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Fowler Farmhouse near Budd's Creek
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Thompson Road (MD 238)
CITY OR TOWN: Budd's Creek
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY, OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes checkboxes for District, Building, Site, Structure, Object, Public, Private, Both, Public Acquisition, Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work, etc.

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. + Mrs. Marvin L. Fowler
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fowler Farmhouse is a two-story nineteenth-century house.

| PROPERTY | PRESENT | ORIGINAL | REMARKS |
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| Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | |
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| Walls | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | |
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| Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | |
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| Interior | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | |
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| Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | |

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(This section contains a grid of checkboxes for various bibliographical references, which are mostly blank in this scan.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **CHARLOTTE HALL QUAD**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

(This section is mostly blank, intended for providing justification for the acreage.)

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Bourne

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 8-70

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

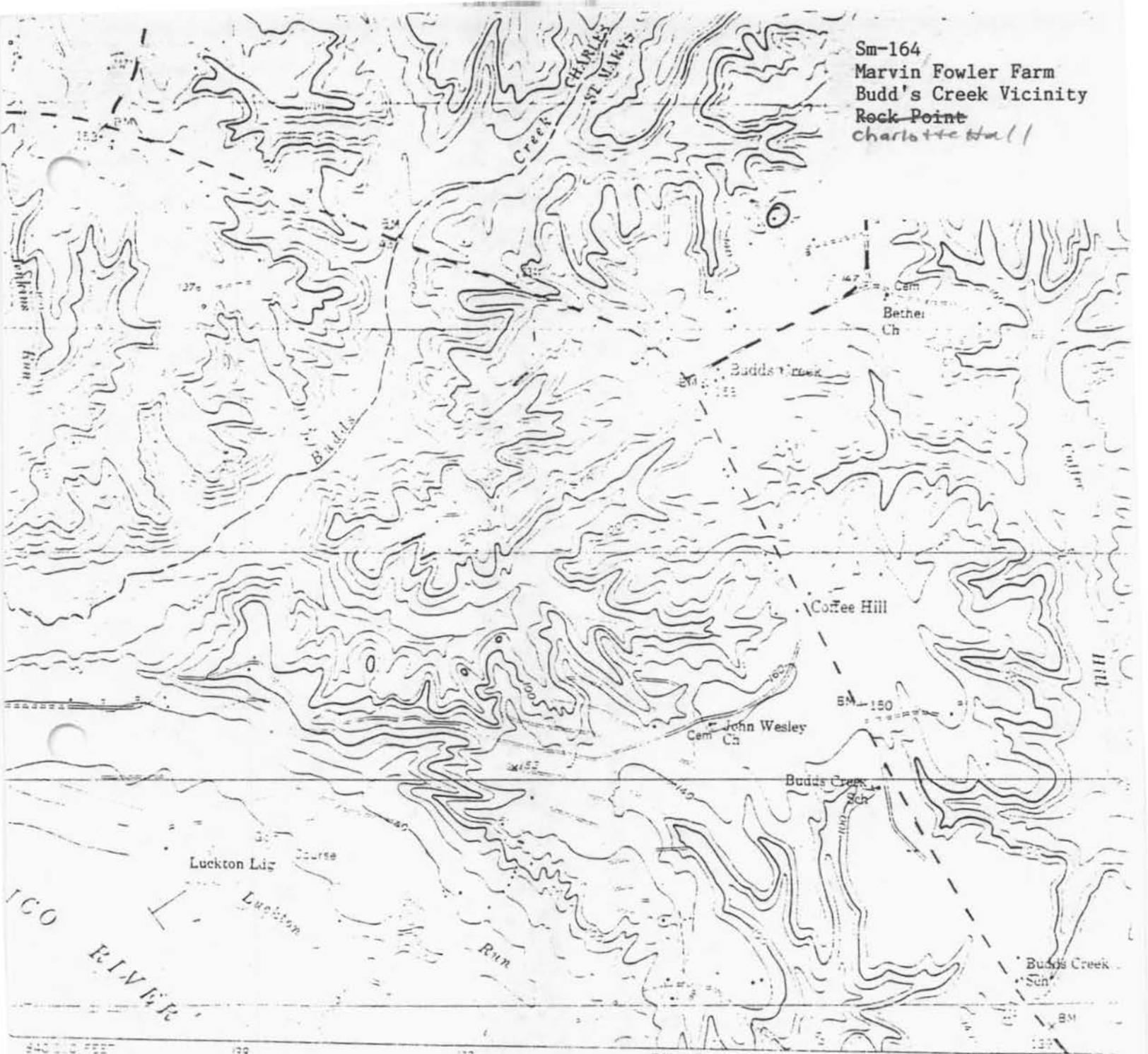
Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

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 by the Geological Survey
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NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY
 HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX

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SCALE 1:25,000

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

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BASE MAP COMPLIES WITH NAD 83
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NW Elevation

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Kitchen - formerly attached to main block.

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Tobacco Barns, facing south.

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Outbuildings - granary and outbuilding with unknown
use. SW Elevation

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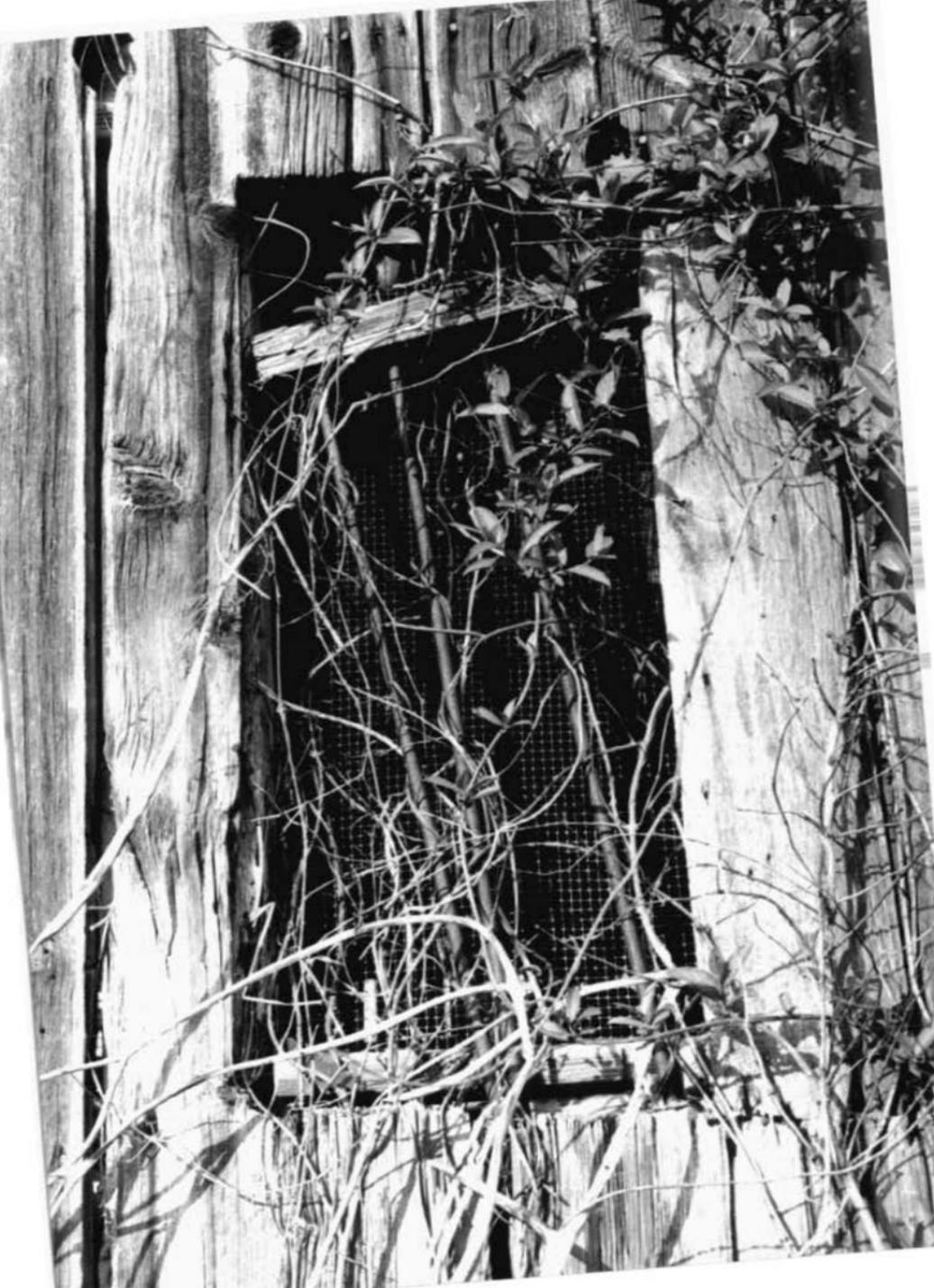
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Outbuilding with unknown use. W Elevation

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Barred window of outbuilding with unknown use,
S Elevation.

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Photo of house prior to restoration, c. 1980's.

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