

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Jameson Tenant Farm Inventory Number: CH-648

Address: 7395 Oliver's Shop Road City: Bryantown Zip Code: 20637

County: Charles USGS Topographic Map: Hughesville, MD Quad

Owner: Jerome V. Jameson Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: 1 Tax Map Number: 46 Tax Account ID Number: 018324

Project: Gilbert Run Emergency Tower- Charles County Government Agency: F.C.C.

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

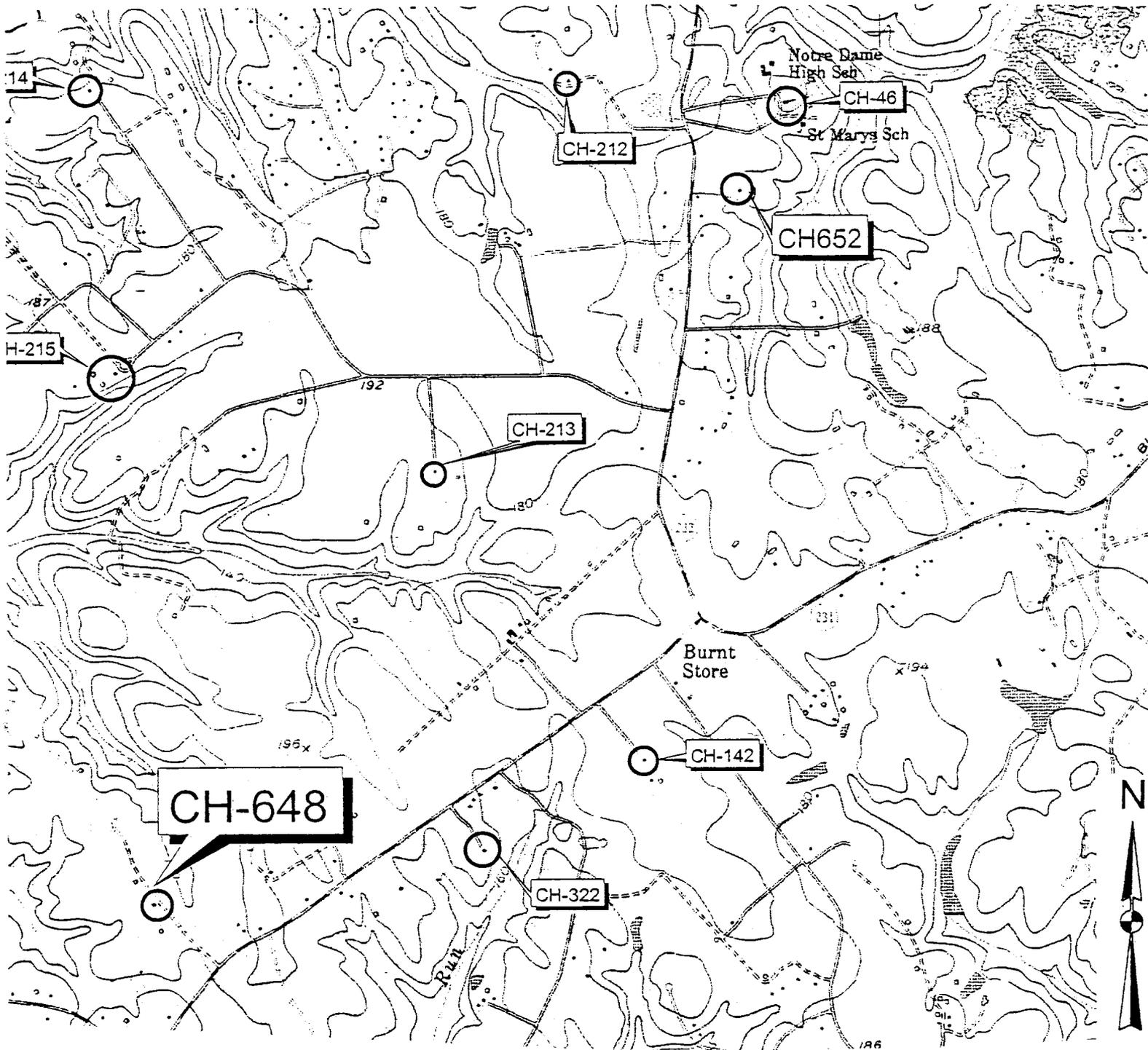
**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Jameson Tenant Farm is approached by a long drive on the northwest side of Oliver's Shop Road and is surrounded by open cultivated fields. The simple 1 1/2 story side gable tenant farm dwelling has several surrounding out buildings, including a privy, three sheds, and two tobacco barns. All of these buildings are in fair to poor condition. The complex was constructed near 1945 and currently maintains the original acreage as purchased in 1943. The MIHP form indicates the site's significance as a "good example of an important part of the agricultural landscape in Charles County at the close of World War II." While it is true the site documents a period in agricultural and economic development in the region this site was constructed at the very end of that period of time. Tenant farming in Charles County prior to the start of WWII may be seen as "making a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history" (Criterion A). But it is hard to say that tenant farming after WWII had such a significant contribution. The War and its associated industrial advances brought major changes to the economic climate for tenant farmers as well as to agricultural disciplines and practice. It is recommended that this site does not meet Criterion A for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not known to be associated with the lives of significant persons in the past (Criterion B). It does not particularly "embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values..." (Criterion C). The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

Prepared by: Kate Mahood, Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: July 8, 2003

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>7/17/03</u> Date
_____ Reviewer, NR Program	<u>7/21/03</u> Date



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**CH-648**  
**JAMESON TENANT FARM**

Scale  
 N.T.S.

Date  
 7/8/03

Design By

Source Job No.  
 USGS CHARLOTTE HALL, HUGHESVILLE  
 LAPLATA, POPES CREEK QUADRANGLE



JAMESON TENANT FARM  
CHAS. COUNTY

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MD SHPO  
VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST  
Photograph # 1 of 4



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MD SHPO  
VIEW LOOKING WEST (TENANT HOUSE)  
Photograph # 2 of 4



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MD SHPO  
BARN VIEW LOOKING WEST  
Photograph # 3 of 4



JAMESON TENANT FARM  
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MD SHPO  
BARN & OUTBUILDING VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST  
PHOTOGRAPH # 4 of 4

**Jameson Tenant Farm**  
**CH-648**  
**Bryantown vic.**  
**Private**

**C. 1945**

This unassuming site includes a simple 1 ½ story side gable vernacular dwelling vaguely inspired by the bungalow style, surrounded by several domestic and agricultural outbuildings including two tobacco barns, three sheds, and a privy, on a 156-acre parcel. Constructed at the end of World War II, the dwelling is approached by a long drive on the northwest side of Olivers Shop Road and is surrounded by open cultivated fields.

The Jameson Tenant Farm is a good example of an important part of the agricultural landscape in Charles County at the close of World War II. The property includes all of the original acreage purchased in 1943, and while no longer operated by tenants, it is still a working farm retaining many of the landscape features and buildings that were typically found on similar farms of the period. Increasing the site's significance, this well preserved farm stands in an area that is experiencing a high rate of new development and thus is one of a dwindling number of similar sites. In 1943, J. Warren Jameson acquired 156 acres formerly known as "Chesan's" and "Burch's Reserve" from George S. Anderson. The Jamesons were a long established family and owned a substantial amount of property in the Bryantown area including Phoenix Hall (CH-216), the Ernest M. Jameson House (CH-632), and Jameson Manor (unsurveyed).

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-648

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

historic  Jameson Tenant Farm  
 other

### 2. Location

street and number 7395 Olivers Shop Road  not for publication  
 city, town Bryantown  vicinity  
 county Charles

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

name Jerome V. Jameson  
 street and number 3394 Old Washington Road telephone unknown  
 city, town Waldorf state MD zip code 20602

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 46-1  
 city, town LaPlata liber 214 folio 7

### 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1		buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion			sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	6		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation			objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	7		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
						0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" 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 Jameson Tenant Farm includes a simple 1 1/2 story, side gable vernacular dwelling vaguely inspired by the bungalow style. The house sits on a 156 acre parcel and is surrounded by several domestic and agricultural outbuildings including two tobacco barns, three sheds and a privy. Constructed at the end of World War II, the dwelling is approached by a long drive on the northwest side of Olivers Shop Road and is surrounded by open cultivated fields.

A frame structure covered in composition shingle siding and a metal seam roof, the dwelling house is modest in size and ornamentation. It is three bays in width and two deep with an off-centered front entry. The roof is pierced with a single centered dormer and two symmetrically placed brick interior chimney stacks with crude corbelled caps. Rafters are exposed, overhanging the eave walls. A narrow shed porch supported by two wooden posts covers the front entrance. The foundation consists of continuous concrete blocks.

Apart from the asymmetrical door, all fenestration is symmetrical and includes original 6/6 light double hung sash throughout. The attic story is lighted by the 1/1 light double hung window in the gabled dormer as well as single centered attic windows on the gable ends.

### OUTBUILDINGS

Most of the outbuildings appear to be contemporaneous with the dwelling. A small gable front shed is located west of the house and is composed of vertical board siding and a metal roof. To the north is a shed roof privy, and a front gable shed of undetermined use. Both have vertical board siding and metal roofs. Behind this is a multipurpose barn also with vertical board siding and a metal roof.

The site includes two tobacco barns. In front of the dwelling at the southwest edge of a cultivated field is a tobacco barn with vertical board siding and a metal roof. Relatively small in proportion with vertical board siding and a metal roof, this structure may pre-date the other buildings on the site and could have been built as early as the first quarter of the twentieth century.

The second barn, probably contemporaneous with the dwelling, is located on the far edge of the cleared portion of the property behind the house site. This large tobacco barn includes three cupola vents on the roof and an attached stripping shed. Siding is vertical board and the roof is metal.

## 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"/> philosophy	
<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 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:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1945	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	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.)

The Jameson Tenant Farm is a good example of an important part of the agricultural landscape in Charles County at the close of World War II. The property includes all of the original acreage purchased in 1943 and while no longer operated by tenants, it is still a working farm retaining many of the landscape features and buildings that were typically found on similar farms of the period. Increasing the sites significance, this well preserved farm stands in an area that is experiencing a high rate of new development and thus is one of a dwindling number of similar sites.

In 1943, J. Warren Jameson acquired 156 acres formerly known as "Chesan's" and "Burch's Reserve" from George S. Anderson. While the prior use of the property is not known, after 1943 Jameson set up a tenant farm occupied and operated by an African American family. While little is currently known about this family we do know something of the property owners. The Jamesons were a long established family and owned a substantial amount of property in the Bryantown area including Phoenix Hall (CH-216), the Ernest M. Jameson House (CH-632), and Jameson Manor (unsurveyed).

Although a system of tenancy had been practiced in Charles County since its formal establishment in 1658, it was not until after the Civil War that tenancy became a predominant labor system, leaving a distinct mark on the cultural landscape. Following the Civil War, Charles County suffered the same fate as most of the southern states. The basis of the economy, slave labor, was gone. Land ceased to be cultivated, credit collapsed and many planters fell deep into debt. The turmoil of the Reconstruction Era continued in Charles County well into the twentieth century. Despite the collapse of the slave-based tobacco economy following the Civil War, Charles County and most of the surrounding counties retained their dependence on tobacco cultivation. Tenancy was a logical intermediate step for planters in need of farm laborers and a large population of skilled recently freed slaves who owned little or no property.

While some diversification did occur, the reliance on agriculture, mainly tobacco, remained throughout the nineteenth and into the twentieth century. Through the latter part of the nineteenth century, tobacco values remained depressed, insuring that the small tenant farmers and share-croppers struggled in a cycle of perpetual debt to landowners.

Since 1920, Charles County has experienced major changes in its economy, demographics, and physical development. The opening of Crain Highway after 1922, the construction of the Potomac River Bridge near Newburg in 1939, and the vast expansion of the Washington, DC suburbs have transformed life in the county. The population boom in the Washington Metropolitan area during World War II affected population growth in Charles County, as did the increased production at the Naval Ordnance Station at Indian Head. Between 1940 and 1950, the county's population increased by 33 percent. In the following decade it increased again by 39 percent, and again between 1960 and 1970 by 46 percent. Along with this massive population growth came changes in the landscape as modern housing subdivisions began filling in agricultural fields and forested areas.

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Tenancy began to decline after World War II as land owners either sold farms entirely or increasingly relied on mechanized equipment in place of manual labor. Mechanical and technological advances including tractors, fertilizers and combines meant more land could be cultivated using fewer hands. Additionally, increased mobility and new job opportunities gave new options to African American tenants who could now find employment in the booming postwar industries.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5

Acreage of historical setting 156

Quadrangle name Hughesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 7395 Olivers Shop Road is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 46, Grid 7, Parcel 1.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning Dept.

date 2/21/01

street and number 200 Baltimore Street

telephone 301-396-5815

city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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Jameson Tenant Farm

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

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**Chain of title:**

September 27, 1943

George S. Anderson to J. Warren Jameson and Cleopatra Jameson  
his wife. 156 acres.

**79:157**

December 19, 1969

J. Warren Jameson to Jerome V. Jameson known as "Chesan's"  
and being also a part of "Burch's Reserve". 156 acres.

**214:7**

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Jameson Tenant Farm

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Charles County, Maryland

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**Major Bibliographic References:**

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 1/2001

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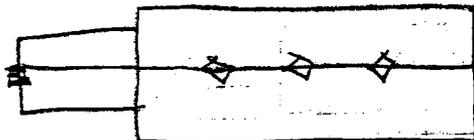
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Address: 7393 OLIVERS SHOP ROAD

CH - 648

Charles County, Maryland

BRYANTOWN  Vicinity

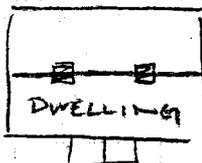


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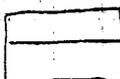


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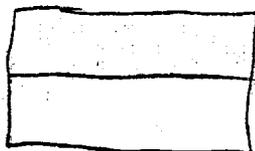
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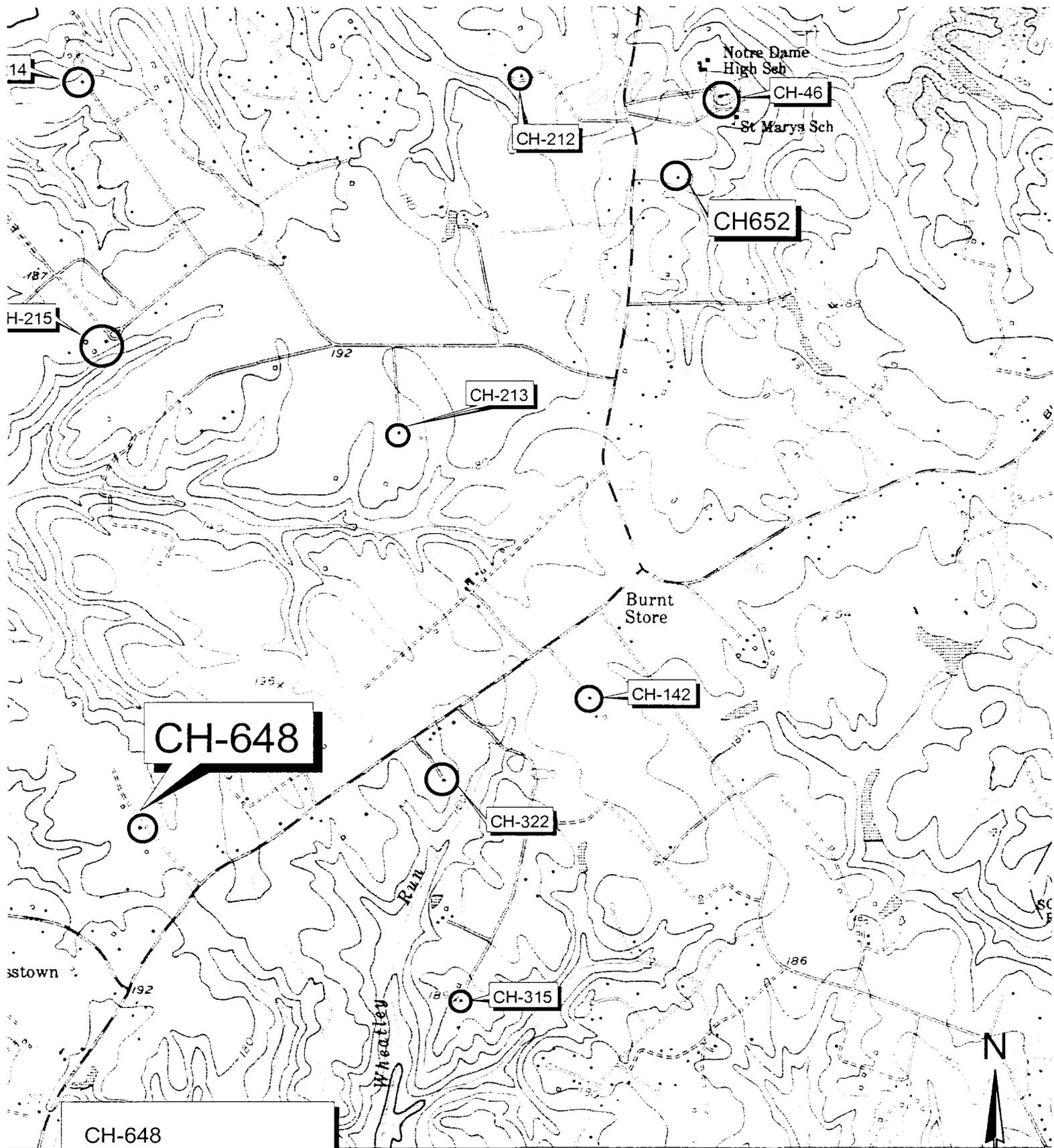
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TOBACCO BARN

OLIVERS SHOP ROAD

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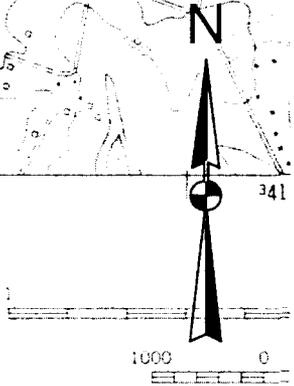


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 Jameson Tenant Farm  
 Bryantown vic.  
 Hughesville Quad

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 1938, and 1943. Topography by planetable

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LOOKING SOUTH

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JAMESON TENANT FARM  
BRYANTOWN, VIC.

1/2001

C. CURREY  
AND SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS, LOOKING NW 3 OF 4



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JAMESON TENANT FARM

BRYANTOWN, VA

1/2001

C. CURRY

IND SHPO

LANDSCAPE, FROM ROAD LOOKING NW 4-4