



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

Note: PIFs are prepared by applicants and evaluated by DHR staff and the State Review Board based on information known at the time of preparation. Recommendations concerning PIFs are subject to change if new information becomes available.

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 133-0058

1. General Property Information

Property name: Ames Old Farm (former Ames - Green)

Property address: 6700 Knotts Neck Rd

City or Town: Suffolk

Zip code: 23435

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Suffolk

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building ☒

Site ☐

Structure ☐

Object ☐

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 4.4

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Town ☐ Village ☐ Hamlet ☐ Rural ☒

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

1820 farmhouse. Half Federal style. On 4 acre
Lot adjacent to 280+ farm in conservation with VOF.
Lot on Knotts Creek, tributary of Nansemond River
Old barn, corncrib, school house, garage, &
acetylene gas house

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s):

Federal

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: _____

If the builder is known, please list here: _____

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1815 - 1820

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

Half Federal House. 3 stories. 2 chimneys on South side. weatherboard. plantation shutters.

In Ames - Old family for over 200 years.

Original land grant to James Knott 1633 + 1635.

In Knott family until acquired by John Ames in 1815. Farmland on Nansamond River - East shore near mouth.

Farmland in conservation easement with VOF. pre civil war Barn, corncrib,

School house, acetylene gas building, garage (1905).

Dining Room + Kitchen added 1870. Wing with

2 Bedrooms + new Kitchen added 1965.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

- Barn - pre civil war. housed mules & horses for
- farm use. condition good.
- Corncrib - rebuilt @ 1900? condition good
- Schoolhouse - dates to 1880s. has been rehabed to
Good condition
- Garage for first auto (cadillac) in 1905
- Root cellar for seed potatoes

4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

Land grant to James Knott (who had arrived in VA about 1617) in 1633 + 1635 for 1500 acres on East side of Nansemond River. In Knott family until 1815. John Ames of Accomac County sailed to Nansemond County in 1815 + acquired property from Samuel Browne (Knott relative). John Ames died 1863 + farm bought by Levi Ames (son) + W. R. Old (Levi Ames son in law) in 1870. Trude farming post civil war (cabbages, potatoes, asparagus, melons, greens, etc.) Farm taken over by W. R. Old Jr about 1900 + he farmed until 1953. Soybeans, peanuts, corn, + wheat. Later cotton. R. Old Jr farmed 1953 - 1965. House built by John Ames. Single half Federal house. "Middle class" farmhouse that is remarkably intact.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

We have consulted all of the above

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mailing address.
PO 5159
Suffolk VA 23435

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: ☒ Public\Local ☐ Public\State ☐ Public\Federal ☐

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: William Levi Old III

organization: _____

street & number: 6700 Knotts Neck Rd

city or town: Suffolk

state: VA

zip code: 23435

e-mail: wold3@hotmail.com telephone: 757 510 1297

Legal Owner's Signature: W. L. Old III

Date: _____

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!

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Knotts Creek

School house

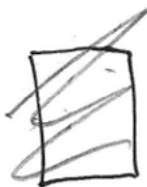
gas house

House

Garage

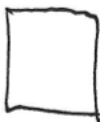
Shed

Barn



road

corn crib
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potato cellar




Ames - Old house
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PIF BOUNDARY MAP

Ames-Old Farm
City of Sussex, VA
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 Proposed Boundary


0 100 200 300
 Feet



PIF AERIAL-VICINITY MAP

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 Proposed Boundary

0 250 500 750 1,000
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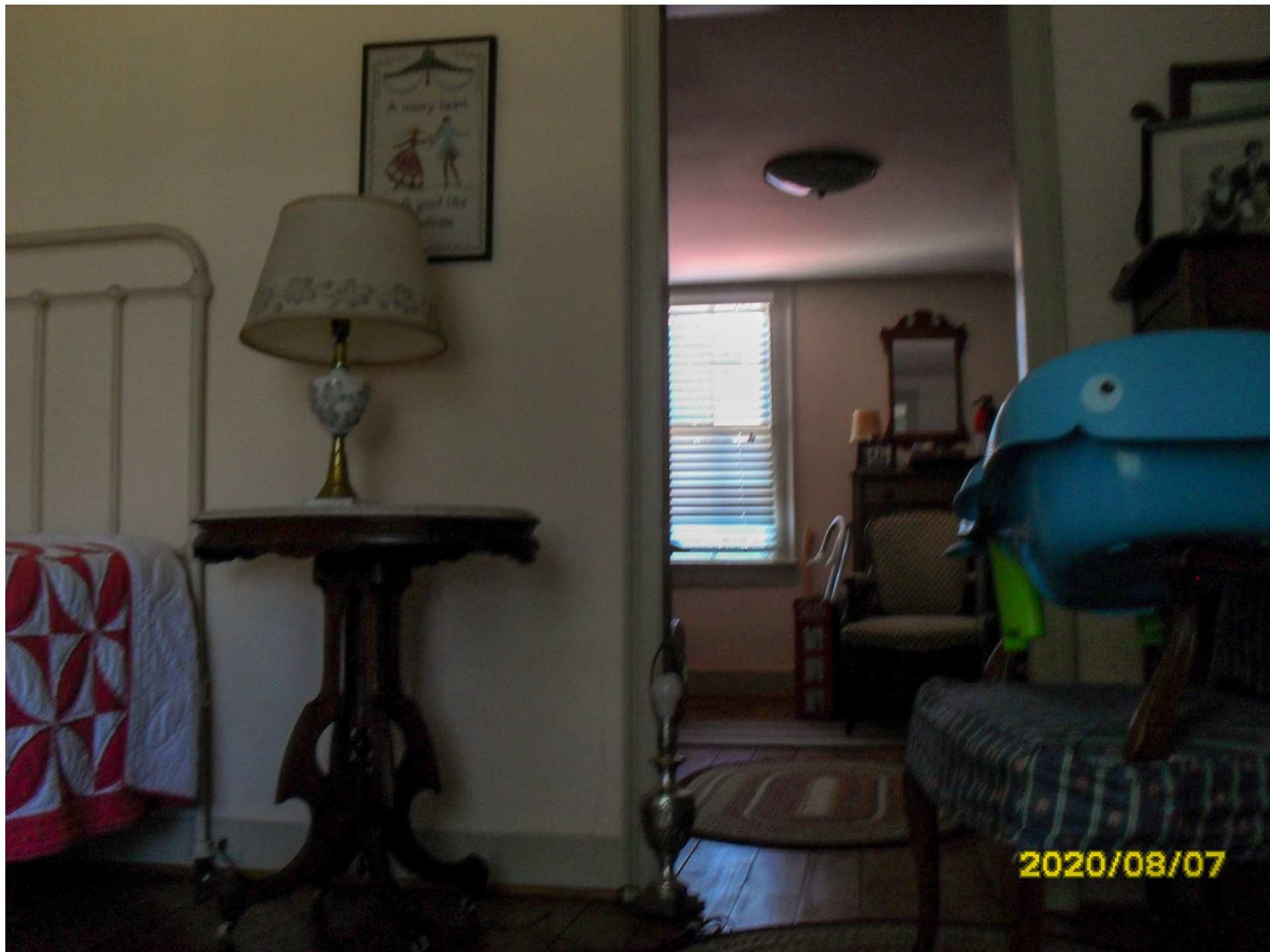






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