

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Futral Family Farm
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number W. side of SR 1210, 1.0 mi. SE of jct. w/ SR 1209 ☐ not for publication
city, town Fountain ☒ vicinity
state North Carolina code NC county Onslow code 133 zip code 28574

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒
- private
-
- ☐
- public-local
-
- ☐
- public-State
-
- ☐
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐
- building(s)
-
- ☒
- district
-
- ☐
- site
-
- ☐
- structure
-
- ☐
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u> buildings
<u>1</u>	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources
of Onslow County, NCNumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single family

Agriculture: processing

Agriculture: storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single family

Agriculture: processing

Agriculture: storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

other: coastal plain cottage

other: log construction

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation wood

walls wood

roof metal

other brick

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SUMMARY:

The Futral Family Farm is located in the Fountain vicinity of northwestern Onslow County, and faces south over the Juniper Branch headwater of Back Swamp, a branch of the Cape Fear River. Six resources are included in this nomination: the contributing Futral house and adjoining farm land, and four noncontributing buildings including a garage, a barn, a storage building, and a ranch house. The original 1885 section of the Futral house is a one-story saddle-notched log hall-parlor plan dwelling with a brick chimney which may replace an original mud-and-stick chimney. Around 1906 a frame garret, side room, rear shed rooms, and a semi-detached kitchen and dining room were added to the house. The expanded house has a coastal plain cottage form with an engaged porch across the front (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Vernacular Dwellings. Coastal Plain Cottage). The original section of the Futral house and its additions rest on an earthfast foundation of wood blocks and posts. The frame sections of the house are sheathed in unpainted weatherboards.

HOUSE:

The original log section of the Futral house measures 20'-4" by 17'-4". The log ends extending beyond the corner notching are round, but between corners the logs are hewn flat to facilitate the attachment of boards over the spaces between logs (these survive only on the front or south elevation). The logs have never been chinked. The log section and later frame additions have hewn sills and half-log joists under the first floor. The hewn plate on the west gable end appears to have been reused from an earlier structure, since it bears rafter notches that do not correspond to the original or present roof structures of the house. This plate may have come from David Futral's conjectural first house on the property (see section 8 of this nomination).

One of the salient features of the log section are plate projections on the west gable end. These probably served to support a projection of the gable eaves which would have sheltered a former mud-and-stick chimney (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Vernacular Dwellings. Mud-and-Stick Chimneys). These plate extensions project slightly over three feet from the side of the house. The mud-and-stick chimney, if it existed, would have been replaced with the present brick chimney before 1900. When the garret was added to the house circa 1906, the brick chimney was made higher (Arthenia Futral, personal communication).

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The brick chimney is constructed of light-colored bricks that were fired on the property. The chimney has a large stepped base and stepped shoulders above a garret fireplace.

The log section of the house rests on prismatic blocks of longleaf pine heartwood with their grain oriented parallel to the ground (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Vernacular Dwellings. Foundation Supports). The separate side sills of the front porch rest on the main house foundation blocks but across the front the porch is supported by posts set into the ground. A wooden shim is inserted between the southwest foundation block and the side sill of the porch, probably as a means of levelling the porch to compensate for uneven settling of the porch and house.

The porch in front of the log section of the house has an unpainted beaded tongue-and-groove ceiling; other sections of the porch have unpainted flush board ceilings. Directly in front of the front door to the log section are two porch posts that are larger than the simple wooden posts of the rest of the porch. These posts are constructed of boards and have simple caps. These two posts may be original to the house.

The garret is reached by an enclosed stair that rises from the front porch through the added east side room. The semi-detached kitchen and dining room on the east end has a four-bay front facade and was originally divided in half by a partition. A gap was left in the weatherboards at the east gable end of the kitchen in order to accommodate a fireplace. Instead of a chimney and firebox, a brick flue was built and the gap patched with weatherboards (Arthenia Futral, personal communication). At the east end of the porch in front of the kitchen is a cast iron hand pump and a recently repaired sink and counter. The open space between the kitchen/dining room and the east end of the main house block was closed with a bathroom addition in 1986 (Arthenia Futral, personal communication). Other exterior features of the house include six-over-six and four-over-four sash windows, an exterior vertical board door to the stairway, several wooden screen doors, and standing seam metal roofing which replaces the original wood shingle roof.

The first-floor interior of the log section is sheathed in wide planed boards (the vertically-attached boards of the walls are now largely concealed beneath modern wood veneer panelling). The hall-parlor partition is formed of narrow vertical boards and is penetrated at its center by a doorway with a vertical board door. Other rooms have modern sheathing over original sheathing. The rear shed rooms originally had no interior sheathing, ie., the framing was exposed (Arthenia Futral, personal communication).

The mantel on the west wall of the hall is a retarditaire vernacular version of the Federal/Greek Revival mantels dating (in Onslow County) to the middle third of the nineteenth century (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Vernacular Dwellings. Interior Finishes). Pilasters are suggested by narrow milled boards with flat caps. The wide lower portion of the frieze bears two small wooden lozenge-shaped bosses with molded centers. The narrow upper portion of the frieze is divided into two recessed panels by short sections of the milled boards used for the pilasters.

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OTHER EXISTING RESOURCES:

The garden plot, woodlots, and fields which make up a large portion of the Futral Farm appear much as they have throughout the history of the farm and are included in the nomination as a contributing site. All other resources located within the nominated area are less than fifty years old and are therefore listed as noncontributing.

These include:

1. A mid-twentieth century tar-paper-sided frame tobacco barn with open sheds on three sides, located to the north of the Futral house;
2. A mid-twentieth century weatherboarded frame garage with a side storage shed, located to the west of the house;
3. A two-level frame agricultural building built during the late 1940s. The first level of this building served as a corn crib and tractor shelter. The second level was used for packing tobacco, and, occasionally, for the present owner's quilting bees (Arthenia Futral, personal communication). This building is located to the east of the house across State Route 1210;
4. A one-story brick ranch house, dating to the late twentieth century, which is located on a 1.38 acre lot to the east of the Futral house across State Route 1210.

Also located on the farm are a frame and plywood privy, a grape trellis, and a bird house on a post which are not included in the resources count.

LOST OUTBUILDINGS:

According to family tradition, the Futral house originally had a detached log kitchen which stood in front of the dwelling. Later this structure was moved across State Route 1210 and used as a corn crib (it is now demolished). A frame smokehouse (also demolished) stood in front of the house. The original water source for the house was a well which was located near the southeast corner of the front porch. This well had a sweep which was later replaced with a winch assembly. A dirt or "swept" yard

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originally surrounded the house and was enclosed by a paling fence. The family kept the yard neat by sweeping it with brooms made of gallberry twigs or reeds and chopping weeds and grass with a hoe (Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Vernacular Dwellings. Dirt Yards).

Near the present location of the tobacco barn stood an open structure supported by posts which served as a cooper's shop. After 1900 a log tobacco barn also stood at this spot. Across State Route 1210 to the east of the house stood a mule barn with a center drive-through and a hay storage loft. Beside this was "cow lot", a structure with two stables for a cow and her calf and a sheltered area for milking. A separate well on this side of the road was used for watering mules.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Agriculture

Period of Significance

1885-1938

Significant Dates

1885

ca. 1906

Cultural Affiliation

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Futral, David

Futral, Amos

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Futral Family Farm is eligible for the National Register under criteria A and C. The 1885 log house with frame additions was originally the home of a subsistence farmer and crude turpentine producer. The house combines a number of local vernacular traditions that are now rare in Onslow County, North Carolina, such as log construction, a wooden earthfast foundation, and evidence of a former mud-and-stick chimney (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Vernacular Dwellings). The property represents one of the best preserved nineteenth and early twentieth century Onslow County farms associated with the naval stores production and agricultural economies of the area (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Agriculture and Naval Stores and Lumber Production 1734-1938).

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The first Futral to settle in the Back Swamp section of Onslow County was Daniel Futral (ca. 1810- ca. 1889) who purchased 100 acres in the area from John A. Avirett in 1832 (Onslow County Deed Book 19, page 42). In 1857 Daniel Futral purchased two contiguous 100 acre tracts at the forks of Juniper and Brantly branches on the east side of Back Swamp, just to the north of his 1832 tract and adjacent to the vast holdings of John A. Avirett (Onslow County Deed Book 29, page 288; Deed Book 29, page 329). In 1885 Daniel's son, David Futral (1845-1918) built the original log section of the Futral Family House on a portion of the 1857 tracts (Arthenia Futral, personal communication). David may have been living on the tract in another house as early as the 1870s, and there is circumstantial evidence that the tract was considered his by his family, although not legally transferred to him. In 1889, David purchased ninety-three acres of the 200-acre tract from his brothers and sisters, heirs of Daniel Futral (Onslow County Deed Book 106, page 202).

During the 1870s and 1880s, David Futral was a subsistence farmer who probably derived much of his cash income from cutting wood and gathering turpentine on his largely-wooded acreage. In 1880 the improved land on Futral's farm amounted to only ten acres, six of which were planted in corn, two in rice, and one in sweet potatoes. Futral also owned thirty-eight swine, twenty-three sheep, and five cattle which ranged free in the forested Onslow-Duplin county borderland. The \$12 value of wood Futral cut on his farm in a one-year period during 1878 and 1879 equaled nearly half of the \$25 value of his entire agricultural production during the same period (1880 U.S. Census, agricultural schedules. See Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Agriculture in Onslow County, 1734-1938).

In 1880 the Futral Family household included a young boarder named John E. William whose occupation was listed as "works in turpentine". David Futral's own occupation was listed as farmer, but it is likely that he also gathered turpentine from the longleaf pines on his own land and possibly others' (U.S. Census, population schedules). According to family tradition, David's son Amos Futral (1878-1962) gathered turpentine on the property until the beginning of the twentieth century, at which time the remaining woods were logged by lumber companies operating in the area (see Onslow County Multiple Property Documentation Form: Naval Stores and Lumber Production in Onslow County, 1734-1938). In addition to gathering turpentine, David and Amos also made turpentine barrels for their own use and their neighbors in a cooper's shop which stood to the north of the house.

In 1904 David Futral deeded to Amos 100 acres including the house but continued to live there (Onslow County Deed Book 125, page 288). Amos Futral made the frame additions to the house, including the side room, rear shed rooms, semi-detached kitchen and dining room, and the garret, shortly before he married Lillie Della Futral (1885-1941) in 1906. Amos deeded the house and fifty acres (approximately the

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present acreage) to his son Carl Futral (1917-1987) in 1941, continuing to live there until his death in 1962 (Onslow County Deed Book 190, page 215). The house is presently owned by Carl's widow, Arthenia Simpson Futral, who has lived in the house since 1938.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historian Presha Merritt conducted much of the local research that went into the preparation of this nomination.

Interview with Arthenia Futral.

Onslow County wills and deed records, Onslow County Court House,
Jacksonville, NC.

United States Census, schedules of population and agriculture, 1850-1880.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

☐ See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 48.48 acres

UTM References

A

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3	8	5	4	5	7	0
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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated area is ~~formed~~ by the 47.1 acre Futral farm and a 1.38 acre lot created in the center of the farm for a modern residence. The property is parcel 80 on Tax Maps 23 and 24.

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Boundary Justification

The nominated area is approximately equivalent to the fifty-acre farm deeded by Amos Futral to his son Carl in 1941 and includes fields and woodlots significant in the history of the farm. The 1.38 acre ranch house lot contained within the boundaries does not seriously affect the historic integrity of the farm.

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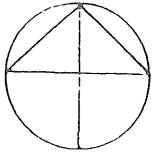
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Unless otherwise noted, the following information pertains to all photographs:

- 1) Futral Family Farm
 - 2) Fountain vicinity, NC
 - 3) Daniel Pezzoni
 - 4) March 1988
 - 5) N.C. Division of Archives and History, Raleigh, NC
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1. Futral House. West gable end showing original log section with plate extensions.
 2. Futral House. View northwestward.
 3. Futral House. Back (north side).
 4. Futral House. Detail of log construction and lightwood foundation block.
 5. Futral House. Mantel.
 6. Contributing agricultural field to north of house (with noncontributing tobacco barn).

FUTRAL FAMILY FARM

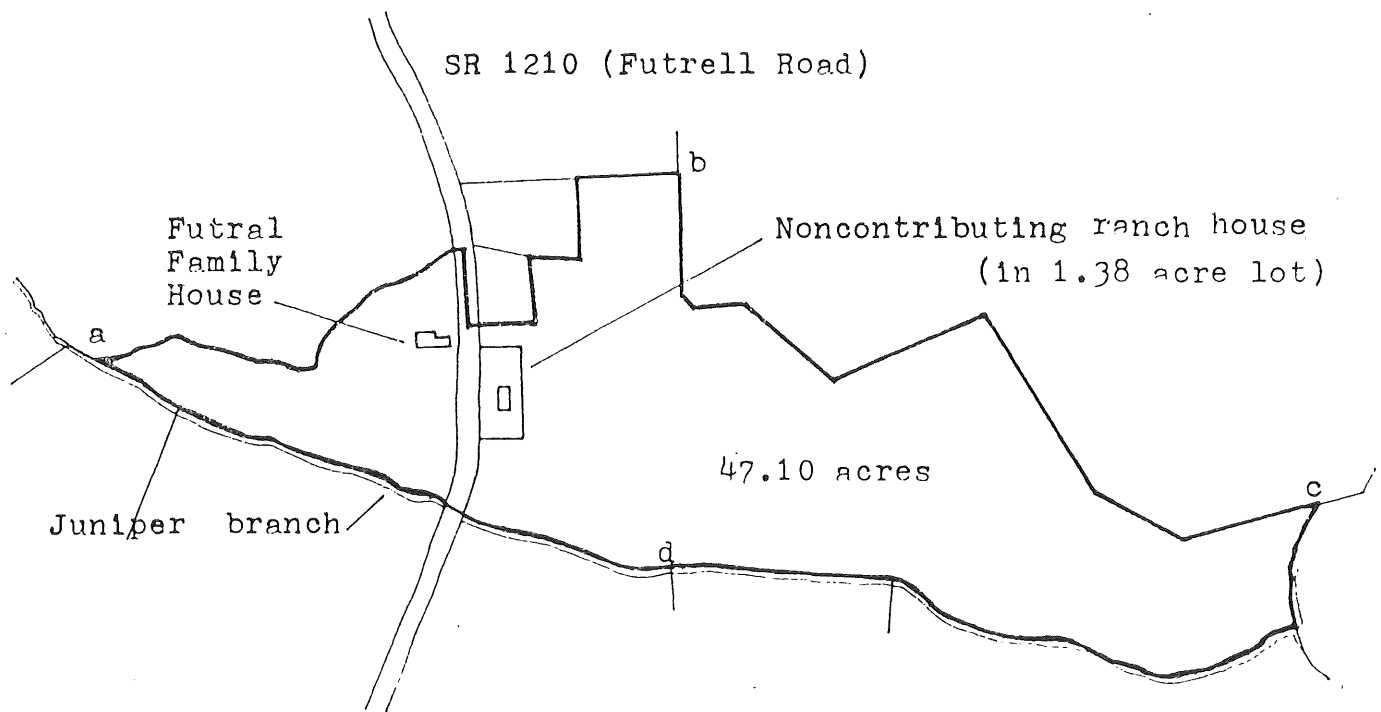
Fountain vicinity
Lyman USQS quadrangle
Onslow County, North Carolina



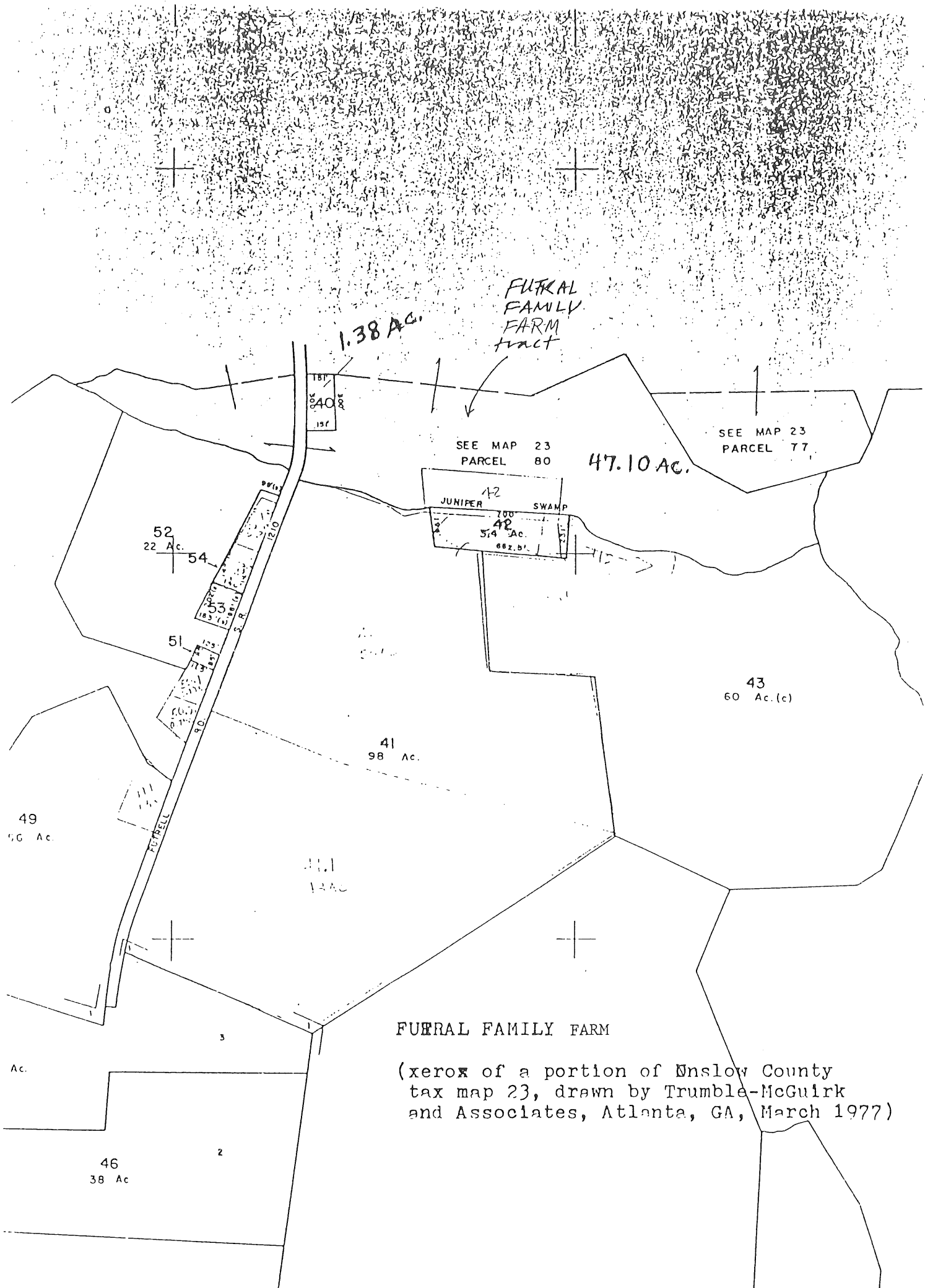
Property boundary marked with heavy line
Scale: 1" = approx'ly 675 feet

UTM references (zone 18):

- a. N 3854750
E 258300
- b. N 3854820
E 258750
- c. N 3854710
E 259380
- d. N 3854530
E 258770



(sketch made from Onslow County tax maps 23 and 24, drawn by
Trumble-McGuirk and Associates, Atlanta, GA, March 1977)



FURKAL
FAMILY
FARM
tract

1.38 AC.

SEE MAP 23
PARCEL 80

SEE MAP 23
PARCEL 77

47.10 AC.

42
JUNIPER SWAMP
42
5.4 AC.
682.5'

52
22 AC.

54

51

43
60 AC. (c)

41
98 AC.

49
5.6 AC.

Ac.

46
38 AC

FURKAL FAMILY FARM

(xerox of a portion of Owsley County
tax map 23, drawn by Trumble-McGuirk
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Onslow County tax map
23, drawn by Trumble-⁽²⁾
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Atlanta, GA, March 1977)

