



86B-008 Waring Tenant House

16400 River Airport Road

Brandywine

Constructed 1861-1878, this vernacular wood dwelling has unusual semi-octagonal bays and a trefoil tracery circular window. John H. Waring, a wealthy and locally prominent landowner, named the area "Bald Eagle" and most likely had the dwelling constructed during his ownership. The property was conveyed to Ida A. Watson in 1900 from her brother William E. Segar. This transaction began an unbroken line of Segar/Watson ownership that continues to the present day. This tenant house represents the gradual shift from large plantations supported by tenant farmers to smaller farming operations in post-Civil War Prince George's County during the third quarter of the nineteenth century.