



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. 033-0001

1. General Property Information

Property name: Coronation House

Property address: 80 John Arthur Road

City or Town: Boones Mill

Zip code: 24065-4092

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Boones Mill, Franklin County

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

Building Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 2.0 Including Building and Surround Land

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:

The property is located 1.1 miles from the Roanoke County/Franklin County line just off Naff Road on John Arthur Road. It is located, according to the Deed Card, on a “Rolling/Sloping” area in a small valley from which Mason’s Knob and surrounding foothills can be seen. There is a large lawn in front of the house by which a small stream runs as well as a side lawn which is adjacent to a side road on the property which leads to the Arthur Cemetery.

Two small family cemeteries are located nearby (e.g. for the Arthur and Cummings Families) along with several mid-to-late 20th-century homes.

While technically using a Boones Mill postal address, the property is over 5 miles from the town limits of Boones Mill.

The house includes 10 rooms and roughly 2500 Sqt. The house has a brick foundation, brick exterior walls and chimneys, wooden and tile interior floors, drywall/plaster interior walls, and a gable roof with composite shingles.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): **Federal Style**

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: **John A. Arthur, Jr. (1791-1844) was the original owner of the house and surrounding land and presumably had some part in designing and building the house for him and his family though he died shortly after its completion. Additionally, there is evidence slave labor was used, or, at the very least, enslaved people were present on the property during the time of construction.**

If the builder is known, please list here: **See above response**

Date of construction (can be approximate): **August 1844**

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.

The property is currently a private residence in which role it has functioned since it was initially built for John A. Arthur, Jr. and Charlotte (née Smith) Arthur (1795-1882) and their 12 children.

The exterior of the original house as well as its first (19th century-period) addition are primarily made of locally fired red brick and in good condition. The brick is in a Flemish-bond pattern on the front and 4-and-1 Common-bond pattern on the sides and rear. The house has a total of 6 brick fireplaces with exterior chimneys all in good condition.

Original interior elements of the house include (refinished) locally sources wide-pine wood floors, original doorknobs and fixtures, large (painted) wooden mantles over 5 of 6 of the fireplaces, an exposed wooden ceiling in the original sub-level kitchen which also features a large (refurbished) hearth fireplace and brick floor, and rough-cut exposed beams in the lower-level interior rooms.

The first addition to the house was a dining room built over the original, sub-level kitchen presumably added c.1850. The second addition, with aluminum siding, included a modern gally-style kitchen, 2 bathrooms, and a laundry room added c.1954.

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.

- Detached Garage 24' x 26' built c.1980 (Good Condition)
- Detached Tiny House 18' x 7.5' built 2015 (Good Condition)

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.

Historical/Architectural Significance of Property:

The property dates from 1844 and thus is now, at the time of this application, just over 180 years old. It, like the Preston House in nearby Salem, Virginia (NRHP Ref. # 05000479; 06000357) is a well-preserved example of a Federal-style home of the time and area featuring, for instance, original Flemish and Common brick bonds on its walls/exterior chimneys and a largely preserved interior.

Historical Significance of Persons Associated with Property:

The property's original owner and its modern road namesake, "John Arthur" is buried on the adjoining property and was noted in family records and online archives as being a "Sergeant with the 5th Virginia Militia , Capt. Jones Company," in the War of 1812. Additionally, 3 of Arthur's sons served in the American Civil War including one, Thomas Franklin, who was KIA near Winchester, Virginia on/about 23 March 1862 and one Luke Abshire Franklin, who died as a POW in Columbus, Ohio on 4 November 1864. Along with members of Arthur's family buried in the Arthur Family Cemetery on the adjoining property, there are a number of unmarked graves, as was the style at the time and as indicated in online records, which are believed to be the resting places of enslaved peoples connected to the Arthur Family.

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.)

- [John A. Arthur Jr. \(1791-1844\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)
- Photocopies of notes and photos of the Arthur Family relayed w/the purchase of the property in 2023

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: **James A. Moser**

organization: **N/A**

street & number: **80 John Arthur Road**

city or town: **Boones Mill** state: **Virginia** zip code: **24065-4092**

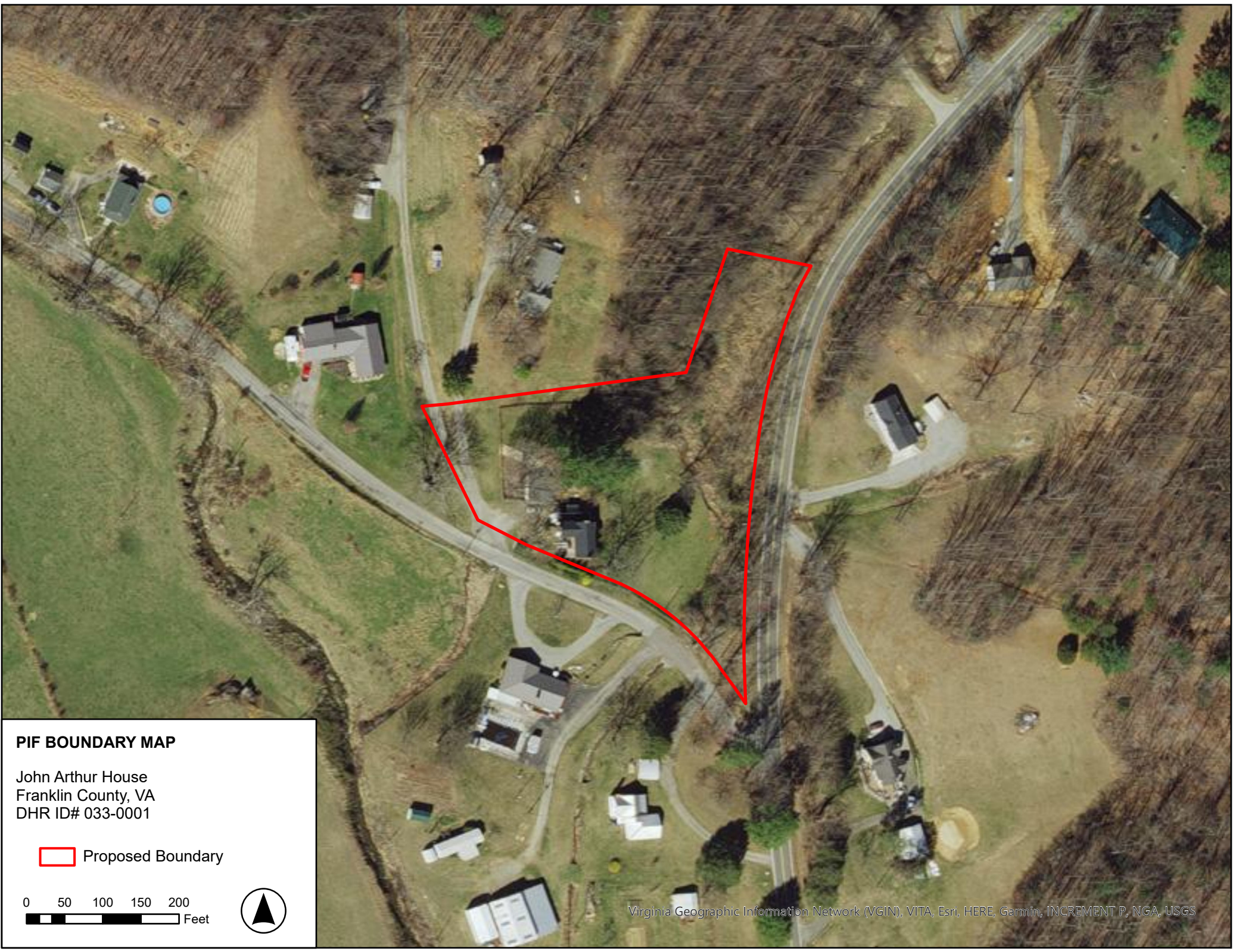
e-mail: **jameamoser@gmail.com** tele: **540-266-0729**

Legal Owner's Signature: 

Date: **8 March 2025**


•• **Signature required for processing all applications.** ••


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



PIF BOUNDARY MAP

John Arthur House
Franklin County, VA
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 Proposed Boundary

0 50 100 150 200
 Feet





























