

CAPSULE SUMMARY HANCE BARN 'A' (CT-1029)

Hance Barn 'A' is located on the north side of Holland's Cliffs Road in Huntington on a farm that includes a mid-19th century farm house and one modern tobacco barn. The c. 1830-1860 barn is privately owned. It is oriented on a east-west axis and consists of a 40 x 24 cross-axial main section with eight foot structural bays. Sheds are found on the east, west and south sides. The east and west shed roofs extend beyond the line of the main roof forming a "bonnet". The southern shed, a stable, appears original. The barn was originally sided with horizontal riven clapboards. At some point post 1880, the riven clapboards were replaced by vertical siding, the shingle roof replaced by metal, and sheds added to the east and west sides.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common William Hance Jr. Tobacco Barn A

## 2. Location

street & number 2725 Hollands Cliffs Road  not for publicationcity, town Huntingtown  vicinity of  congressional districtstate MD  county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name William Hance Jr.

street &amp; number 2725 Hollands Cliffs Rd. telephone no.: 301-535-0748

city, town Huntingtown  state and zip code MD20639

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse  liber ABE 329street & number Main Street (MD 765)  folio 622city, town Prince Frederick  state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Calvert County Historic District Commission

c/o Planning and Zoning

city, town Prince Frederick,  state Md 20678

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Hance barn A is located on the north side of Holland's Cliffs Road. The barn is associated with a surrounding farm divided among the members of the Hance family. The farm house dates to the mid-nineteenth century, and there is one modern tobacco barn also located on the property, located on the eastern side of the principal farm road. Hance barn A is situated at a height above the main field, and oriented east-west. A farm road runs by the eastern gable end and forks at the southeast corner of the barn. Hance barn A has fully mature cut nails and hewn timbers. It measures forty by twenty-four feet and has a transverse-axis plan with three sheds. Both its plan and materials are both consistent with those of ante-bellum Maryland tobacco barns.

The main barn has a cross-axial plan and contains ten four foot rooms. The structural bays are at eight foot intervals. There are entrances to the barn centered along each facade. North and south doors are eight feet wide and they appear to have always been so. The sill has been cut out between the door posts of the north door in order to accommodate vehicle entry. The door to the southern shed has early pintel holes remaining on each post. The entrance to the western shed is centered along the west facade and consists of a four foot wide door. The eastern facade has no door evidence, but access to the eastern shed is gained by the opening between the posts.

The forty foot length of the barn is divided into five eight-foot bays and the twenty-four foot width is divided into two ten-foot bays, and one four-foot door bay. Wood blocks and large unmortared field stones serve for support. The structure has a heavy timber frame on continuous sills supported by down braces, heavy hewn posts, and one cross sill. Joints are evidence of early carpentry including mortise and tenon with trunnel and open-face dovetail notches. The siding system has been altered from horizontal to vertical, as evidence by extant studs with cut nails in place. The original riven clapboard siding remains on the southeast corner of the barn. The current vertical siding has some inserted ventilation doors. A wooden shingle roof is in place on the north side, metal has replaced the shingles on the south side. The steep roof is supported by windbraces and four collars. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate that is nailed to the hewn tie beams. The tobacco hanging system consists of tier poles separated by 43 1/2 " vertical distance and peeled log poles occur every four feet down the central axis.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Hance barn A is typical of ante-bellum barns in Southern Maryland. The forty by twenty-four foot measurements are those most frequently encountered. In addition, the transverse axis plan is also indicative of this time period. Its association with a mid-nineteenth century farm house heightens its significance. The changes and modifications made to this structure over the years also help to interpret the changes in construction techniques, materials and agricultural changes.

Historic Period theme(s): 1830-1860; agriculture, tobacco  
Geographic Organization:  
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The original structure was comprised of the barn itself, and possibly the southern shed. It is possible that the southern shed was added at some slightly later date, although its riven clapboard siding and shingle roof are consistent with the materials employed in the construction of the barn itself. The evidence of siding on the barn structure itself and the existence of a door along the southern facade of the barn (unnecessary if the shed were original) may be explained by the current usage of the southeast corner for stabling, and the rest being open-air, both usages requiring the presence of siding on the southern wall of the barn. This southern exposure is the most frequent location for an original and stabling shed. At some point post 1880, the riven clapboard siding was replaced by vertical, the metal roof replaced the shingles, and the western and eastern sheds were added.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Benedict, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission date June 30, 1990

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city or town Couthouse, Prince Frederick state MD

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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ance Barn A

#### 7. DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

The fourteen by forty foot southern shed is apparently original, or at the least, early. It is supported by earth fast posts. The gable top plates have stud mortises, and riven clapboards attached with cut nails are extant on the western gable end. The roof of the southern shed has shingle nailers in place, although the shingles have been removed and replaced by metal. It is a lean-to roof with the rafters attached at the bottom of the barn rafters. The south shed has three open-air eight foot bays, and a sixteen foot enclosed stable area with one door at the southeast corner of stable area. Manger and interior partitions are visible in the stable area. The shed was possibly used to hang tobacco at the upper levels at some time, as evidenced by tobacco tier supports. The siding in place now consists of vertical weatherboards on the sided upper half of the structure.

The western shed measures forty by sixteen feet and has ten foot bays. Doors are located on each side. Timbers are light and flimsy, circular sawn and toenailed with wire nails. The posts are earth-fast.

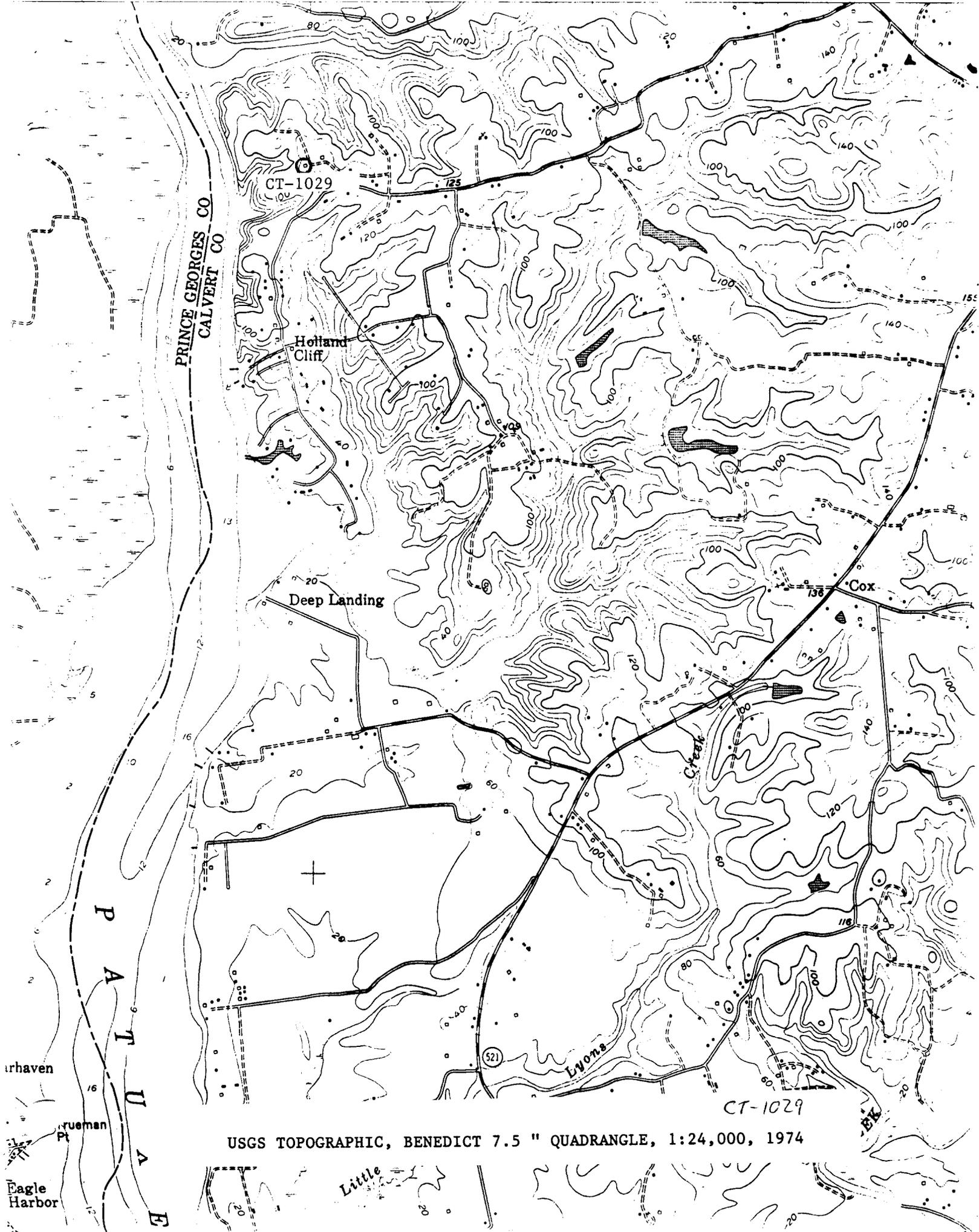
The eastern shed has seven foot bays, is forty feet long and fourteen feet wide. The posts are earth-fast and the timbers in this shed are light circular sawn and toenailed with wire nails. The entrance into this shed is through the barn structure itself.

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#### 8. SIGNIFICANCE (CONT.)

The construction materials and techniques employed in the western shed make it appear to be modern. In addition, the existence of a door along the western wall of the barn and the evidence for siding confirm this interpretation. This shed was probably built for vehicle storage (evidenced by the wide double doors and its current usage). The eastern shed is also built with these modern materials and techniques. The eastern shed was used for tobacco hanging, and was probably built in order to expand the hanging capacity of the barn as fertilizers and improved techniques expanded the size of the crop.





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HANCEE BARN A

HUNTINGTOWN

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

NORTH EAST

JUNE, 1990