

CAPSULE SUMMARY - WU/KEHOE BARN (CT-1061)

The Wu barn is a 24 x 40 foot structure oriented east-west and located on a lot in the Willows subdivision in the Chesapeake Beach Post Office zone. The town was previously named 'Willows'. The cross-axial plan barn has hewn and pit sawn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails. Sixteen foot wide sheds are located on the south and east sides. Hurricane Hazel is said to have caused extensive damage to the barn's roof which, while still intact, is approximately four feet out of plumb and is bowed like the hull of a ship. The barn has served a number of purposes supplemental to the associated housing development, including furniture and equipment storage and animal stabling. It is presently leased to a local tobacco farmer and is still used to cure tobacco.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Wu/Kehoe Barn

2. Location

street & number Chavez Lane and Old Willows Road ___ not for publicationcity, town Chesapeake Beach ___ X Willows vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Dr. Emily Wu (address unknown) Contact: Mrs. Kehoe

street & number 4930 Chavez Ln. telephone no.: 535-0117

city, town Chesapeake Beach state and zip code MD 20732

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1061

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

See Attachment.

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1061

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		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name North Beach, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berry

organization c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission date June 30, 1990
Dept. of Planning and Zoning

street & number Courthouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1061

The Wu barn is located in the Willows subdivision on Chavez Ln. The area around it is almost completely developed. The person contacting us regarding the barn is a resident of the area. It is leased by an absentee landlord to one Mr. Lindsay Reid. The axis of the barn is east-west. It is situated on a slight hill behind which lies a relatively flat plain. The cross-axial forty by twenty-four foot barn has hewn and pit sawn timbers, and fully mature machine-cut nails. There are two sixteen foot wide sheds, one on the east and one on the south. The barn suffered extreme roof damage during Hurricane Hazel, and the roof is now four feet out of plumb.

The barn is divided into four eight foot bays on the south side. The central bay has been enlarged on the north side in order to accommodate vehicle entry. Doors are located on the north and south walls of the barn, and there are pintel holes in the east side indicating an original door location. Double doors are also centered along both the south and east shed walls. The barn contains ten rooms.

Concrete block piers support the heavy timber frame on continuous sills. The large timbers are hewn and pit sawn. The posts are joined via mortise and tenon with trunnel joints. Fully mature machine-cut nails are visible. Plain vertical wall siding with minimal ventilation covers the south and east interior walls of the barn. This siding is attached with fully mature machine cut nails. The original wooden shingle roof has been replaced by metal except along the north side where the shingle roof is still in place. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The barn has no visible windbraces and four collars. The roof is four feet out of plumb due to storm damage. Unpeeled log tier poles separated by forty-two inches vertical distance are still used to hang tobacco. These poles are supported on peeled log poles that run down the central axis.

There are sixteen foot wide sheds with earth-fast posts on both the south and east sides. These sheds are divided into eight foot bays. There are no nails visible on the barn rafters below their junction with the shed rafters, so it seems probable that both sheds are contemporary with the barn construction. However, the early siding and doorway evidence on these south and east sides, and the lack of ability to safely inspect these rafters, calls this interpretation into question. Nevertheless, these sheds are built of early timbers including hewn nailing rails and siding with cut nails covers their exterior so they are undoubtedly early. There is no evidence of any separation or siding in the area between the two sheds, so they must have been built at the same time. Shingle nailers are in place underneath the metal roof.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1061

This barn is significant as one of the group of nineteenth-century forty by twenty-four foot barns found by this survey. The construction techniques and materials are all typical of tobacco barns built during this period.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

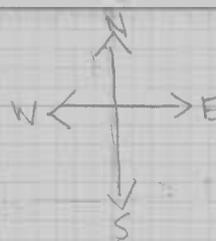
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Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1830-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco barn

The changes this barn has undergone are the possible addition of the sheds (both of which were constructed at the same time), the replacement of the shingle roof by metal, and the change in the bay system on the north side in order to allow for vehicle access. The barn was hit by a severe storm (Hazel), and the roof was struck so that it is now four feet out of plumb. The barn is currently leased by a local tobacco farmer and is still used to cure tobacco.

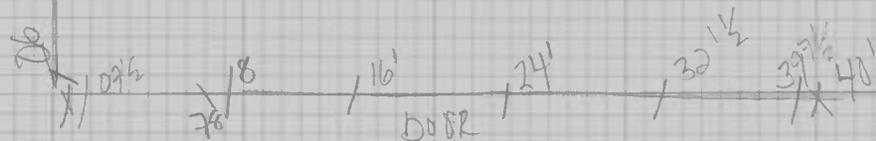
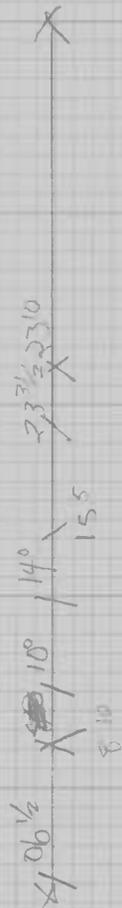
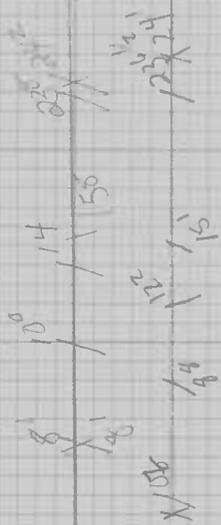
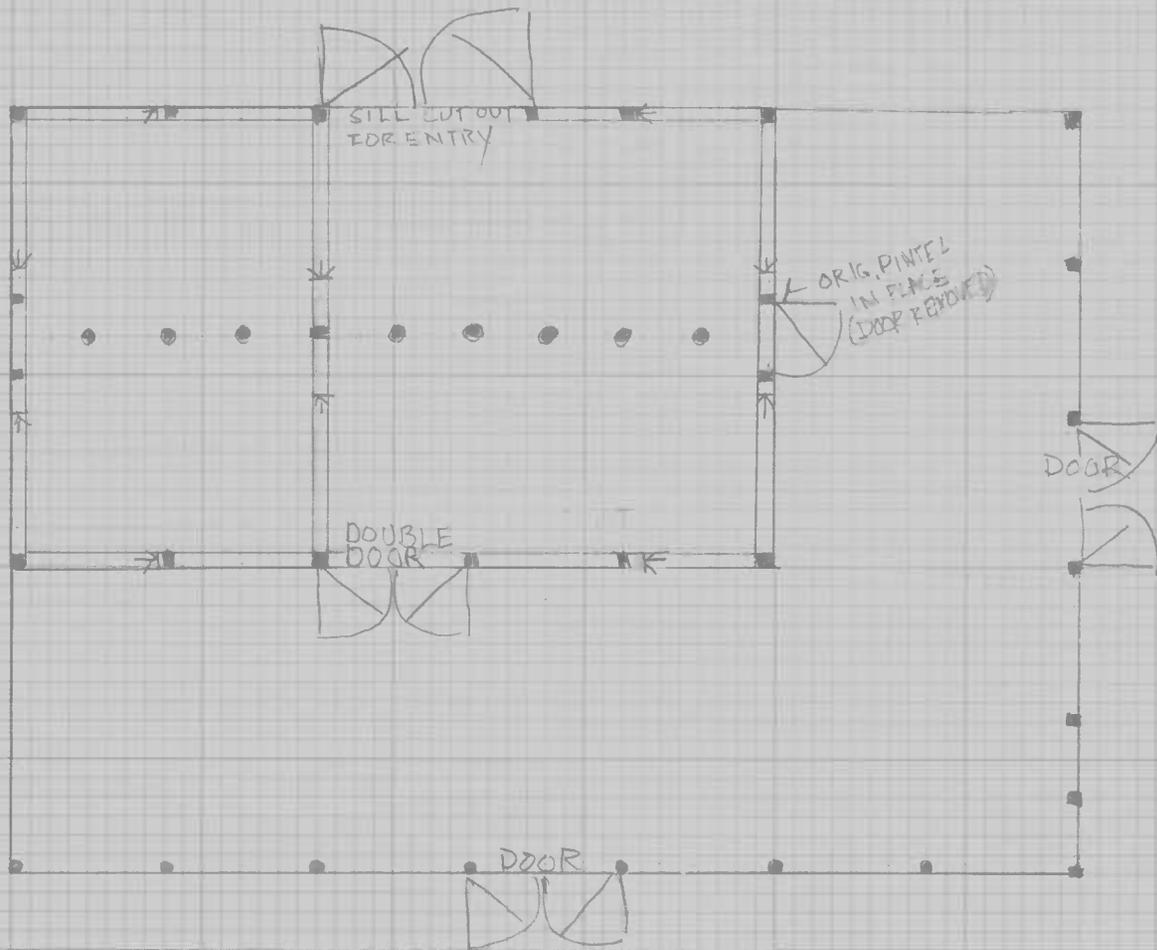
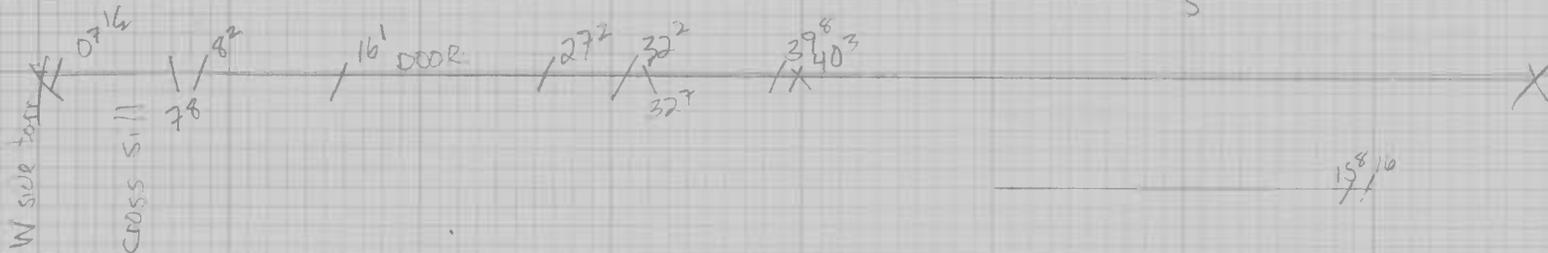
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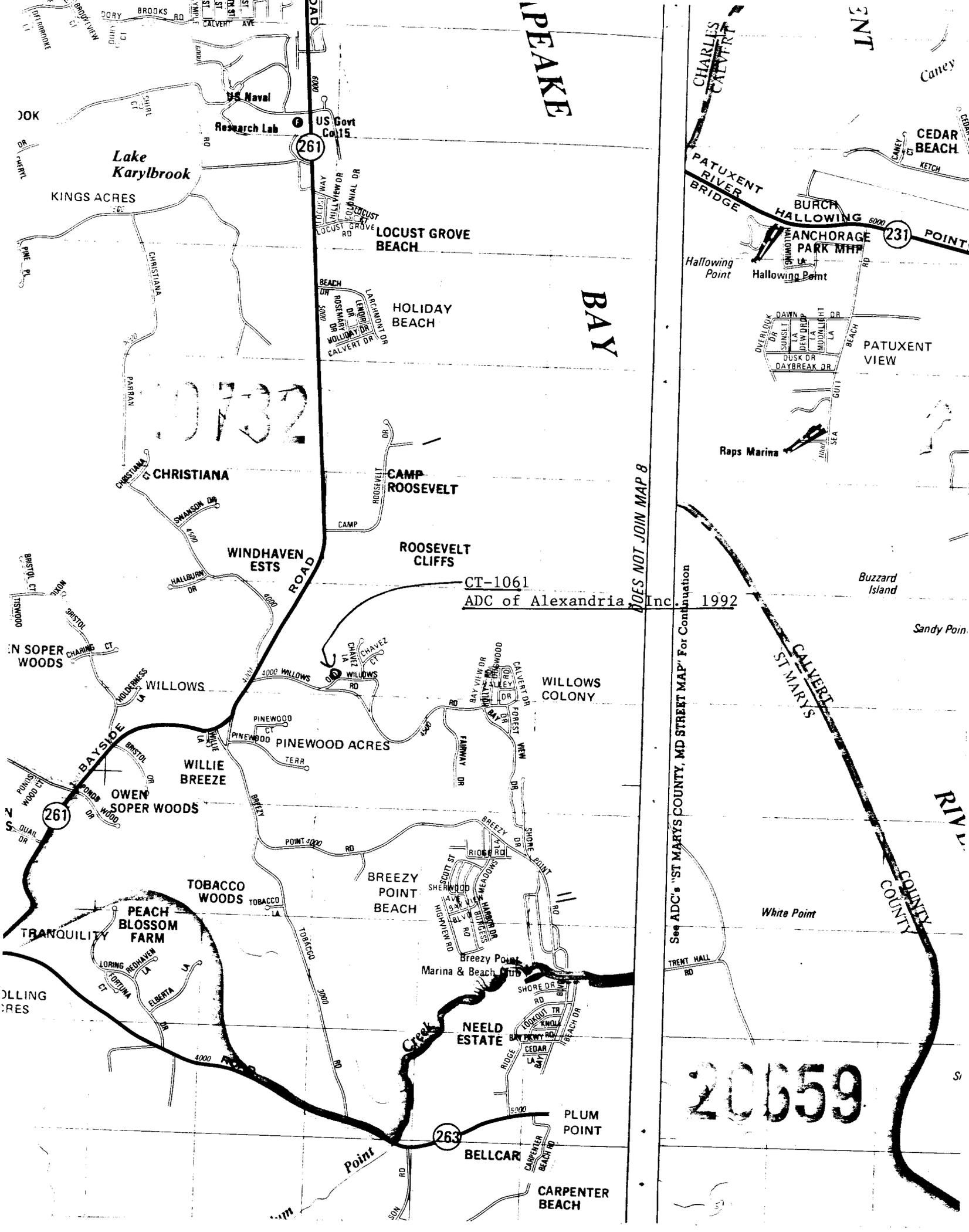
BARN # 2034 WU BARN (KEHOE CONTACT TW



1" = 10'



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PEAKE

BAY

RIVER

Lake Karylbrook

LOCUST GROVE BEACH

HOLIDAY BEACH

CAMP ROOSEVELT

ROOSEVELT CLIFFS

WINDHAVEN ESTS

WILLOWS COLONY

PINEWOOD ACRES

WILLIE BREEZE

BREEZY POINT BEACH

NEED ESTATE

PLUM POINT

BELLCAR

CARPENTER BEACH

CEDAR BEACH

BURCH HALLOWING

PATUXENT RIVER BRIDGE

Hallowing Point

Hallowing Point

PATUXENT VIEW

Raps Marina

Buzzard Island

Sandy Point

White Point

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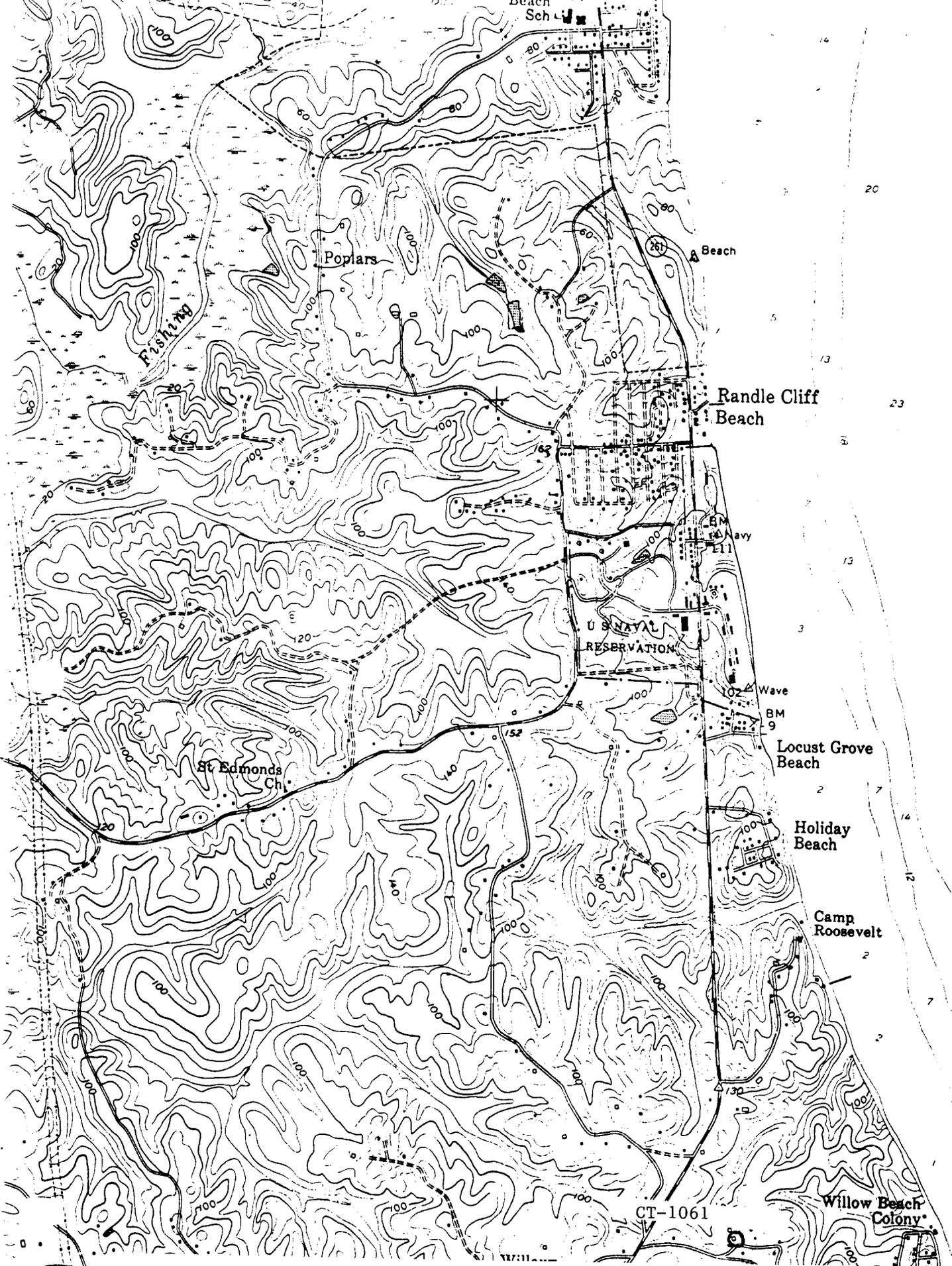
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