CAPSULE SUMMARY - MAIDSTONE BARN 'B' (CT-1063)

Maidstone Barn 'B' is the second oldest barn on this 18th century farm. Adjoining CT-1062 on the east, this barn is cross axial in plan and oriented on a east-west axis. This barn measures 48 x 20 feet and has sheds on the north and south sides. The barn is supported on both a continuous brick foundation and mortared fieldstone piers. Construction techniques and materials suggest a c. 1860-1880 date of construction. Both Maidstone barns 'a' and 'b' have been adapted for multiple uses including stabling and hay storage.

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(See also (CT-5) Maidstone House)

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Maidstone Barn

and/or common Maidstone Barn B

2. Location

street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road ___ not for publication

city, town Owings ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	X commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Mrs. Jean Hicks

street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road telephone no.: n/a

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber AWR 20

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 371

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

See Attachment.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	X agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

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.

See Attachment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berry

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

street & number Courhouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1063

Maidstone Barn B is located on the historic house site known as Maidstone. Portions of the house date to the eighteenth century, and it originally belonged to the Chew family. The barn discussed here is pushed up against another barn known as Maidstone Barn A. Maidstone barn B is the second oldest barn on the property. From the exterior, A and B appear to be one structure. On closer examination it becomes apparent that they are completely separate in such essential items as the roof and timber frame. The two barns are located to the northeast of the house site. Maidstone Barn B is to the east of barn A. Its roof is on an east-west axis. The plan is cross-axial and there are doors on the exposed north, south, and east sides. There are two other barns on the property located to the west of barns A and B. Maidstone barn B measures forty-eight by twenty feet. It has sheds on the north and south sides.

Maidstone barn B was probably built up alongside barn A or possibly moved here from another location. It post-dates barn A in both materials and techniques. The north and west sides under the sill are completely filled in with brick, and there are mortared brick foundation piers on the east side. It has an eight foot bay system and a combination of both hewn and circular sawn timbers. The hewn timbers appear to be re-used. The posts and other joints are mortise and tenon with trunnels. Visible nails are fully mature machine cut. The vertical siding here is also snug on the north and south. The siding on the east side is more open, with spacing for ventilation. Some ventilation doors are visible. A standing seam metal roof has replaced the original shingle roof. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Tier poles are peeled logs. The poles down the center are also peeled logs.

The north shed is open-air and has earth fast posts. All the rest of the materials are circular sawn. It is possible that it was a somewhat later addition. The south shed was added on during the current ownership (post 1950). A hayloft was added above the entire length of the south shed on both barns A and B at this time.

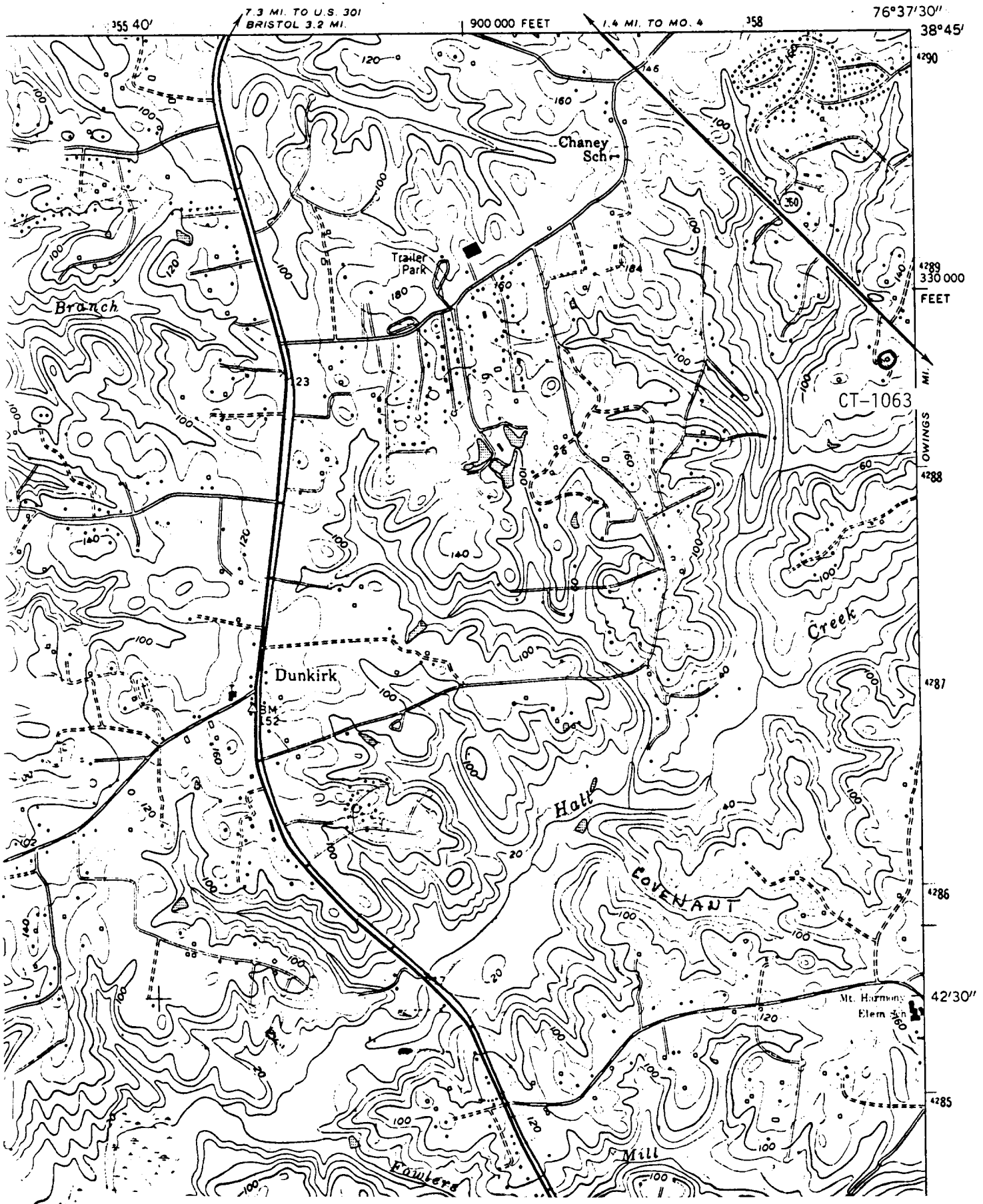
8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1063

Maidstone Barn B is architecturally significant for several reasons. The fact that it is built up against another barn is unusual. Also, the tight siding on the north and south sides may indicate that the sheds in these locations were used for stabling, and certainly indicates a different attitude towards ventilation than is manifested in modern barns. It dates to sometime after the Civil War and before the introduction of wire nails (ca. 1860-1890). The expansion of a pre Civil War era barn by the addition of another is a significant indicator of the growth in the tobacco market at this time. The open-air sheds on both north and south are indicative of multi-use within a tobacco barn.

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.

Historic Period theme(s): 1860-1890; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1860-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The most significant change this barn has undergone are the addition of a shed to the south, the possible addition of one to the north. The shingle roof has been replaced by metal.



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979

(See CT-1062 for original b&w photograph)