

CAPSULE SUMMARY - HORSMON BARN 'A' (CT-1065)

Horsmon Barn 'A' is located on a large farm in St. Leonard. Other structures include a 19th century and a 20th century farmhouse, and four tobacco barns. This 90 x 33 foot structure is one of the newest barns on the property dating to c. 1950. A 33 foot wide shed along the barn's south side was added in 1975. According to the owner, this was done to stabilize the barn after strong storms had pushed the barn off its footings. The long, narrow, aisle plan barn is representative of barns built in the mid-20th century and later. The known dates of construction and modification for this barn increase its significance as this knowledge assists with the interpretation of similar structures throughout the county.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Horsmon Barn A

2. Location

street & number Intersection of Mackall and Parran Rds. not for publicationcity, town St. Leonard vicinity of congressional districtstate MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:unused

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

name Mr. Richard and Mrs. Phyllis Horsmon

street & number Mackall and Parran Rds. telephone no.: 586-0936

city, town St. Leonard state and zip code MD 20685

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liberABE 263

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 32

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

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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

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<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 Broomes Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

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 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-1065

The Horsmon farm is situated at the intersection of Mackall and Parran roads. There are four barns on the farm. Horsmon barn A is the easternmost of the barns. Horsmon barn B is located next to it and to the west. Barn A is oriented on an east-west axis. Barns C and D are near each other, approximately one-quarter of a mile to the southwest from A and B. All four barns and the farmhouse are connected by farm roads. The old farm house sits on a hill to the west of A and B and to the north of C and D. Horsmon barn A is a long narrow, aisle-plan modern barn measuring by ninety feet. It has an equal-sized shed on the south side.

Horsmon barn A is a large, modern aisle plan barn built ca. 1950. It contains twenty-five rooms. The plan is divided into ten foot bays. There are fifteen foot wide double doors on the east and west sides of the barn. The north side of the barn is closed off below the sill. Poured concrete footers support the structure. All materials are circular sawn lumber and wire nails, and all joints are toe-nailed. Vertical wall siding with many hinged ventilation doors cover the exterior. These hinged doors are separated by four feet. The metal roofing is original. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Windbraces and four collars support the roof. The tier poles are both circular sawn lumber and peeled logs separated by forty-three inches vertical distance. The circular sawn posts that run down the central axis in order to support the tier poles, are separated by ten feet between.

The thirty-three by ninety foot shed was added to the south in 1975. According to Phyllis Horsmon this was done in order to stabilize the structure. Strong storms had pushed the barn off of its footings. The south shed has twelve foot wide doorways on the east and west, and one sixteen-foot wide doorway on the south. The bays along the south wall are twelve feet wide. The frame of the shed rests on poured concrete piers. The materials used include pressure treated circular sawn lumber that is toe-nailed with wire nails. The shed also has vertical siding with hinged ventilation doors. An original corrugated metal roof covers the shed. All the tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty-seven inches vertical distance.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1065

This barn is representative of the large aisle-plan barns built during the mid to late twentieth century. The length of the barn is also indicative of this period. The exact date of construction available for this barn makes it architecturally significant for interpreting other similar structures without an exact date.

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): 1950-1975

Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD

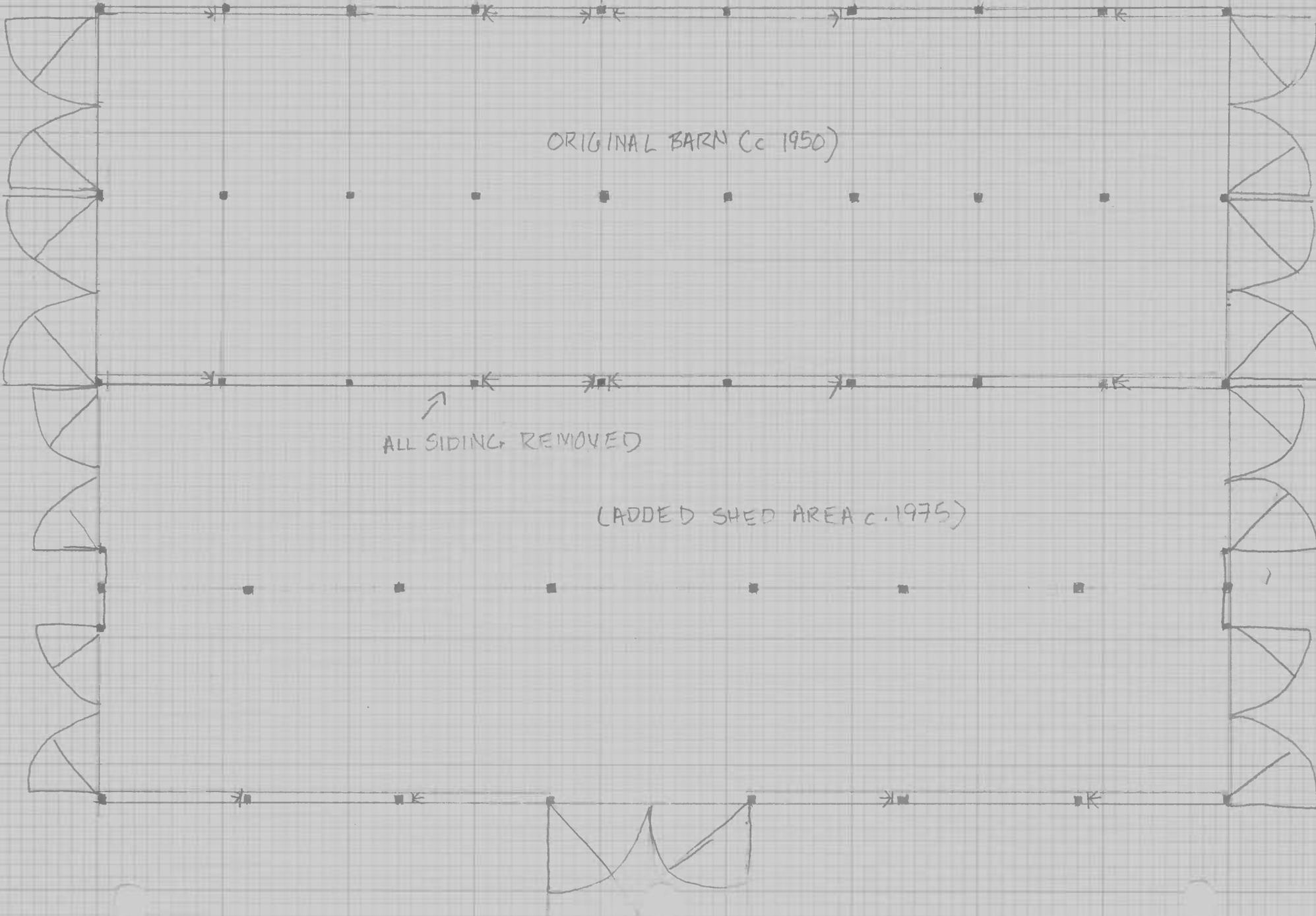
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1950-Present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The major changes this barn has undergone are all related to the addition of the south shed. The original design was unsuccessful, and was so battered by the winds that a decision was made to add a shed to the south side in order to stabilize the barn. At the time of the addition of the shed, all the siding was removed from the south wall of the early structure, and much cross-bracing and support along the south wall of the barn was added. Tobacco has not been raised on the farm for one year, and there is no plan to raise it again. According to Phyllis Horsmon the barn was built ca. 1950 and the shed was added in 1975.

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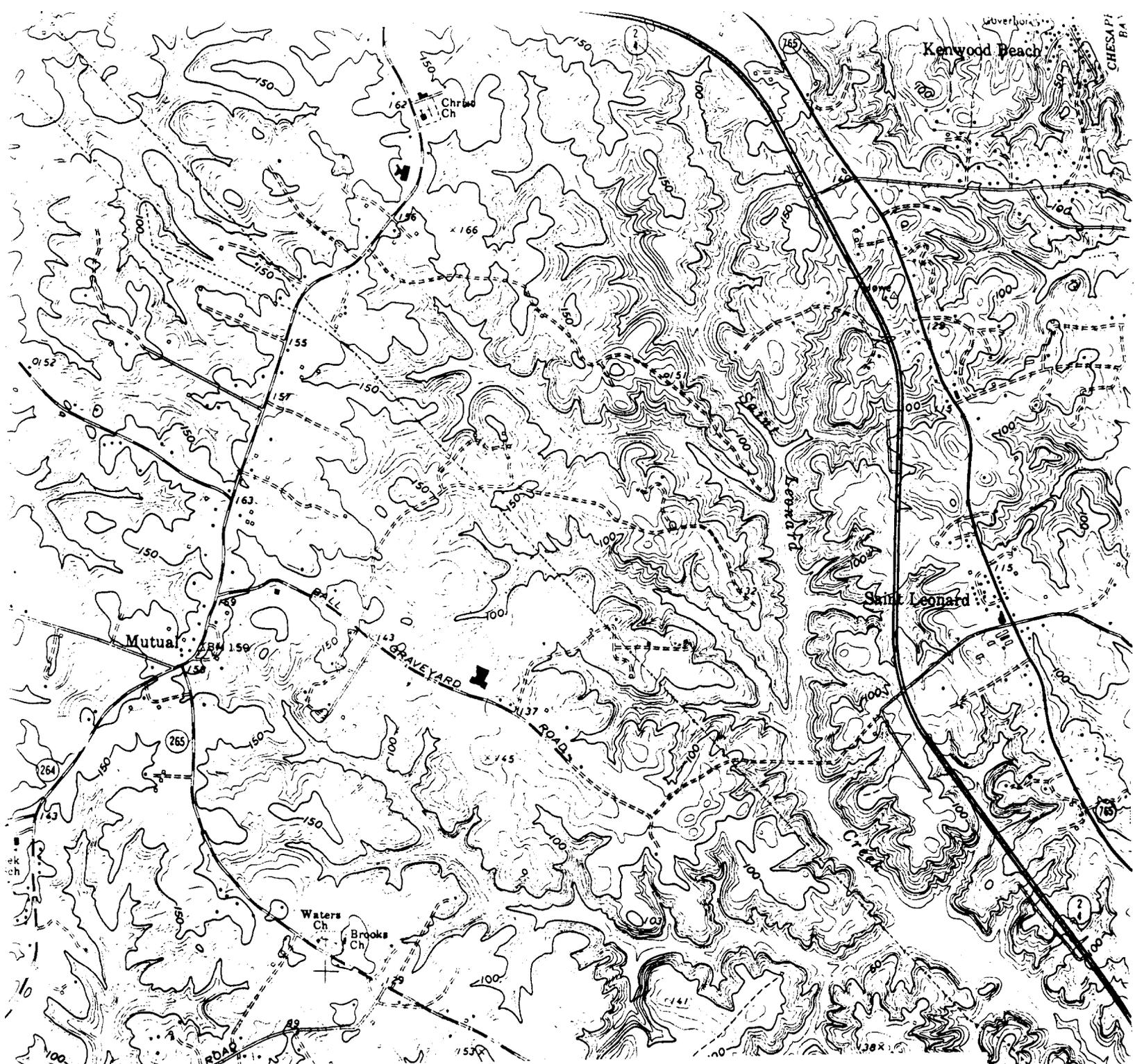
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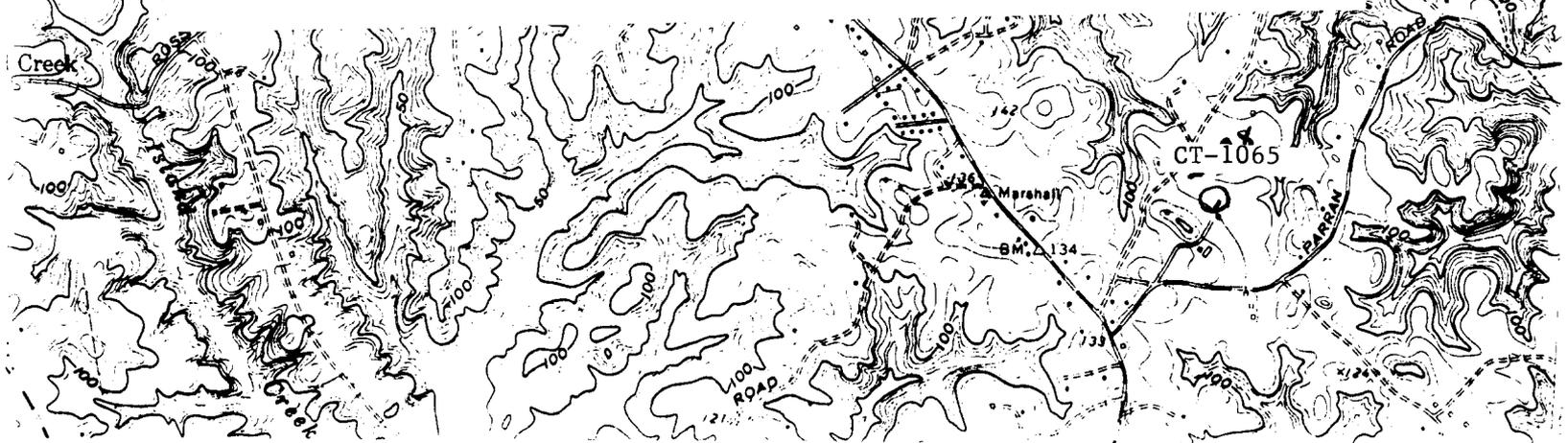
ORIGINAL BARN (c. 1950)

ALL SIDING REMOVED

ADDED SHED AREA (c. 1975)



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HORSMON A

ST LEONARD

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

EAST

MARCH, 1990