

CT-464

J. Wesley Jones House  
Huntingtown  
Private

Early 20th century

This two-story frame house measures three bays wide by one bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen section. 6/6 sash windows light the dwelling. Several frame tobacco barns stand south of the house.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

J. Wesley Jones House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Armiger Road

CITY, TOWN

Huntingtown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Wesley Jones

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

SAME

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
20639

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: JLB 209

Folio #: 636

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street (MD Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This two-story frame house measures five bays wide by one bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen section. 6/6 sash windows light the dwelling.

An interior brick stove-flue chimney heats either gable end. The north facade's cross-gable is lit by a horizontally rectangular window. Asphalt shingles cover the roof, and asbestos shingles cover the walls.

Several frame tobacco barns stand south of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

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SPECIFIC DATES    Early 20th Century    BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a typical Calvert County farm.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg,

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

CAPSULE SUMMARY  
CT-464 Addendum  
Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn  
475 Armiger Road  
Huntingtown  
Calvert County, Maryland

Situated less than 150 feet west of the early twentieth-century Wesley Jones farmhouse is a much earlier frame tobacco barn dating from the late eighteenth or very early nineteenth century. Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn sits at the top a knoll, adjacent to a detached concrete-block stripping facility and another agricultural building. The original barn measures thirty-two by twenty-four and is laid out in a cross-axial plan with tier poles and studs on two-foot centers. The barn has subsequent sheds on its southeast and southwest elevations. The barn retains its original horizontal riven siding on two elevations and hand-hewn timbers. Construction and curing techniques in this barn suggest that it was constructed at least a century before the extant Wesley Jones House. Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn was, before its collapse in December of 2007, one of the few known extant examples of a tobacco barn used and possibly built by an African-American farm family.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-464

Name Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn  
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Situated less than 150 feet west of the early twentieth-century Wesley Jones farmhouse is a much earlier frame tobacco barn dating from the late eighteenth or very early nineteenth century. Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn is adjacent to a modern farm building on its northeast side. At its eastern corner stands a detached concrete-block stripping facility. The original barn measures thirty-two by twenty-four and has subsequent sheds on its southeast and southwest elevations. The barn retains its original horizontal riven siding on two elevations. Construction and curing techniques in this barn suggest that it was constructed at least a century before the extant Wesley Jones House.

Oriented northeast to southwest, the Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn is laid out in a cross-axial plan. Originally single doors were centered on each elevation which provided the barn's only ventilation. The door on the northeastern elevation was widened to accommodate a motorized vehicle. The barn is divided into five bays beginning with two eight foot bays, followed by a four foot door bay, a four foot bay and another eight foot bay. All of the main timbers in the barn are hewn and fastened with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. Stripped saplings are used as tier poles and are spaced on two foot centers, consistent with early barns in which smaller tobacco plants were cured. Tier poles are supported at their mid-point by a transverse row of round posts. The sills are supported by intermittent field stone piers.

Original riven horizontal sheathing on the barn's southeast and southwest walls remains intact as these sides were covered with sheds in later periods. Closely spaced studs confirm that all four walls were once covered with riven pieces of siding roughly four feet in length. While doors in the barn served as vents in its original configuration, side- or top-hinged vents may have been added when either of the sheds were added to the barn and vertical board siding was put on all exterior walls. Evidence for these vents was not available at the time the barn was documented (due to its partial collapse). The roof would have originally been covered with wooden shingles although now it is covered with corrugated metal sheeting. Rafters are placed on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Each rafter is supported by four collars which are dovetailed and nailed into the rafters.

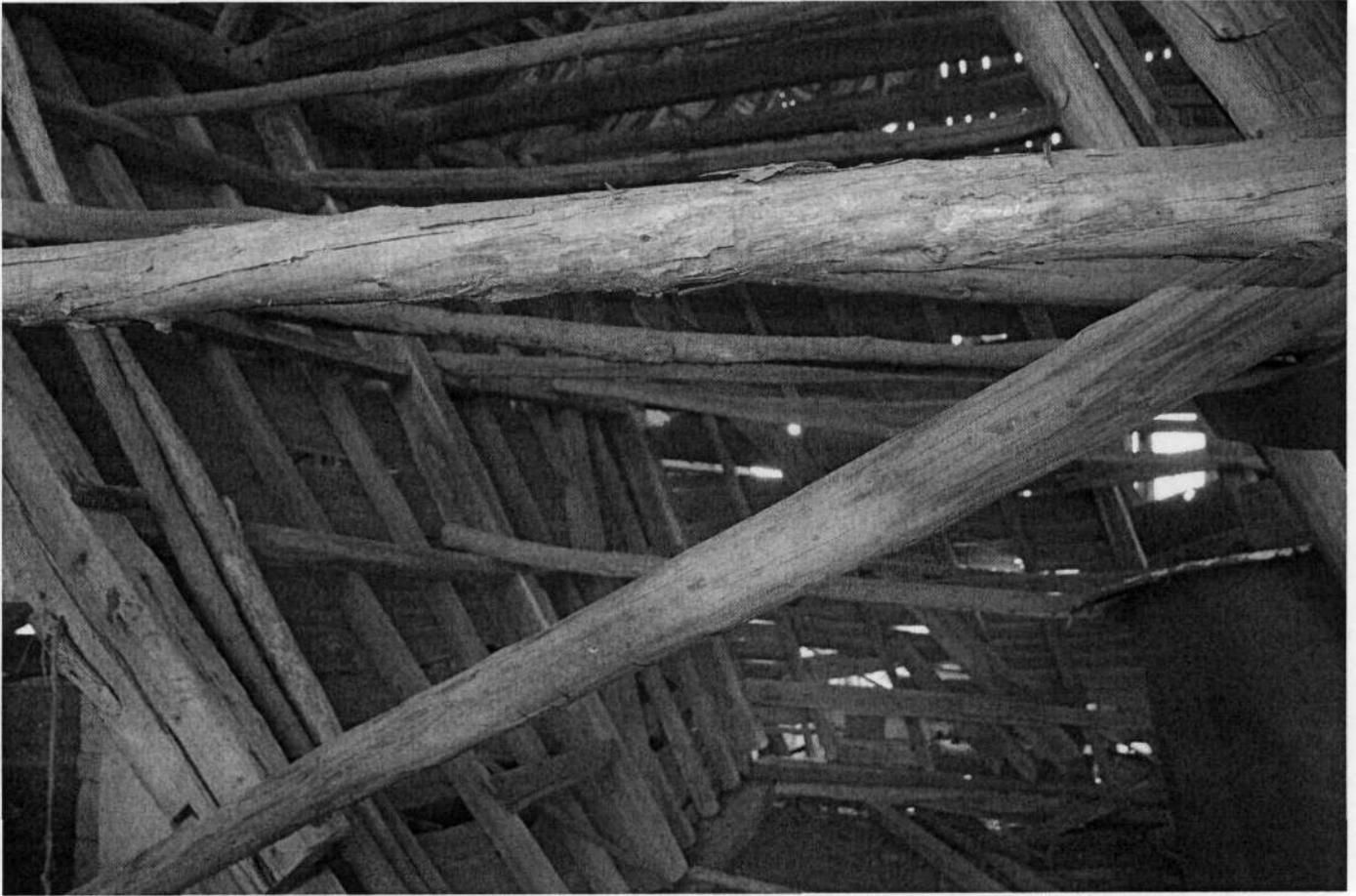
A Period II shed on the barn's southeastern elevation measuring thirteen-and-a-half by forty-nine feet was constructed with circular-sawn timbers. The shed's rafters intersect the barn's rafters between the barn's first and second collar. A tobacco prize is situated in the southwestern end of this shed. A Period III shed measuring seventeen by twenty-four feet off the barn's southwestern elevation is two stories high and constructed with round posts and circular-sawn timbers. This shed was built for cattle housing.

The Wesley Jones Tobacco barn is a rare survival of a late-eighteenth-century tobacco barn. The close spacing of studs and tier poles suggest that smaller plants of tobacco were cured in this barn and that its exterior was sheathed in short pieces of horizontal riven siding. The barn is also representative of an early generation of tobacco barns that relied on door openings on each elevation to ventilate curing tobacco. The farm is still operated by the Jones family who grew tobacco on their property and cured it in this barn until 2000. The Wesley Jones Tobacco barn held four of the farm's fifteen acres of tobacco. Since 2000, the Jones raised beef cattle on their farm and used the barn to house the cattle and for storage. Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn blew over in a windstorm on December 17, 2007. Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn was, before its collapse, one of the few known extant examples of a tobacco barn used and possibly built by an African-American farm family.

Information gathered from this barn can also be used to understand larger patterns of tobacco barn construction and curing processes across southern Maryland. Between 2007 and 2008, the Center for Historic Architecture and Design conducted intensive-level documentation across Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties on tobacco barns that represented both common and unique construction between 1750 and 1950. Like the Calvert County Tobacco Barn Survey conducted in 1990, the purpose of this study was to document and record tobacco barns as a highly threatened architectural and agricultural resource. The National Trust for Preservation cited the Southern Maryland Tobacco Barn as one of the eleven most threatened building types in the United States. Information from this study reveals specific patterns of change over time in use and construction of tobacco barns across the southern Maryland region.



CT-464 Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn  
Huntingtown, Calvert County  
Photo by Center for Historic Architecture and Design Staff  
Looking south  
December, 2007



CT-464 Wesley Jones Tobacco Barn  
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Looking southeast  
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For additional documentation of this resource see the "Southern Maryland Tobacco Barn Project"; call number FRR Mary 21





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Calvert County

Merry Stinson Spring 1979

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