CAPSULE SUMMARY - MAIDSTONE BARN 'D' (CT-1070)

Maidstone Barn 'D' is the youngest of the barns located on this historic tract near Owings. Access is private. Maidstone Barn 'D' was built c. 1955 when the present owners (The Hicks) acquired the property. The barn is on the top of a knoll that slopes off to the east, west and north at the end of a east-west running farm road, approximately 1000 feet from the house. The roof axis is east-west and the single aisle plan barn measures 60 x 30 feet. Double doors are centered on the east and west gable ends. A partially underground concrete block stripping room is located off the north gable end. Stairs provide entry from the interior of the barn. Light was provided by windows on the north side, and later by electricity/flourescent tubes. The windows had been blocked off at some time. Like many barns of this period, much of the structural support is distributed in the upper levels of the framing as opposed to at the sill.

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(See also (CT-5) Maidstone House)

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Maidstone

and/or common Maidstone barn D

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street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road ___ not for publication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	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	___ 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	X other: unused

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

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	X unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	___ 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
___ 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
c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission

organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning — date June 30, 1990

street & number Courthouse — telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick — state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1070

Maidstone Barn D (CT-1070) is located on the historic house site known as Maidstone. Portions of the house date to the eighteenth century. The lands originally belonged to the Chew family. The barn discussed here is the most recent and the westernmost of the barns. It was built c. 1955 when the present owners (the Hicks) acquired the property. The barn is on top of a knoll that slopes off to the west, south and north. The house is located to the southeast. Gentle slopes lead down towards the house. In relation to the other barns on the property, Barn D is directly to the west of CT-1062 and CT-1063. It is to the northwest of CT-1064, but is closest in proximity to it. Maidstone barn D is a modern barn measuring sixty by thirty feet with an aisle plan. All its materials are modern, both circular sawn lumber and wire nails. There is a partially underground cinder block stripping room with its own separate gable roof at the northwest end.

This aisle-plan barn contains fifteen rooms. It is divided into five twelve feet wide bays. There are double doors centered on both the east and west gable ends. The partially underground stripping room off of the north gable end measures fifteen and one-half by nineteen feet. It is accessed by stairs located inside the barn.

Poured concrete piers support the timber frame. All materials are light circular sawn timbers and most joints are toe-nailed. There is internal cross bracing along the central aisle from the eave line to the second tier pole level. The posts are half-lapped and pinned to the tie beams and plates. The rest of the timbers are nailed. Vertical wall siding with top-hinged ventilation doors every four feet cover the exterior. There are ten-twelve feet long horizontal hinged "flaps" below the sill around the perimeter. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The roof is covered with a standing seam metal covering. There are some windbraces and three collars to support the roof.

The stripping room is built of concrete blocks. The entrance to this partially underground stripping room is from stairs located in the northwest corner of the barn. Its board and asphalt tile roof has largely collapsed. The interior is covered with cardboard and electricity runs into the room. There is a chimney in the west end. There are no windows and the floor is dirt.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1070

This barn is representative of the aisle-plan modern barn built during the mid-late twentieth century in Calvert County. An exact date is known for the construction of the barn (1955). In addition to the aisle plan, other materials and techniques are indicative of the date of construction. Much of the support of the structure has been moved from ground-level to above ground. The timbers are light and circular sawn. The stripping room in the northwest corner is somewhat unusual because of its separate gabled roof with asphalt tile covering.

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): 1955-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1955-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco barn

This building has undergone few changes since its erection by the present owners in 1955. The most significant modification is the deterioration and collapse of the concrete block stripping room. Also significant is the fact that the barn is no longer used for tobacco.

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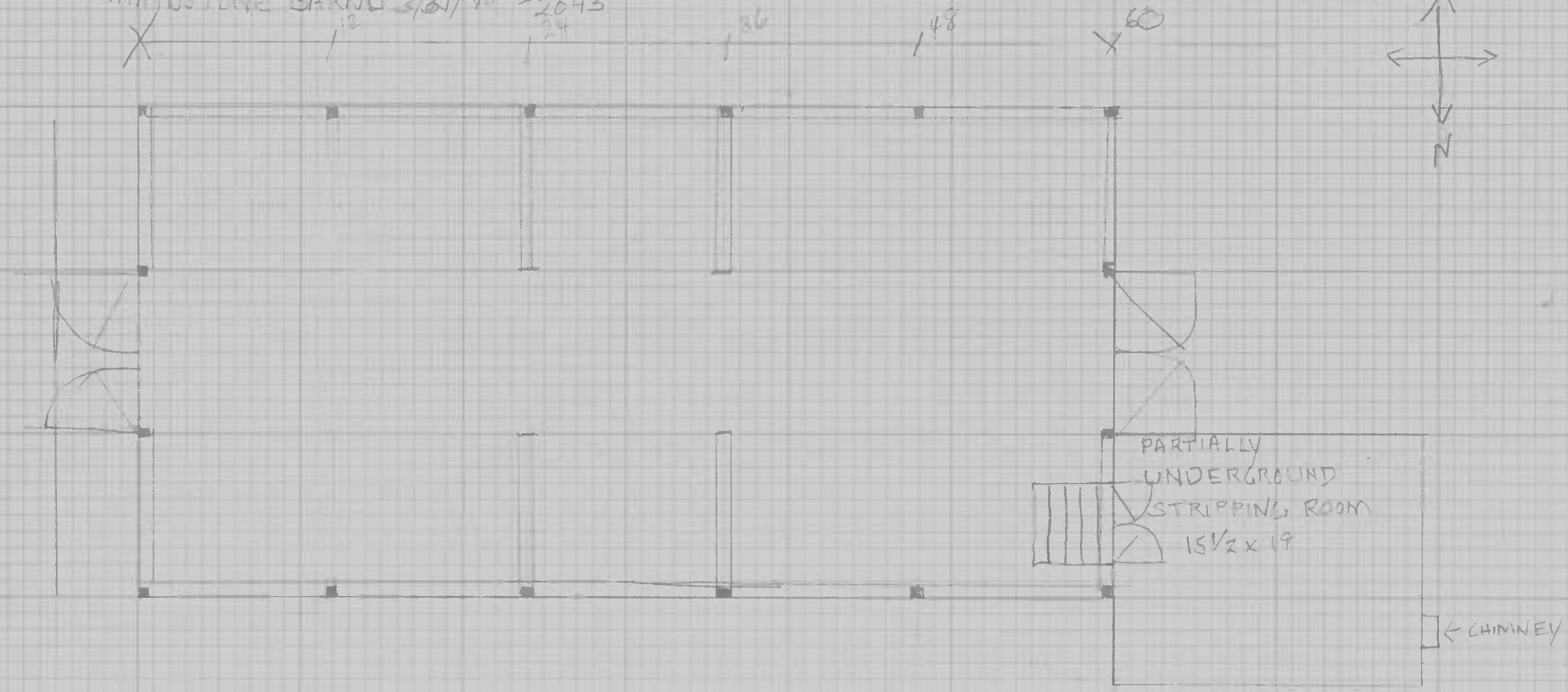
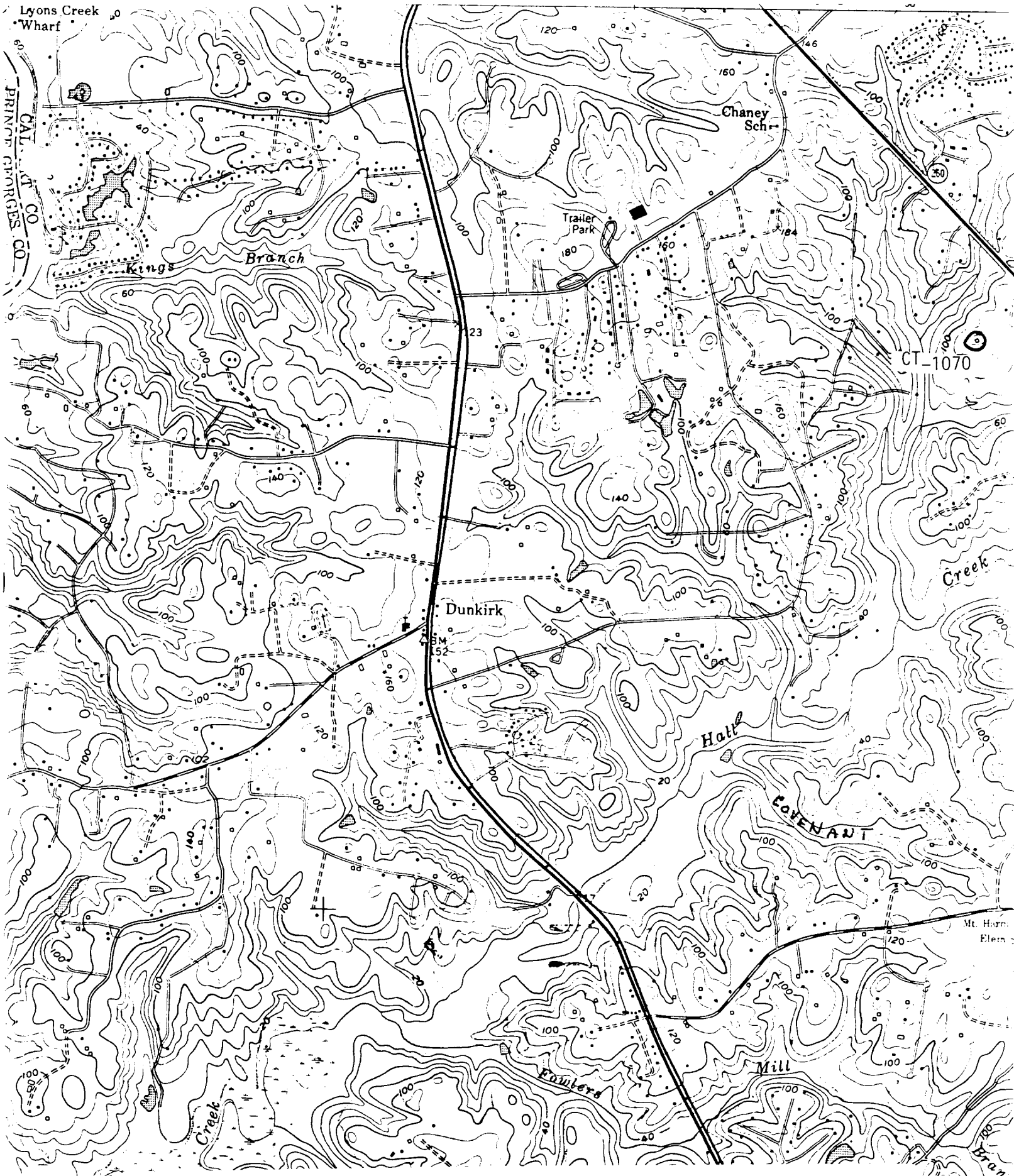
MAIDSTONE BARN 3/21/90 #2043





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

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Owings
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