

CAPSULE SUMMARY - HICKS BARN 'D' (CT-1076)

Hicks Barn 'D' is representative of a 20th century tobacco barn. This barn is part of a complex of tobacco barns associated with a small tenant house on John's Chapel Road in Lower Marlboro. Access is private. Measuring 60 x 28 feet, the aisle plan barn is oriented on a east-west axis. Circular sawn lumber, wire nails and modern construction techniques suggest a c. 1950 date of construction. Double doors on both the north and south ends provide easy vehicle access. A partially underground stripping area is located in the south corner, with the ceiling/floor three feet above grade. Cyclone doors in the ceiling can be opened to pass tobacco into the stripping room. A stairway descends to the lower level.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hicks Barn D

## 2. Location

street & number St. John's Chapel Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Lower Marlboro  vicinity of congressional district

state 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	<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: unused

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

name Mrs. Jean Hicks

street &amp; number Highway 260, Maidstone 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 liberJLB 56

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio 461

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**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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:  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

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, 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

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# 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 Courthouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1076

Hicks Barn D is located on a flat plain to the west of Hicks barn A and B, and to the east of Hicks barn C. Barn D is on the north side of the farm road that branches off of John's Chapel Road to the east. The axis of the barn is east-west, parallel with the farm road. The terrain is relatively flat. It has double doors on both the north and south facade ends. It measures sixty by twenty-eight feet, and is built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails.

The bay system consists of both six and twelve-foot bays. The light timber frame rests on concrete block piers. All the lumber is circular sawn. The posts are half-lapped to the plate and the rest of the joints are toe-nailed with wire nails. Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. The roof is covered with metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There are no windbraces and three collars support the roof. Also supporting the internal structure are large downbraces nailed to the exterior of the tier poles on every other room. These braces extend from the tie beam to the top of the second tier level. The circular sawn tier poles are separated by forty-two and one-half inches vertical distance.

There is a partially underground stripping area that is floored three feet above grade, and excavated eight feet below. A stairway descends to the lower level. On the floored ceiling of this stripping area are cyclone doors that can be opened in order to pass tobacco from the upper to the lower levels without descending the stairs.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1076

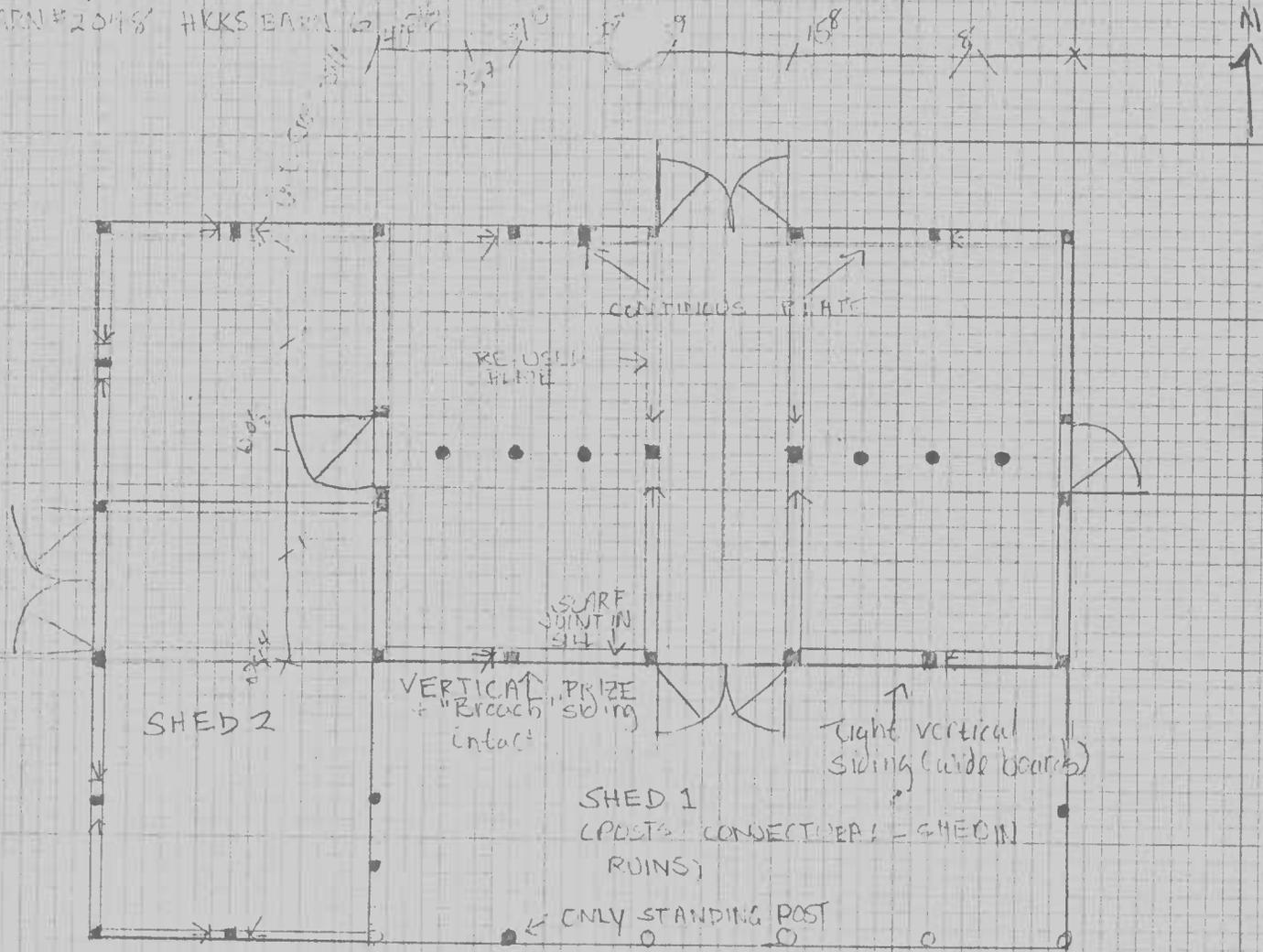
This barn is architecturally significant as one among the group of mid-late twentieth century tobacco barns. The length of the barn, and its division into vehicle drive-through aisleways with tobacco hanging area above and between characterize it as a member of this group. In addition, the materials and techniques used are consistent with this date. The underground stripping area seen here is seen most often in barns of this date, as is the existence of bracing in the upper levels of the barn as opposed to the older, more traditional method of bracing on the lower levels.

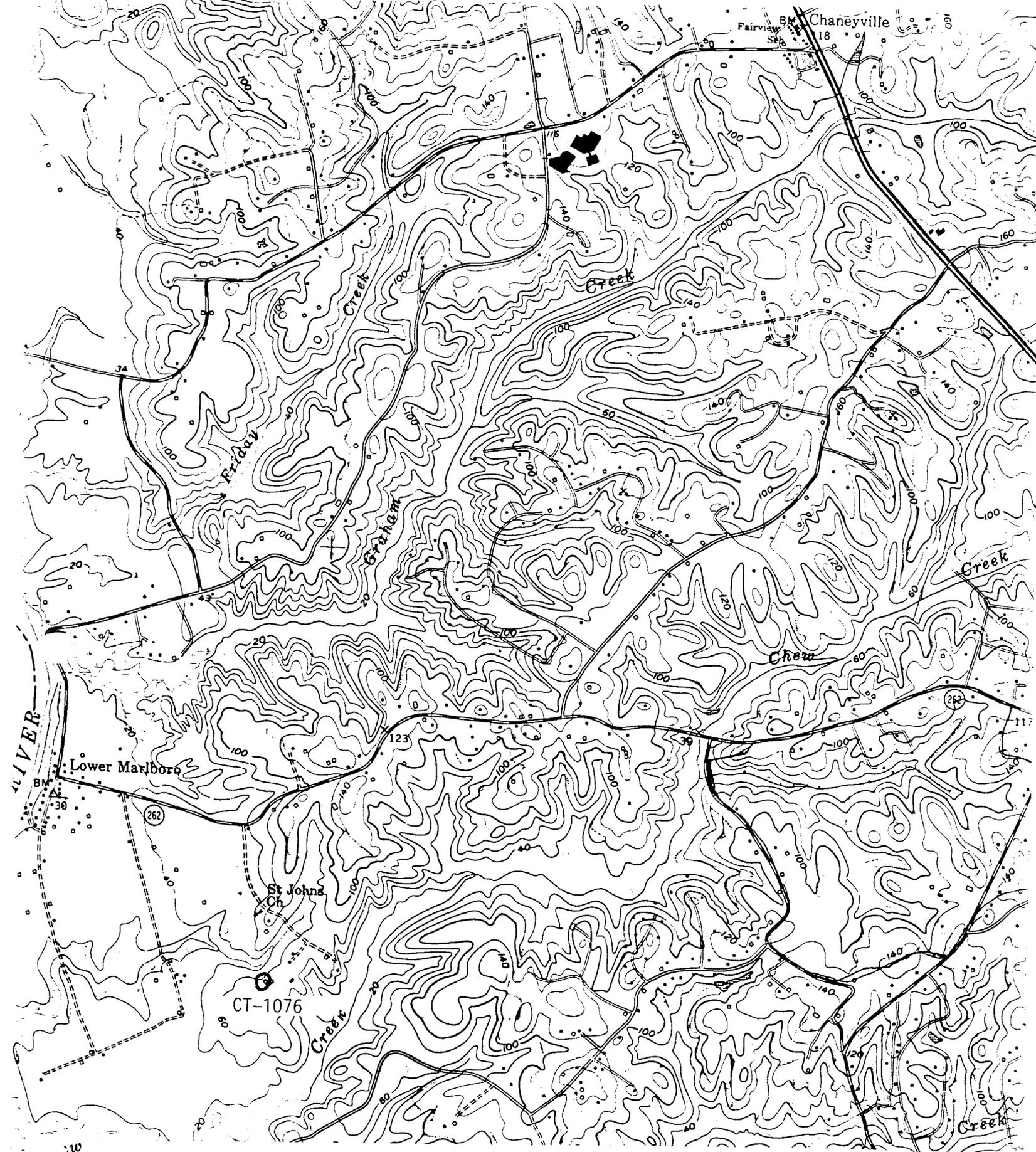
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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): Mid-late Twentieth Century  
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty  
MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1950-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

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





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South

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