

CAPSULE SUMMARY - GRACE BARN 'A' (CT-1081)

Grace Barn 'A' in Lower Marlboro is privately owned. Although it is part of a complex of three barns, only this one was recorded. This barn uses transitional materials combined with a traditional plan and construction techniques. The 40 x 24 foot transverse axis plan barn is constructed of circular sawn materials and both fully mature machine cut and wire nails. Mortise and tenon joinery is found throughout. A shed was added to the west end possibly prior to 1900.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Grace Barn

2. Location

street & number ^{Off} Lower Marlboro Rd. on Scaggs Road not for publicationcity, town Owings 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 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mark Grace, Sr.

street & number Lower Marlboro Rd. telephone no.: 257-2217

city, town Owings MD state and zip code 20736

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 394

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 293

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

Survey No. CT-1081

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

Survey No.

CT-1081

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: <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

Survey No. CT-1081

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1081

The Grace farm is immediately adjacent to the Saylor farm in Lower Marlboro Maryland. Access to the farm is gained by a driveway that extends to the south off of Lower Marlboro road, prior to the stop sign for Lower Marlboro Lane. Three barns belong to Mr. Grace, of which only the northernmost was recorded. The three barns are lined up along the property line between the Grace and Saylor farms and are all parallel to each other. The barn measures forty by twenty-four feet and has a fourteen foot wide shed across the east end. It has a transverse axis plan and is on a north-south axis. The timbers used are circular sawn and there is a combination of fully mature machine cut and wire nails.

There are double doors on the east and west sides, and four foot wide doors on the north and south. The barn frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. Each of the bays measure eight feet. The posts are circular sawn, nailed with wire nails, and joined via mortise and tenon joints. The down braces, nailers, and other timbers are circular sawn, mortised, and nailed with wire and fully mature machine cut nails. A cross-sill divides and supports the frame. Widely spaced vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. Some of the siding is original and is attached with fully mature machine cut nails. The west side of the roof has no shingle nailers and is covered with corrugated metal. The east side of the roof has shingle nailers underneath the corrugated metal. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There are windbraces on each diagonal and three collars that support the roof. The tier poles are peeled logs separated by forty one and one-half inches vertical distance. The posts down the center, separated by four feet, are circular sawn. Tobacco is still hanging in the barn, and the circular wooden forms used to press tobacco lie on the barn's dirt floor.

There is a fourteen foot wide shed on the east side of the barn. It is divided into eight foot bays, the same as the barn. The frame of the shed is built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails. There are no fully mature machine cut nails visible in the shed, therefore it appears that it was added after the use of wire nails became common (post 1882). The siding on the shed is vertical and has hinged ventilation doors. Wide spaces are left between the boards of the siding. Shingle nailers are visible underneath the corrugated metal roof of the shed.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1081

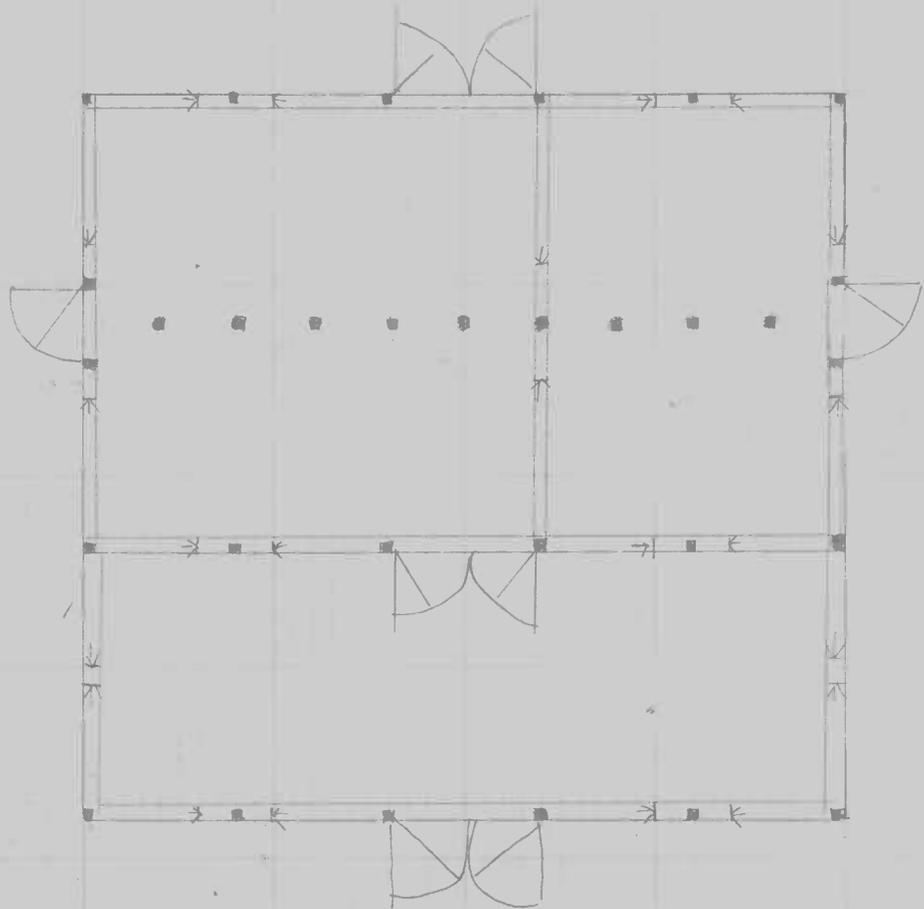
This barn is a significant example of a barn built during the late nineteenth century. It uses transitional materials combined with a traditional plan and technique. The combination of fully mature machine cut nails with wire nails dates to the period between 1882-1890. The barn was built sometime during this interim. Despite the new materials, the barn reveals its age through its use of the traditional forty by twenty-four foot transverse axis plan, most common during the nineteenth century, and the mortise and tenon joints used. The shed was added at a somewhat later date, by which time wire nails became common.

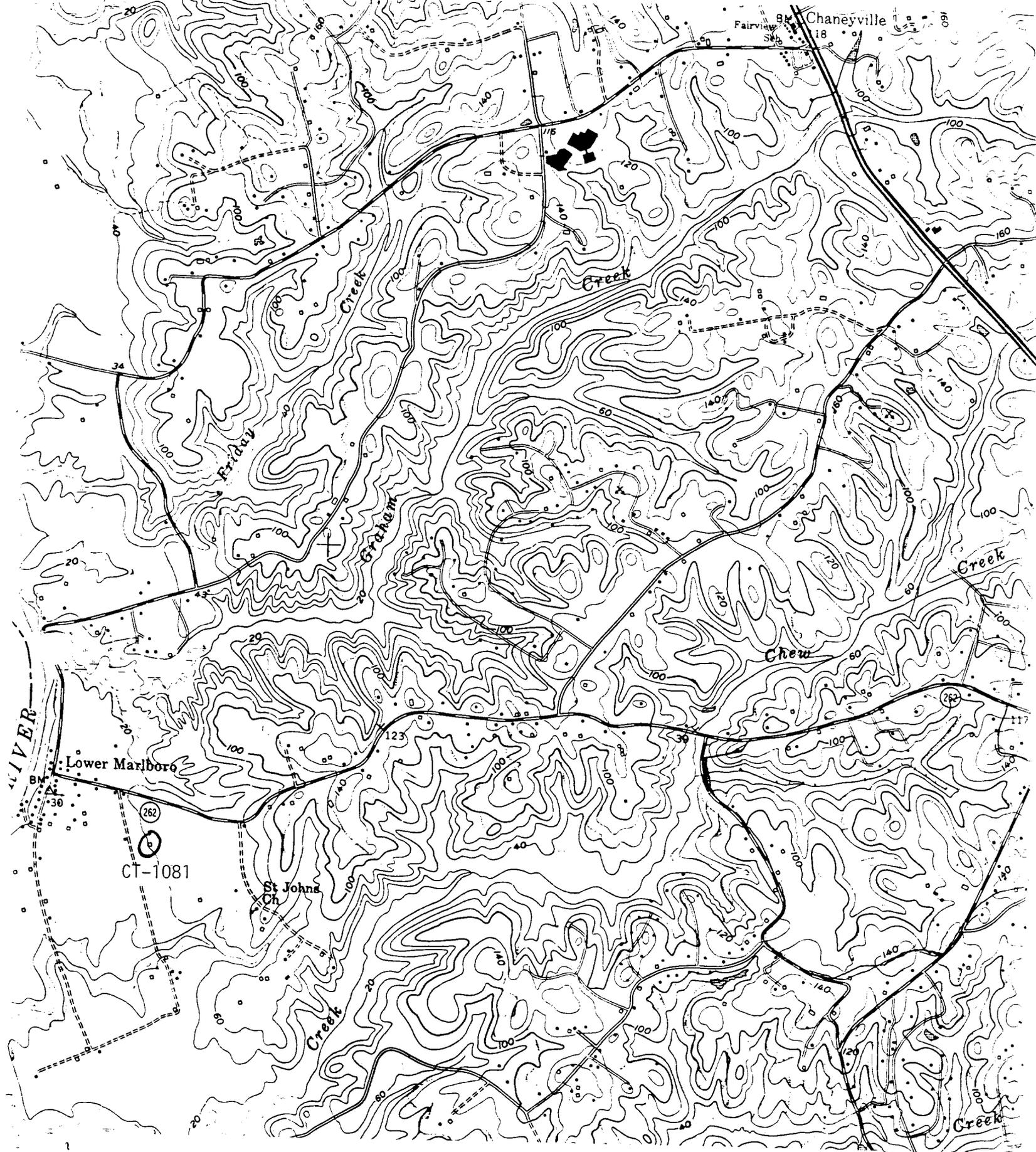
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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.

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

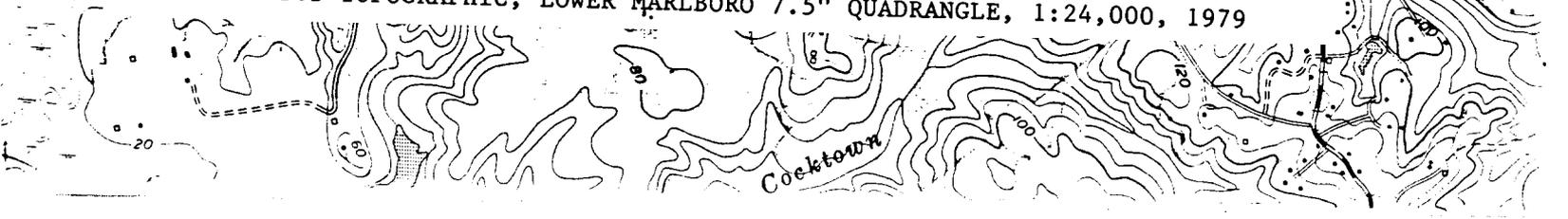
The Grace barn has undergone several changes over the years. The roof has been rebuilt on the west side and replaced by a roof with no shingle nailers, but rather an original corrugated metal roof. The siding was removed from the east side of the barn, and a shed was added on this east end.

BARN # 2054 4/6/90 GRAPE BARN
CT-1081





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





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Grace Barn A

Lower Marlboro

Tora L. Williamsen

Southwest

April, 1990