

CAPSULE SUMMARY - WHITTINGTON BARN B

Whittington Barn B is a privately owned barn located on a farm in the northern part of Calvert County adjacent to the Patuxent River. It sits in a level field at the bottom of a hill and is situated on an east-west axis. The barn is part of a complex of farm buildings which includes three barns and a farmhouse. This barn is of modern construction, built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails it is supported on a continuous concrete block foundation. It is an excellent example of the long, narrow, aisle-plan barn built during the mid to late twentieth century for easy vehicle access. Hinged ventilation doors are found in each bay, a feature also characteristic of the increased attention to air flow seen in tobacco curing practises in the latter half of the twentieth century.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Whittington Barn B

2. Location

street & number Yellow Bank Road not for publicationcity, town Dunkirk vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Charles A. Whittington

street & number 3972 Yellow Bank Rd. telephone no.: 301-257-6416

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber AWR 27

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 311

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-1088

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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			
<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: 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.

7. DESCRIPTION CT-1088

The Whittington farm is located in northern Calvert County at the end of Yellow Bank Road. The farm house is on the summit of a hill. Below the house are the barns. A farm road curves behind the house and then downhill to the west where the barns are located. Whittington barn B is on the north side of the farm road. It sits on a level field at the bottom of the hill. The barn is situated on an east-west axis.

Whittington barn B is located adjacent and to the west of Whittington barn A. Two other barns are further to the west of barn B. Whittington barn B measures eight-four by twenty-eight feet and has an axial plan. There are two sets of double doors on both the east and west sides. It is a modern barn built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails.

Each of the bays in Whittington barn B measure twelve feet wide. The posts are supported on a continuous concrete block foundation. The posts are toe-nailed with wire nails and are circular sawn. The down braces, internal sill, and horizontal nailing rails are also all toe-nailed and circular sawn. The down braces are in each first bay from the gable end. Additional bracing is visible in the superstructure of the barn, consisting of X- braces in each aisle. These extend from the tie beams to below the second tier pole level. The barn has vertical wall siding with three hinged ventilation doors in each bay. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is a small timber measuring only three by five inches. There are windbraces along each diagonal of the roof. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The tier poles are circular sawn boards nailed to the internal horizontal rails that extend between the posts of the internal sill. These tier poles are separated by four feet vertical distance. The internal sill that extends down the axis of the barn in every other bay has posts set on concrete block piers. Horizontal rails extend between the posts in order to support the tier poles. The barn has no sheds.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1088

Whittington barn B is architecturally significant as a representative of the long, narrow, aisle-plan barn built during the mid-late twentieth century in Calvert County. It could easily be entered by vehicles, and multiple hinged ventilation doors serve to control the aeration of the tobacco. Also typical of this type of barn is the internal bracing in the superstructure.

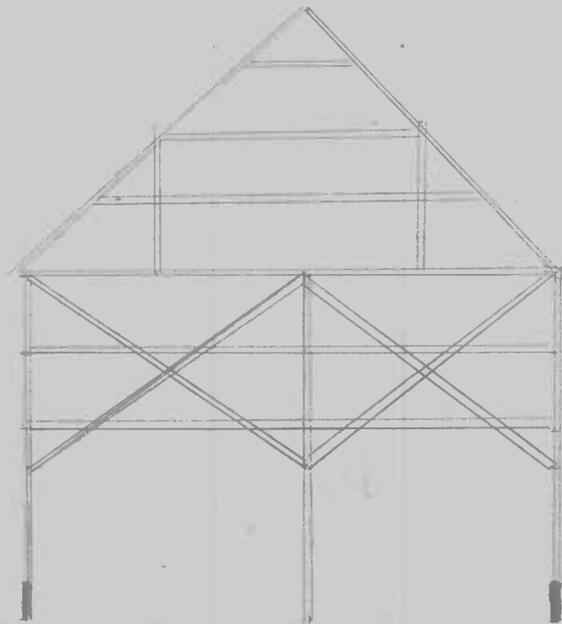
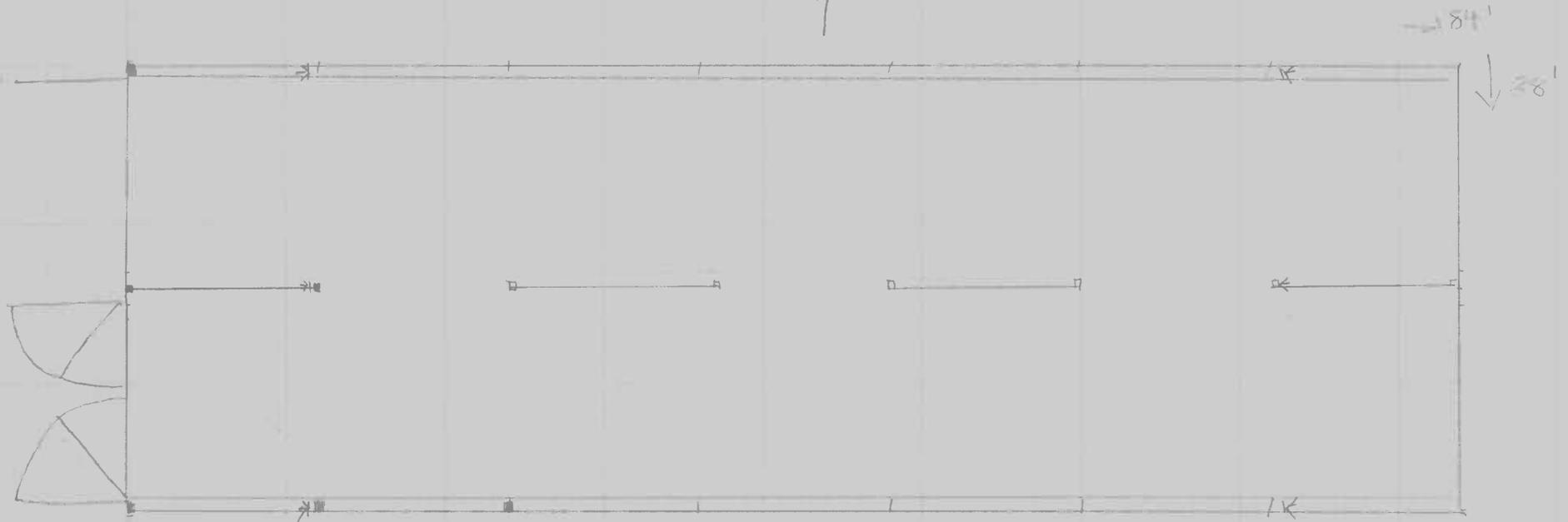
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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): 1960-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1960 - Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

Tobacco is still grown on this farm. According to one of the nephews of Mr. Whittington, this barn was built ca. 1960. It has had no significant changes or alterations.

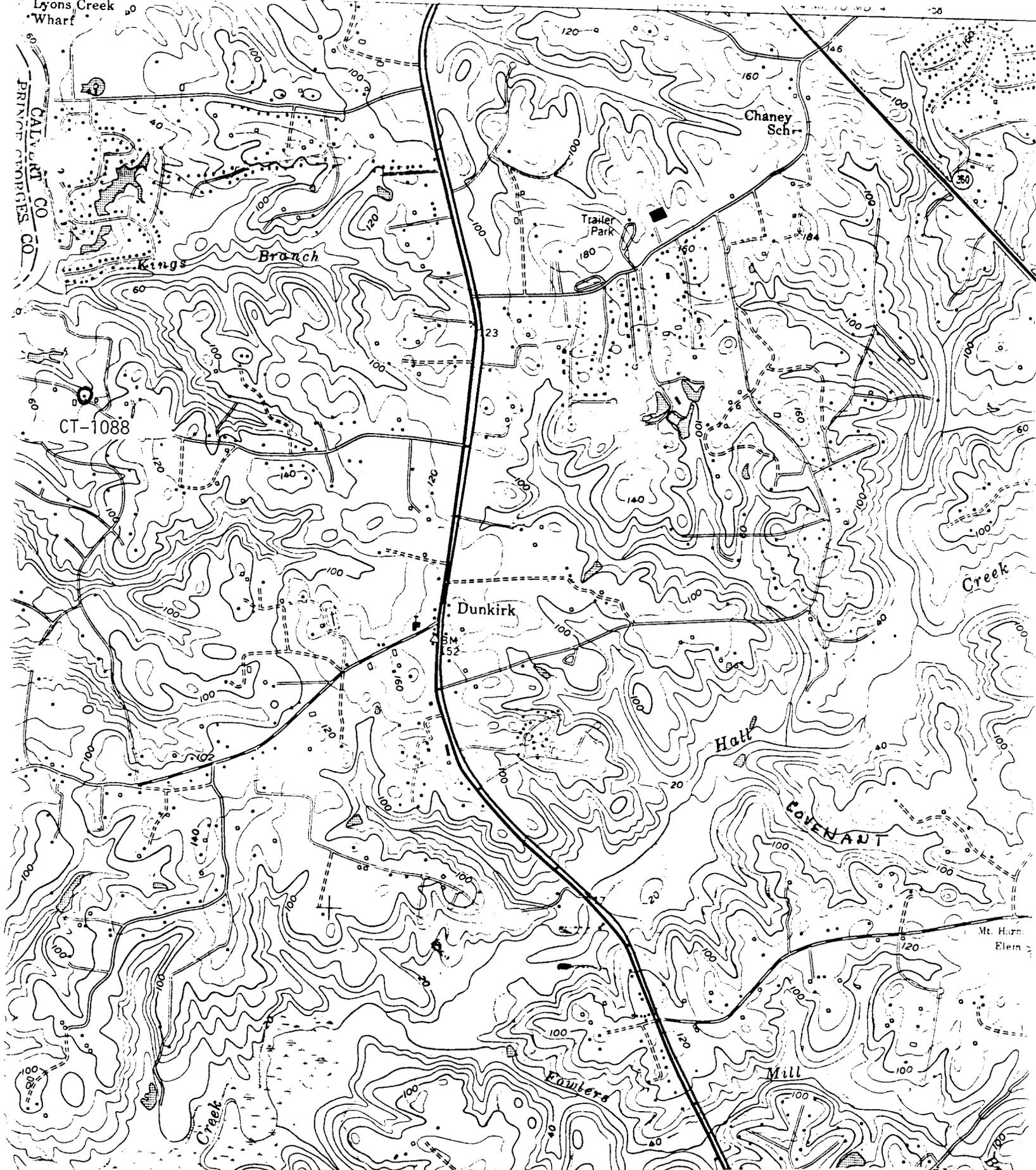
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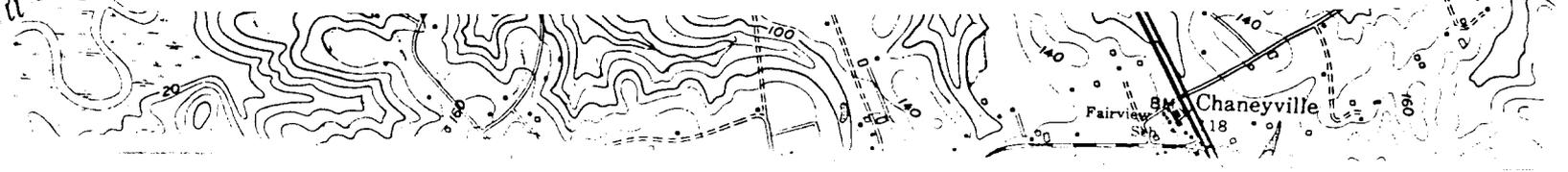


X-section of typical room

Red Hill 1950's
Barn on River 1940's
Long Gray 60-1950's



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





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WHITTINGTON BARN 'B'

DUNKIRK

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

NORTH EAST

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