CAPSULE SUMMARY - TAYLOR BARN (CT-1091)

Located at the corner of the Annapolis-Solomons Road and Clyde Jones Road, the privately owned Taylor Barn has several elements of architectural significance. The barn's plan is transitional between the nineteenth century cross-axial plan, and the long, narrow aisle modern plan. Located behind a small house on terrain that slopes to the east, the barn is surrounded by residential development, and no clear evidence of the farm with which it was associated remains. Measuring sixty by thirty feet, all timbers are circular sawn and attached with wire nails. The barn is sheathed with a corrugated metal roof, board and batten siding and occasional vertical hinged ventilation doors, and is completely floored on the main level, heavily framed and supported on concrete block piers.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ann Taylor Barn

2. Location

street & number corner Hwy. 2 (Solomons Island Road North) and Clyde Jones Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Sunderland ___ 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	X 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 Ann Taylor

street & number Rt. 2 (Solomons Island Road N.) telephone no.:

city, town Sunderland state and zip code MD 20689

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 240

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 691

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	
X excellent	___ deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site	
___ 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 North Beach, 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

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-1091

This barn is located at the corner of Highway 2 and Clyde Jones Rd. It is behind a house, on terrain that slopes downward to the east. The surrounding area is developed and no farm remains. The barn measures sixty by thirty feet and has two sets of double doors on the west and one set on the south side. The timbers are circular sawn and attached with wire nails. Since it is built on a slope it is raised and levelled out on piers and floored in order to achieve a flat surface inside.

There are doors on both the facade and gable ends, but the structure is long and narrow. As such, it is a compromise between the almost square transverse axis plan of the nineteenth century, and the long, narrow aisle plan of the late twentieth. There are fifteen rooms contained in the barn. Each of the bays measures ten feet. The barn has no sheds. The frame is supported on concrete block piers. All of the timbers are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. There is a great deal of internal bracing extending from the tie beam to the first tier pole level. The interior of the barn is entirely floored. The barn is covered with vertical siding held down by battens. There are a few hinged ventilation doors. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There are no windbraces, but four collars and queen braces support the roof. Corrugated metal covers the roof. The circular sawn tier poles are separated by forty-one inches vertical distance. A set of posts along the same bay system as the barn posts run down the central axis. These are topped by an internal plate and horizontal rails extend between them. The tier poles are supported on these horizontal rails. There is a large screw prize at the north end of the barn.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1091

This barn has several elements of architectural significance. The plan is transitional between the long, narrow modern aisle plan and the nineteenth century cross-axial plan. The battens on the siding are unusual and may represent the desire to strictly control the ventilation of the barn. The fact that the barn is entirely floored is also unusual. This may simply be due to the choice of location on a slope.

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): Twentieth Century; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: Twentieth Century
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn is no longer being used for tobacco, and is not associated with any nearby farm.

4/23/1990
P.J. McGuire
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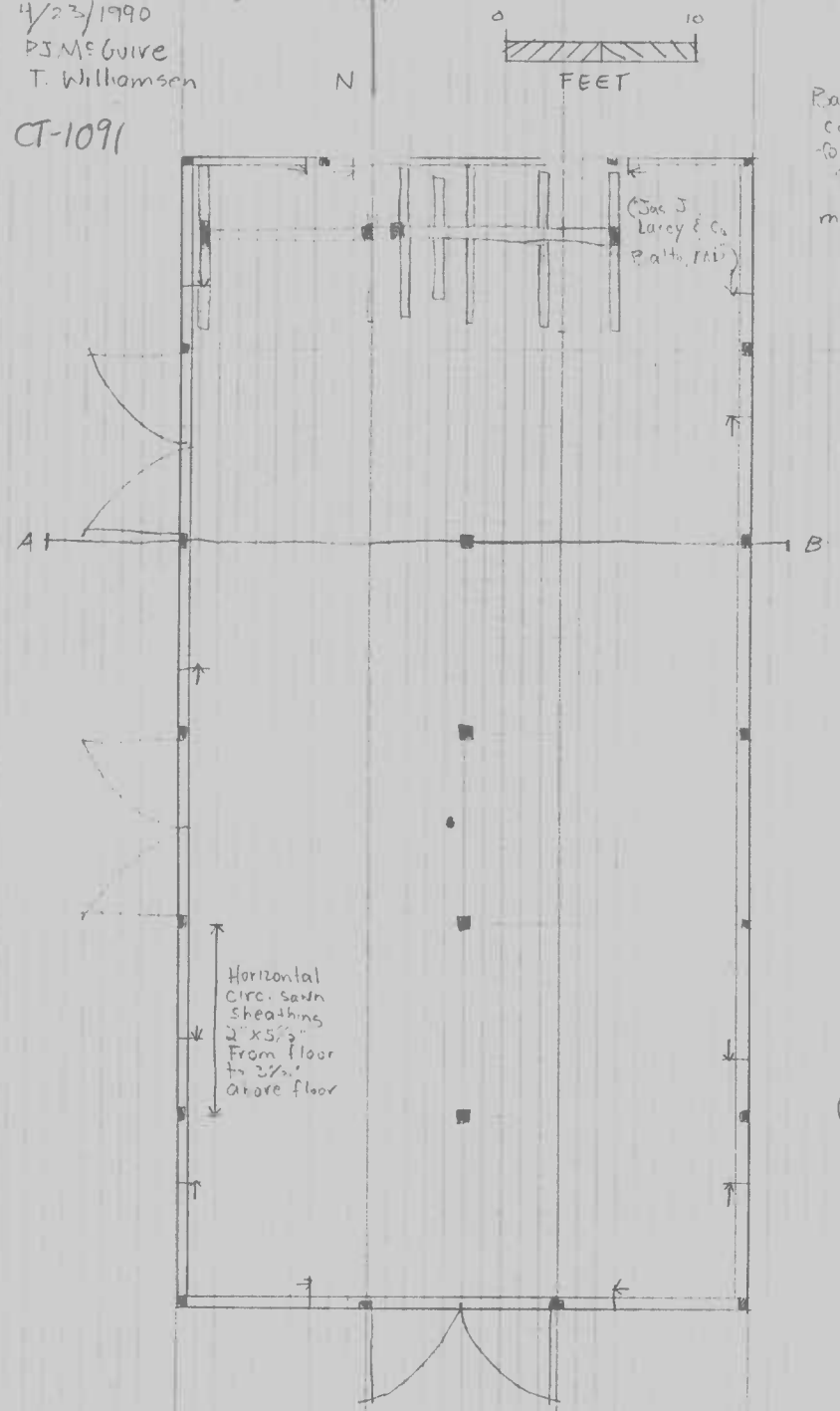
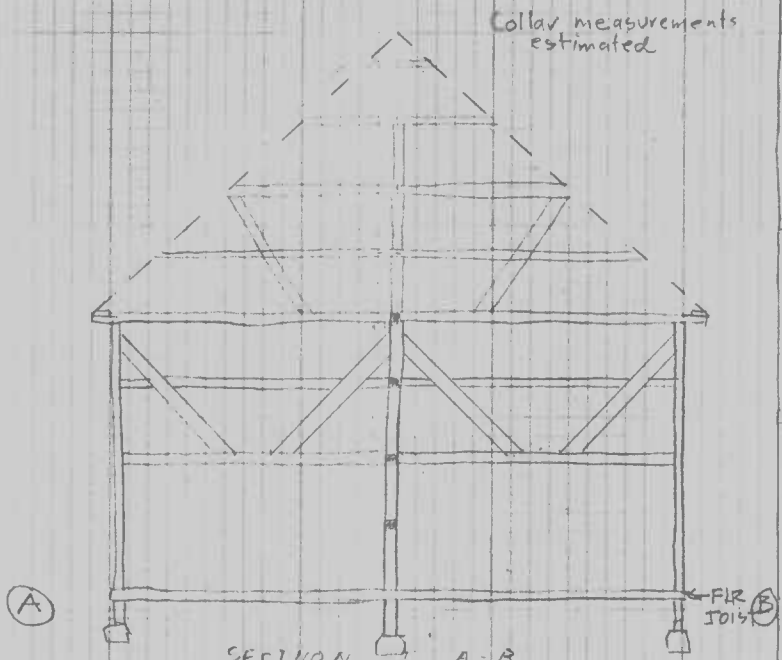


Barn apparently constructed for prize
see N-S section for arch modifications



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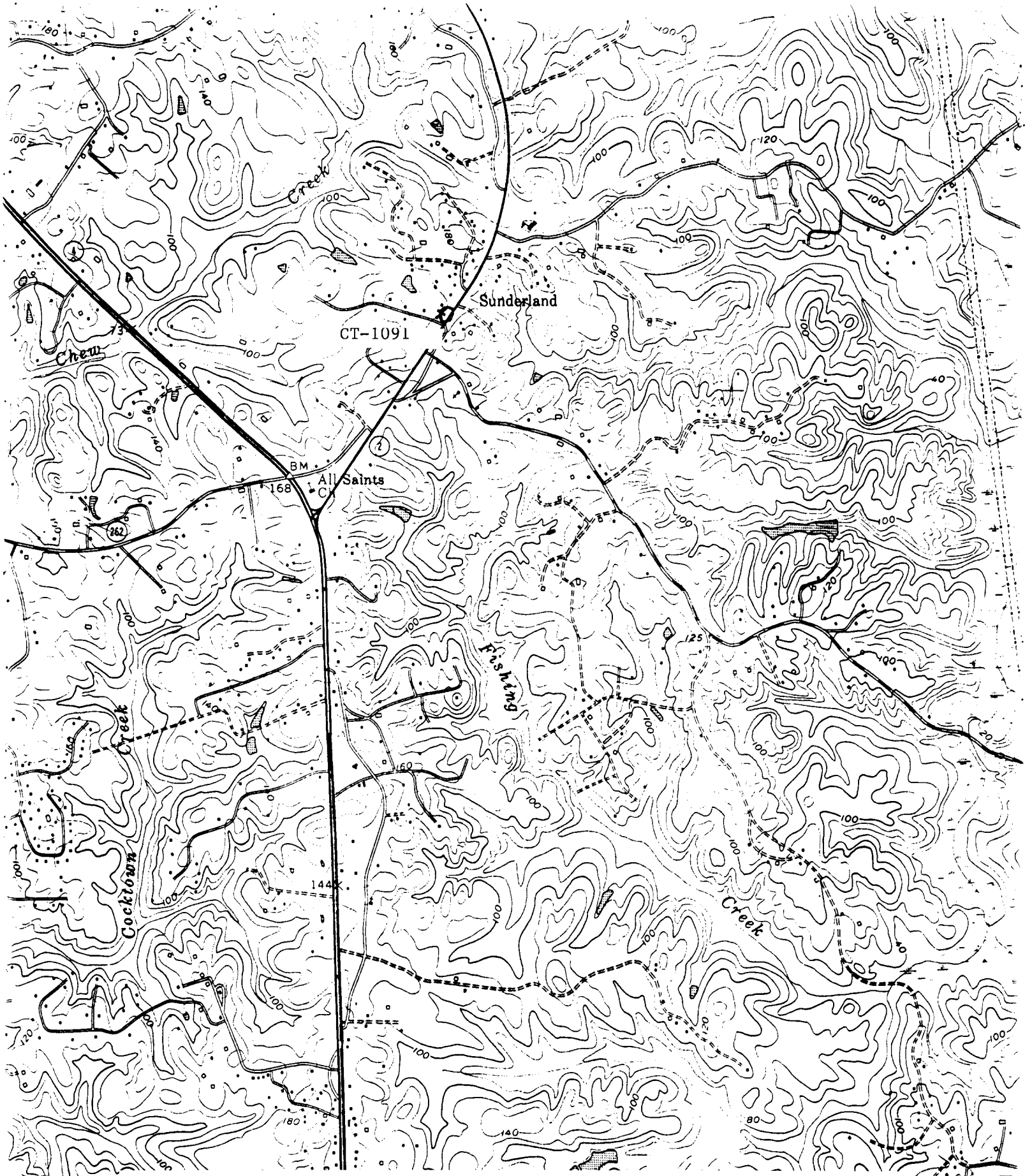

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