

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1097

Whittington Barn 'D' is located on a private farm in Dunkirk. One of four tobacco barns on this farm, this one is located at the end of the farm road on a terrace overlooking the Patuxent River approximately 60 feet above sea level. The 44 x 30 foot barn has a cross-axial plan, with double doors centered on the east and west facades, and small, single doors on the north and south sides.

Constructed of circular sawn timbers and wire nails, the barn is supported on concrete block piers. An enclosed stripping room is located in the northwest corner. Two windows on the west side provide light for the stripping operation.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Whittington Barn &amp; D

## 2. Location

street & number Yellow Bank Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Dunkirk \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional districtstate 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	<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 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 Mr. Charles Whittington

street & number 3972 Yellow Bank Road telephone no.: 257-6416city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber AWR 27street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 311city, 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

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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
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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: <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.



## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1097

The Whittington farm is located at the end of Yellow Bank road in northern Calvert County. There are four tobacco barns at the farm. The farm house is located at the top of a hill. The barns are reached by taking the farm road that runs behind the house and down the hill to the west. The earliest barn, A, is the barn nearest the farmhouse. Barn B is immediately adjacent to it. Whittington barn D is located on the opposite side of the farm road from A and B, and nearest to barn C. The farm road, after going past the south facades of barns A and B, and the north gable end of barn D, turns north and goes by the east facade of C, then turns again and continues to the west. Barn D is oriented on a north-south axis. Barn D measures forty-four by thirty feet and has an cross-axial plan. It is constructed entirely of circular sawn lumber and wire nails.

The support system for the frame is concrete block piers. The sills rest on these piers and are elevated approximately one foot above ground. Light circular sawn timbers toe-nailed with wire nails prevail. As in other modern barns documented by this survey, some of the support has been elevated above ground level. The top plate and sills are both circular sawn. The top plate is formed by two two by six inch timbers nailed together in an inverted L shape. The barn is covered with vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors, six on the north and south sides, and four on the east and west. On the east side, the two hinged ventilation doors at the north east corner are shortened because of the stripping room below. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The barn has a standing seam metal roof covering. Windbraces on each diagonal, three collars, and angled queen braces, support the roof. The tier poles are separated by forty-four inches vertical distance and are circular sawn lumber. There are poles down the center that are separated by four feet width between. These posts are formed of two two by six inch timbers resting on concrete piers with wood framing around the piers. Wooden blocks are inserted between these timbers, and the tier poles are supported on the wooden blocks.

There is a totally enclosed stripping room in the northwest corner. The room measures fourteen by sixteen feet. There are two windows in its east side.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1097

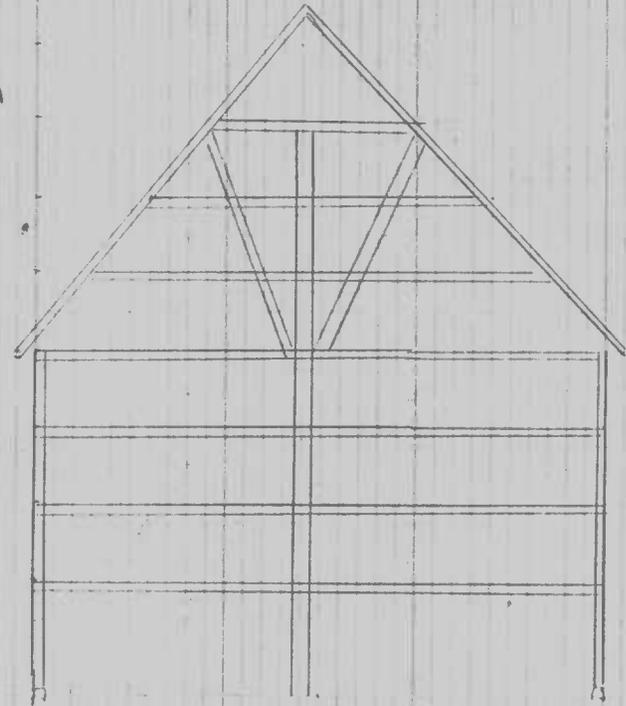
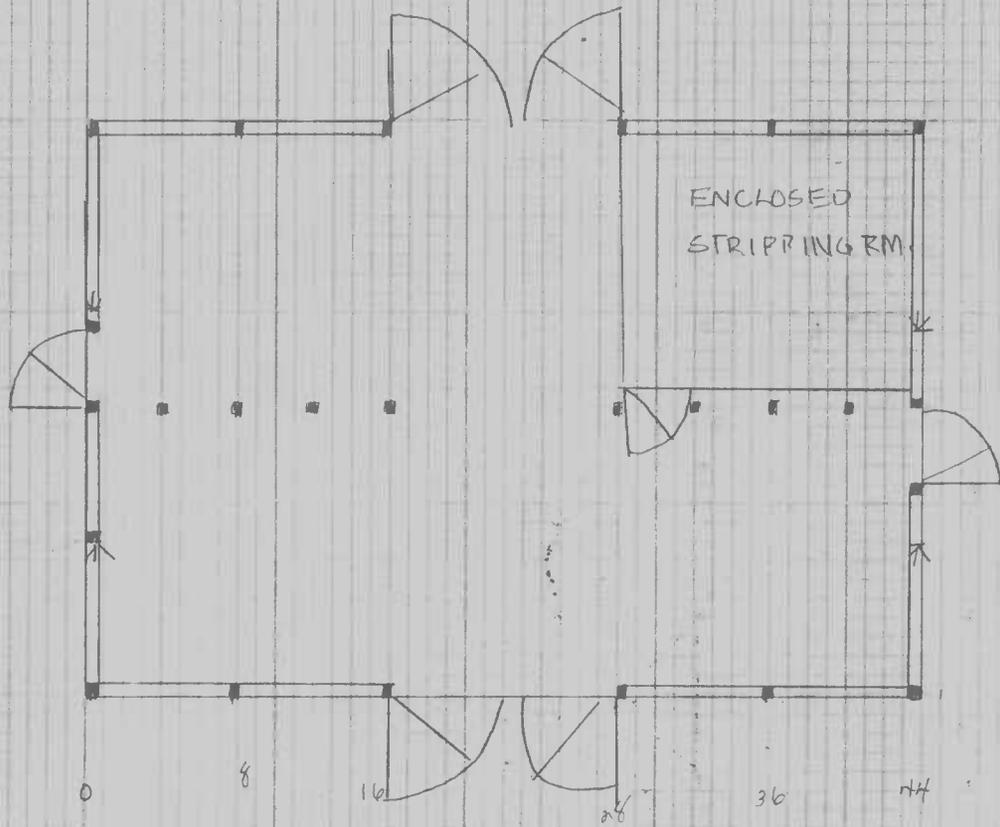
This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. It serves as an example of a barn built during the 1940's in Calvert County. As such, it can serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other barns, for which there is no known date. In addition, it provides a certain amount of economic and historical information by virtue of its association with the other recorded barns on the property. It is interesting that in this barn that is built of essentially modern materials, a traditional cross-axial plan is followed. The main thing differentiating this barn from a nineteenth century structure, is that it has been enlarged slightly, widened, and the facade doors are wider and have no cross-sill that intervenes with vehicle access.

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.

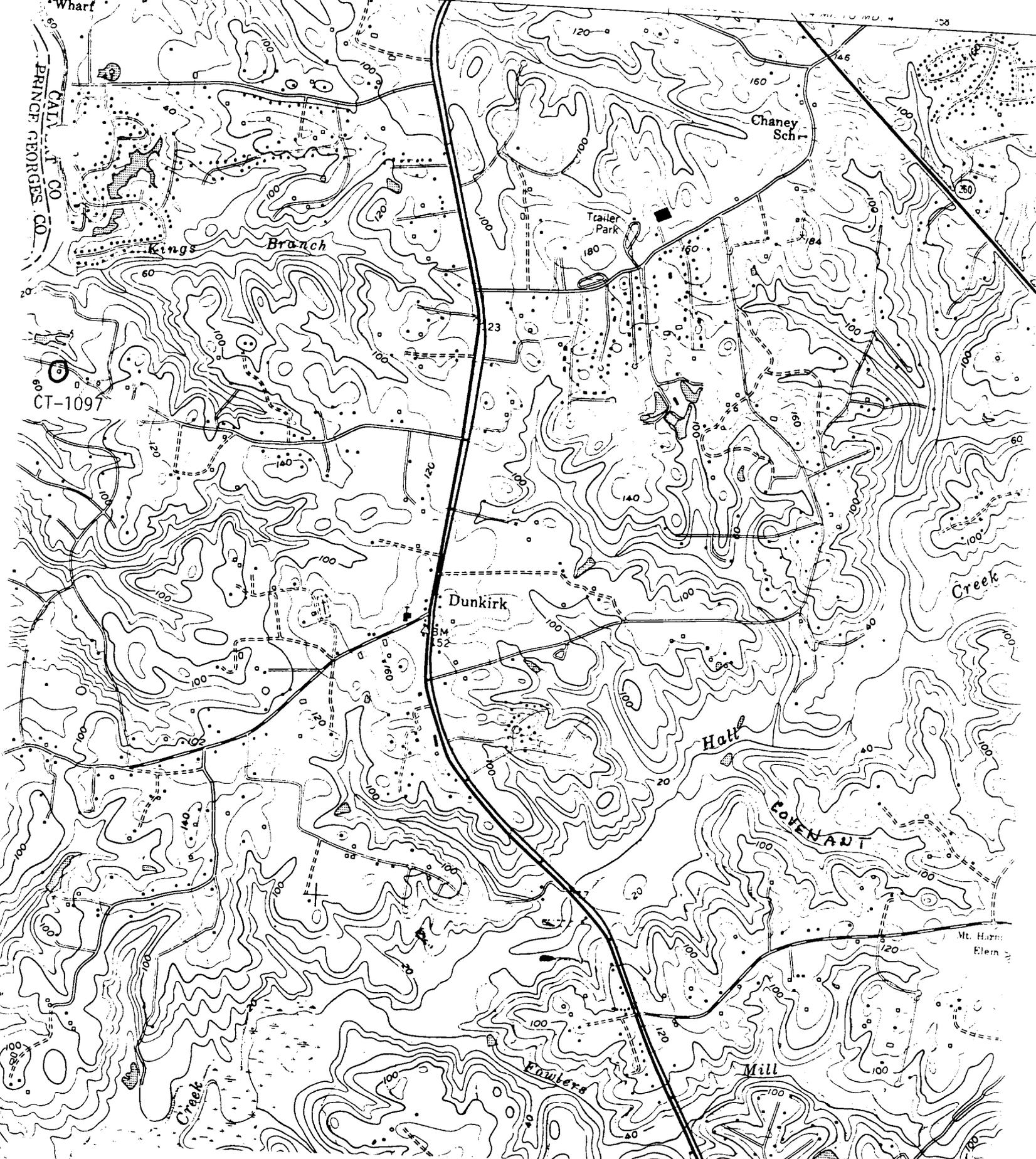
Historical Period theme(s): 1950 Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1950-present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

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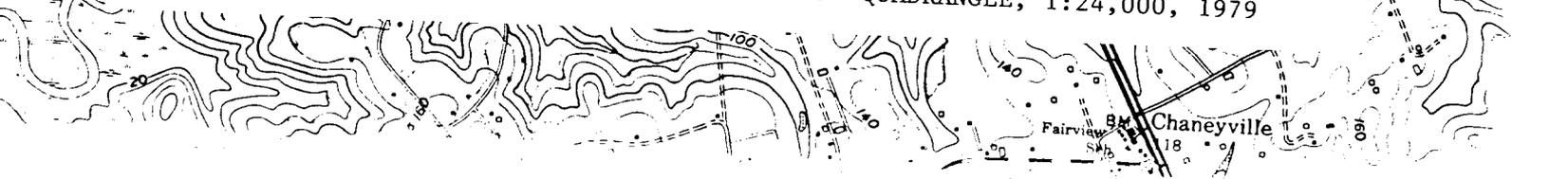
BARN # 2070 WHITTINGTON IARN 4/24/90 CW



CROSS-SECTION AT 08'



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





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Whittington Barn "D"

Cunkirk

Tora L. Williamson

Southeast

April, 1990