

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1101

Trott Barn 'A' is one of five located on a privately-owned tobacco and vegetable farm in Dunkirk. This barn is set on a small knoll, and is oriented on a north-south axis. The structure was built in 1963 by Winfield Trott, his brother and cousin. The aisle-plan barn measures 60 x 30 feet and has double doors centered on the south, east, and west sides, and two sets of double doors on the north side main entrance.

Construction materials include circular sawn timbers, wire nails, and concrete block piers. Hinged ventilation doors are located every two feet along the east and west facades. A 16 x 30 foot subterranean stripping room is located below the southern end of the barn. The ceiling of the stripping room is formed by a wooden floor 17 inches above grade in the southern end of the barn. The room is excavated approximately eight feet below grade into the south bank of the hillside. Fluorescent lights and propane gas provide light and heat for the stripping room.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1101

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Trott Barn A

2. Location

street & number 11250 Southern Maryland Blvd. (MD 4) 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	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 Mr. Winfield Trott

street & number 11250 So. Maryland Blvd. (MD 4) telephone no.: 744-5393

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 44

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 270

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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
<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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berry

c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission
 organization 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-1101

The Trott farm has five barns. Trott barn A, discussed here, is centrally located on the farm. It is set on a hillside that slopes down to the south and west, and oriented on a north-south axis. Trott barn A was built in 1963 by Mr. Trott, and his brother and cousin. All of the lumber is circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. Much of the bracing is in the superstructure and it carries most of weight. Other barns are located to the northeast, east, west, and south. A farm road leads up to the north gable end of the barn. Trott barn A has an aisle plan and measures sixty by thirty feet. There is an underground stripping room built into the hillside below the barn.

The barn has double doors centered on the south, east, and west sides, and two sets of double doors on the north side main entrance. The bays are a combination of ten and eight feet. The barn contains fifteen rooms. The frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. All timbers are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors every two feet covers the exterior. The interior is braced with angled braces from the tie beam to the top of the second tier pole level, and there are also angled braces in the roof from the second collar to the top of the tie beam. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two, two by six inch pieces of lumber nailed together in an inverted L. There are no windbraces, but three collars and the additional bracing support the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn three by four inch timbers nailed to the nailers. There are posts down the center separated by four feet between. These central posts are constructed of two, two by six inch timbers with blocks in between on which the tier poles rest. The center posts are labelled with Roman numerals in grease pencil in the order in which they occur in the barn.

There is a subterranean stripping room of concrete blocks that measures sixteen by thirty feet below the southern end of the barn. The area that comprises the stripping room is floored seventeen inches above ground inside the barn, and excavated approximately eight feet into the south bank of the hillside. The stripping room has fluorescent lights (no windows) and propane heat. According to Mr. Trott these fluorescent lights provide a better quality of light for grading tobacco.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1101

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. An exact date and builders are known for the barn and as such it can serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other similar barns for which there is no known date. In addition, it is one among five barns on the Trott farm that are still being used for the curing of tobacco. The relationship of these barns to each other as well as the changes in the barn's construction over the years they were built, allows for certain understanding of the history of tobacco, tobacco barns, and the tobacco economy in Southern Maryland.

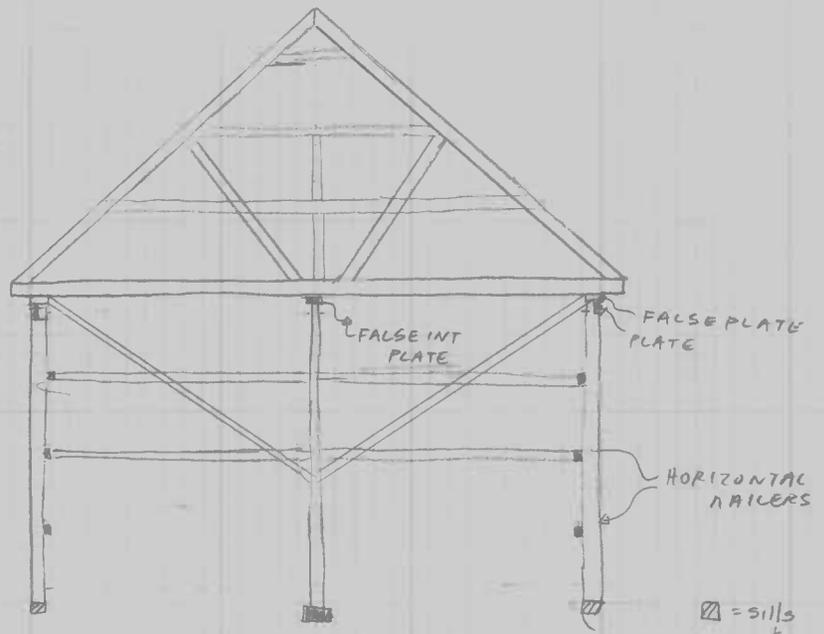
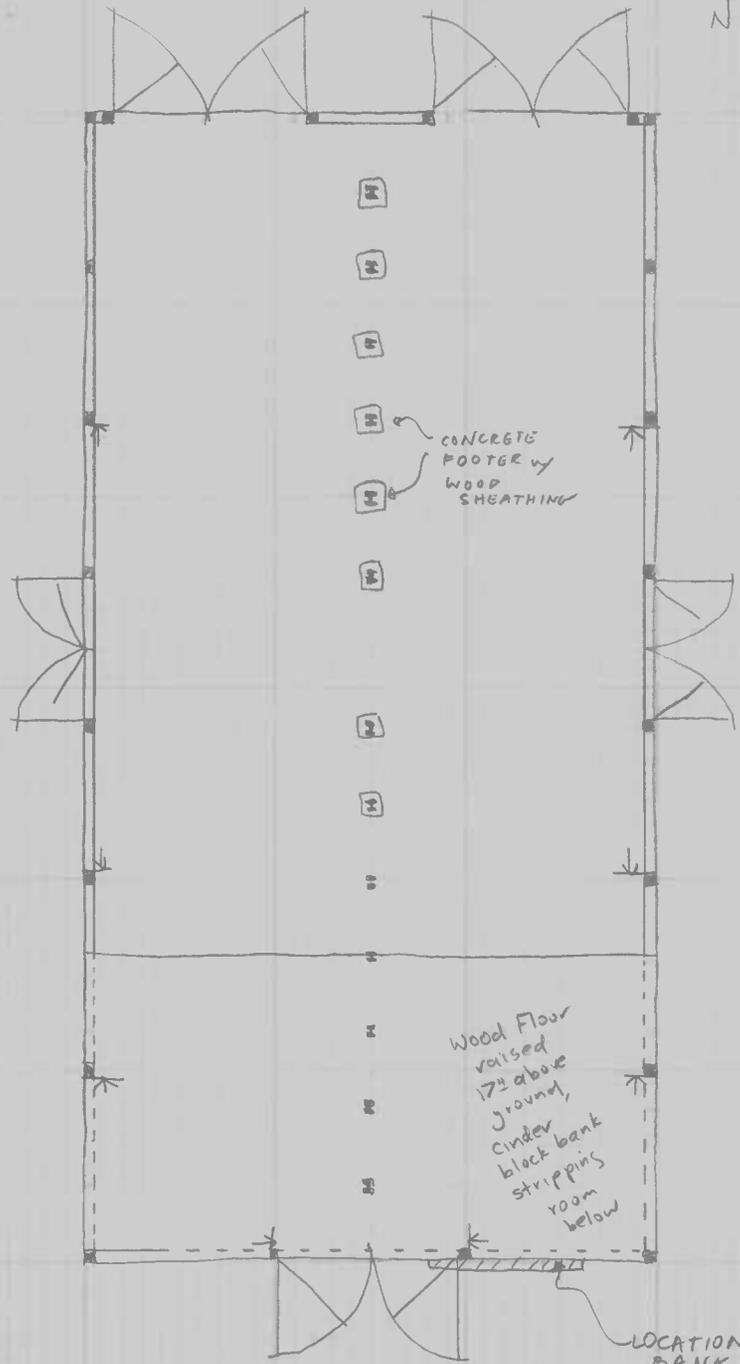
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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): 1963-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1963-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

(MR. TROTT SAYS CONSTRUCTED
C. 1863, HE WAS A LABORER
AND COUSIN WAS CONTRACTOR)

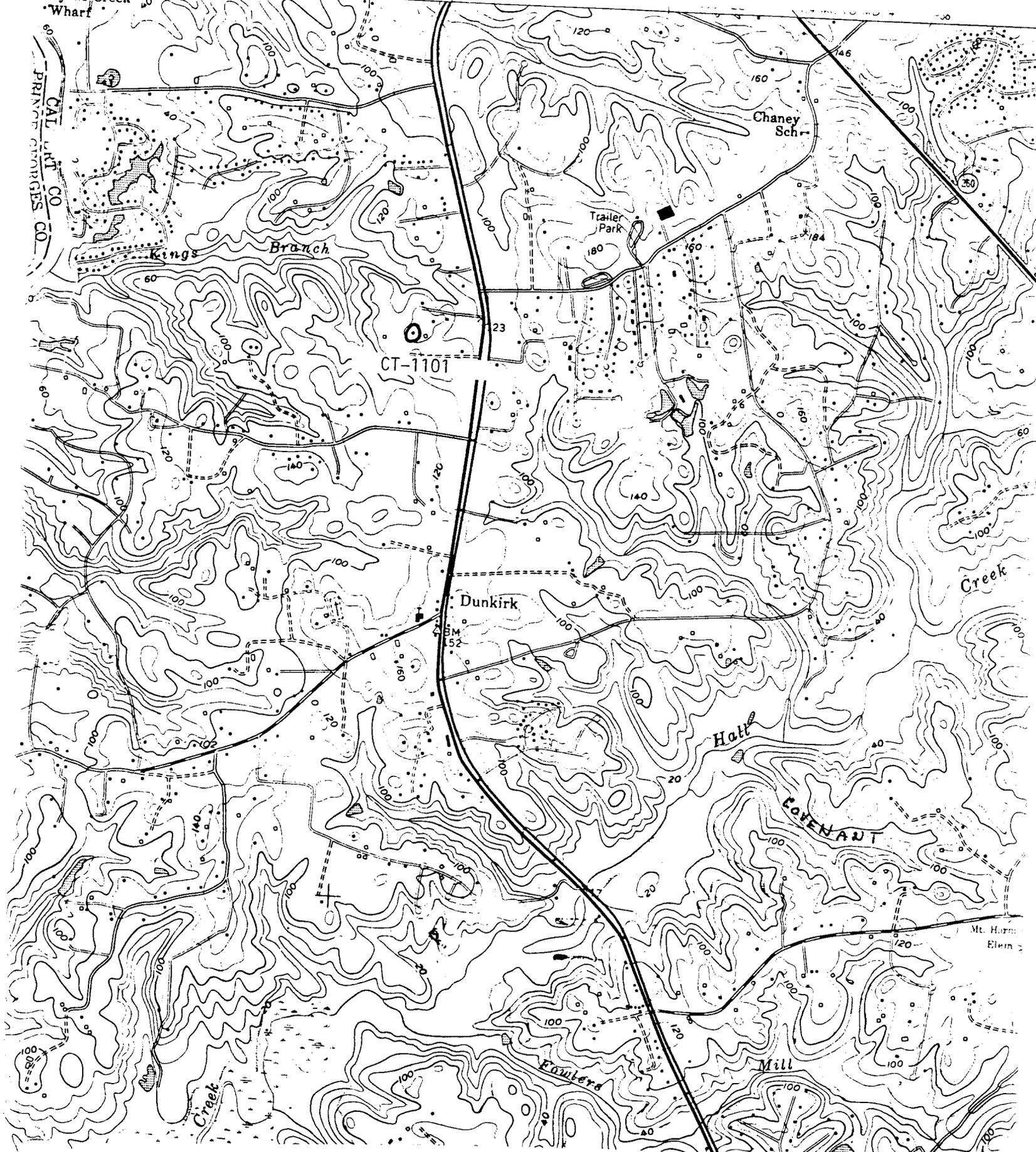
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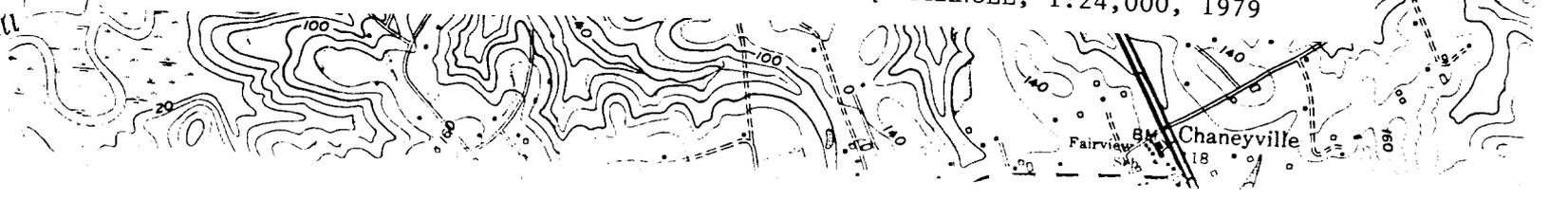


▧ = Sills
▣ = concrete w/
wood sheath
(FOOTER)

LOCATION OF
BANK STR.
ROOM DOOR



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





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Trott Barn 'A'

Dunkirk -

Tara L. Williams

East

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