

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1109 PHIPPS BARN C

The Phipps farm is located on the corners of Briscoe's Turn and Skinner's Turn roads at their intersection with Maryland highway four. The farm has been greatly affected by the change of the path of highway four and several of the barns have been moved. The original farm is now sliced in half by the current path of Highway 4. Access is private. Phipps barn C is located on the west side of highway four and is north of barn B. According to the owner, Phipps barn C was built by Mr. Hugh Trott in 1941. Phipps barn C employs traditional measurements but these are incorporated into a modern aisle-plan barn.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1109

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Phipps Barn C

## 2. Location

Southern MD Boulevard)  
street & number Hwy. 4 and Briscoe's Turn Rd. \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Owings  vicinity of Chaneyville 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	<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 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. Mike Phipps

street & number Hwy. 4 and Briscoe's Turn Rd. telephone no.: 257-6257

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 84

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 468

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**

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
<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.



## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1109 PHIPPS BARN C

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The forty foot length is divided into five eight foot bays. There are eight foot wide double doors on the north and south sides, and twelve foot wide double doors on the north side of the east and west gable ends. The timber frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. It is constructed of circular and reciprocal sawn timbers toe-nailed with wire nails. Queen-posts brace the frame from the tie beam to the second tier pole level. Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors on four foot centers covers the exterior. The roof is of standing seam metal. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two, two by six inch timbers laid on top of each other. There are four windbraces (one on each diagonal) and three collars supporting the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn timbers separated by forty-nine inches vertical distance. An internal sill runs down the east-west axis of the barn that is seven and one half feet above the ground. Posts are toe-nailed underneath this internal sill every eight feet and above it every four feet. These posts down the central axis are connected by horizontal nailers onto which the tier poles are laid.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1109

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. An exact date and builder are known for this barn. The date of 1941 allows the barn to serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other barns for which no date is known. In addition, the barn is one of a complex of barns on an historic farm. The changes in barn plan and construction techniques in this barn yield a clear picture of the modifications necessitated by the fluctuations and changes in tobacco agriculture. The barn is an interesting combination of traditional measurements and construction techniques with innovative, new techniques. There are still doors on all four sides, but the doors on the gable end, rather than being centered, have been enlarged and now create a twelve foot wide aisle at the north end of the barn. The axuality of the plan is also evident in the internal sill that runs down the axis of the barn seven and one-half feet above ground. This internal sill has posts toenailed to it both above and below. The other bracing above ground consists of angled braces that extend from the tie beams to the second tier pole level.

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): 1941-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1941-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

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Rte. 4 to Briscoe's Turn Rd. PKM and TW recorders . Cloudy weather.

Unaltered, original site. Built 1941 by Hugh Trott. Good condition. East-west axis.

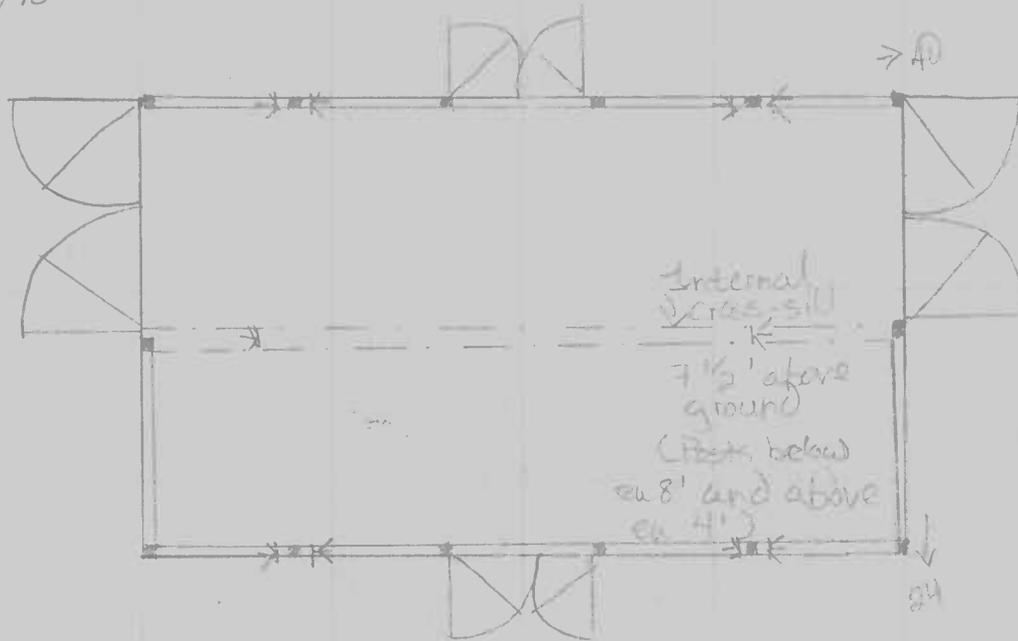
Frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. Frame is constructed of circular and reciprocal sawn timbers toe-nailed with wire nails. Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors on four foot centers covers the exterior. Roof is standing seam metal. Roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two two by six inch timbers laid on top of each other. There are four windbraces (one on each diagonal) and three collars supporting the roof. and queen-posts brace the barn from the tie beam to the second tier pole level. Tier poles are circular sawn timbers separated by forty-nine inches vertical distance. Poles down the central axis are connected by horizontal nailers onto which the tier poles are laid. The plan is cross-axial. The barn has no sheds.

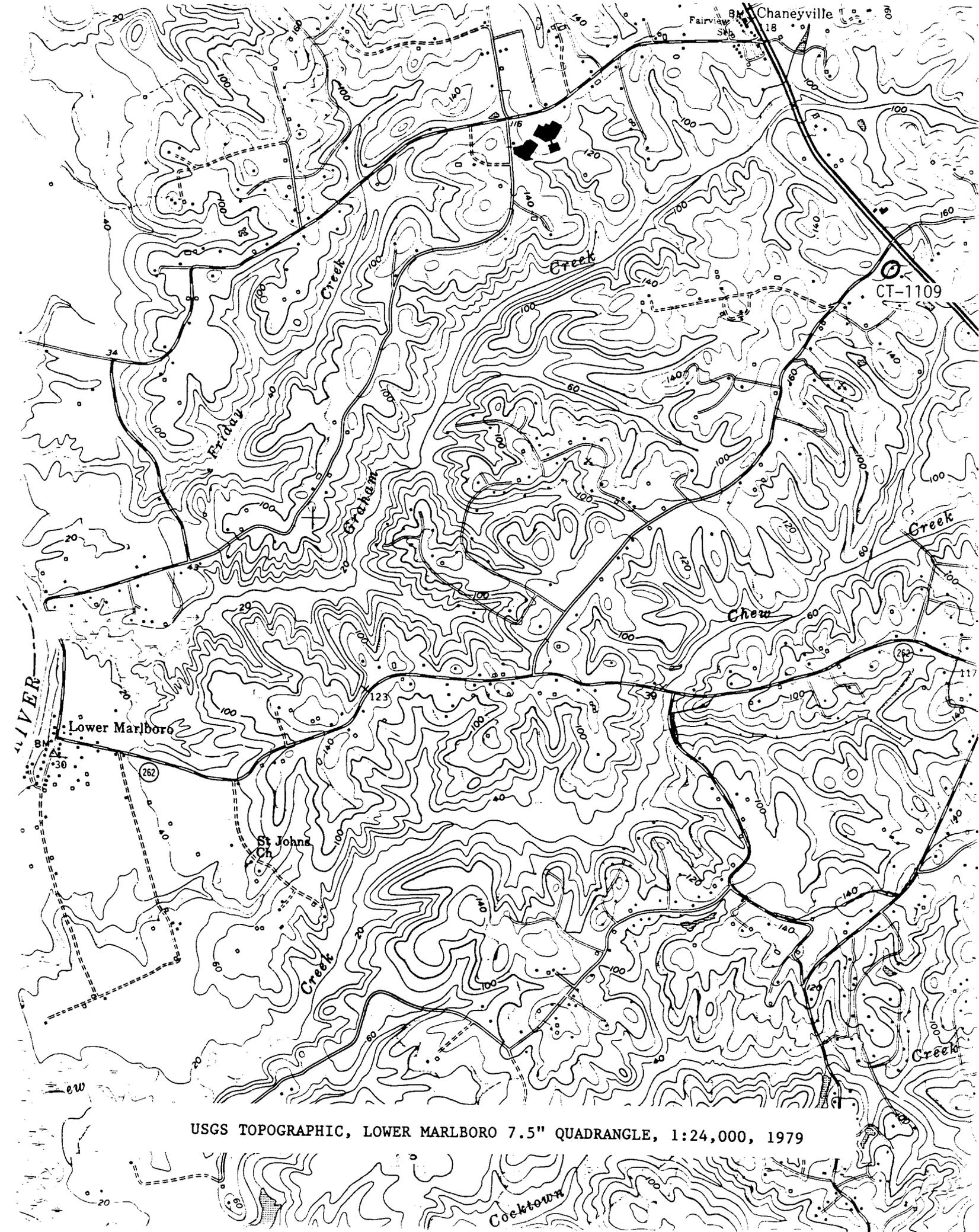
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979