

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1115

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Wesley Hall Barn B

2. Location

street & number Sandy Point Road not for publicationcity, town Bowens 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Mr. Wesley Hall

street & number Sandy Point road telephone no.: 535-1346

city, town Bowens state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

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

Survey No. CT-1115

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1115

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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

Survey No. CT-1115

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

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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

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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-1115

Wesley Hall barn B is located on Sandy Point Road in southern Calvert county. From highway four in Prince Frederick, it is reached by taking highway 231 west to highway 508. A right turn is then made on Sandy Point Road. Approximately three miles down the road, near the river, is the Hall farm. At the bottom of the hill that descends to the river plains, one turns left into the Hall's driveway. Barn B is located on the east side of the farm road to the slightly to the south of the house. The barn is oriented on an east-west axis. The barn measures thirty by sixty feet and has a stripping room excavated below ground on the west end. There are eight foot wide double doors centered on the facades of the north and south, and one double door on the east gable end. All of the materials used are modern. A date is set into the concrete steps that lead from the barn into the below-ground stripping room. It says "M.C.W. Dec. 20 '56".

The barn is divided into six eight foot bays and one twelve-foot wide double door aisleway. The frame of the barn is supported on concrete block masonry piers. All the timbers are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The top plate is formed of two two by six inch timbers nailed on top of each other. The sill is circular sawn. On either side of the doorway are elevated beams that serve the same function as cross-sills did in nineteenth-century barns, but are here lifted above ground in order to ease vehicle access. Attached to one of these elevated beams is a ladder for climbing to the upper levels of the barn. Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. The hinged ventilation doors are separated by six feet between. They are formed of double planks and are side-hinged. The roof is gambrel in form. It has rafters on four foot centers that rest on flat false plate. The tier poles are peeled logs separated by forty-one inches vertical distance. The posts down the center are circular sawn timbers with brackets nailed onto them for the tier poles to rest on.

The west sixteen feet of the barn is floored two feet six inches above ground. Excavated below ground and formed of concrete block is a stripping room that is totally enclosed. Stairs lead down into the stripping room from the barn. Written into the concrete forming the steps of the stripping room area in the southwest corner is "M.C.W. Dec 20 '56" (Milburn C.W.). According to Mr. Wesley Hall, this was inscribed by the barn builder when the barn was built. An enclosed area for the storage of tobacco sticks has been set aside adjacent to the doorway leading into this stripping room.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1115

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. An exact date of December 20, 1956 is known for the barn, as is the builder, Mr. C.W. Wilburn. The date allows this barn to serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other, similar, barns for which there is no known date. The barn has doors on three sides and does not have the axial plan of many mid-late twentieth century barns but rather has an aisle that runs opposite the axis of the barn and divides it into two separate halves. Like many of the modern barns, much of the support has been raised above the ground level. Also typical of the modern barns is the built-in partially underground stripping room. All of the gambrel-roofed barns recorded by this survey have dated to the mid-late twentieth century as this one does.

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): 1956-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1956-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

Barn #2088 - CT-1115 - W. Hall Barn B

Hall barn B is located on Sandy Point Rd. It is on the east side of the farm road and to the north of Hall barn A. Private Ownership, Occupied for storage. TW recorder sunny and warm weather. Unaltered, original site, excellent condition.

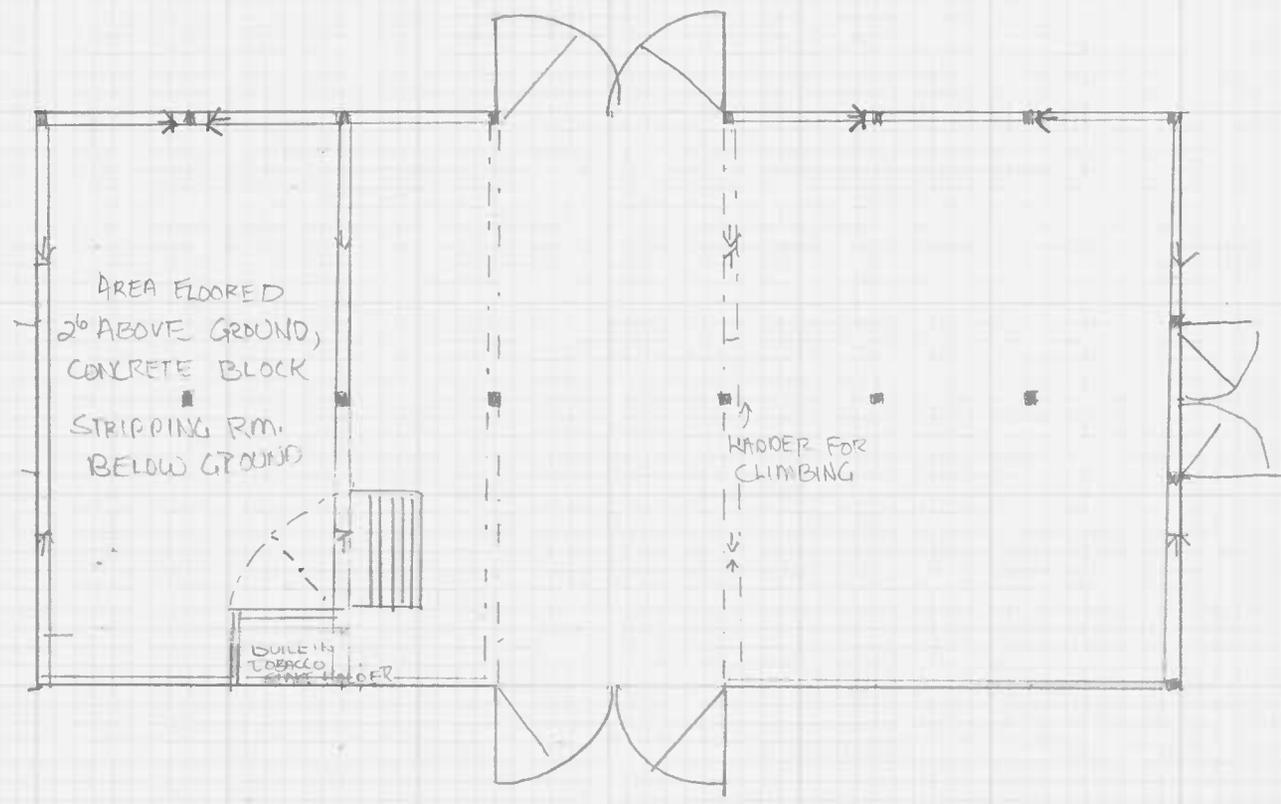
Frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. Posts are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails, as are rest of timbers. Top plate formed of two two by six inch timbers nailed on top of each other. Sill circular sawn. Vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors one every six feet -- double plank and side-hinged. Gambrel roof, rafters on four foot centers, rest on flat false plate. Tier poles are peeled logs separated by forty-one inches vertical distance. Posts down center are circular sawn timbers with brackets nailed onto them for the tier poles to rest on. Rails nailed to posts and internal supports. Written into concrete forming steps of stripping room area in southwest corner is "M.C.W. Dec 20'56" (Milburn C.W.). There is a ladder for climbing to the upper levels.

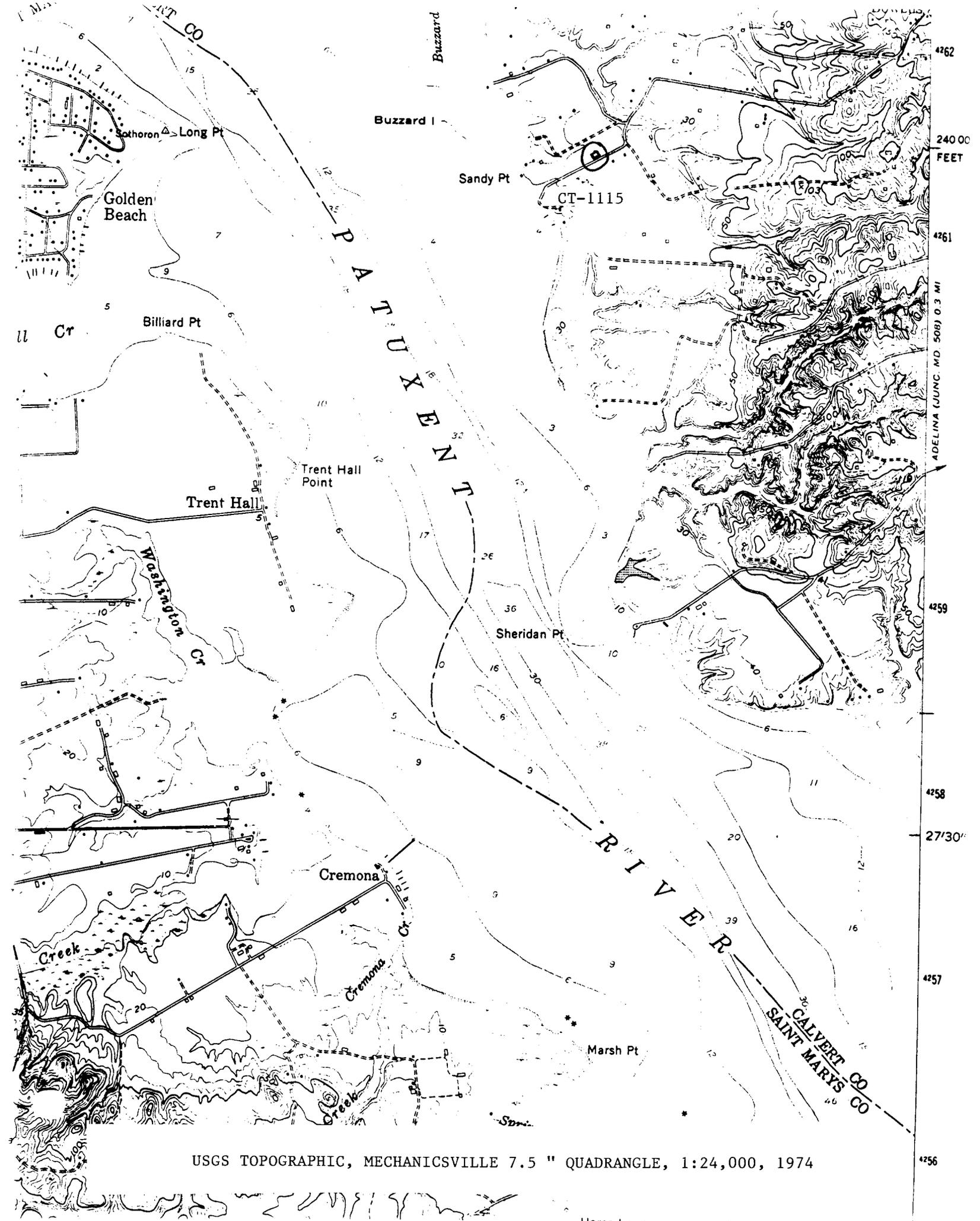
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#2088 HALL BARN B 5/7/90 TW



4 m.c.w Del 20 '56"
Millburn C. W

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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, MECHANICSVILLE 7.5'' QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1974

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May, 1990