

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1117

Judge Perry Bowen barn is located on the Bowen farm south of Sheridan Point on the Patuxent River. The barn is the focal point of a courtyard of farm buildings which includes a large machine shed, a corn crib, and hog pens. The barn was built in three or four phases from the first quarter of the 19th century to the second quarter of the 20th century. Large, decorative gables were added to the north and west facades prior to 1880, and are certainly an interesting and unique feature of this unusual barn.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. SH-1117

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Judge Perry Bowen Barn

2. Location

street & number Sheridan Point Road ___ not for publication

city, town Adelina ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 Judge Perry Bowen

street & number Sheridan Point Road

telephone no.:

city, town Prince Frederick

state and zip code MD 20678

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse

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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

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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 attached description)

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 attached statement of significance)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Mechanicsville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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
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11. Form Prepared By

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7. SIGNIFICANCE (CT-1117):

Judge Perry Bowen's barn is located on the west side of Sheridan Point Road, on a farm on the northeast bank of the Patuxent River approximately three miles south of Sheridan Point. The plan of this barn has been extensively altered. The extant materials are consistent with those of ante-bellum Maryland tobacco barns.

The main section consists of four eight-foot bays on the south side and two eight-foot bays and a sixteen-foot doorway on the north. The barn's twenty-two foot width is divided into one ten-foot and one twelve-foot bay. Both posts and sills in this section are partly hewn. No clear evidence remains for original access into the main section. The barn contains eight four-foot rooms and is supported on mortared fieldstone and brick piers. The structure has a heavy timber frame on continuous sills, supported by down braces and large posts. No posts run down the center axis; the tier poles are tied together with rope. The south shed appears original in spite of extant nails and nail holes along the lower half of the eastern three bays. Would-be doorway posts are relatively small, and neither pintel holes or pinteles are in evidence. The barn's north side was originally sided. Fully mature machine-cut nails are extant in nailers and rafters. The barn's west side has its upper half covered in unpeeled bark strips nailed vertically (corn-crib fashion). The lower half is sided with horizontal weatherboards nailed with fully mature machine-cut nails. No siding remains on the east side, but nail holes suggest the presence of siding at one time.

The roof is supported by three collars and no windbraces. Collars and rafters are peeled logs as are the tier poles. The tobacco support system consists of these logs separated by 40 inch vertical distance. Wooden shingles are in place under a corrugated metal roof.

The barn's east, west and north sheds were apparently added at one time. Materials are basically all hewn (and include posts, plates, nailers, tier poles, rafters) or peeled logs. An original wood shingle roof on the north shed joins the barn roof at the top collar. East and west sheds tie in at the gables at the level of the bottom collar (approximately 40 inches above the plate). All corners are hipped. Original earthfast posts are now supported by concrete blocks. Gable dormers on north and west facades post-date the shed additions (original rafters, nailers and shingles are extant below the dormers). The west shed was constructed with a double door entrance in the northwest corner, a stripping room in the center, and a stable in the southwest corner. A narrow stair is centered along the west wall of the central stripping room for access to the hayloft which extends across the entire length of the west shed.

A fairly modern 12 x 46 shed extends along the barn's east wall. The shed has three eight-foot bays, two six-foot bays and

7. SIGNIFICANCE (CT-1117), CONTINUED:

a ten-foot bay, and is constructed of light, circular sawn materials and wire nails. A roof of closely spaced boards covered with tarpaper is extant under the present corrugated metal roof. The shed probably served both vehicle storage and tobacco curing functions.

A 12 x 29 foot addition to the previous shed is found on its southern side. This shed, also constructed of light materials, has four doors, along its western side, and is separated into four areas. Only the function of the southernmost 10 1/2 x 12 foot area can be extrapolated (chicken house) and this by the presence of a 6 x 8 inch opening cut into the south wall four feet from the southwest corner, approximately six feet above the ground.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (CT - 1117)

The Judge Perry Bowen barn is certainly one of a kind. The irregular size of its main block, and the original southern shed, are typical of tobacco barns constructed in the early 19th century. The presence of fully mature machine-cut nails suggests a post 1830's date of construction. The modification to the structure, and its obvious multi-purpose function, make this barn stand out among those surveyed.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco

Geographic Organization: Maryland's Western Shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County, Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-present

Resource Type(s): tobacco barn, hayloft, stripping room, chicken house.

This unique barn was originally constructed as a main block and a southern shed, both of rough hewn timbers or peeled logs. The western shed/hayloft was either original, or a very early addition. The eastern and northern sheds were added later, but their original shingle roofs and machine cut nails suggest a date of construction prior to 1880. Two additions were added to the east side of the structure at some time in the early 1900's.

CT - 1117/#2090 - 5/8/90 - Judge Perry Bowen, Sheridan Point Road, Adelina (Prince Frederick).

Private	Occupied
PJM/TW	sunny, 70 F
original site	altered
good/fair	east-west axis

Exterior: lower half of barn, west side, vertical weatherboards nailed with cut and wire nails.

32 x 20, with 8 foot bays; posts partly hewn/unfinished. sill, same (11 x 10). Continuous sill cut out on the north side to form 16 wide doorway.

Peeled log tier poles, 40" vertical distance.

No poles down center, tier poles roped together, three levels to tie beam.

Peeled log nailers, collars and rafters.

Fieldstone and mortared brick piers

Roof: three collars, no windbraces, shingles in place under corrugated metal roof. Neat blind dormers in north and west facades;

South shed original- little evidence for siding (lower half of east three bays), no early door or evidence. Would-be door posts are small. Exterior siding - vertical boards combined with horizontal at top, all circ sawn, 12" wide.

North side of barn was sided originally, shed added. FMCC nails extant in nailers and rafters.

West side of barn has upper half covered in unpeeled bark strips, lower half horizontal weatherboards nailed w/FMCC nails

Strip siding on west gable continues along upper half west side of shed. Lower half horizontal weatherboards, also. Wooden shingle roof now covered by metal. Top plate hewn, posts - mortised and nailed, originally earth fast posts.

E, W, and N sheds apparently added at one time. Hewn materials posts, plate, some nailers. Peeled log posts, tier poles, rafters, some nailers. Originally wood shingle roof. N shed joins barn roof at top collar. E, W sheds tie in on gables with bottom collars.

All corners of roof hipped.

N shed 12 feet wide; W shed 15'4" wide; E shed 12'.

All original earth fast posts now supported by concrete blocks. Gable dormers post-date shed additions (older roofline is visible). Sheds all had original shingle roofs. West shed constructed with double door entrance in northwest corner (equipment storage/stable), tobacco stripping room center of west (ceiling height 6', with hay loft above (extends across entire length of west shed).

Far east shed is 12/14 " wide (?). Modern addition. All circ sawn materials, wire nails, originally had closely spaced wood and tar-paper roof. Double doors on north side for vehicle entry, but the shed was also used for curing tobacco. Posts on 2 x 6 sill, six eight foot bays.

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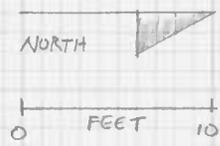
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WITH HAY

SITS TO
HALLOFT

STALL?

HORIZONTAL
SIDING
AND HORSE
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BOWEN BARN
#2090
5/8/90
ADELINA, MD
RJM

DROP OFF TO CREEK

DOG
PEN

DOUBLE
CATCH DR
FOR
STALL?

ACF DOOR
BOTTOM
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DOG PENS

OLD
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DORMER LOCATION

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HERE, ONE
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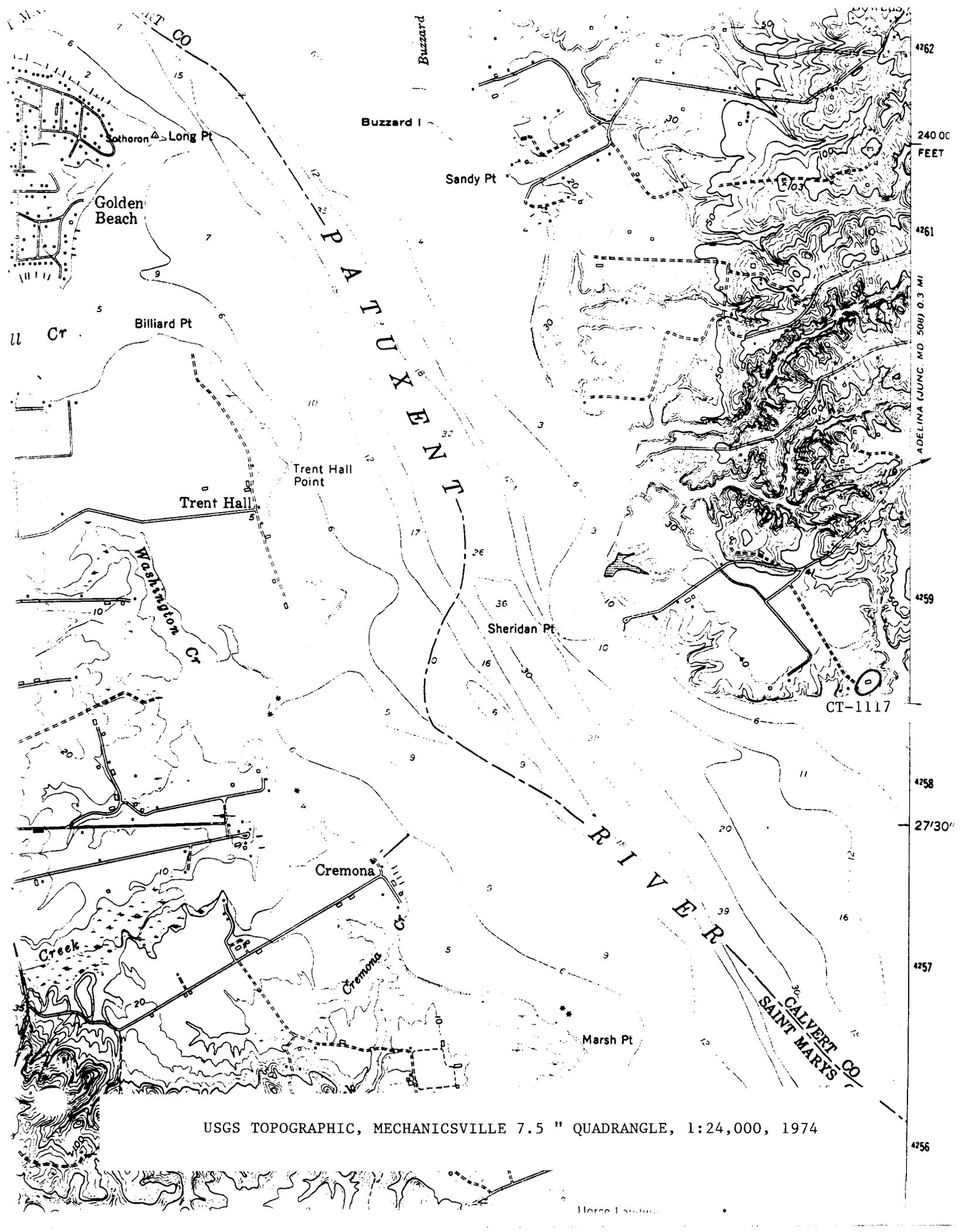
WOOD FLOOR FOR CHICKEN COOP?

SMALL OPENING
" 6 1/2" ABOVE
GROUND

LOCATIONS
POSTS NOT
MEASURED

EQUIPMENT STORAGE
AND TOBACCO
CURING

MEASLY 2"x6"
SILL



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Bowen

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