

Capsule Summary
SM-661
Barn at St. Inigoes
Beachville vicinity
Private

c. 1840s

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The interior of the barn currently consists of a raised plank floor bisected by a transverse cartway. Here the braced framing is readily seen. Composed of pit sawn and hewn timbers most major structural members are conventionally joined with mortise-and-tenons. One interesting deviation from the norm is the presence of up rather than down braces as the primary means of stability. The interior also features a vertical tobacco prize built in the 1890s. The presence of several other vertical prizes in neighboring barns reveals that the late-nineteenth century tenant farmers on the Jesuit farm preferred this mechanism over the horizontal prize which remained the dominant way to pack tobacco in the rest of the county.

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Historic Period Theme: Architecture
Agriculture

Resource Type

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function and Use: Tobacco Barn
Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Inigoes, Church Property, Jesuit Farm

and/or common Barn at St. Inigoes(pref.)

2. Location

street & number E side of Beachville Rd. approx. 0.1 mile S of Webster Field Back Gate not for publication

city, town Beachville vicinity of congressional district 1

state Md county St. Mary's TM-67, G-20, P-31

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Roman Catholic Clergy c/o Reverend William K. McGroarty, S.J.

street & number 5704 Roland Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Md 21210-1334

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 134

street & number folio 475

city, town Leonardtown state Md

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Lying in a soybean field on the east side of Beachville Road is the Barn at St. Inigoes. Located approximately 1 mile south of the intersection of Beachville and Grason Roads, the barn is near the rural crossroads community of St. Inigoes, Maryland. The environment surrounding the barn is characterized by flat agricultural fields to the east and north, Beachville Road and Webster Field to the west, and a wooded tract to the south. A mid-twentieth century tenant house lies just to the east of the barn and is approached via a dirt road that extends eastward from Beachville Road.

The Barn at St. Inigoes is a frame, gable front, axial plan tobacco house constructed c. 1840. Erected on a rubblestone foundation, the braced-frame consists of oak pit-sawn and hewn members. These members are clad on two gable ends with horizontal clapboard siding while the other two sides feature vertical boards. The cornice has been left open and the roof is sheathed with raised-seam metal. Changes to the building include modifications to the barn's circulation and structure in the early twentieth centuries.

The west gable end is clad with sawn clapboard attached to the frame with mature cut and wire nails. This side exhibits a single door entry with the door no longer extant. A louvered vent, obscured by exterior vines, is situated near the roof peak. The north elevation is sheathed with vertical boards and features a double door tractorway. The east gable end is similar to the west gable end in that it has a single door entry and a louvered vent. The lone difference lies in the use of vertical planks between the vent and roof peak. The south side, like the north elevation, has vertical siding and a double door tractorway.

The barn's interior configuration is composed of a central main block with flanking sheds. The primary entries into the barn were originally located at either gable end, but changes in the barn's circulation resulted in the construction of a transverse tractorway entered from either the north or south sides. In transforming the circulation to a cross-axial plan, a floor was added on either side of the tractorway in the main block. Transverse sills stabilized with scabbed down braces aid in supporting the floor. The floor probably facilitated the hanging and prizing of tobacco. Interestingly, a vertical tobacco prize still exists within the main block.

The frame of the barn consists of hewn sills that are mortised at each corner. Evidence for the original transverse sills is currently obscured by the floor. The studs that extend on all four sides of the main block are set on two foot centers to accommodate the horizontal siding on the east and west sides and cribbing fastened with mature cut nails on the north and south sides. Robbed mortises on the underside of the south and north wall plate indicate where studs were removed and/or reinstalled in order to accommodate the wider tractorway. Scabbed timbers from another structure were used as the headers. The wall plate, itself, is a hewn member that supports a series of structural ties set on four foot centers. These ties are half-lapped over the plate and support a series of "swinging tiers" that consist of two members that lie about eight inches apart but held together by a series of pegs set at regular intervals. These supports allow three tiers of tobacco poles to extend the full width of the barn. These poles, in turn, create 10 "rooms" for the hanging of tobacco. The aforementioned wall ties support a thick, flat false plate that carries the feet of the common rafters. Each of the rafter pairs are connected by two half lapped collars that can also serve as tobacco poles and at the peak by a half-lapped joint. Both of the sheds appear to have been reconstructed in the early twentieth century as they are built of circular sawn timbers. Some of the rafters, however, appear to be original.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-661

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
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		<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.

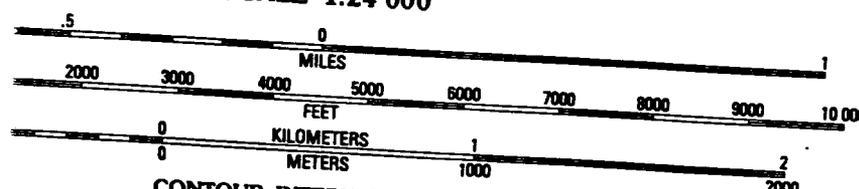
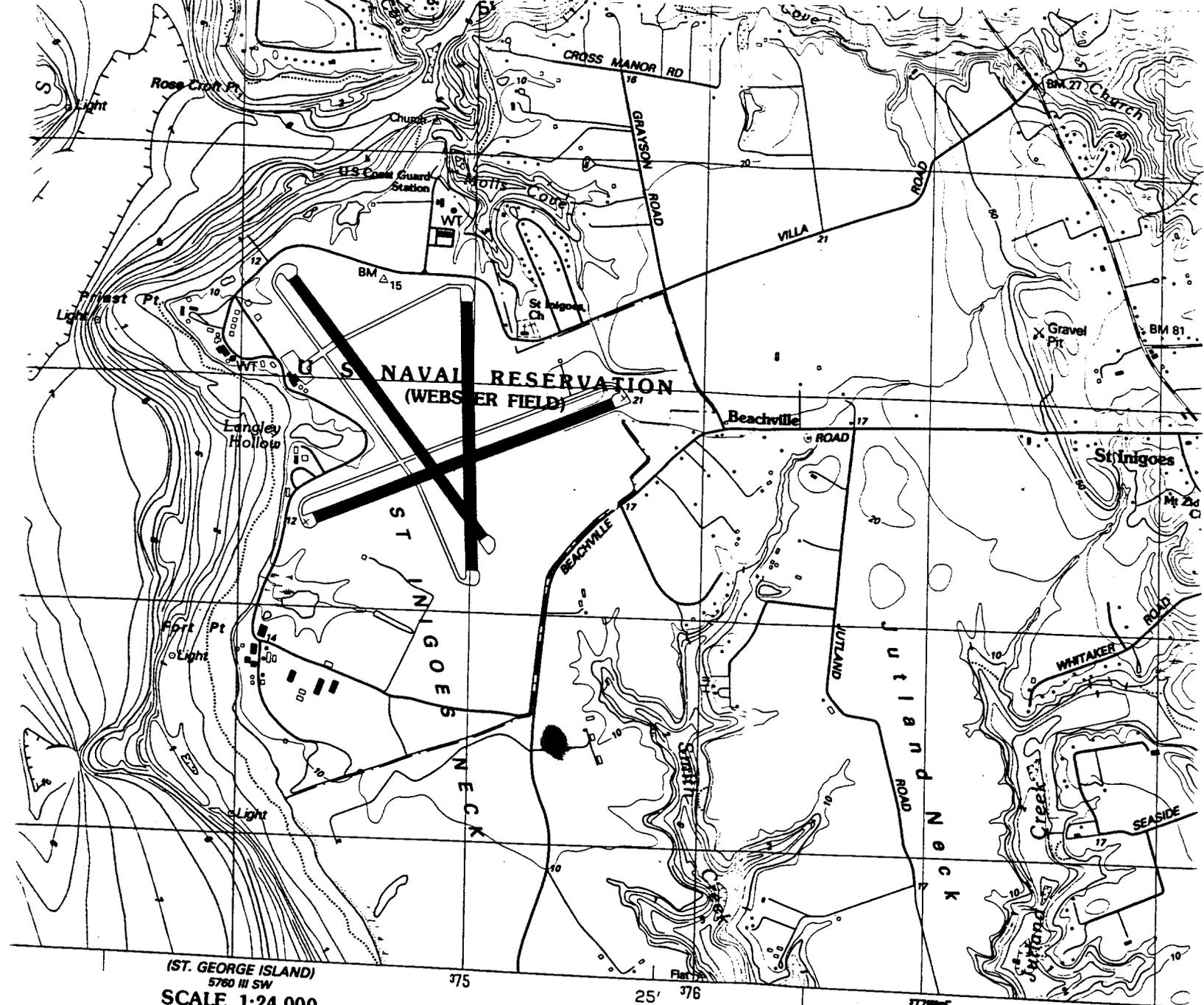
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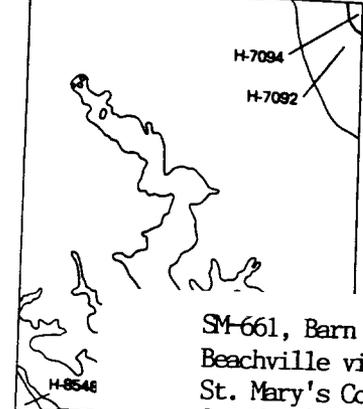
Chain-of-Title

The Barn at St. Inigoes lies on property that has been owned by the Jesuit Order since between 1634-1638. Originally patented for 2000 acres, the property presently contains just over 900 acres. (For more information concerning the chain-of-title for the property see Edward Beitzell's The Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's County, Maryland (Abell, Md: n.p., 1976). The tobacco barn was erected c. 1840 during their ownership.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
SYMETRIC CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER WITH SUPPLEMENTARY
0.5 METER CONTOURS-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE

**NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX**



ROAD

Primary highway, hard surface

Secondary highway, hard surface

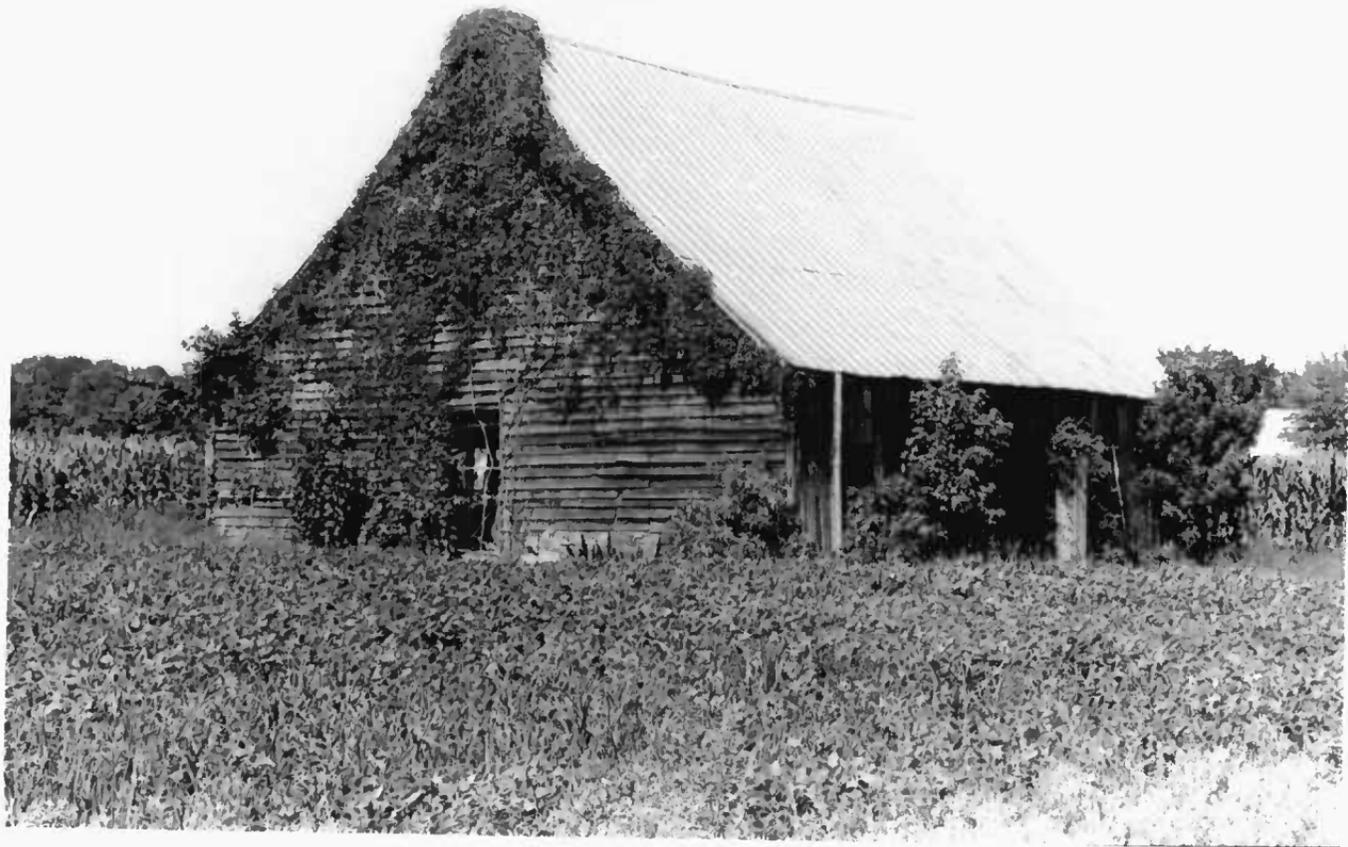
Interstate Route

SM-661, Barn at St. Inigoes
Beachville vicinity
St. Mary's County
St. Mary's City Quad

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
METRIC SURVEY DATA COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC
ORGANIZATION (IHO) SPECIAL PUBLICATION 44 ACCURACY STANDARDS
AND/OR STANDARDS USED AT THE DATE OF THE SURVEY
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852
DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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SURVEY NUMBER	DATE	SCALE	EDITION
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H-7094	1969-60	1:20,000	04-18
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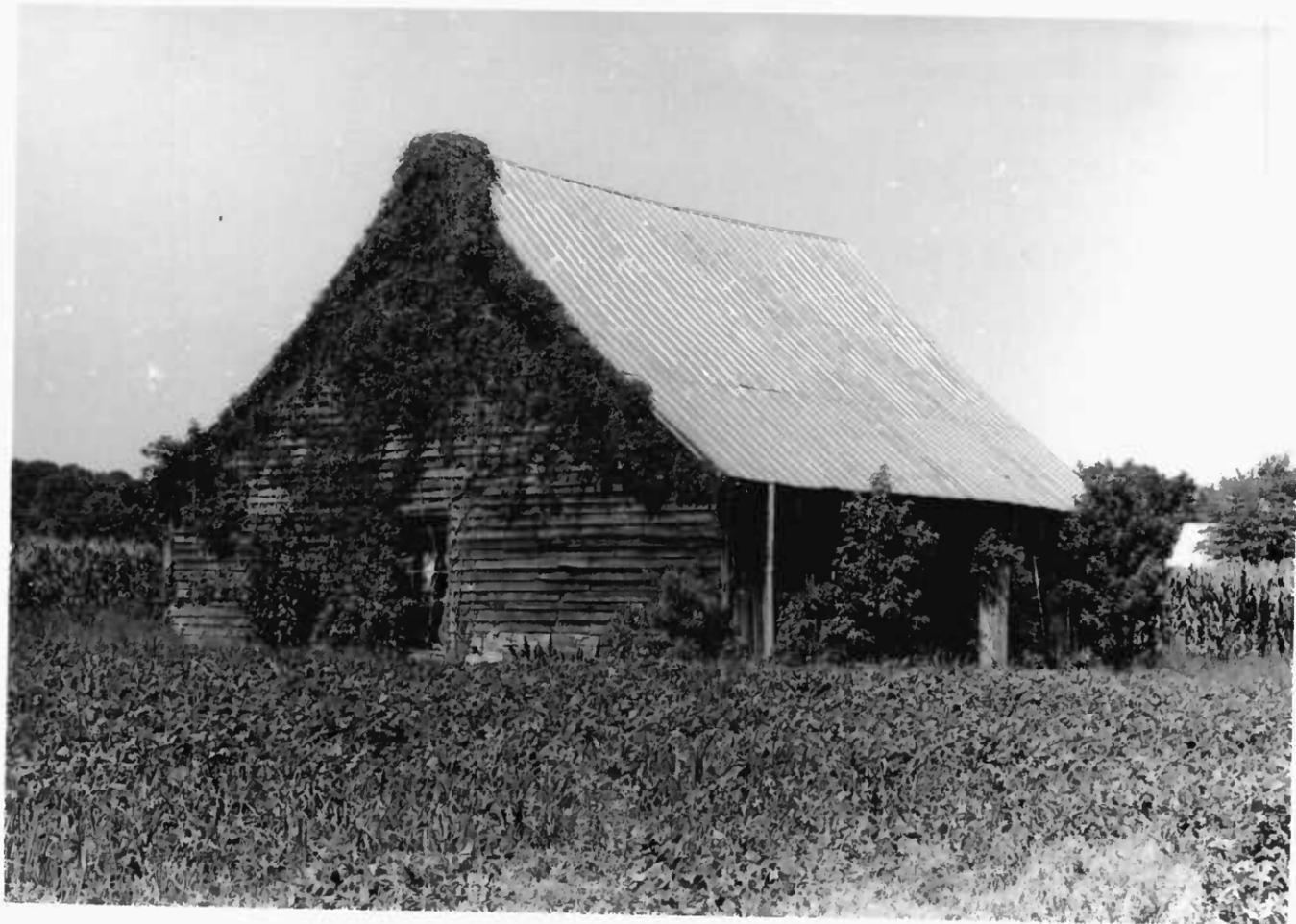
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Tabacco Barn at St. Tullagh

St. Mary's County

Kirk Rorcetta

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old SHPO

W + S skeletons

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Tobacco Barn at St. Ignace

St. Mary's County

Kirk Panzetta

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Tobacco Barn at St. Thomas

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Kirk Ranette

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Mid SHPS

Vertical Tobacco Barn (looking SW)

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