

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No.

Magi No. SM-375

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Gorman Busler Barn (after former tenant)

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Rt. 243 (Newtown Neck Road)  not for publication

city, town Compton  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county St. Mary's

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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"/> bulding(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 Society of Jesus (Provincials Office)

street & number 5704 Roland Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21210

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number folio

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title None

site  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input 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 checked="" 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.

SM-360

Tobacco House

Gorman Busler Farm

Newtown Plantation

c. 1900-1920

on an older foundation

This barn is an early 20th-century rendition of a mid 19th-century type of tobacco house. In form it closely resembles an older building on the plantation (SM-359). The conservatism of its carpentry is surprising. The barn's box frame is completely mortised, tenoned, and pegged. Joists notched over the plate carry a toe plank supporting the roof trusses. The roof collars, however, are merely lapped and nailed, and all the timber in the frame was circular sawn. The approximate date of construction is established by the use of wire spikes and machine cut nails.

The barn is 40 ft. (ten rooms) long and 24 ft. (two tiers) wide, with an open original shed 12 ft. wide. The main barn hangs tobacco seven tiers high -- four full tiers and three partial tiers in the roof. The east wall of the barn (and a partition now missing?) is studded and horizontally weatherboarded with bevel-edged plank, two sides are runnered and vertically planked, and the south wall between the barn and shed is vertically lathed. The barn is ventilated by the lath wall and a large roof cupola.

The barn sills are supported by brick piers and reused sections of an old brick foundation. The shed posts are a notable feature -- they are mortised, tenoned, and pinned to timber blocks.

A significant time after construction of the barn (long enough for sections of sill to decay), the building was shedded three sides 16 ft. wide. This new work was superficially more traditional than the original construction. It was framed with cedar posts-in-the-ground, hewn joists, and pine pole rafters. Most of the posts are now underpinned with concrete.

To the east of this structure is a mid 20th-century tobacco barn box-framed on concrete piers. Yet further east are the remnants of an old orchard.

When surveyed, both barns were full of tobacco. Total survey time: 35 minutes.

Sources: Stone, Field Notes, 3 September 81

Smolek, Mr. Joseph P. Russell, Jr., Interview, 22 September 82

# 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"/> 1900-1920	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1900-1920

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

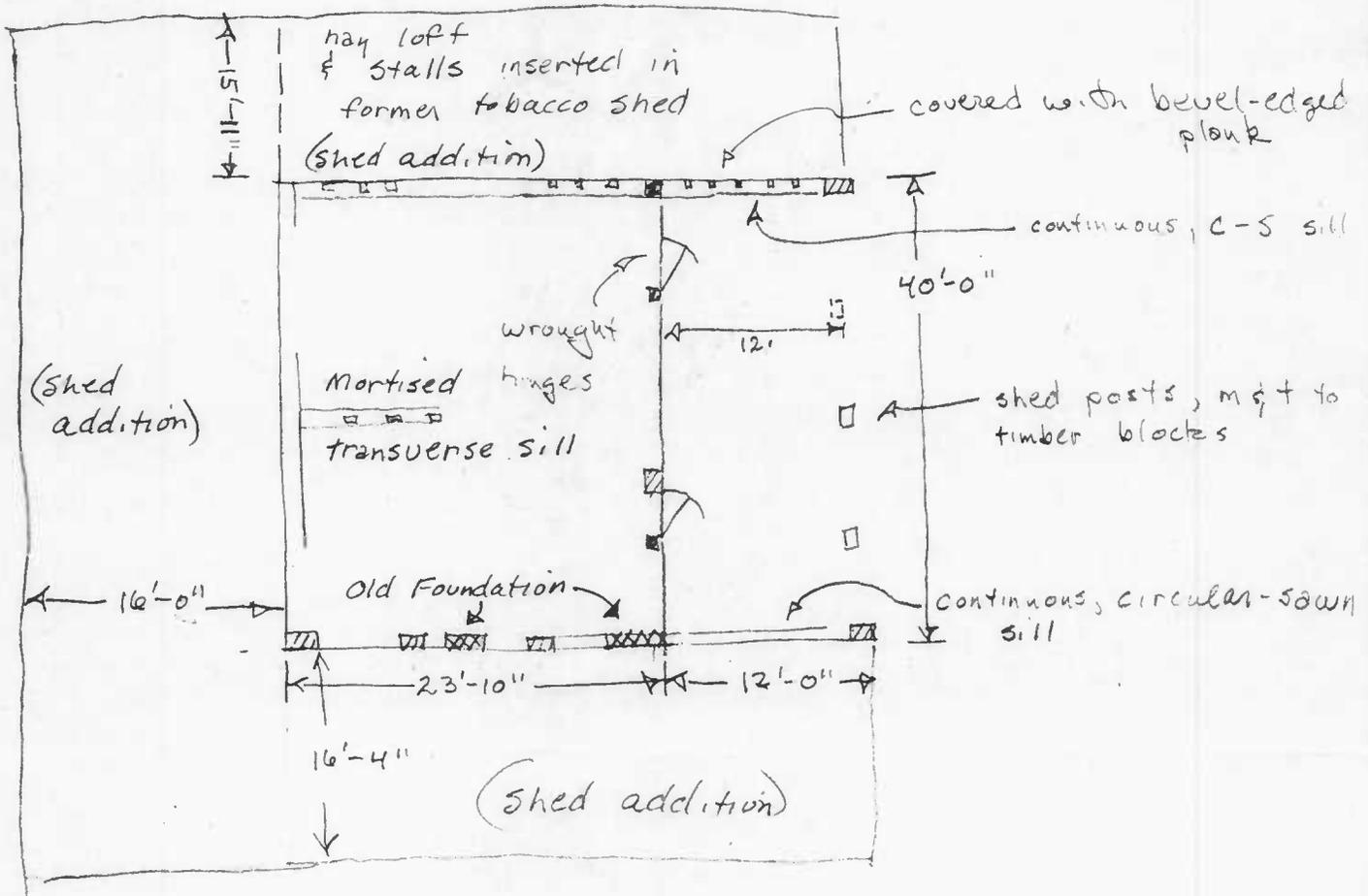
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

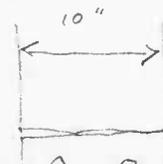


SM-375  
 Newtown Plantation Tobacco House  
 3 September 1982  
 Garry Stone



SIDE

END



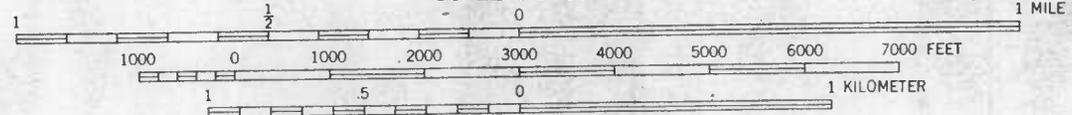
JOINT.

Shed posts to  
 hole-set timber  
 blocks.



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SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

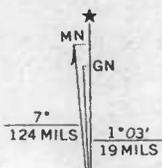
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1.7 FEET



UTM GRID AND 1963 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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