

Capsule Summary  
SM-426  
Tobacco Barn on Barber's Enclosure  
Budd's Creek vicinity  
Private

circa 1850 -1860

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815 -1870.

Historic Period Theme: Agriculture  
Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-426

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Tobacco Barn on Barber's Enclosure

## 2. Location

street & number Route 234  not for publication

city, town Budd's Creek  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county St. Mary's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> dlstrict	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

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

name Eleanora May Lauring

street & number 4105 Budd's Creek Rd telephone no.:

city, town Mechanicsville state and zip code Md 20659

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber CBG126

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 20

city, town Leonardtown 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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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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

The Tobacco Barn on Barber's Enclosure is located on the east side of Route 234 near Budd's Creek in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The barn is in a very deteriorated condition and stands alone in the landscape. Cultivated fields extend to the south of the barn, while a grove of trees is located to the north. The landscape slopes to a low lying cultivated field on the barn's northeast side. The barn's gable roof is oriented on an east/west axis.

Constructed in the mid-nineteenth century, the Barber's Enclosure Tobacco Barn is rectangular in form, measuring 24 feet by 32 feet with a 14 foot shed on the south elevation. The steeply pitched gable roof of the barn's main block is interrupted on the south side by a shed which extends at a shallower pitch to a height of about 11 feet above ground level. The barn is sheathed with circular sawn vertical board siding and roofed with corrugated metal.

The organizational plan of the Barber's Enclosure Tobacco Barn is an eight foot bay system with four foot rooms. Four principal openings, one in each wall, provide access to the barn and form a cross-axial plan.

The barn rests on concrete blocks and log sections which support continuous sills. All of these sills are hewn and one appears to have been pit sawn. The sills are joined with pegged mortise and tenon joints. The framing system consists of hewn principal posts on eight foot centers. The corner posts are reinforced with down braces which are joined to the sill and corner post with pegged mortise and tenon joints. The center posts of the barn's western section are reinforced with down braces as well. All members of the structural system are identified with Roman numerals to aid assembly.

The roof is a common rafter roof on four foot centers supported by a flat false plate. Three collars on each rafter have been added in order to make additional space for the hanging of tobacco.

The system used to hang tobacco consists of horizontal rails which extend across the interior face of the barn's four walls. These rails are mortise and tenoned to the principal posts of the barn. Intermediate tier pole supports run longitudinally down the center of the barn. These supports are skinned logs with holes through the center of the log at each tier pole level. The supports are half lapped and nailed to the barn's tie beams. Two slender skinned log tier poles survive in the eastern section of the barn.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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** none **Builder/Architect** unknown

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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7.1 Description

The shed on the barn's south elevation is organized on the same bay system as the structure's main block. The shed is supported by a series of vertical posts which appear to have originally rested on what is now a much deteriorated ground sill. These posts are mortise and tenoned into a hewn top plate. The roof rafters are then half lapped onto the top plate. The shed tie beams are half lapped onto one of the horizontal tier pole supports of the barn's main block. Both the shed rafters and tie beams are hewn on at least one side.

The vertical siding which sheathes the entire barn consists of circular sawn, random width 1" boards. It appears that the barn has always been sheathed with vertical siding. Nail holes in the horizontal tier pole supports and sills on the south side of the barn suggest that this elevation of the barn's main block was originally sheathed with vertical siding. Some widely spaced siding remains here, attached with both wire nails and mature machine cut nails.

Hinged doors open outward on both the east and west gable elevations of the barn. The door openings measure 4 feet in width by 8 1/2 feet in height. These doors consist of vertical boards with horizontal and diagonal battens set with machine made metal strap hinges. On the east end of the barn, the interior of the door jamb is marked with a pintel hole on the southern post and a latch recess on the northern post.

The northern longitudinal elevation of the barn is pierced by a double door opening measuring 7 1/2 feet in width by 11 feet in height. These doors consist of vertical boards with horizontal and diagonal battens set on machine made metal strap hinges. Here, the sill was cut out for the door opening. The interior of the door jambs on this elevation are also marked with pintel holes. The southern longitudinal elevation of the barn was also pierced by a double door opening at one time, as evidenced by the pintel holes and pintel fragment in the principal post/door jamb. The door does not survive, but the opening appears to have measured 7 1/2 feet in width by 8 1/2 feet in height. This south door was on axis with the north elevation door. No door openings pierce the east or west elevations of the barn's shed. The shed's south side is too deteriorated to show whether a door was once located there.

Alterations to the barn include the later addition of a shed to the barn's north elevation which was destroyed in a wind storm a few years ago. Only a few of the shed's tie beams, circular sawn two by fours, which are mortise and tenoned to the barn's intermediate tier pole supports remain. The original roofing of the barn probably consisted of wood shingles as the shingle nailers remain in place.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Luring Orville Payne and Eleanora May Payne

FROM: Charles H. Bowman

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, CBG 126, folio 20.

DATE: March 26, 1966.

NOTES: Transfer of "Barbers Enclosure," being a portion of the farm which lies easterly of the Old Grove Road and east of the new state road leading from Chaptico into Charles County. 80 acres.

TO: Charles H. Bowman

FROM: Frank and Ann B. Sakran

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 17, folio 227.

DATE: July 2, 1945.

NOTES: Transfer of "Barber's Enclosure" being 125 acres including tobacco sticks, lumber, lime, etc. on the premises.

TO: Frank C. Sakran of D.C.

FROM: T. Grover Stone and Agnes Genevieve Stone

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 13, folio 476.

DATE: August 10, 1942.

NOTES: Transfer of 125 acres of Barber's Enclosure except the storehouse conveyed in JMM 11/156. Being part of JMM 4/364.

TO: T. Grover Stone and Alice L. Stone

FROM: Philip O. Budd and Susie S. Budd

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 4, folio 364.

DATE: August 13, 1926.

NOTES: Transfer of Barber's Enclosure comprising several smaller tracts of the same name being 176 acres; Widow's Rest 36 acres; Briscoe's Lot 12 acres. Same land devised to Budd in PHD 1/74 with certain exceptions.

TO: Philip O. Budd

FROM: N. Evans Carpenter

RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, PHD 1/74.

DATE: April 25, 1899.

NOTES: I give and devise all real estate located near Budd's Creek containing in the aggregate 200 acres to my nephew Philip O. Budd.

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8.2 Significance

TO: N. Evans Carpenter

FROM: Noble L. Penn and Daniel C. Hammett, Trustees.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 4, folio 256.

DATE: March 16, 1897.

NOTES: On April 7, 1896, Robert T. Barber died possessed of various parcels of land including 25 acres of Barber's Enclosure. In Circuit Court case #830 (Decree Record JFF 7/186) Barber's land, except for the home farm "White Hall," was sold so that the estate could be divided equally among the children.

TO: Robert T. Barber

FROM: Frederick Stone, Trustee in the matter of Luke W. B. Hutchins, Insolvent Debtor.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 5, folio 153.

DATE: March 22, 1871.

NOTES: Transfer of "Part of Barber's Enclosure" being 25 acres more or less.

TO: Luke W. B. Hutchins

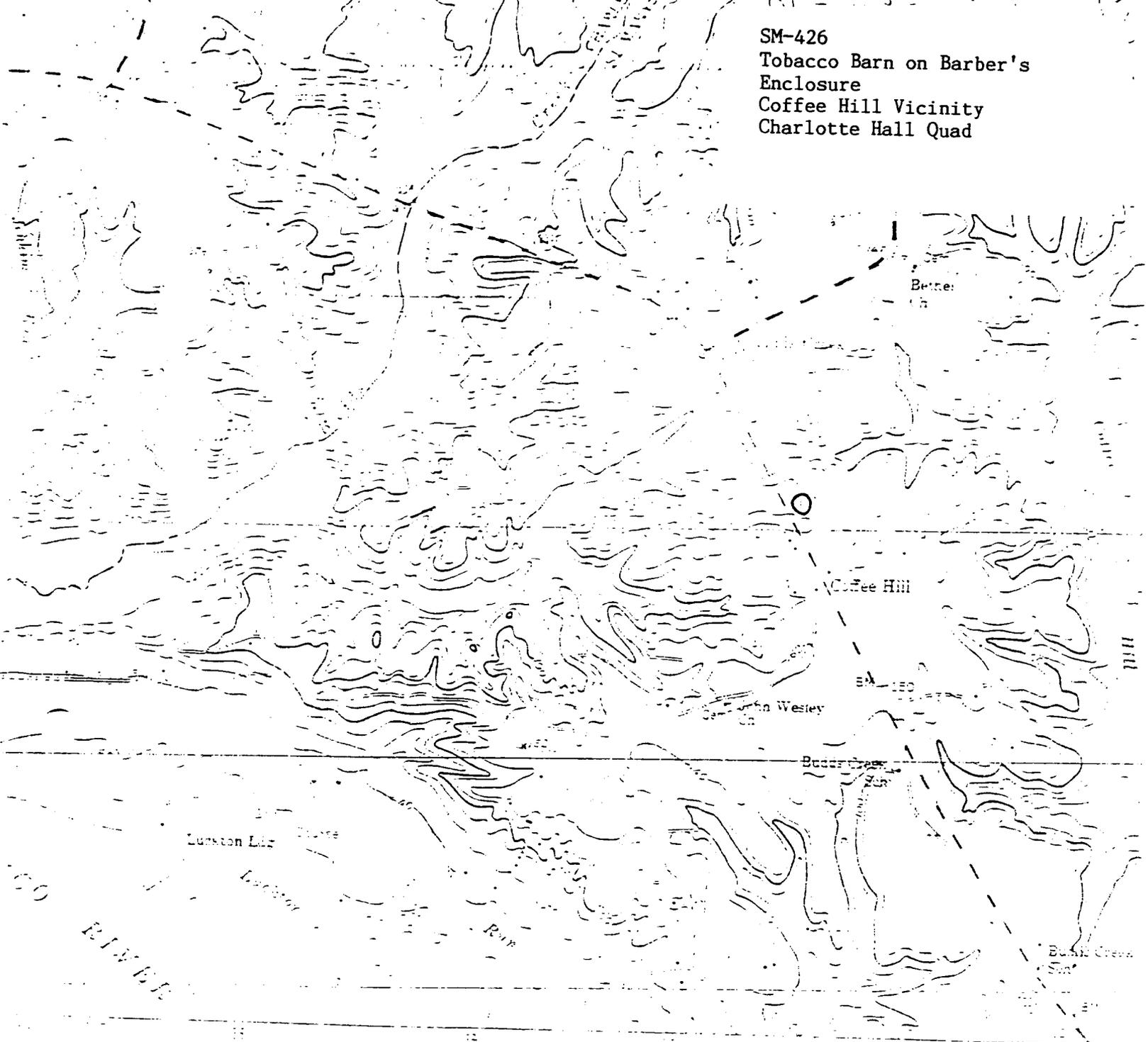
FROM: Mary L. AMery

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 4, folio 108.

DATE: March 5, 1863.

NOTES: Transfer of 1/3 interest (other 2/3 interest already conveyed to Hutchins by her brother and sister) in 70 acre tract adjoining and surrounded by the lands of Messr. Simpson, Carpenter, Payne, Ching, and Barber. Supposed to be known as 1 of 5 lots of that tract of land called "Barber's Enclosure."

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 Coffee Hill Vicinity  
 Charlotte Hall Quad



Engineers, U. S. Army,  
 The Geodetic Survey,  
 Survey

NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Photoreduced from original  
 map of 1911, 1:25,000 scale

Vertical Control Survey from  
 levelling. This information is  
 for reference purposes

Sea level high water, based  
 on the mean high water  
 of the moon at the station

Map is based on  
 a Mercator projection

Contour interval 20 feet  
 (100 feet in some places)

Scale 1:25,000  
 (1 inch = 200 feet)

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

CHARLOTTE HALL, ME

38076 DT 1B 024

1953

PHOTOIC 1953  
 BATHYMETRY ADDED 1962  
 GMA 5660 IV NE SURVEY 1951

SAFE MAP COMPLIES WITH  
 U.S. NAUTICAL SURVEY DATA COMPILED WITH



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St. Mary's County, MD

Elizabeth Hughes

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SW Elevation

1/2



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Interior - SE corner

2/2