Capsule Summary
SM-753
Barn near 17785 Clarke Road
Piney Point Vicinity
Private circa 1910s

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-753

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	
other	Barn near 17785 Clarke Road

2. Location

street and number	Near 17785 Clarke Road	__	not for publication
city, town	Tall Timbers	x	vicinity
county	St. Mary's		

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

name	Robert and Patricia Bowes				
street and number	17785 Clarke Road			telephone	N/a
city, town	Tall Timbers	state	Md	zip code	20609

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-65, P-268		
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	143	folio	168

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
_____district
__x__building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
__x__private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
__x__domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
__1__	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
__1__	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
__0__

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
x__ good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

Largely isolated from its historic context by modern day settlement patters is the barn situated near 17785 Clarke Road. Oriented on a northwest/southeast axis, this multi-purpose barn is situated on a 2.93 acre residential lot. Only about one acre immediately around the barn was investigated. The lot is relatively flat and is bounded to the northwest, northeast, and southeast by residential lots, and to the southwest by Clarke Road. The barn is only a few feet from the surface of the roadway.

The axial plan, frame barn rests on a concrete pier foundation. The exterior walls are sheathed with circular sawn vertical boards. The eaves have been left open and the roof is covered with raised seam metal. Interesting details on this circa 1910s barn include windows that pierce the bottom and top levels of the building. These openings are only visible on the southwest side of the building as the northeast elevation was not observed. The primary carriage ways into the barn are located on the building's gable ends on the northwest and southeast sides. The exact function of the barn is unclear as the interior was not investigated. While tobacco could certainly be hung inside, it may have also served as a hay barn.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	x agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
x 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1 acre around barn		
Acreage of historical setting	1 acre around barn		
Quadrangle name	Piney Point	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot is relatively flat and is bounded to the northwest, northeast, and southeast by residential lots, and to the southwest by Clarke Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 143, Folio 168.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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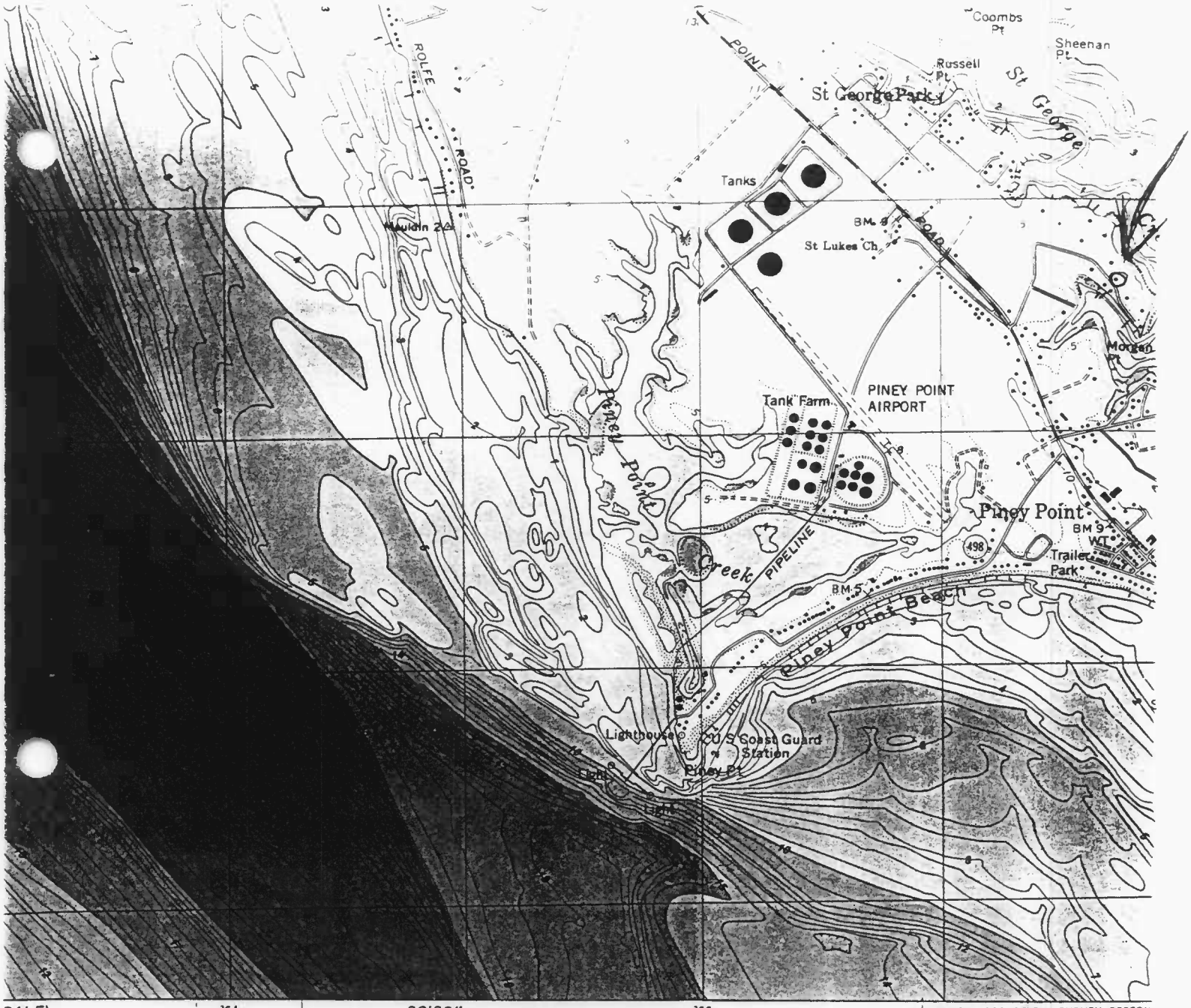

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S APPROXIMATELY 0.4 METER

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface

Light-duty r improved su

Unimproved road, fair or d weather

State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

PINEY POI

38076-E

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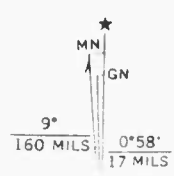

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Piney Point Quad

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