Capsule Summary
SM-805
Tobacco Barn near St. Johns Church
Hollywood
Private circa 1920

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-805

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	
other	Tobacco Barn near St. John's Church

2. Location

street and number	Just NW of int. of St. Johns Road and Md Rt. 235, on W side of Rt. 235	__	not for publication
city, town	Hollywood	x	vicinity
county	St. Mary's		

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

name	Thomas M. and Patricia Dillow				
street and number	43616 Saint Johns Road			telephone	N/a
city, town	Hollywood	state	Md	zip code	20636-3224

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-26, P-85		
city, town	Leonardtown	liber	100	folio	305

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
__x__agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
_____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
___ good ___ ruins
x__ fair ___ altered

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

The Tobacco Barn near St. John's Church is situated northwest of the intersection of Route 235 and St. John's Road in the rural community of Hollywood, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the barn is situated in the middle of a cultivated field – part of a larger 228 acre farm that contains other tobacco barns and modern dwellings that were not included in this form. The surveyed portion of the property only consists of about 20 acres around this particular building. The property is bounded to the east by Route 235, to the south by a residence and St. Johns Road, and to the west and north by residential and wooded tracts. The barn appears to be in disuse as several bushes, trees, and shrubs are currently growing around the building.

The tobacco barn itself, constructed circa 1920, is a frame, axial plan building with a gable roof and side shed. The exterior walls are clad with vertical boards and the roof is sheathed with raised-seam or corrugated metal. The most distinctive feature of this barn is the clerestory ventilator running the entire length of the roof's peak. Doors on the building's north and south sides relate the barn's axial plan – ideal for carriages to enter the barn and more easily stack the tobacco staves. A shed on the west side of the barn forces the roof to change to a lesser pitch.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ 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	20 acres		
Acreage of historical setting	228 acres		
Quadrangle name	Hollywood	Quadrangle scale:	1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the east by Route 235, to the south by a residence and St. Johns Road, and to the west and north by residential and wooded tracts. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 100, Folio 305.

11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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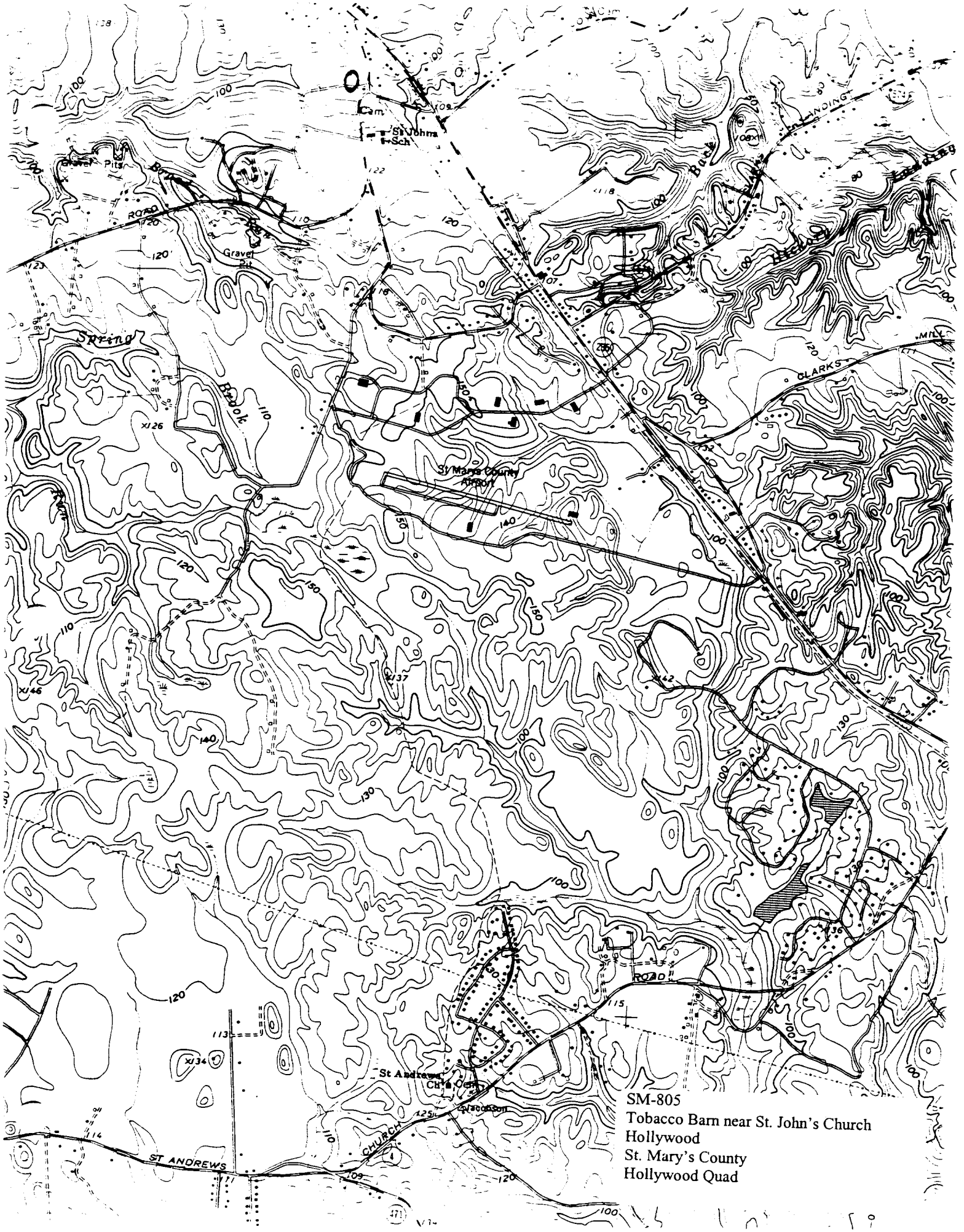

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Hollywood
St. Mary's County
Hollywood Quad

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Tobacco Barn near St. John's Church
St. Mary's County
Mark Ranzetta
Nov/99
MD SHPO
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