

Capsule Summary

SM-876

Tobacco Barn on Old Horse Landing Road

Laurel Grove

Private

circa 1840-1870

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Tobacco Barn on Old Horse Landing Road

2. Location

street and number NW side of Old Horse Landing Road approx. 1/4 mile NE of int. w/ Mt. Zion Rd. not for publication

city, town Laurel Grove vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Jeanette T. Buckler

street and number 27102 Mount Zion Church Road telephone N/a

city, town Mechanicsville state Md zip code 20659-4889

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-14, P-42

city, town Leonardtown liber 87 folio 13

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	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 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.

The Tobacco Barn on Old Horse Landing Road is located on the northwest side of the road near the rural crossroads community of Laurel Grove, Maryland. Oriented on an east/west axis, the barn is positioned a short distance from the road and is surrounded by cultivated fields of tobacco. Still used for the curing of the crop, the barn is situated on a large 192.83 acre parcel, but only about 5 acres immediately visible from the road were surveyed. The property is bounded by wooded tracts to the southwest, northwest, and northeast and by the road to the southeast.

The Tobacco Barn on Old Horse Landing Road is a circa 1840-1870 timber frame building with an axial plan and two sheds. The exterior of the building is clad with vertical boards and the steep gable roof is sheathed with raised-seam metal.

The primary entries of the barn lie on the east and west gable ends. They consist of a set of double doors. The doors were partially open permitting a view on the inside. Intermediate supports for the tobacco poles are visible and they consist of cedar or locust posts set directly on the ground.

The north and west sides of the barn were not visible at the time of the visit.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
Construction dates	

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register 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 5 acres
Acreage of historical setting 192.83 acres
Quadrangle name Mechanicsville Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by wooded tracts to the southwest, northwest, and northeast and by the road to the southeast. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 87, Folio 13.

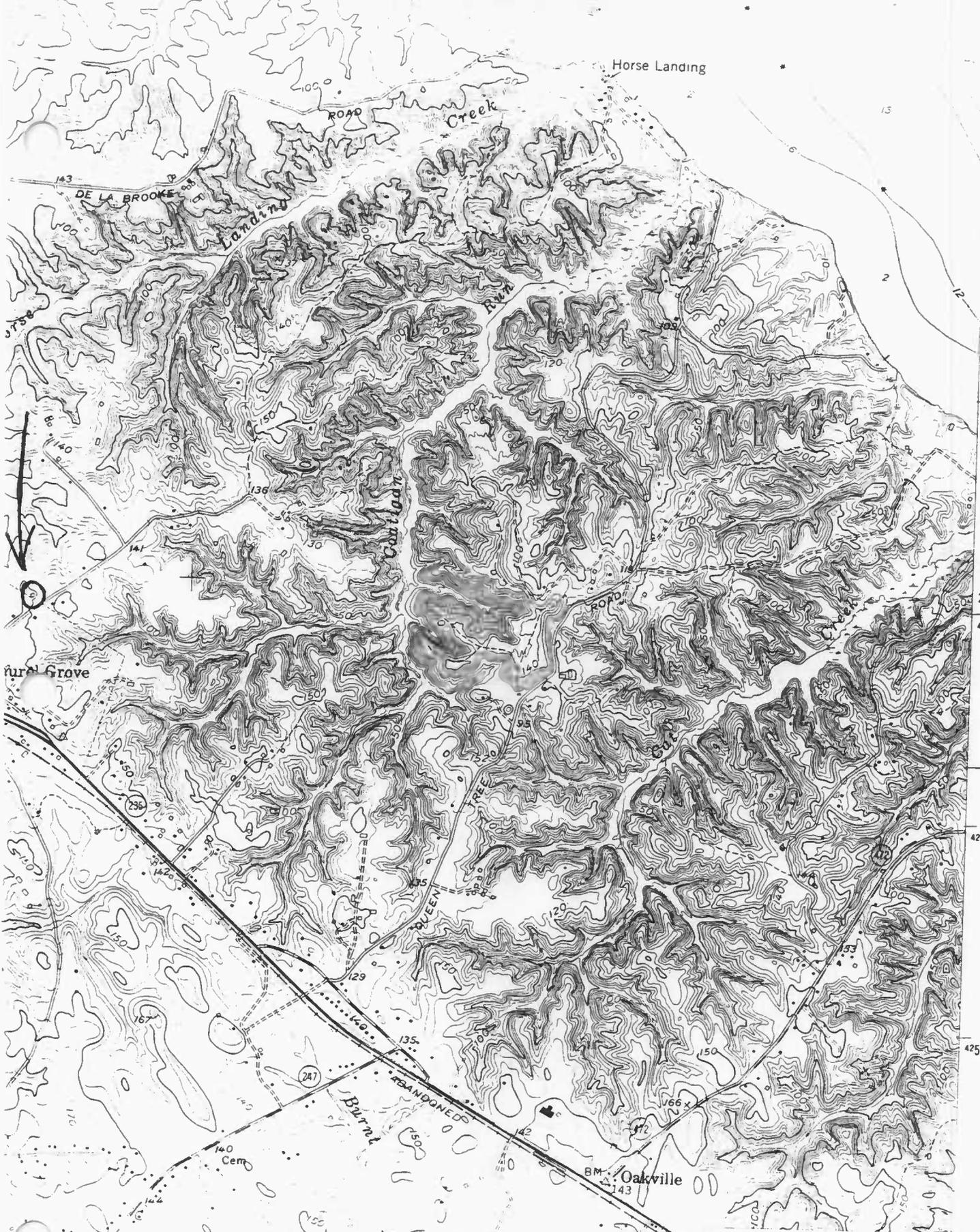
11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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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