

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Hereford High School Barn Inventory Number: BA-2643

Address: 17301 York Road City: Hereford Zip Code: 21120

County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Hereford

Owner: Baltimore County Board of Education Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 158 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: 0702057275

Project: Hereford High School Entrance Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property is located within a historic district? ___ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes ___ no

Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Hereford High School Barn was inventoried in 1995, but no eligibility evaluation was completed. The building is a bank barn, with a stone foundation, large floor timbers and metal siding. The windows have been replaced with louvers, but there are windows in the lower half of the barn, as well as stall doors. On both the north and the south facades are sliding doors.

There is abundant evidence of graffiti, which has been painted over, and the roof is constructed in several different colors of corrugated metal. While its integrity of setting and materials is weak, the barn represents an important aspect of north Baltimore County's agricultural history, and is a rare survivor. Furthermore the building has been listed in the Baltimore County Historic Register Final Landmarks List in 1996. Based on these items, it is SHA's opinion that the barn is eligible under National Register Criterion A.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA, Architectural H Date Prepared: 05/30/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW
Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: X A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments *may also be eligible under Criterion C, but info is insufficient to determine this.*
Andrew Lewis 08/01/03
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
Blunt 8/5/02
Reviewer, NR Program Date

200202703



HEREFORD

MINP # BA-2643

WEST VIEW OF HEEFORD HIGH
SCHOOL BARN.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Mayes Barn, Burton Barn Inventory Number: BA-2643

Address: 17301 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21204

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Board of Education of Baltimore

Tax Parcel Number: 158 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This agricultural building is located on the property of the Hereford Consolidated High School. The building is a wood bank barn with closed stone forebays. The rectangular-plan, side-gabled barn is clad by vertical metal siding and has louvered ventilators and a corrugated metal roof. The barn was built in ca. 1821 and was damaged in a 1994 storm that forced the replacement of the roof. The barn is one of the few surviving agricultural buildings in the Hereford vicinity.

Although the barn meets the fifty-year antiquity criterion for listing in the NRHP, the property has been substantially altered reducing its integrity. Metal siding has replaced its original wood cladding and its roof, recently damaged by a storm, has been replaced at least once. Furthermore, because of its location in a paved parking area on the grounds of the Hereford High School, it has been isolated from its original setting. The barn is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2643

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mayes Barn, Burton Barn
 other Hereford High School Barn

2. Location

street and number 17301 York Road not for publication
 city, town Monkton vicinity
 county Baltimore

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

name Board of Education of Baltimore
 street and number 940 York Road telephone
 city, town Townson state MD zip code 21204

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-158
 city, town Towson liber folio

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	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	

7. Description

Inventory No. BA-2643

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

This agricultural building is located on the property of the Hereford Consolidated High School. The building is a wood bank barn with closed stone forebays. The rectangular-plan, side-gabled barn is clad by vertical metal siding and has louvered ventilators and a corrugated metal roof. The barn was built in ca. 1821 and was damaged in a 1994 storm that forced the replacement of the roof. The barn is one of the few surviving agricultural buildings in the Hereford vicinity.

8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-2643

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	performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:	

Specific dates ca. 1821-1950 Architect

Construction dates 1821 Builder

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Although the barn meets the fifty-year antiquity criterion for listing in the NRHP, the property has been substantially altered reducing its integrity. Metal siding has replaced its original wood cladding and its roof, recently damaged by a storm, has been replaced at least once. Furthermore, because of its location in a paved parking area on the grounds of the Hereford High School, it has been isolated from its original setting. The barn is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-2643

Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of surveyed property	<u>c. 1 acre</u>		
Acreege of historical setting	<u>104 acres</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for this property is limited to the building itself, ca. forty by one hundred feet.

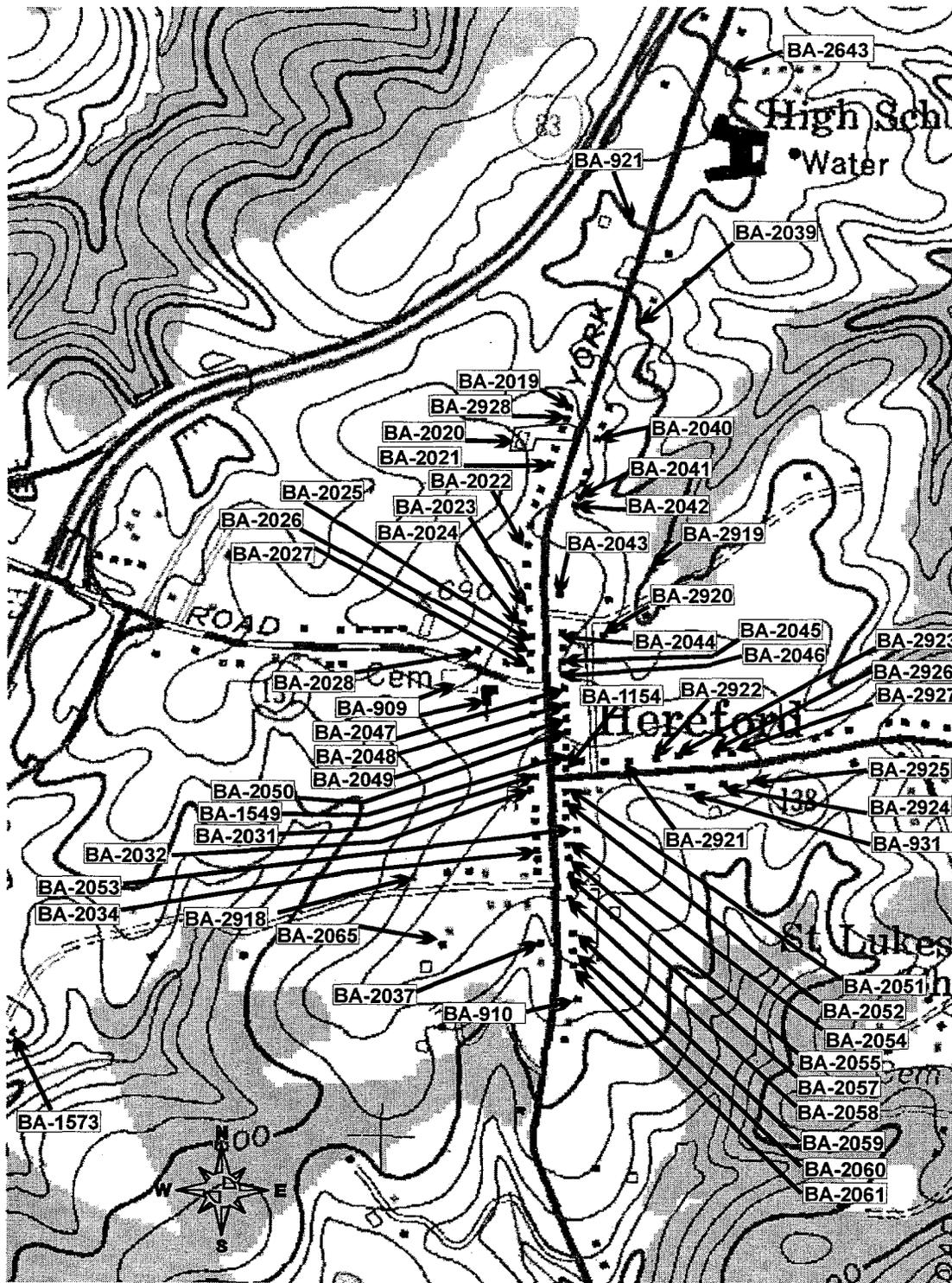
11. Form Prepared By

name/title	David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian		
organization	URS/Dames & Moore	date	09/07/2000
street and number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700	telephone	301-652-221
city or town	Bethesda	state MD	zipcode 20814-4870

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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100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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Mayes Barn, Burton Barn
Hereford High School Barn
17301 York Road

Baltimore, Maryland
David S. Rotenstein

8/21/2000

MD SHPO

View of barn, to the southeast, from York
Road.

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Survey No. BA 2643

Magi No. 0326433506

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HEREFORD HIGH SCHOOL BARN

and/or common MAYS BARN, BURTON BARN

2. Location

street & number 17301 York Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hereford ___ vicinity of Councilmanic District - 3rd
congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county Baltimore County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Baltimore County Board of Education, c/o Jim Kraft

street & number 6901 North Charles St. telephone no.: 887-7835

city, town Towson state and zip code MD 21204

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber TBS 1882

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 10

city, town Towson state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title No prior study. Not surveyed before 1995.

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. BA 2643

Condition		Check One	Check One	
<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.

The Hereford High School Barn is a middle-sized Pennsylvania bank barn or "hill side barn" or in Baltimore County parlance, a "pole barn," very close to York Road. It was described in the county paper as a hundred years old but is certainly the barn on the fully equipped Mays family farm offered for sale in 1892, certainly the barn inherited in 1888 from Thomas G. Mays by Thomas Clarence Mays. The barn is two stories of frame construction on a stone foundation. The second story is supported by post-bolster-and-girt construction, the same sort of massive framing used in water mills. The girts are somewhat primitive, hand-hewn timbers that are not cleanly cut sawmill products, not even straight. Some of the plates in the attic are crudely adzed beams, and the roof rafters are also hand-hewn lengths of half round trees apparently morticed into the ridge pole. There are a number of heavy collars which serve as cross braces for the rafters. Overall dimensions are 40 by 50 feet.

This is obviously a 19th Century barn, but how early in the 19th Century is a question. A Mid-century date is conceivable for a structure built by Mortise and Tenon methods. Balloon framing, supposedly dating from 1833 in Chicago, was a long time being adopted in the Eastern United States. People in Northern Baltimore County often engaged craftsmen from Pennsylvania for projects and old traditions persisted even into the late 20th Century in that state.

After a search of barn literature, some similar barns and illustrations of similar joining techniques were found in Lawrence Grow's County Architecture (Main Street Press, Pittstown, New Jersey, 1985).

As late as 1893, a Towson paper noted it unusual not to build in the traditional style, reporting that Milton Dance's new barn at Valley View "was built without a single mortice and tenant [sic]."¹

NOTE:

1. Maryland Journal, Towson, December 2, 1893.

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near the house, and whole property well watered; soil rotten rock, and land in a fair state of cultivation. There is valuable timber on the above land, consisting of Poplar, Oak, and Chestnut...All this property belonged to the late Thomas G. Mays, and Thomas Clarence Mays inherited said property as the only heir at law of said Thomas G. Mays, who died intestate....

William S. Keech,
Attorney named in Mortgage²

The mortgaged property included another 125 acres and a frame house on the west side of the road. Both parcels went into different ownerships after the auction held January 25, 1892.

The barn probably dates from some period during the ownership of the Mays Family. John Mays appears as the buyer of four parcels in the "same as" clause of the 1892 deed. He acquired his first portion in 1821 from William Merryman, another part in 1833 from Richard Sewell, and yet another in 1835 from Thomas Love.³ A fourth parcel, only one acre, was acquired from John Rowe and wife in exchange for 100 bushels of lime.⁴ Transfer Book No. 2 in the Hall of Records shows that a barn worth \$300 was added to the seventh district tax account of John P. Mays in 1859 (folio 8).

The J. Mays house appears at this site on the east side of the York Road on J.C. Sidney's 1850 map. John Mays died in June 1868 according to his will.⁵ The 1877 G.M. Hopkins atlas shows Thomas G. Mays as owner of the farm.

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Inventory records show that Thomas G. Mays died about January 1888. His inventory totaled \$588.39. The list of his possessors made by neighbors Joseph E. Tracey and John W. Knight showed all the usual wagons and livestock of a functioning farm, including hives of bees.⁶ The barn was no doubt in place to shelter those assets.

At the 1892 auction, Edmund A. Burton was highest bidder for the farm on the east side of York Road, paying \$2,536.05.⁷ The deed reveals that the farm was composed of old land grants called Low's Range, Addition to Low's Range, Laurel Hills, and Merrymans Enclosure Rectified.

The Burton family owned the place until 1950 when Herman C. and Isabella J. Burton sold their remaining 104.97 acres to the Board of Education of Baltimore County as a site for Hereford High School.⁸

Dr. Harold Burton recalled in 1995 that "I spent my summers on the farm. I learned how to milk cows in that barn."⁹ The farm was his grandfather's and was a "garden variety barn" as Dr. Burton remarked to the LPC staff in 1994.

When Hereford High School opened in 1953 the barn was used to house livestock for school's agricultural education program and each summer for the Hereford Junior Farm Fair. There was also a Kiddie Farm in the barn and elementary school students would be bussed in to see the animals.

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Steen Westerberg, chairman of the Hereford High School agricultural department, noted that he and his students tried to repair the floors and stone foundations in the 1970s. The county failed to make necessary repairs to the roof and rain gutters. Thus by 1994 there were large open gaps in the roof and pigeons infested the interior.¹⁰

The county weekly reported the 1994 efforts of local citizens to get repairs started:

Burton called George Colburn, a special projects coordinator with the county school system's Department of Facilities, and convinced him the barn was worth restoring.

Burton arranged for a contractor to bid on the job last year, but several more bids are needed before Colburn can take the matter to the Board of Education.

"There aren't a lot of contractors who are interested in fixing up an old barn so the project has slowed down," Colburn said. "I'd love to hear from contractors interested in bidding on the project."

The slow bidding process bothered 1986 Hereford graduate, Kelly Vansant Mays, who worried that the barn would be torn down before a contractor could be found.

She and several other north county residents went to the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission and asked that the barn be declared to have historic value and placed on the commission's list of historic places.¹¹

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NOTES:

1. Pat Van Den Beemt, "Group Defends Hereford Barn," Jeffersonian, March 30, 1995.
2. Maryland Journal, Towson, January 16, 1892.
3. Baltimore City Deeds, WG 161:730, TK 227:471, TK 257:37. The barns listed by the North Hundred assessor in 1798 were usually very small, only of log, thus the likelihood that the Mays family developed the estate after 1821.
4. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 184:431.
5. Baltimore County Wills, JLR 3:295. There was no inventory of John Mays' personal belongings, since he owned none.
6. Baltimore County Inventories, TP 22:117.
7. Baltimore County Deeds, LMB 196:76.
8. Baltimore County Deeds, TBS 1882:10.
9. Van Den Beemt, "Group Defends Hereford Barn."
10. Van Den Beemt.
11. Van Den Beemt.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA 2643

Pat Van Den Beemt, "Group Defends Hereford Barn,"
Jeffersonian, March 30, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 104.97

Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Bounded on west by York Road and on north and east by Gunpowder State Park.
See Tax Map 22, Grid 9, Parcel P158. Barn is 750 ft. south of Bunker Hill Road.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	n/a	code
state		code	county		code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Towson		

