

CAPSULE SUMMARY - RICHARDSON BARN (CT-1033)

Located in St. Leonard along J. Lloyd Bowen Road, this barn is located across the road, but apparently associated, from an early 20th century farm complex. Constructed of circular sawn timbers and wire nails with a center aisle plan, this measures 22 x 40 feet with a 20 x 40 shed on its north side. The steeply pitched roof and rather poor condition suggest a barn much older than it is in actuality. Both barn and shed are sided with vertical planks.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Richardson Barn

## 2. Location

street & number 2095 Lloyd Bowen Road  not for publicationcity, town St. Leonard  vicinity of  congressional districtstate MD  county Calvert

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Status                                       | Present Use                            |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> park                      |
| <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable     | <input type="checkbox"/> no                  | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage |

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

name Kate Richardson

street &amp; number 2095 Lloyd Bowen Rd. telephone no.:

city, town St. Leonard state and zip code MD 20685

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 425

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio 580

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

 DEPT. OF PLANNING & ZONING  
 COURT HOUSE  
 PRINCE FREDERICK, MD. 20678

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CT-1033

|                                    |  |                                    |  |                    |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> original site |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins                   | <input 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 Richardson barn is located at 2095 Lloyd Bowen Road. From Mackall Rd., turn right on Lloyd Bowen Rd. The Barn is located approximately one mile down the road on the right-hand side, before the hill descends. The barn is located near the woods on the south side of the road with no apparent historically associated houses or barns. There is a modern modular home of very recent date immediately next to the barn. The main axis parallels Lloyd Bowen Road (east-west). If the current driveway was the old farm road, then it ran up to the eastern facade, then curved around behind the southern facade of the barn. The plan of the barn is transverse axis, with one large shed along the northern facade. Barn dimensions are forty by twenty-two feet. Shed dimensions are forty by twenty. The roof pitch is extremely steep 45+ degrees. This steep pitch was thought to indicate an older barn, but the timbers of this structure are circular sawn, wire nails are used, and the owner states that to her knowledge it was built in the 1930's.

The transverse axis barn is divided into bays of eight, eight, ten, six, and eight feet (on the south side). The north side consists of five eight foot bays. It contains ten rooms. The southern facade door forms the ten foot wide bay. There is some evidence of an earlier door along along the north side of the barn wall, where the shed now stands. The shed is apparently an addition, as indicated by the existence of nails on the rafters of the barn below where it joined with the shed. These nails indicate that the barn roof (including this section) was at one time completely shingled. If the shed were original, it would have been unnecessary to shingle this portion of the roof.

The barn structure is supported by concrete blocks and poured concrete. Large unmortared field stones are inserted for additional support between the concrete block piers. The barn had two cross-sills originally, but one has been largely removed, perhaps in order to accommodate vehicle access. Timbers are circular sawn, and light, the nails are wire. The barn has verticle weatherboard siding with ventilation. The roof rafters are on four foot centers, and rest on a flat false plate. Windbraces and three collars help support the roof. There are shingle nailers in place under under the present metal covering. There are no poles down the central axis, and the tier poles span the twenty foot width of the barn. They are tied with twine and otherwise supported. The vertical hanging distance in this structure is four feet. A feed trough and manger are located in the west end of the barn on the north side.

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# 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/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input checked="" 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

### Builder/Architect

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.

The period represented by this structure is the 1930's depression era. The external impression created by this barn is that of an early to mid-nineteenth century structure. Its transverse axis plan and steeply pitched roof are typical of this period. Nonetheless, closer inspection reveals it to be a modern 1930's structure. The materials are modern circular sawn lumber and wire nails. In addition, there are several other clues which indicate the more recent construction of the barn. The shed is significantly wider than that of nineteenth century structures, and is located in an atypical location along the northern facade. The timbers are extremely light, and there are no poles down the central axis. It is unknown why this traditional building plan was followed. Iso of significance is the usage of an internal portion of the barn for stabling.

Historic Period/theme(s): Twentieth Century, Tobacco

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1930-Present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The main modifications to this structure include the removal of the cross sill, and the enlargement of the doorway and subsequent modification of the bay system along the southern facade. In addition, the original shingle roof was replaced by metal. A twenty-foot wide shed of flimsy construction was added along the northern side, also used for curing tobacco. At the time the shed was added, metal roofing was the initial choice.



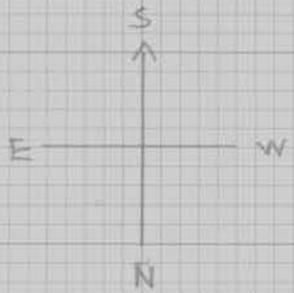
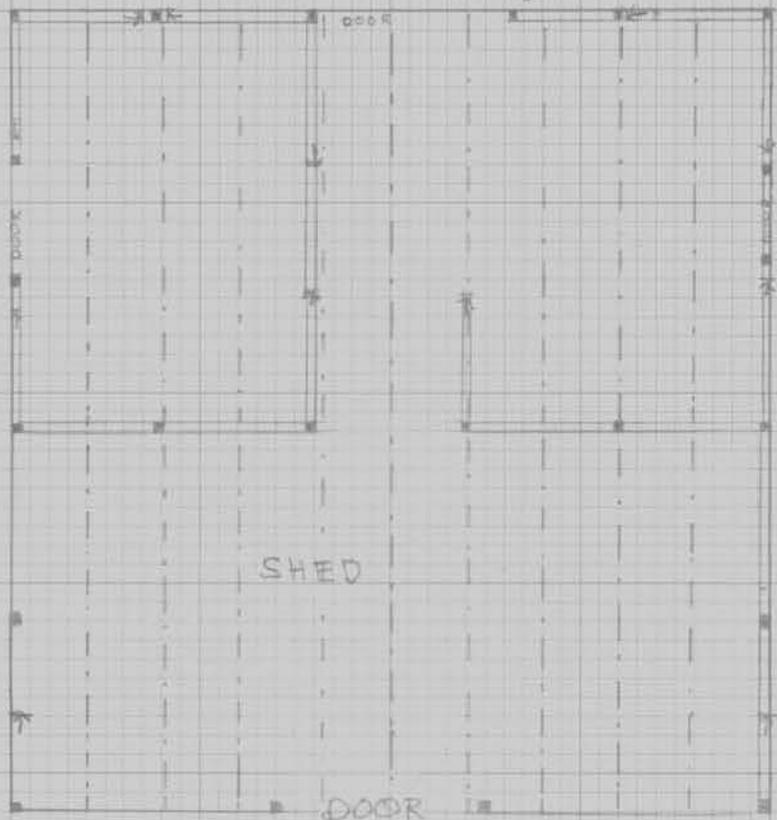
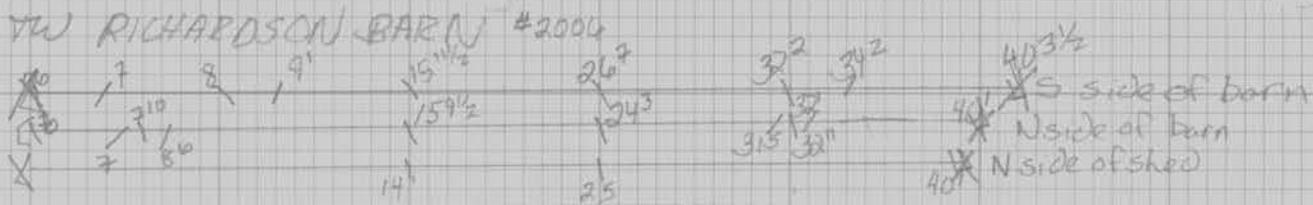
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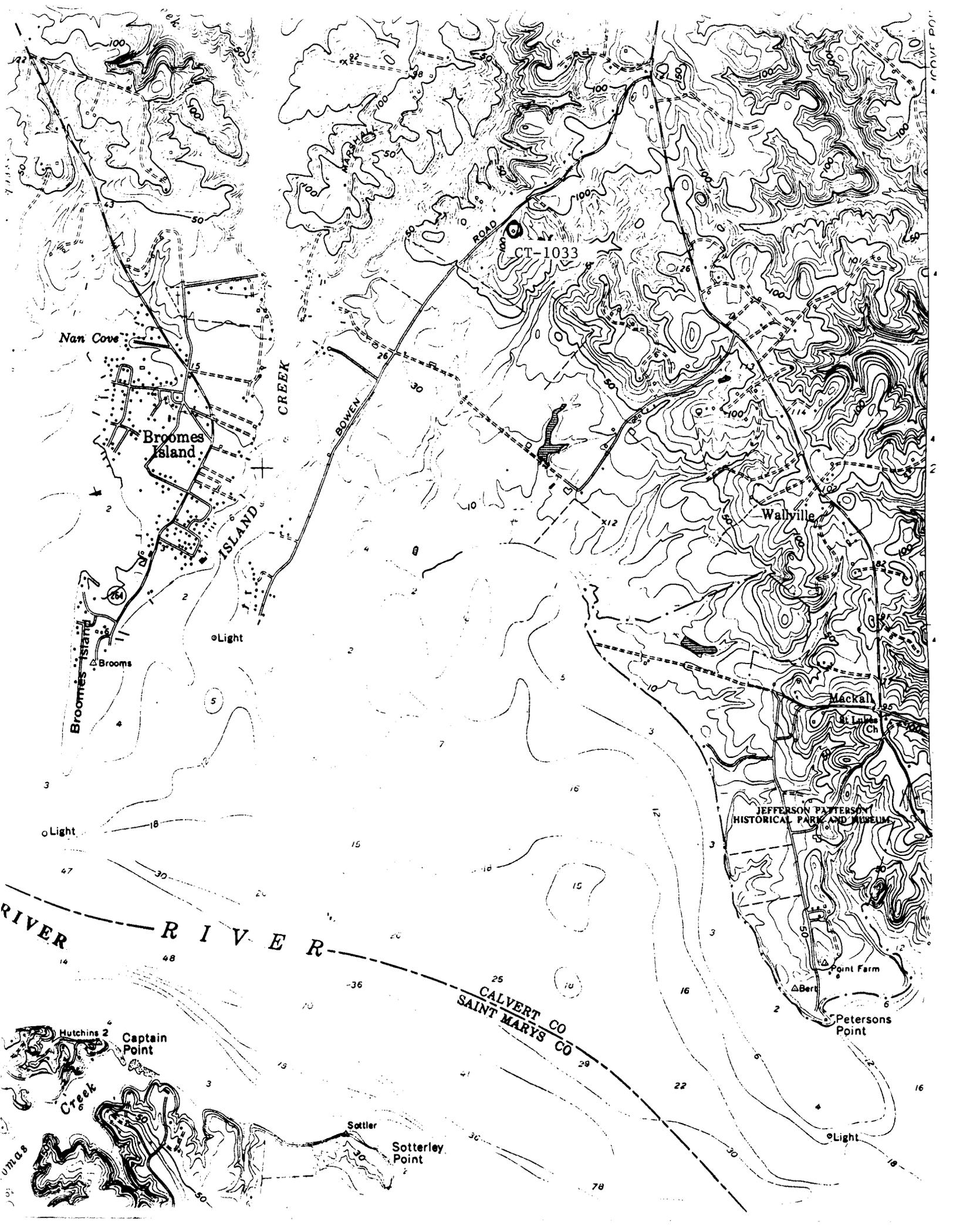
## 7. DESCRIPTION

The shed is a later addition of circular sawn material and wire nails, measuring twenty by forty-four feet. It is built to the north of the barn structure itself. It has one main door on the north of the barn structure itself. It has one main door on the north side measuring ten feet wide. Two bays are on either side of this door, each measuring fourteen feet wide. The posts are earth-fast, but the west side has a sill laid on top of concrete blocks. It is sided with vertical weatherboards, and has four hinged ventilation doors. The roof of the shed has always been metal. The only visible purpose of the shed is to hang tobacco.

2/28/90 SCALE 1"=10' TW RICHARDSON BARN #2004

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Nan Cove

Broomes Island

CREEK

BOWEN

ISLAND

Walhville

Mackall

JEFFERSON PATTERSON HISTORICAL PARK AND MUSEUM

Point Farm

Petersons Point

RIVER

CALVERT CO  
SAINT MARYS CO

Captain Point

Sotterley Point

Hutchins 2

Creek

Light

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St. Leonard  
Toad L. Williamson  
North  
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