

CAPSULE SUMMARY - SCHROM BARN 'B' (CT-1052)

This 20th century barn is a fine example of a modern, multi-use farm building. Rectangular in plan with a center aisle, only the upper half of this barn served a tobacco curing function in recent years. Four areas on the barn's main level have been adapted for a variety of uses, including storage, tobacco stripping, and hog raising. These features chronicle the agricultural practices of the Schrom, Cox and Williams families during the past century.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Schrom Barn B

2. Location

street & number Hunting Creek Rd. (Maryland Route 521) ___ not for publication

city, town Huntingtown Cox vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mr. William Schrom

street & number Hunting Creek Rd. telephone no.: 535-0751

city, town Huntingtown state and zip code MD 20639

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 59

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 659

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1052

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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.

See Attachment.

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/ 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.

See Attachment.

7. DESCRIPTION CT-1052

The Schrom farm is located on Hunting Creek Road. Schrom Barn B is on uphill to the east and across the farm road from Schrom Barn A. The axis of the barn is east-west. It is a two-story structure that was used on the upper levels only for hanging tobacco. It measures forty-four by twenty-four feet, is divided into eight foot bays and one central twelve foot wide aisle. It is separated into four rooms on the lower level. The entire upper level is floored and used for hanging tobacco. There are exterior doors into each of the four lower level rooms in addition to the central aisle. The barn is of twentieth century date employing circular sawn lumber and wire nails.

Poured concrete piers support the lightweight timber frame.

Posts

and other timbers are toe-nailed. Down braces meet the posts. Vertical wall siding and hinged ventilation doors sheathe the exterior. The roof is metal. Rafters on four foot centers rest on a flat false plate. Windbraces and three collars support the roof. The tier poles on the second story are circular sawn and nailed. They are separated by forty inches vertical distance. The second story is seven and a half feet above ground. A large beam runs down the axis ten feet above the floor of the second story. There are poles down the axis on the second story that are circular sawn and nailed.

The rooms on the ground floor served other purposes than tobacco. The southwest room is for equipment storage. The northwest room is a totally enclosed stripping room. The east rooms were originally enclosed holding rooms for tobacco. The ceiling is coated with plastic. A poured concrete floor was added to the two east rooms after 1962 in order to adapt them for hog farming.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1052

Schrom barn B is of twentieth century date, and is significant as a representative of multi-use barns of this period. The lower level was adapted to purposes other than tobacco hanging, while the upper level was devoted solely to this purpose.

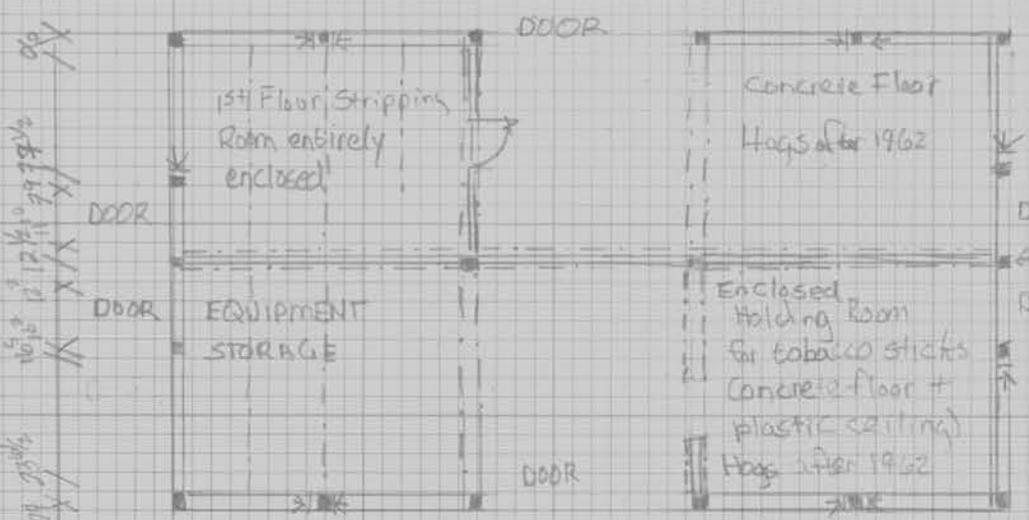
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historic Period theme(s): Twentieth Century; Tobacco
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: Twentieth Century
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The only significant change to the structure was the addition of a concrete floor to the east rooms on the ground floor, in order to adapt this area for hog farming. Mr. Schrom states that this barn was standing on the property when he purchased it in the 1960s.

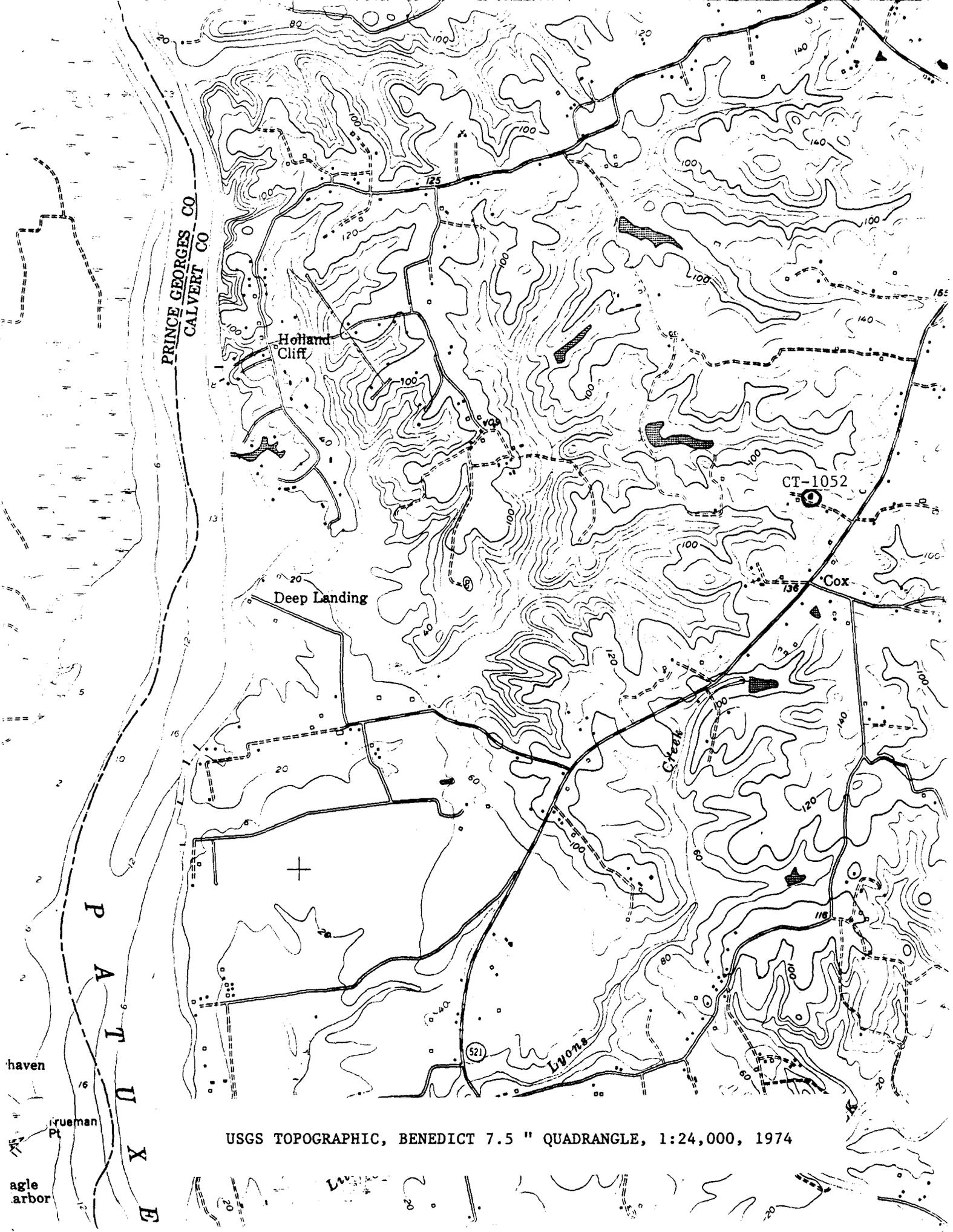
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N. BARN



DOOR
← Beam 10' above Floor of 2nd story
DOOR 2nd story 7' 6" above ground level

06'
12'
12'
12'
12'
12'
12'
12'



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, BENEDICT 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1974

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SCHROM BARN 'B'

HUNTING TOWN

TORAL WILLIAMSEN

SOUTH EAST

MARCH, 1990