

CAPSULE SUMMARY - MAIDSTONE BARN 'B' (CT-1063)

Maidstone Barn 'B' is the second oldest barn on this 18th century farm. Adjoining CT-1062 on the east, this barn is cross axial in plan and oriented on a east-west axis. This barn measures 48 x 20 feet and has sheds on the north and south sides. The barn is supported on both a continuous brick foundation and mortared fieldstone piers. Construction techniques and materials suggest a c. 1860-1880 date of construction. Both Maidstone barns 'a' and 'b' have been adapted for multiple uses including stabling and hay storage.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

(See also (CT-5) Maidstone House)

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Maidstone Barn

and/or common Maidstone Barn B

2. Location

street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road not for publicationcity, town Owings vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input 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 Mrs. Jean Hicks

street & number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road telephone no.: n/a

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber AWR 20

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 371

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1063

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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
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<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
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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-1063

Maidstone Barn B is located on the historic house site known as Maidstone. Portions of the house date to the eighteenth century, and it originally belonged to the Chew family. The barn discussed here is pushed up against another barn known as Maidstone Barn A. Maidstone barn B is the second oldest barn on the property. From the exterior, A and B appear to be one structure. On closer examination it becomes apparent that they are completely separate in such essential items as the roof and timber frame. The two barns are located to the northeast of the house site. Maidstone Barn B is to the east of barn A. Its roof is on an east-west axis. The plan is cross-axial and there are doors on the exposed north, south, and east sides. There are two other barns on the property located to the west of barns A and B. Maidstone barn B measures forty-eight by twenty feet. It has sheds on the north and south sides.

Maidstone barn B was probably built up alongside barn A or possibly moved here from another location. It post-dates barn A in both materials and techniques. The north and west sides under the sill are completely filled in with brick, and there are mortared brick foundation piers on the east side. It has an eight foot bay system and a combination of both hewn and circular sawn timbers. The hewn timbers appear to be re-used. The posts and other joints are mortise and tenon with trunnels. Visible nails are fully mature machine cut. The vertical siding here is also snug on the north and south. The siding on the east side is more open, with spacing for ventilation. Some ventilation doors are visible. A standing seam metal roof has replaced the original shingle roof. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Tier poles are peeled logs. The poles down the center are also peeled logs.

The north shed is open-air and has earth fast posts. All the rest of the materials are circular sawn. It is possible that it was a somewhat later addition. The south shed was added on during the current ownership (post 1950). A hayloft was added above the entire length of the south shed on both barns A and B at this time.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1063

Maidstone Barn B is architecturally significant for several reasons. The fact that it is built up against another barn is unusual. Also, the tight siding on the north and south sides may indicate that the sheds in these locations were used for stabling, and certainly indicates a different attitude towards ventilation than is manifested in modern barns. It dates to sometime after the Civil War and before the introduction of wire nails (ca. 1860-1890). The expansion of a pre Civil War era barn by the addition of another is a significant indicator of the growth in the tobacco market at this time. The open-air sheds on both north and south are indicative of multi-use within a tobacco barn.

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): 1860-1890; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1860-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The most significant change this barn has undergone are the addition of a shed to the south, the possible addition of one to the north. The shingle roof has been replaced by metal.

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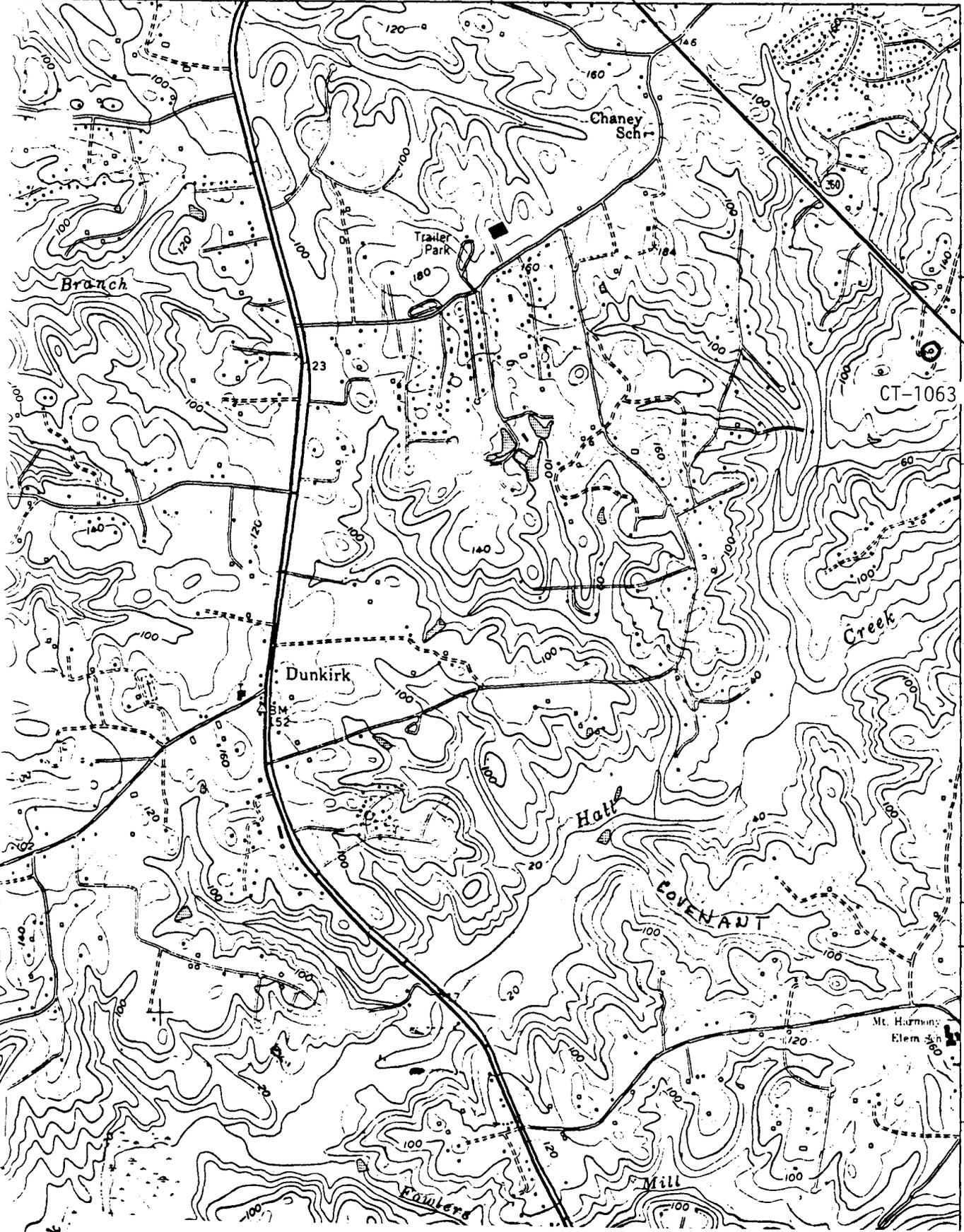
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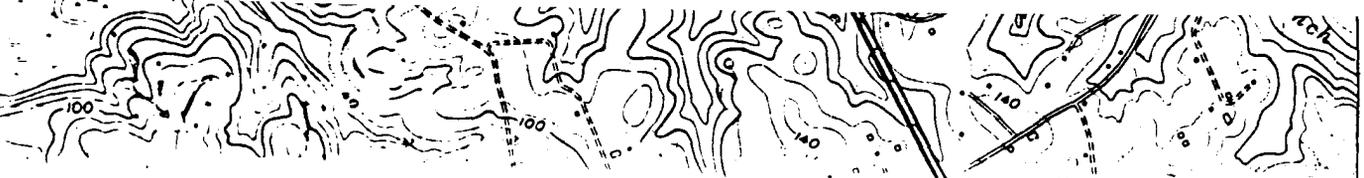
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979



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(See CT-1062 for original b&w photograph)

