

CAPSULE SUMMARY - LAVEILLE BARN 'B' (CT-1078)

Laveille Barn 'B' is part of the Laveille House complex in St. Leonard. Access is private. This 36 x 24 foot barn is oriented on a north-south axis. A central passage divides the barn into two separate rooms. Most materials are circular sawn and loosely joined with wire nails. A shed was added to the east facade at a somewhat later date. The 20th century barn appears to have been constructed for tobacco curing but was adapted for use as a stable. The shed apparently has always been used for curing tobacco.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common LeVeille Barn B

2. Location

street & number LeVeille Place, LeVeille Rd. not for publicationcity, town Port Republic Mutual 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name J.B. Waters

street & number LeVeille Place telephone no.: 535-0214

city, town Port Republic state and zip code MD 20676

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber^{JLB77}

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 575

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1078

Condition
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date of move _____

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

See Attached.

8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1078

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 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-1078

LaVeille barn B is located across the farm road to the south of barn LaVeille barn A. It is situated on a flat site immediately above a ravine. It is on a north-south axis. It measures thirty-six by twenty-four feet and has a central passage dividing the barn cross-axially into two separate rooms. All the major materials are circular sawn and loosely joined with wire nails. A shed was added to the east facade at a somewhat later date. The barn appears to have been constructed for tobacco curing but was adapted for use as a stable.

The circular sawn, light frame of the barn is supported on large mortared fieldstones. The bays are eight and six feet wide, and the doorway/central passage area is ten feet wide. Two cross sills are extant on either side of the central passage. The interior has been converted into a stabling area, with two stables in the south room and one in the north room. A feed room and tack area were also added. Doors were inserted to close the central aisle off from access by the horses. The plain vertical siding had battens added to the north side when it was adapted as a stable. There are two hinged ventilation doors along the north wall of the barn. A circular sawn board roof is now covered by a metal, standing seam roof.

The sixteen foot wide shed on the east side was added at some point. There is evidence of siding on the east wall of the barn, and there are nails visible in the barn rafters below their junction with the shed. It is built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails, and is divided into fourteen foot bays with an eight-foot wide doorway. The frame is supported on poured concrete piers. The major posts are peeled logs. The rafters, nailers, tier poles, tie beams and false plate are all circular sawn. A standing seam metal roof covers the entire shed.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1078

LeVeille barn B is a significant architectural representative of the adaptive re-use of a twentieth century tobacco barn. It has been entirely converted for stabling. Although no horses are stabled there currently, it appears that the barn served this function well. The shed was always used for tobacco curing.

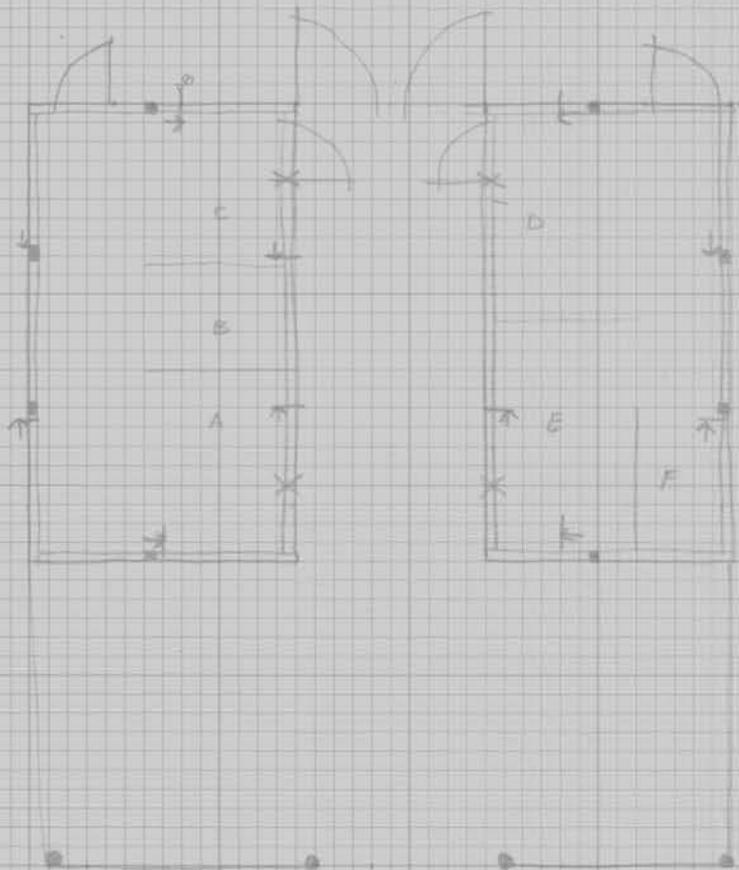
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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.

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

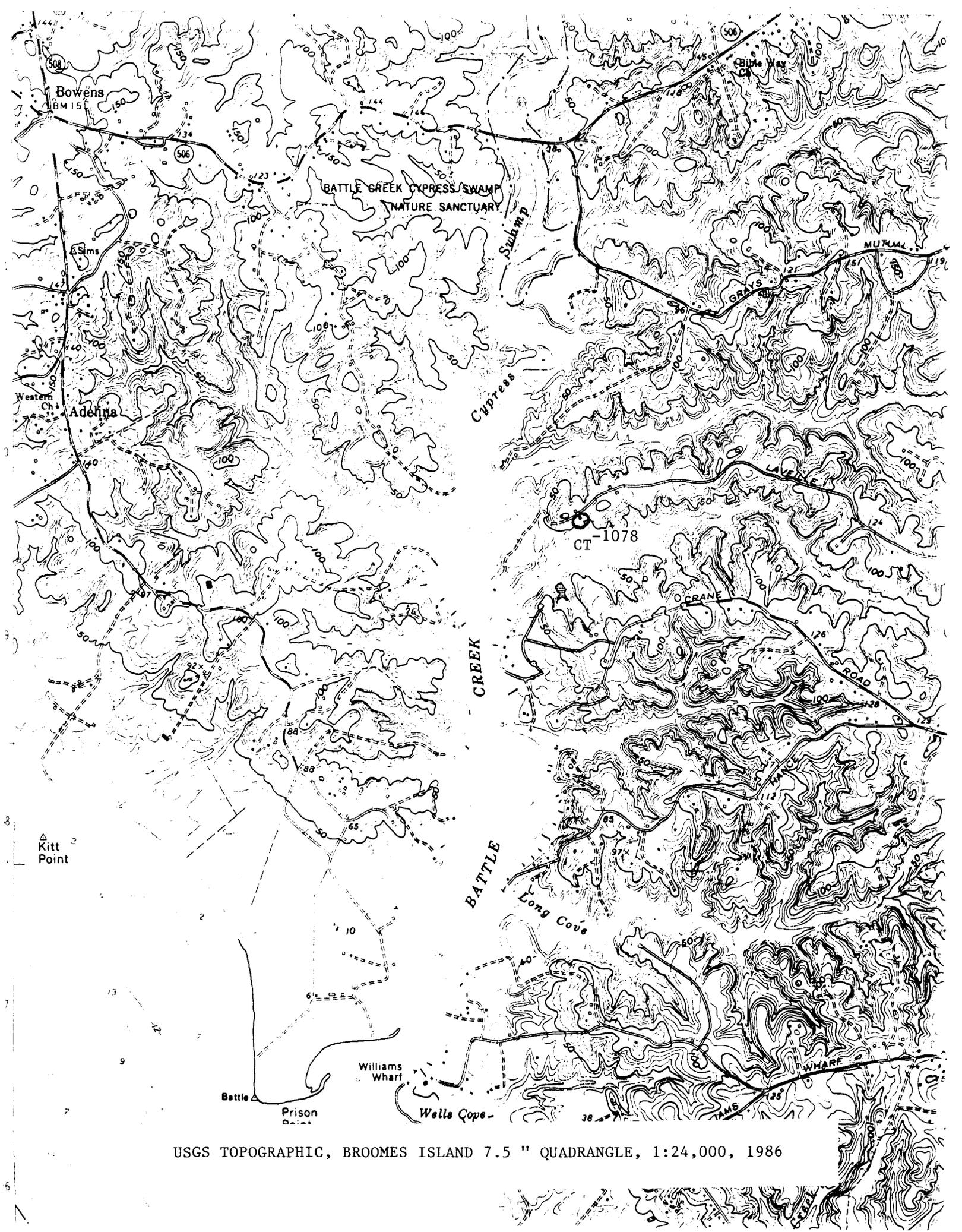
In order to adapt LaVeille barn B for a stable, several elements had to be changed. The interior had partition walls, a feed trough built. Internal doors were also built to each stable. Battens were added to the north side, presumably to tighten the barn against the cold north wind.

BARN 2051
LAVILLE
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Interiors of passage between \times
sides for stalls. Through
in areas A, B, C, D. Interiors
doors hinged to fold down along
off passage from livestock
Areas E and F possible tool
feed storage.



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Port Republic

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East

April, 1990