

CAPSULE SUMMARY - SAYLOR BARN 'B' (CT-1082)

Saylor Barn 'B' in Lower Marlboro is a privately owned modern barn associated with a 19th century house and barn. This barn exhibits a transverse axis plan and traditional lower level bracing however, both of which are characteristics more common in older barns. The present owners date this barn to c. 1920. Measuring 74 x 24, and oriented on a an east-west axis, the barn has doors on all sides. Three cross sills divide the barn into three distinct sections. An internal stripping room is located on the south side of the barn. A horizontal prize labelled "Jas. J. Lacey and Co. Balto. Md." is located in the easternmost section of the barn. The materials are circular sawn and joined with wire nails. Widely-spaced, vertical siding and hinged ventilation doors cover the exterior.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Saylor Barn B

2. Location

street & number 3920 Lower Marlboro Rd. not for publicationcity, town Owings Lower Marlboro 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Saylor

street & number 3920 Lower Marlboro Rd. telephone no.: 855-6948

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 284

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 321

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-1082

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

See Attachment.

8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1082

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-1082

The Saylor barns are located in Lower Marlboro along Lower Marlboro Rd. The site is reached by taking Rt. 262 west (Lower Marlboro Rd.) for approximately three miles. The barns are associated with the last house on the left before the stop sign at Lower Marlboro Lane. The early house on the farm dates perhaps as early as the eighteenth century. There are two barns owned by the Saylor. Saylor barn A is an early nineteenth-century structure, Saylor barn B, located to the northwest of barn A, is a twentieth-century barn, that, according to the owner, dates to ca. 1920. The barn is a long, narrow structure with doors on all sides oriented on an east-west axis. The timbers are circular and reciprocal sawn and wire nails are used.

The barn measures seventy-four by twenty-four feet and has a varying bay system. There are two sets of double doors on both the north and south facades. There are single four-foot wide doors on the east and west sides. Three cross-sills divide the barn into three separate sections. There is an aisle between each of the sections defined by the location of the double doorways. The frame is supported on concrete block piers eighteen inches high. There is no closure between the piers and the ground. The posts are circular sawn and half-lapped to the plate. The other timbers, both circular and reciprocal sawn, are toe-nailed with wire nails. Widely spaced vertical siding with hinged ventilation doors cover the exterior. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Windbraces and three collars support the roof that is covered with corrugated metal. The tier poles are peeled logs separated by forty-two inches vertical distance. There are poles down the center of each of the three sections. These poles are absent in the aisleway between the second and third section from the east.

There is an internal stripping room on the south side of the barn in the second section from the east. This room measures eight by twelve feet. It has two windows on the external south side. It is totally enclosed with knotty pine siding. The inside walls are covered with burlap. The three-foot wide door into it is beveled across the side. Superior carpentry skills are visible in this room. There is a horizontal screw prize labeled "Jas J. Lacey & Co. Balto, MD" in the easternmost section of the barn.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1082

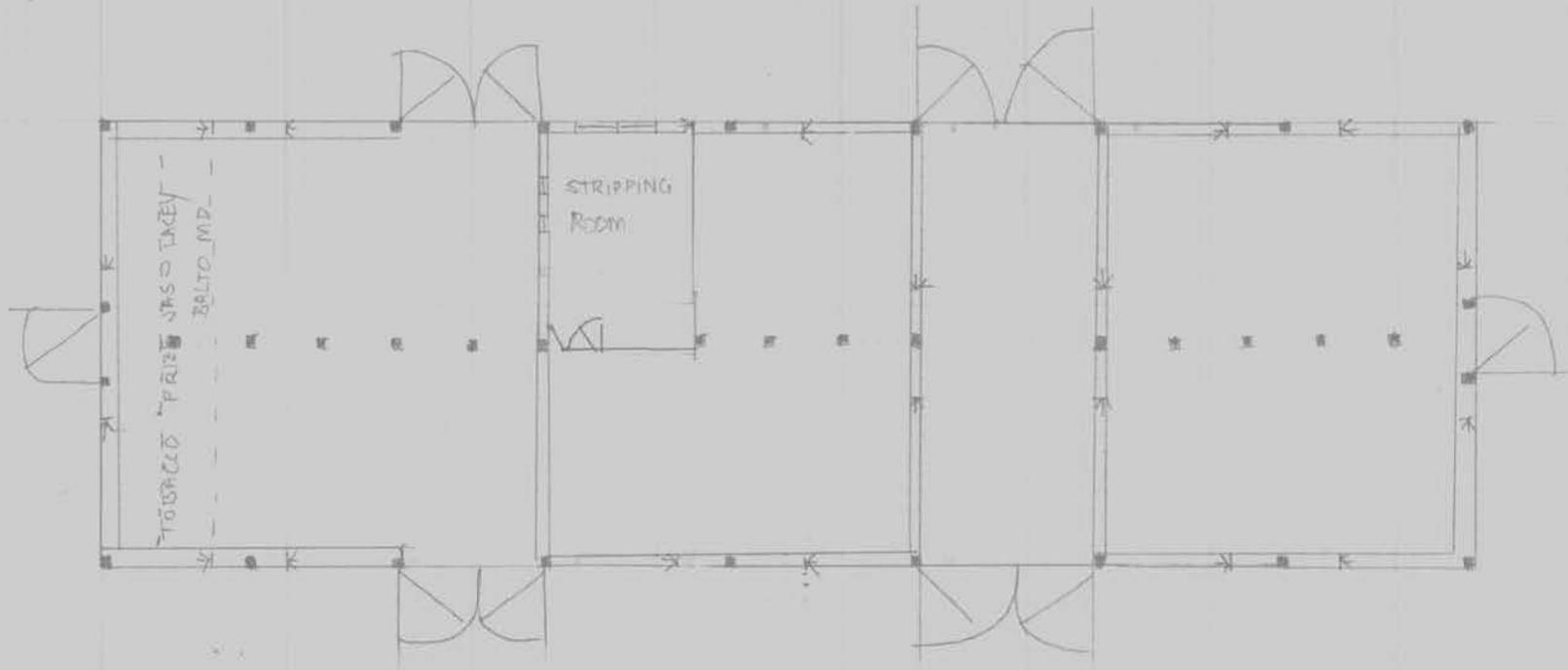
Saylor barn B dates to ca. 1920, according to the owner. This date is consistent with the materials found. The nineteenth-century rectangular barn with proportions of 2:1 has been abandoned here, for a long narrow barn like many of the modern tobacco barns. However, the traditional transverse axis plan and lower-level bracing remain. The internal stripping room is unusual and has not been seen in this form in many of the barns surveyed.

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): ca. 1920 Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1920-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

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