

CAPSULE SUMMARY - BUCKLER BARN (CT-1090)

The Buckler barn is located at the corner of Hunting Creek and Huntingtown Roads in the northern part of Calvert County. This unique barn, the oldest portions of which date to the early nineteenth century, is in private ownership. The central section of the barn measures eighteen by twenty-eight feet and was apparently originally cross-axial in plan, situated on an east-west axis. A series of addition to both the north and sheds over the years have created an interesting elevation with large, almost-catslide roofs sloping to both the north and the south. Remnants of a built-in vertical tobacco prize are located in the north wall of the main section.

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Buckler Barn

## 2. Location

street & number corner Huntingtown and Hunting Creek Rds. (MD 521)  not for publicationcity, town Huntingtown  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 checked="" 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 Calvert Buckler Jr.

street & number  telephone no.: 257-7604city, town Owings  state and zip code MD 20736

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse  liber JLB 24street & number Main Street (MD 765)  folio 285city, 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-1090

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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-1090

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1090

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1090

The Buckler barn is located on the corner of Hunting Creek and Huntingtown roads. It is next to the Methodist church, and behind the Briscoe Bowen property. The barn is complex and has had many additions to the north and south over the years. The roof is sloped along these additions and is a cat-slide roof. The barn is oriented on an east-west axis. The early portions of the barn are from the early nineteenth century.

The barn measures eighteen by twenty-eight feet. It is divided into seven foot bays. There was a double door on the north side of this barn, but only the pintel holes remain. There is a four foot wide door on the south side of the barn that opens inwards into the barn. It was originally a double door that opened outwards. There are four foot wide doors centered on both the east and west sides. Field stones and wood blocks support the frame. The posts are hewn and pit sawn, as are the down braces, nailers, and sills. The joints are held via mortise and tenon joints with trunnels. The east and west walls of the barn have vertical wall siding. The north and south walls are no longer sided as there are sheds built on to them, but there is evidence of siding along both these walls. The area in the southeast corner near the animal shed is closely sided. There are closely spaced shingle nailers underneath the current metal roof. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The roof is supported by three collars, but has no windbraces. Forty inches vertical distance separates the peeled log tier poles. A built-in vertical tobacco prize was built into the north wall of the barn when a shed was added on to this end.

The south shed next to the barn measures ten feet wide. It is divided into nine foot bays. The posts are earth-fast peeled logs supported on inserted concrete piers. The rafters, nailers, and tie beams are all hewn. Plain vertical wall siding with minimal ventilation is in place on the east and west walls of this shed. There are shingle nailers in place underneath the metal roof. The easternmost bay has an enclosed bull pen. The south wall has a nineteen foot long feed trough built in. A four foot wide door leads into this shed from the southeast corner.

There is an equipment shed built onto this south shed. The rafters of this shed are nailed on to the tie beams of the south shed next to the barn. It is of recent construction. It measures thirteen feet wide, and is open-air on the south and east sides. Circular sawn pressure-treated lumber and wire nails prevail. The posts are earth-fast. There is plywood siding on the west side.

The north side of the barn also has two sheds built onto it. The north shed closest to the barn is thirteen feet wide. It has double doors, on both the east and west sides, and pintels for a four-foot wide door on the north side are evident. The north wall of this shed was once sided, prior to the addition of another shed to the north of it. This shed is constructed of circular sawn

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lumber with mortise and tenon joints and fully mature machine cut nails. The posts are earth-fast peeled logs. Shingle nailers underlay the standing seam metal roof. The northernmost shed is added on to the other north shed. It measures ten feet wide. There are four foot wide doors in its northwest corner and centered along the north wall. It is built of circular sawn lumber, wire nails, and earth-fast posts. It is covered with plain vertical siding and the corrugated metal roof is original. There is a possible stripping area in the northeast corner of this shed, defined by the remaining window.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1090

This barn is an unusual, extremely complex tobacco barn. The original portion of the barn was unusually small and had a cross-axial plan. It dated to the early nineteenth century ca. 1815-1830. The built-in prize is the only one of its kind found during the survey. The most unusual and significant thing about this tobacco barn is that rather than expand outwardly around all sides of the barn, the shed's additions were built in a line to the north and south only. No other barn with this type of additive system has been identified.

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.

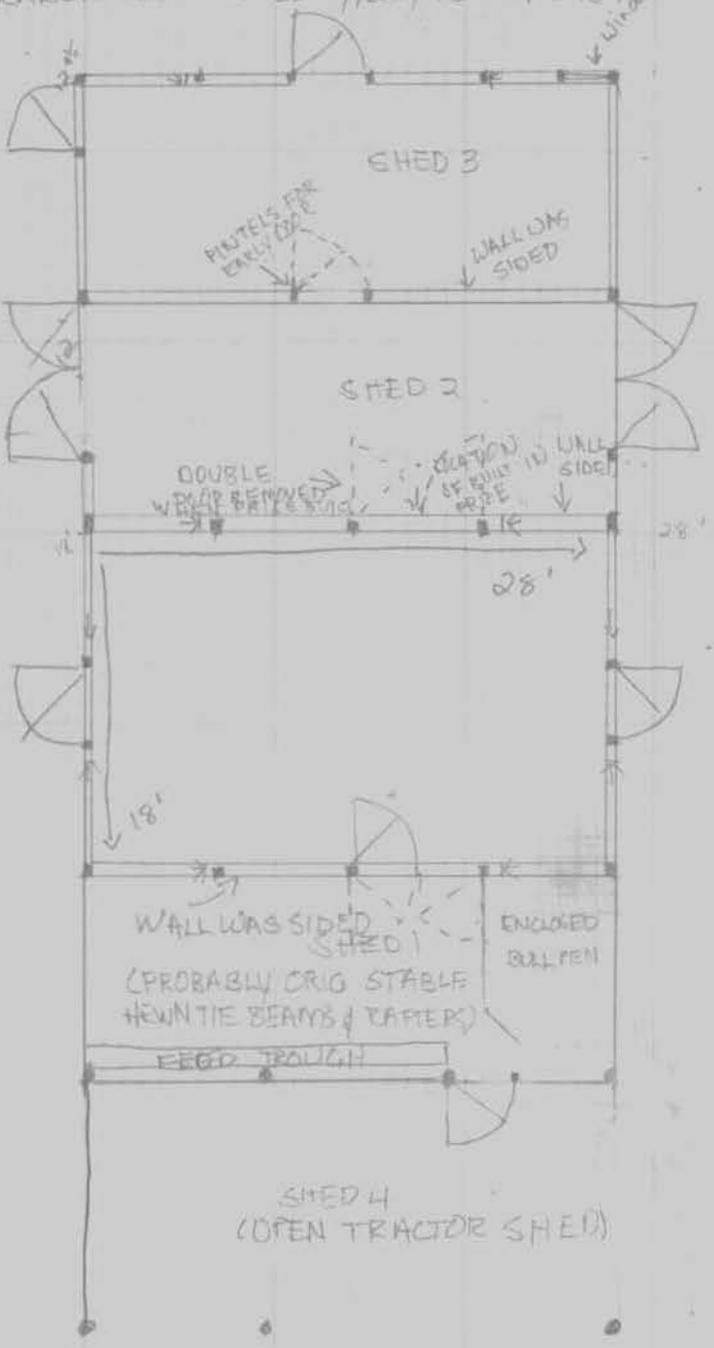
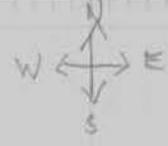
Historical Period theme(s): ca. 1815-1830; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD

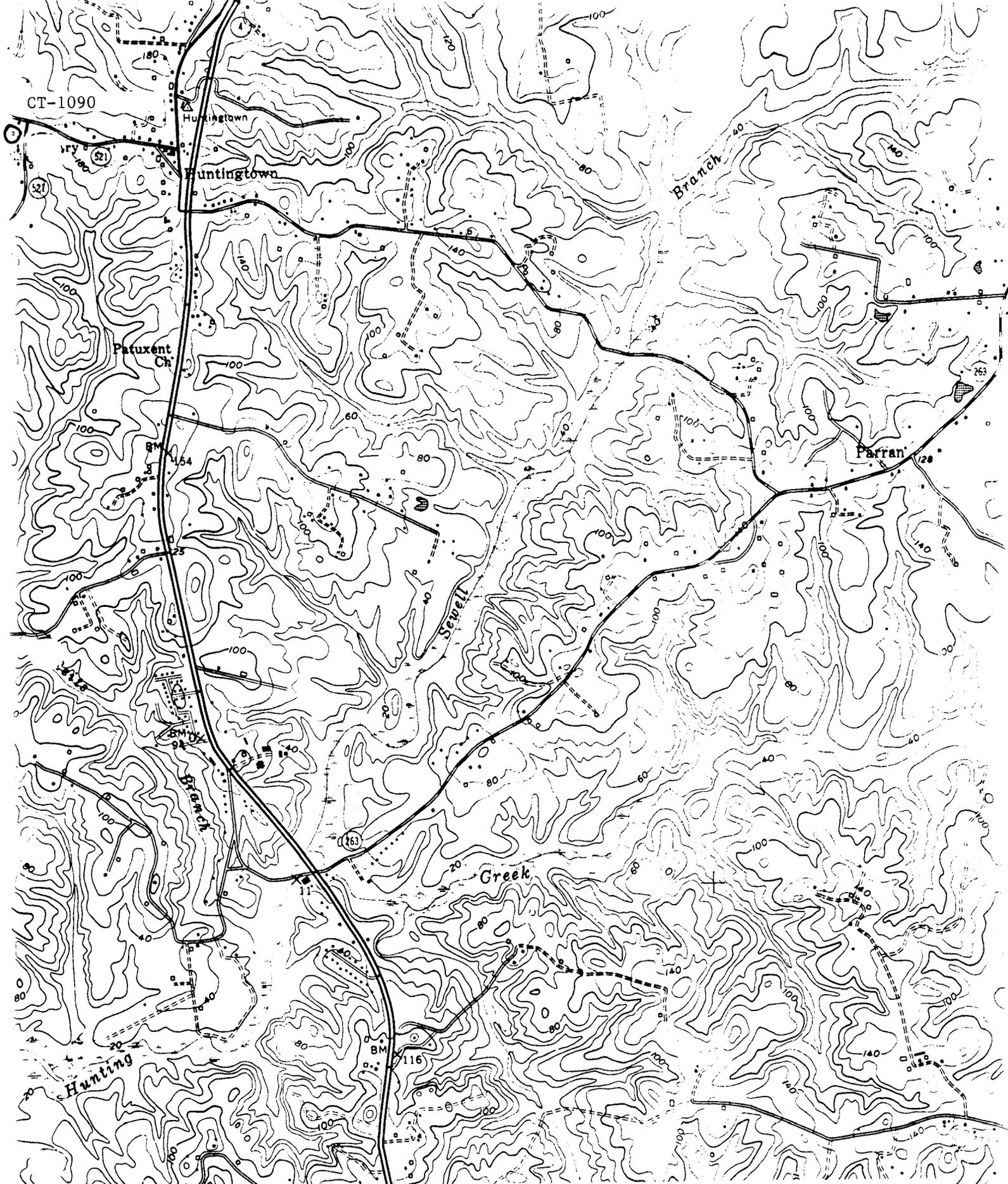
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1815-Present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn; Stable; Equipment Sheds

Possibly original and certainly very early, a shed was built onto the south side. The hewn timbers and early machine-cut nails date it to the same period as the barn. This shed was probably originally a stable, since the south wall of the barn was sided. Sometime after ca. 1860, when circular sawn timbers were introduced into the county, a shed was built onto the north side. At the time this shed was added the north door of the barn was removed, and a vertical prize was built in to the north wall of the barn. Sometime after the introduction of wire nails, the northernmost shed was added. At this time, the door from the north shed was removed. This probably occurred during the first quarter of the twentieth century. According to Mr. Bowen, the built-in prizes, such as the one here, are older than the horizontal prizes. The most recent addition to the barn is the thirteen foot wide lean-to vehicle storage shed.

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BUCKLER BARN # 2063 4/20/90 1" = 10'





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Huntingtown

Patuxent Ch

Parran

Creek

Hunting

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, PRINCE FREDERICK 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1974



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Buckler Barn

Huntingtown

Tora L. Williamson

South east

May, 1990