

CAPSULE SUMMARY - LEROY DOWELL BARN 'B' (CT-1093)

Located on Clyde Jones Road, this barn was, according to the owner, built in 1950 directly adjacent to an earlier structure. The lightly-framed structure measures 40 by 24 feet. Poured concrete piers, cut nails and circular-sawn lumber all coincide with the reported date of construction. Vertical siding with minimal ventilation and a standing-seam metal roof cover the exterior of the building. As with the adjoining barn, sheds are located on the east and west sides. Siding on the exterior of the west and west walls suggest that the sheds are more recent additions. A partially-subterranean, cinder-block stripping room is located in the northwest corner of the west shed. The stripping room is lighted by windows on the north and west walls.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Leroy Dowell Barn B

2. Location

street & number Clyde Jones Rd. not for publicationcity, town Sunderland 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 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: unused

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

name Mr. Leroy Dowell

street & number telephone no.: 257-2834

city, town Sunderland state and zip code MD 20689

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber AWR 34

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 114

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-1093

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

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1093

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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name North Beach, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

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

name/title Tora L. williamsen-Berry

c/o Calvert County historic District Commission
 organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning date June 30, 1990

street & number Courthouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1093

Leroy Dowell barn B is located on a large field adjacent to the high school along Clyde Jones Rd, approximately one mile from its intersection with highway 2. It is oriented on a north-south axis. Around 1950, Dowell barn B was pushed up along the north side of Dowell barn A to form a structure composed of two barns. Dowell barn B measures forty by twenty-four feet and has circular sawn timbers combined with wire nails.

This forty by twenty-four foot barn has open doorways from the sheds on the east and west sides and is divided into five eight foot bays. Poured concrete masonry piers with wooden sheathing support the barn. The timbers are relatively light, circular sawn materials fixed with wire nails. The posts are half-lapped to the plate. Vertical wall siding with minimal ventilation covers the entire barn. The evidence of siding on the east and west barn walls themselves make it possible that the sheds are additions, but this seems unlikely as the configuration of this structure would probably have been the same as that of the older structure. The north and northeast corner below the sill are enclosed with tin sheathing. The barn has a standing seam metal covering on the roof. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The plate is composed of two two by six inch timbers nailed together in an inverted L form. The posts are lapped into the L. Windbraces and three collars with angled queen braces support the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn and fixed with wire nails. They are separated by forty-two inches vertical distance. There are posts down the center separated by four feet between. The interior posts are formed of two two by six inch pieces of lumber nailed to either side of the tie beam. The tier poles are supported on blocks set between the two timbers.

The west shed measures fourteen feet wide. It is probably original, although this is not certain. It has a double door centered along its facade. Poured concrete piers support the posts. All of the timbers are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. There is a partially underground stripping room of cinder blocks in the northwest corner of the west shed. The sixteen by fourteen foot stripping room has a few windows, but no evidence of electricity. The shed has vertical wall siding with one inch wide spacing between the planks. The tier poles are peeled logs. The shed is currently used for straw storage.

The east shed is the same as the west shed with the exception that it has no stripping room.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1093

Leroy Dowell barn B is architecturally significant both because of its known date of ca. 1950, and because it is built up against another, significantly older structure. The known date on this structure will allow it to serve as a gauge for interpreting other similar structures with no known date. The fact that it is built up against another older barn, is unusual and speaks to the great expansion of demand for tobacco after the World War.

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.

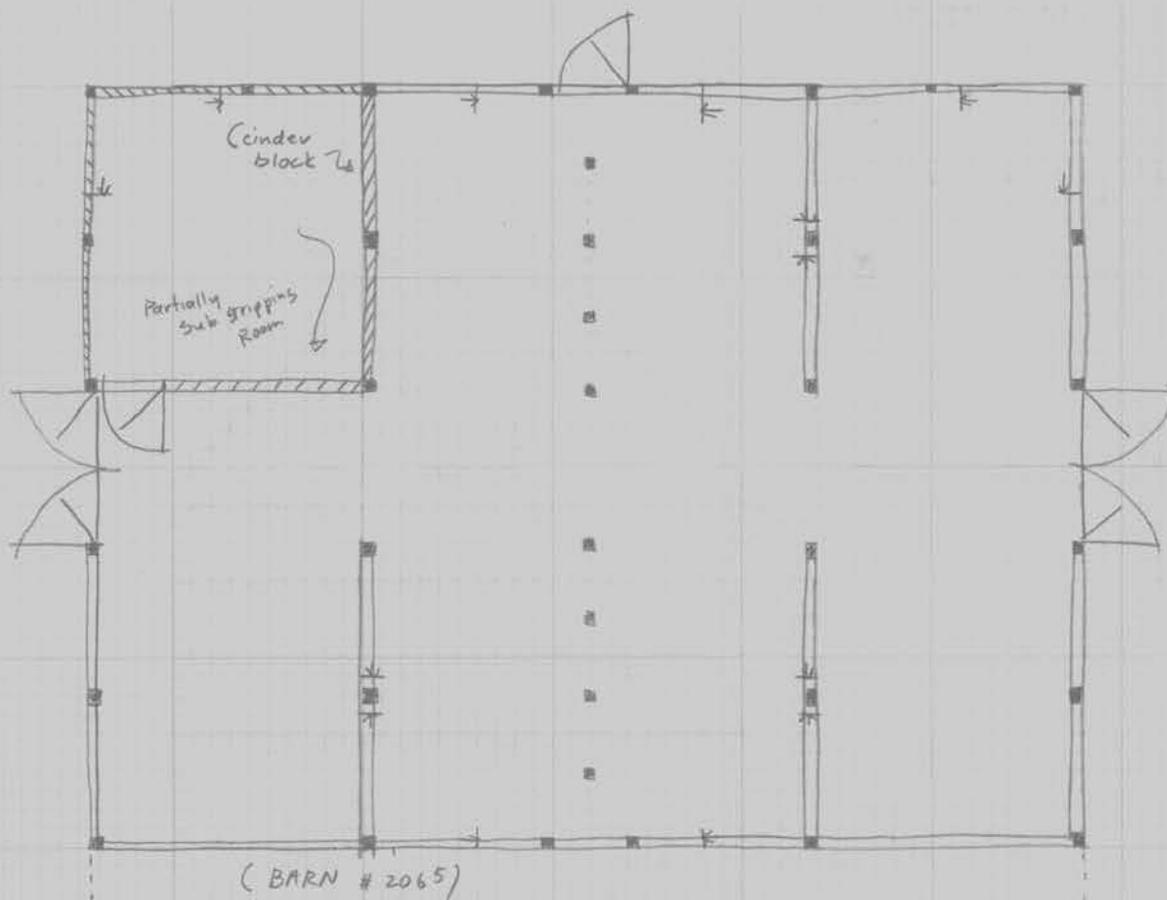
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Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1950-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

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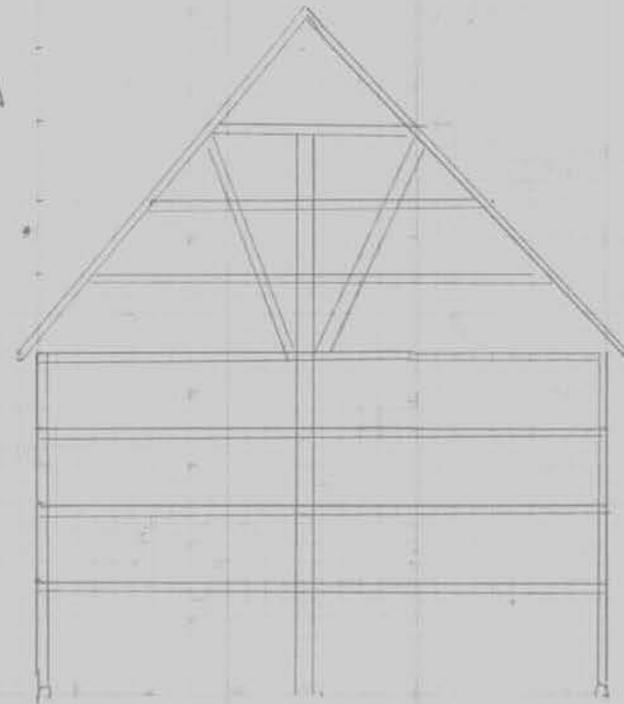
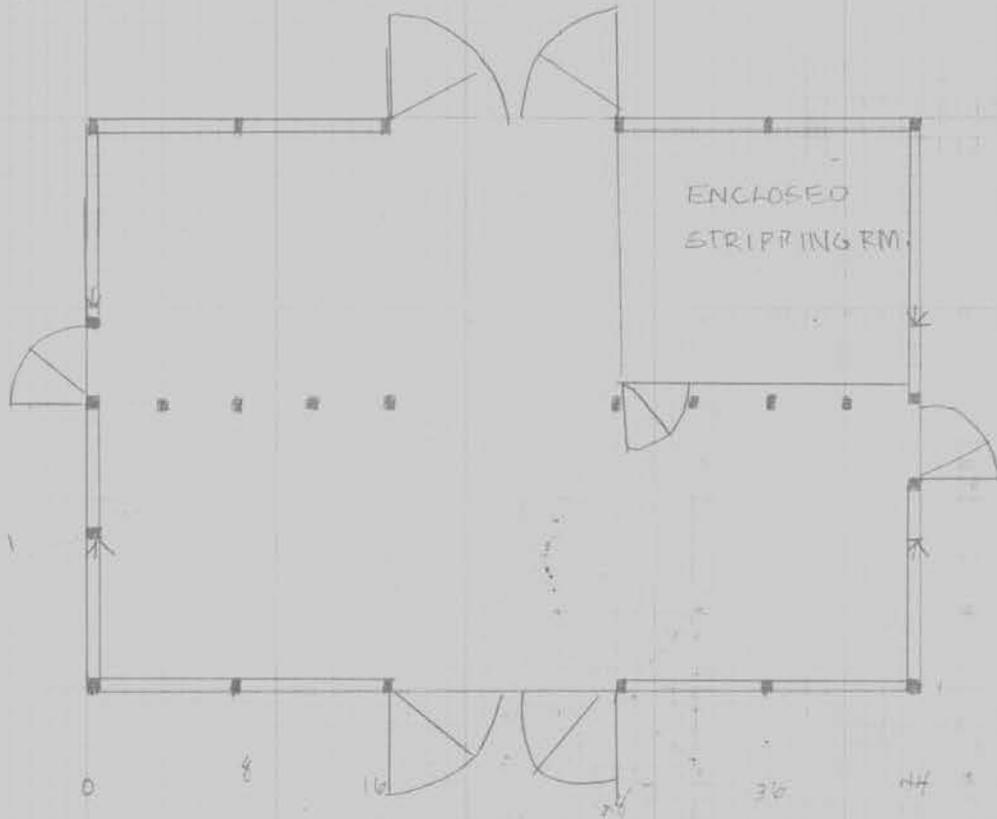
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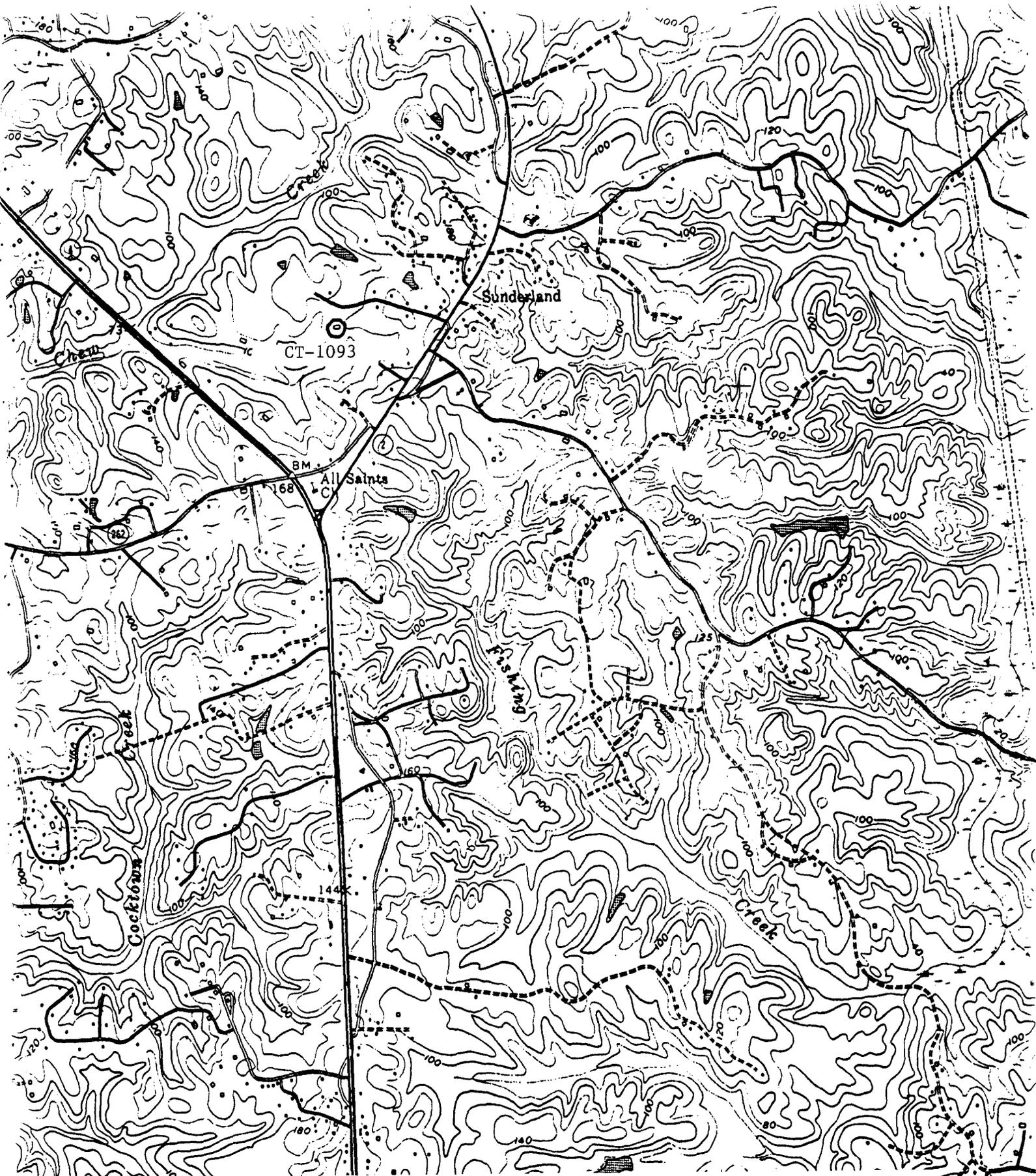
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CROSS-SECTION AT Q8'



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