

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1094

Located on a gentle slope to the south of the farm house, the privately-owned, L. Dowell barn 'C' is composed of four components. The present structure measures 50 x 56 feet, but the barn itself is only 16 feet wide by 50 feet long, and is constructed of a combination of materials, including fully mature cut nails, wire nails and circular sawn timbers.

The original plan consisted of two large sections separated by an eight-foot aisle. The barn was first expanded by the addition of a shed to the east, and later by a shed to the west and a second shed to the east. The present owner states that his grandfather built the original section of this barn sometime in the late nineteenth century to replace two barns that burned down after a storm.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Leroy Dowell Barn C

2. Location

street & number Solomons Island Road North (Maryland Route 2) 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Leroy Dowell Barn C

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-1094

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

Survey No.

CT-1094

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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name North Beach, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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 c/o Calvert county Historic District commission
 organization Dept. Of Planning and Zoning date June 30, 1990
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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1094

Leroy Dowell barn C is reached by taking the first road to the left past All Saint's Church at Sunderland. It is located on a gentle slope slightly to the south of the farm house. It is an unusual structure composed of four components. The barn itself is only sixteen feet wide by fifty feet long, and has a combination of fully mature cut nails with wire nails and circular sawn timbers. The plan is composed of two large sections divided by an eight foot wide central aisle. Three sheds have been added to the side of the barn expanding it to the east and west.

The sixteen by fifty foot barn is divided into seven and eight foot bays. An eight foot wide central bay separates the barn into two rooms. There was a double door on this west facade indicated by the remaining pintel holes. There is a four foot wide door on the north gable end and a double door on the south gable end. There is also a four foot wide door at the northwest corner of the south room. It is possible that the south room was originally for stabling due to the evidence of internal divisions, and the tight-fitting boards. It is possible that this room once served as a stable, as there is low siding along the cross sill. The frame is supported on concrete blocks. The timbers are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The posts are circular sawn and half-lapped. The exterior north and south walls are covered with vertical siding. The east and west walls were once sided but this has been removed. The original shingle roof has been replaced by corrugated metal roofing. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Two collars support the roof. The top plate is constructed of two two by six inch timbers nailed together in an inverted L shape. There are windbraces on the east side. The tier poles are peeled logs separated by forty-seven inches vertical distance.

A fourteen foot wide lean-to shed was added to the east side. The rafters are tied in at the plate. The timbers are circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The supports are mortared brick piers. Approximately one third of the siding and the doors were removed from the east side of the barn when this shed was added. This shed, probably intended for tobacco related use, also had a wooden shingle roof (now metal) and relatively closely spaced vertical siding. There was a stabling area in the south end of this shed.

Two other sheds were added on both the east and west sides. Their frames are supported on concrete blocks. They are both of circular sawn lumber with wire nails and light timbers, and the joints are primarily toenailed.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1094

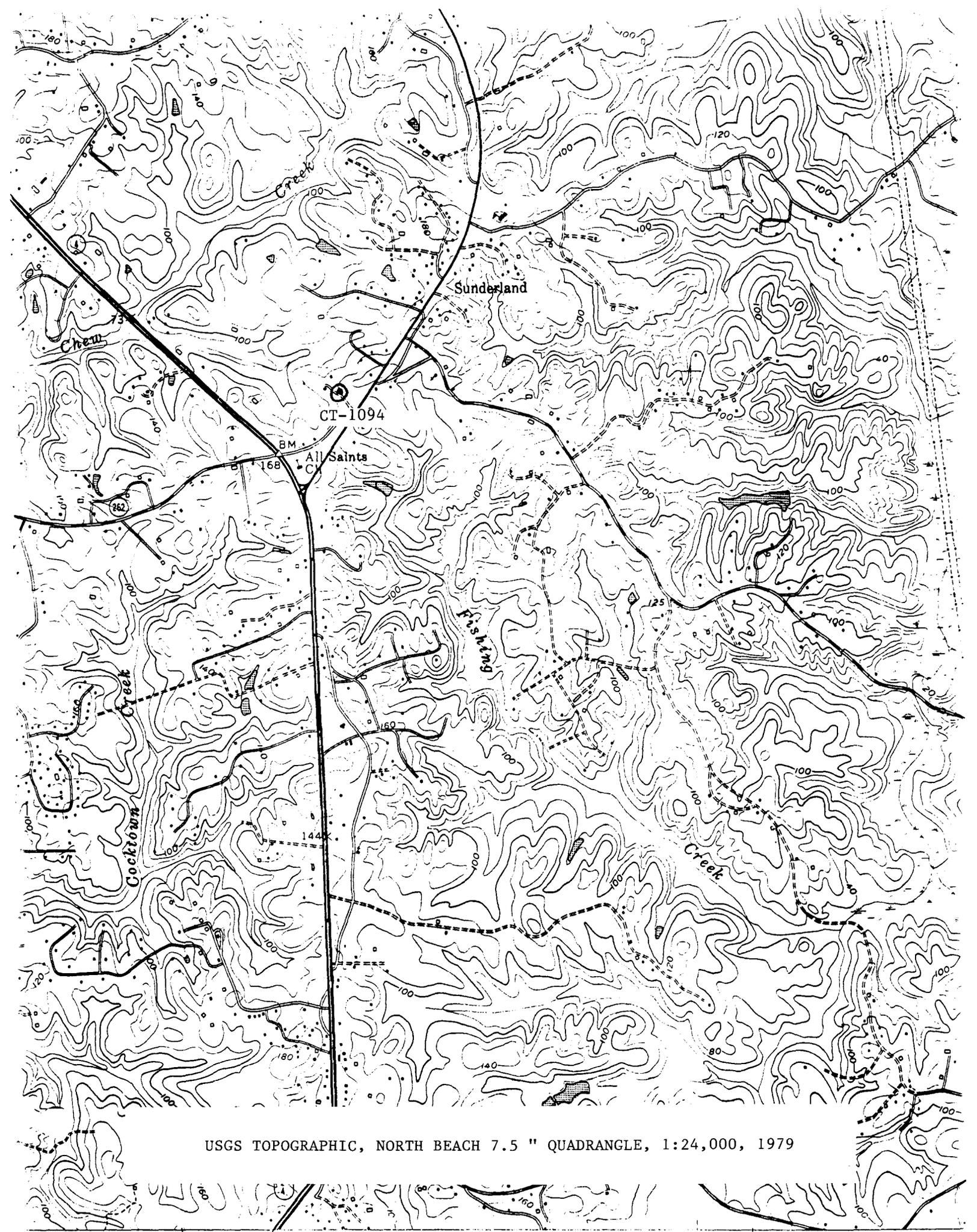
The barn is an architectural representative of the expansion of barns through the twentieth century. Built ca. 1890, during a transitional period, the barn has been greatly expanded by additions throughout the twentieth century. Also of interest is the use of closely-spaced siding in the interior of the south room of the barn. This is interpreted as a possible stable area in the barn. Future expansions combined tobacco hanging space and stable space also. The barn is an early representative of the combination of the functions of stabling and tobacco.

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

Mr. Leroy Dowell (approximately 70 years old) states his grandfather built this barn to replace two barns that burned down during a storm.

The barn once stood as a solitary structure measuring sixteen by fifty feet. One of the rooms was possibly a stable. The barn was then expanded by the addition of a shed to the east, at which time the doors on the east side and a portion of the siding was removed. At a somewhat later date, sheds were built on to the west and east again. The barn has expanded over the years to comprise its current fifty by fifty-six foot size. All of the sheds were added during the twentieth century, and the original barn probably dates to the late nineteenth century, during the transitional period when both cut and wire nails were used.



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, NORTH BEACH 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979

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