

## CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1099

W. Dowell Barn 'B' is located on a private farm near Sunderland. This barn is associated with a late 19th century farm house, and two other tobacco barns. This aisle-plan barn was constructed c. 1948-50, measures 60 x 24 feet, and is oriented on a east-west axis. Two sets of double doors are located on the north and south ends, and four foot wide doors are centered on the east and west sides. Construction materials include circular sawn timbers, wire nails, and poured concrete piers. The lower interior section of the barn is quite open as there are no poles down the center axis of the barn.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common William Dowell Barn B

## 2. Location

street & number Dalrymple Road  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	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name William Dowell

street &amp; number 310 Dalrymple Rd. telephone no.: 257-6348

city, town Sunderland state and zip code MD 20689

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 44

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio 546

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-1099

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 Attachment.

# 8. Significance

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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.



## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1099

William Dowell barn B is located on the south side of Dalrymple road, approximately two miles from its intersection with highway two. There are two other tobacco barns on the farm, both on the north side of Dalrymple Road. The farm house is also on the north side. The ground slopes down fairly steeply to the south below barn B. Barn B measures sixty by twenty-four feet. It has doors on all sides, and is oriented on an east-west axis.

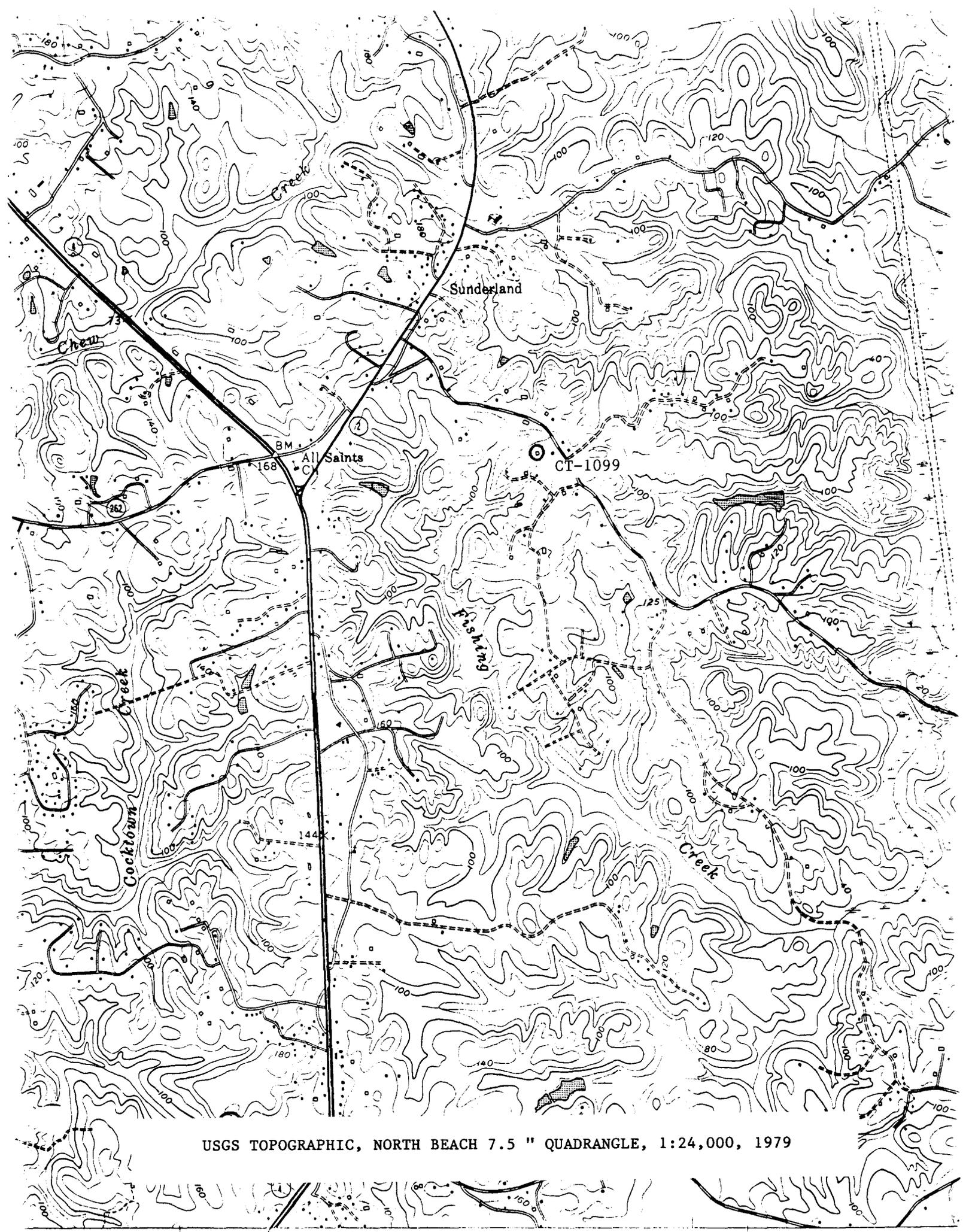
The north and south doors are double doors twelve feet wide. The east and west side doors are each four feet wide. The bays are twelve feet wide. The frame is supported on poured concrete piers. All the lumber is circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The barn has vertical siding with hinged ventilation doors. Angled braces extend from the tie beam to the top of the second tier pole on either side of the central axis. The rafters of the roof are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. Two collars and windbraces on opposing diagonals support the roof. The tier poles are separated by forty-two inches vertical distance. There are no poles down the center to support the tier poles. There is a circa 1938 metal track driven tractor in the barn. Mr. William Dowell said this was the first tractor his father ever bought.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1099

This barn is architecturally significant both for its known date and its association with other recorded tobacco barns on the property. The barn dates to the period immediately following World War II. According to Mr. William Dowell, it was built ca. 1948-1950. As with many of the long, narrow, modern barns, some of the support has been removed from the lower levels and placed in the upper levels. Since it has a specific date, it can serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other, similar, barns for which there is no known date. In addition, it provides a certain amount of economic and historical information by virtue of its association with the other recorded barns on the property.

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. 1948-1950; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1948 - Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn



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



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William Dowell Barn 'B'

Sunderland

Tora L. Williamson

East

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