

## CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1102

Trott Barn 'B' is one of five tobacco barns located on the privately owned tobacco and vegetable farm in Dunkirk, and one of two which date to the 19th century. This barn has undergone extensive renovation. The present structure measures 64 x 40 feet with two aisles, one which transects the early section and a second at the addition.

Hidden within this structure is a 40 x 24 foot, cross-axial structure, with an original 16 foot wide eastern shed. Construction materials from the early section date to c. 1860-1880 barn. A 24 foot wide addition was built on the north side c. 1955, and at the same time a new roof, which covers the entire structure, was added.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Trott Barn B

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 11250 Southern Maryland Blvd. (MD 4) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Dunkirk \_\_\_ 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 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 Mr. Winfield Trott

street &amp; number 11250 So. Maryland Blvd. (MD 4) telephone no.: 744-5393

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB44

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio 270

city, 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-1102

<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 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

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input 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.



## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1102

The Trott farm is located immediately to the south of Yellow Bank Rd., on the west side of highway four. The Trott farm has five tobacco barns located upon it. Trott barn B is located to the west of and below the modern barns on the farm. The farm road leads west from highway four all the way to Trott barn B. The barn is oriented on a north-south axis. This structure is nearest the creek of the five barns on the farm. There are two nineteenth century barns and three twentieth century. Trott barn B is one of the nineteenth century barns. It has undergone multiple changes and rebuildings.

The current structure measures sixty-four by forty feet. It has two aisles, one that transects the early section, and another at the addition. It has vertical wall siding with hinged ventilation doors approximately every five feet formed of two side-hinged panels. Supports are primarily large unmortared fieldstones. This structure hides within its walls and under its new roof a ca. 1860-1880 forty by twenty-four foot barn and sixteen foot wide shed. A twenty-four foot wide addition was built in 1955 onto the north side. The roof covers the entire structure, including the sheds. It is centered at the twenty foot mark. It was built at the same time as the addition. The rafters of the roof are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Four windbraces and four collars support this new roof.

The initial structure is barely discernible due to the removal of the north sill and the replacement of much of the early lumber. Nevertheless, the early barn is a forty by twenty-four foot barn with a cross-axial plan, and an original sixteen foot wide eastern shed. The bays are eight feet wide. There is a double door on the west side, and one five foot wide door on the south side. There might have been a door on the north side, although this is not discernible since this side has been rebuilt. The frame is supported on large unmortared fieldstones. This early section is built of circular sawn lumber and fully mature machine cut nails. Joints are held via mortise and tenon with trunnels. The north and south side have been entirely re-built, and there are multiple scarf joints in the top plates. The peeled log tier poles are separated by four feet vertical distance. The poles down the center are peeled logs half-lapped to the tie beams. These poles are separated by four feet between. Notches have been carved out of the center of them into which the tier poles were placed.

The sixteen foot wide shed on the east side corresponds to the early barn section. The first forty feet to the south are built of the same materials and the same plan as the early section. This early shed is divided along the same bay system as the early barn section. The frame is supported on unmortared field stones. The timbers are circular sawn and fully mature machine cut nails are used. There are empty lap joints with fully mature machine cut nails in place in the northeast corner post of the early barn

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section and the original shed. These empty joints indicate the location where horizontal nailing rails once were affixed in order to side this north wall of the east shed. The twenty-four foot long, forty foot wide addition to the north was built as one structure, rather than a barn and shed addition. This addition is built of circular sawn lumber toe-nailed with wire nails. The bays of the addition are twelve feet. There is one twelve foot wide set of double doors on the southernmost twelve feet of the west side of the addition, and a corresponding door along the east side. There is also a six foot wide door centered on the north side of the addition. An internal sill with posts separated by four feet to support the tobacco barns divides the addition at its twenty foot width. This creates a curiously juxtaposed internal framing for the entire barn.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1102

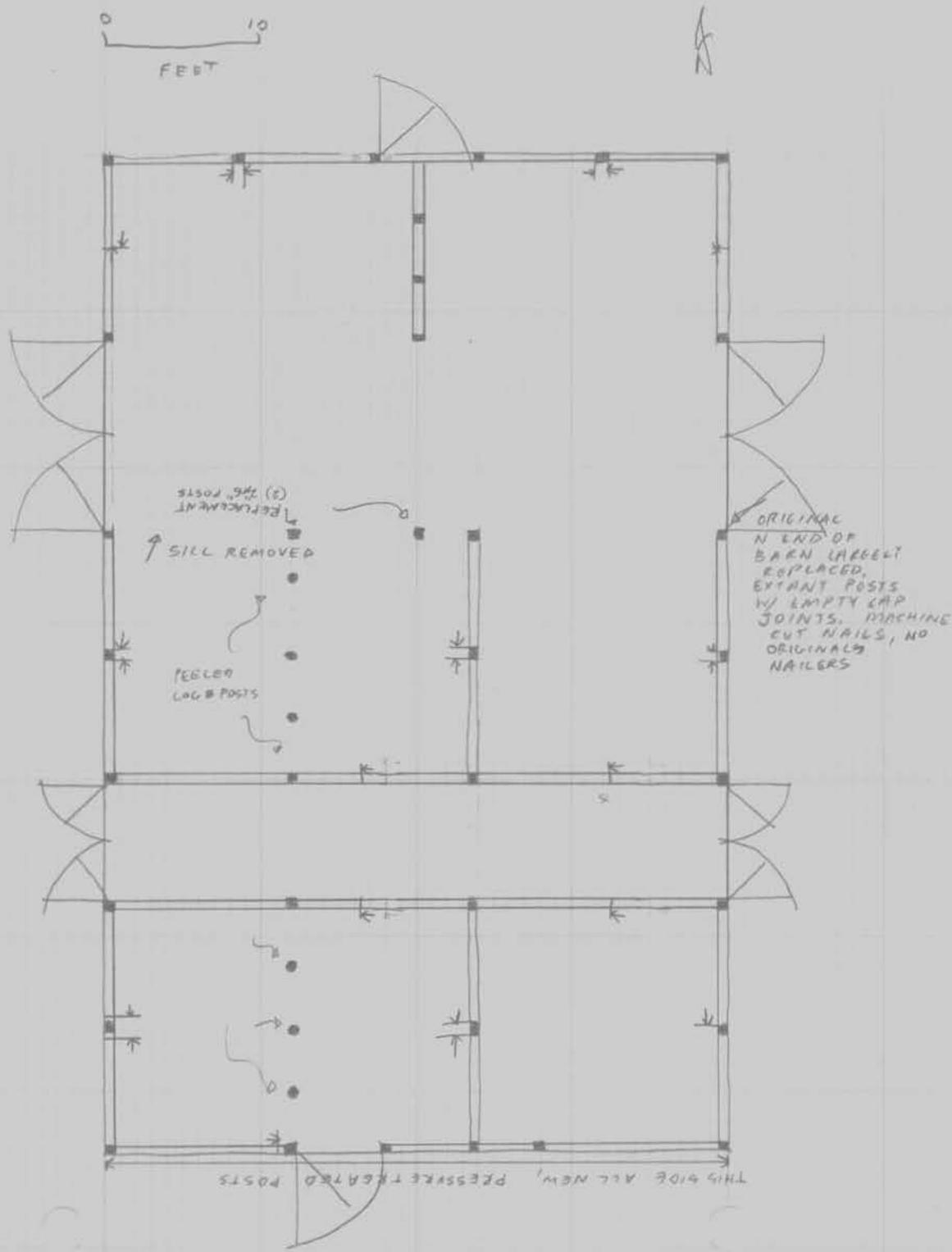
This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. From the exterior, the barn appears to be a modern long, narrow barn of twentieth century date. However, the earliest section dates to the period between ca. 1860 and ca. 1880 when circular sawn lumber was combined with fully mature machine cut nails. The extension of the barn in the 1950s and the roof replacement, are indicative of the expansion of the post World War II tobacco industry. In addition, it is one among five barns on the Trott farm that are still being used for the curing of tobacco. The relationship of these barns to each other, as well as the changes in the barn's construction over the years they were built, allows for understanding of the history of tobacco in Southern Maryland.

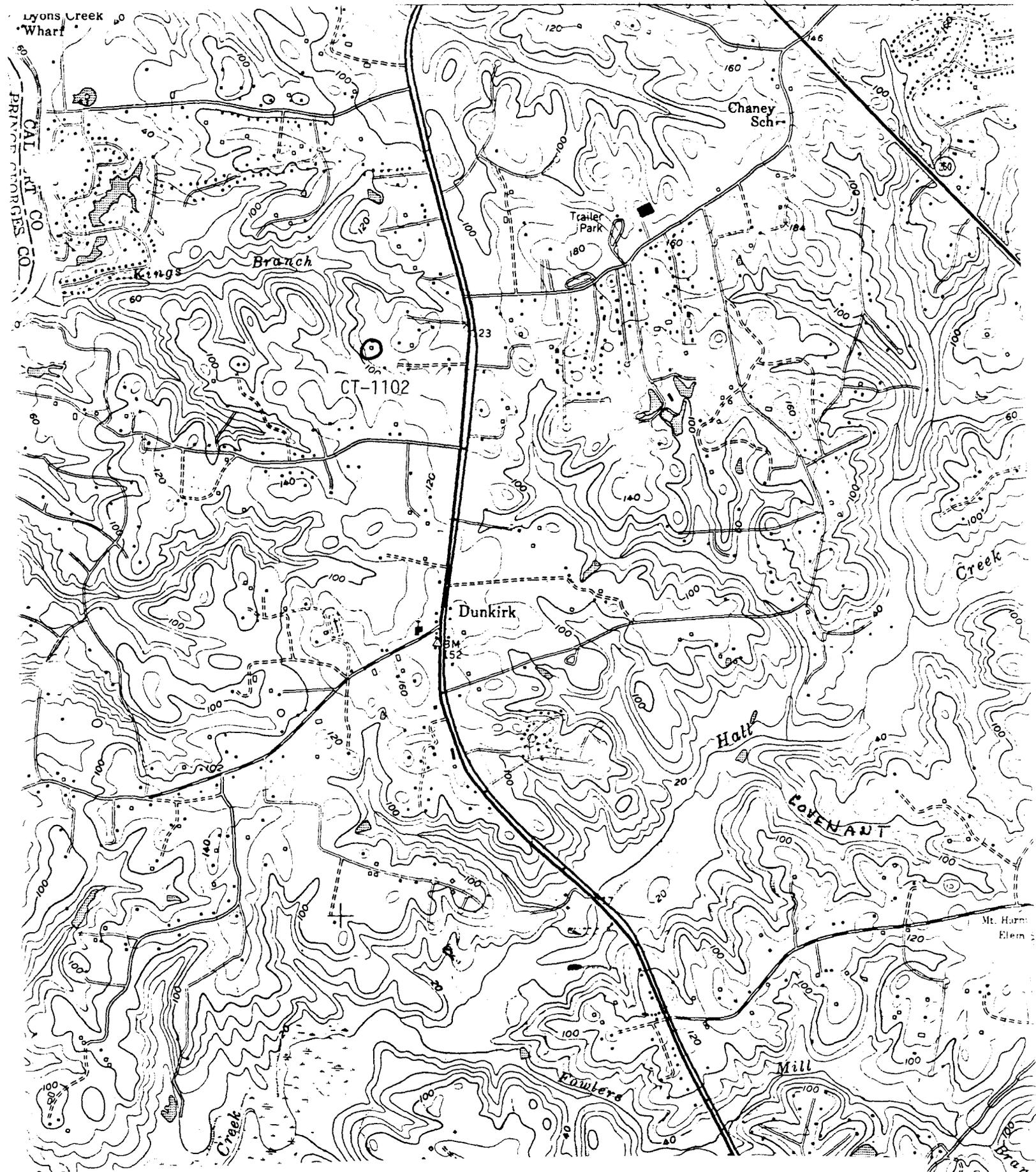
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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): 1860-1880; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1860-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

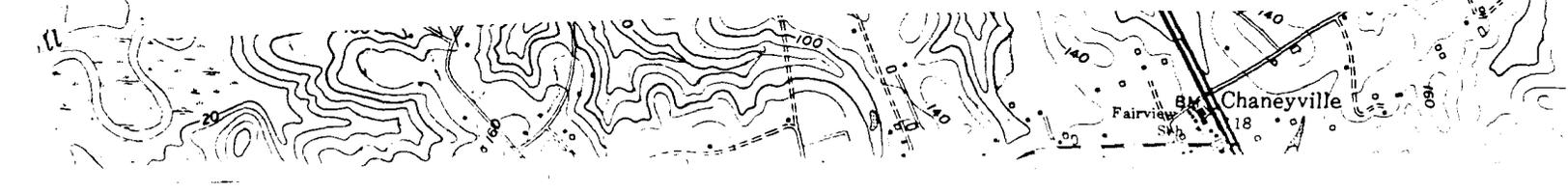
The original barn measured forty by twenty-four feet and had a sixteen foot wide east shed. Much of this early barn has been rebuilt, including the north and south gable ends. During the 1950s the barn was expanded by twenty-four feet to the north and the roof was entirely rebuilt and replaced to cover the entire forty foot width of the structure. As it now stands, the barn measures sixty-four by forty feet and from the exterior appears to be a modern structure.

BARN # 2075  
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979





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May, 1990