

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1108

Phipps barn B was moved ca. 1961 when Highway Four was expanded to its current location at the Phipps farm at the corner of Briscoe's Turn road and Highway Four. Access is private. The original barn measured forty by twenty four feet. The plan, materials, and techniques are all typical of the ante-bellum period in Southern Maryland. There are fourteen foot wide sheds on both the east and west sides of this original barn that were added prior to the move but during the twentieth century. A twenty-four foot long thirty-eight foot wide addition has been built to the south.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Phipps Barn B

## 2. Location

street & number Hwy 4 <sup>(Southern Maryland Boulevard)</sup> and Briscoe's Turn Rd.  not for publicationcity, town Owings  Chaneyville 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 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. Mike Phipps

street &amp; number Rt. 4 and Briscoe's Turn Rd. telephone no.: 257-6257

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 84

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio 468

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-1108

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move ca. 1960
<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-1108

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 checked="" 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.



## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1108

The Phipps farm is located on the corners of Briscoe's Turn and Skinner's Turn roads at their intersection with Maryland highway four. The farm has been greatly affected by the change of the path of highway four and several of the barns have been moved. In addition, the farm is now sliced in half by the current path of Highway 4. Phipps barn B and C are on the west side of highway four. The other barn of the farm is on the east side of the highway. Phipps barn B was originally located on top of a hill on the site of the current highway 4. It is oriented on a north-south axis. The original barn measured forty by twenty four feet. There are fourteen foot wide sheds on both the east and west sides of this original barn. A twenty-four foot long thirty-eight foot wide addition has been built to the south. According to the owner, Mr. Michael Phipps, the barn was moved from its previous to its current location ca. 1961 when Highway four was changed to a four-lane highway.

The original barn section measures forty by twenty-four feet. It is divided into five eight foot bays and contains ten rooms. There are pintels indicating early doors on all sides. The east and west doors were double and the north and south gable end doors were single four foot wide doors. All of these doors have since been removed. Currently the only doors on the original barn section are two sets of ten foot wide double doors on the north gable end. Concrete block masonry piers support the frame. The posts are hewn and joined via mortise and tenon with trunnels. The down braces are hewn and pit sawn, the cross sill (now removed) was mortised to the sill. Horizontal nailing rails are hewn and pit sawn. Replacements have been added as necessary. A large beam seven and one half feet above ground serves the purpose previously fulfilled by the cross sill. Plain vertical wall siding covers the north exterior gable end. The original east and west facades of the barn have nailing patterns that indicate that they were originally sided. Shingle nailers are in place underneath the corrugated metal roof. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is hewn. There are four windbraces (one on each diagonal). Tier poles are separated by three feet to three and one half feet vertical distance. There are circular sawn poles down the central axis formed of two, two by six inch timbers nailed to the tie beams with blocks inserted between, on which the tier poles rest. There are portable kerosene "salamander" heaters inside the barn. There is also a grist mill inside the barn.

An addition to the barn was built in 1961 when the barn was moved. This addition measures twenty-four by thirty-six feet. It extends across the south gable end of the barn and the south wall of the west shed. The timbers are circular sawn and wire nails are used throughout the addition. The addition is floored above and has a concrete block cattle stable excavated into the bank below. The addition has a standing seam metal roof. There is a fourteen by twelve foot corn crib enclosed with chicken wire in the southwest

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corner of the addition. The west shed measures fourteen by forty feet and is divided into five eight foot bays. There is one set of double doors into this shed centered along its west facade. The shed is supported on concrete block masonry piers. It is built of re-used timbers and circular sawn timber. The nails are wire and all joints are toe-nailed. The shed is used for equipment storage and tobacco curing. There are shingle nailers underneath the corrugated metal roof. Plain vertical wall siding covers the exterior.

The east shed also measures fourteen by forty feet. It was once used as a stable. The construction materials and techniques are the same as those witnessed in the west shed.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1108

This barn is architecturally significant for a variety of reasons. It is one of the group of early-mid nineteenth century, forty by twenty-four foot, tobacco barns identified by this survey. However, this original barn is hidden by later additions to the south, and is not evident from the exterior. The fact that the barn was moved is interesting. Not many barns identified by the survey are known to have been moved but this may have been a more common practice than is known and would account for some of the anomalies encountered in certain barns in the survey. The addition has a stable built underneath it into the bank of the hill. This arrangement is unusual.

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): 1830-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1830-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn has undergone many significant changes over the years. The original barn measured forty by twenty-four feet and was located on a hill on the current site of highway four. This original barn had sheds added to the east and west facades at some date during the twentieth century, and prior to its move. The barn was moved from its original to its present location in 1961 when highway four was expanded. At this time, the barn addition with the concrete block stable underneath was added to the south of the barn and west shed. It is likely that the original barn's doors were removed at this time and replaced by double doors on the north gable end, and that also at this time the cross sill was removed and replaced by a beam above ground.

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Hwy 4 to Briscoe's Turn Road, first house on left. Private Ownership, Occupied. Tobacco still grown. TW & PKM recorders. Weather cloudy, humid and warm. Altered, Moved ca. 1961 when hwy. 4 became double lane. Barn was located on current highway four on hill.

Concrete blocks masonry piers support the frame. The posts are hewn mortise and tenon with trunnels. The down braces are hewn and pit sawn, the cross sill (now removed) was mortise and tenon. Horizontal nailing rails are hewn and pit sawn. Replacements have been added as necessary. Large beam seven and one half feet above ground serves purpose previously fulfilled by cross sill. Plain vertical wall siding with a few inserted top-hinged ventilation doors on the east and west sides. Shingle nailers are in place underneath the corrugated metal roof. Roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Top plate is hewn. There are four windbraces (one on each diagonal). Tier poles are separated by three-three and one half feet vertical distance. There are circular sawn poles down the central axis formed of two two by six inch timbers nailed to the tie beams with blocks inserted between. Portable kerosene "salamander" heaters inside barn. Grist mill also inside barn. Barn addition built in 1961 when barn was moved. Measures twenty-four by thirty-six feet. Circular sawn lumber and wire nails throughout addition. Floored above and concrete block cattle stable below. Standing seam metal roof. Fourteen by twelve foot corn crib enclosed with chicken wire.

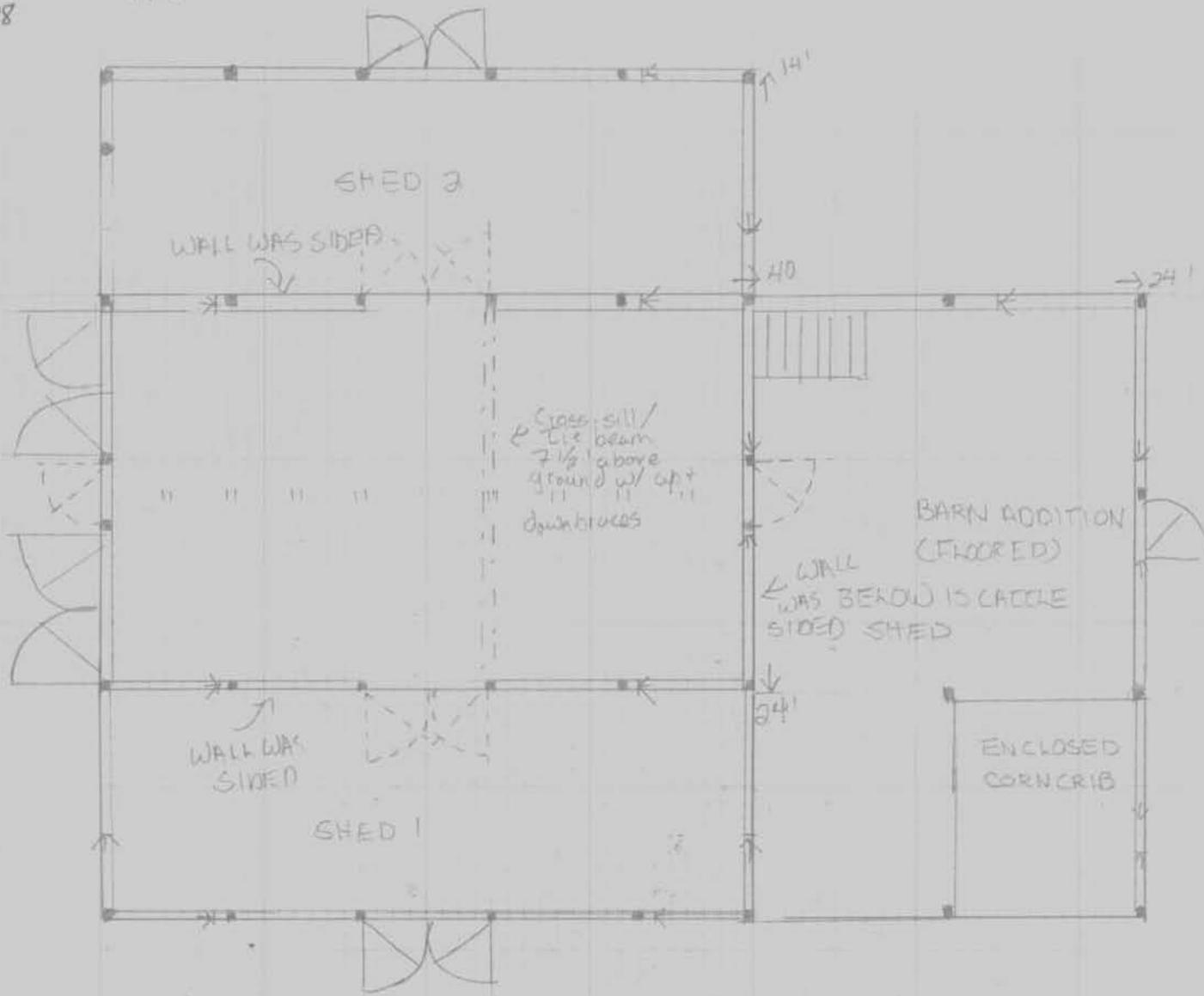
West shed measures fourteen by forty feet. Supported on concrete block masonry piers. Re-used timbers. Doors removed E, W, S. Equipment and tobacco usage. Wire nails, circular sawn toe-nailed lumber. Shingle nailers underneath corrugated metal roof. Plain vertical wall siding, with one hinged ventilation door on both east and west sides.

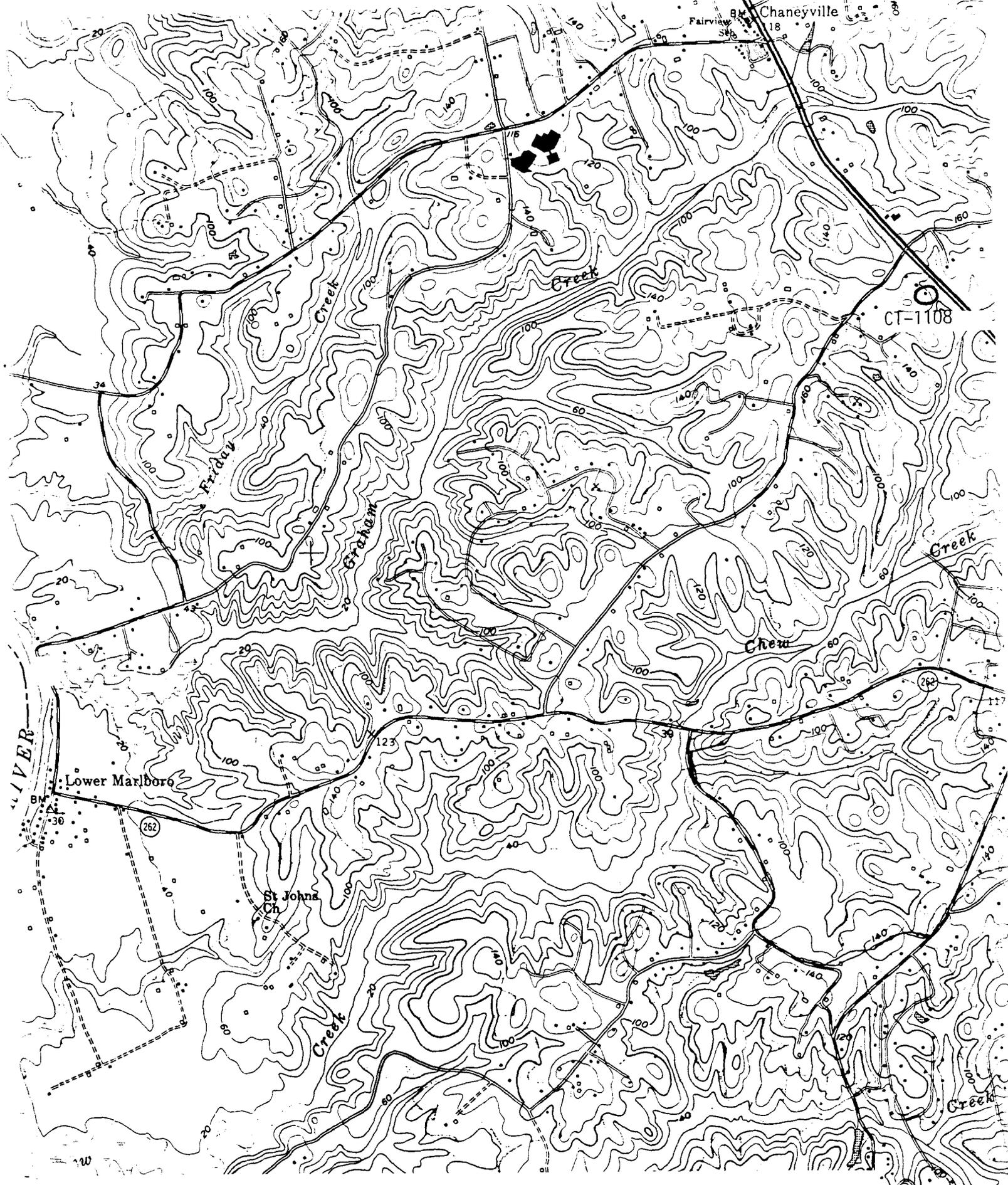
East shed measures fourteen by forty feet, was used as a stable. Supported on concrete block masonry piers. Re-used timbers. Doors removed E, W, S. Equipment and tobacco storage. Vertical wall siding with one hinged ventilation door on east and west sides. Shingle nailers underneath the corrugated metal roof.

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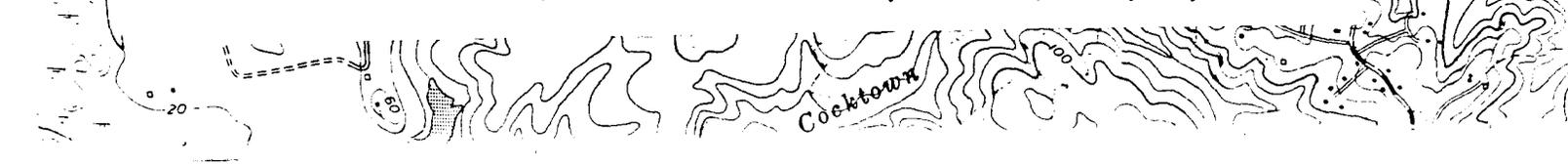
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Cheneyville Rd  
across fr.  
N. High School





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





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Huntingtown  
Tara Li Williamson  
Northwest  
May, 1990