

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1118

Hallowing Point Park barn A is one of three barns located in the county recreation park on Hallowing Point Road in Calvert County. Access is private. The current road leads past the south facade of barn A. Barn A is oriented on an east-west axis and is set on top of a slight hill that slopes down to the south and west. The cross-axial plan barn measures twenty-eight by twenty-four feet and has one original twelve foot wide shed on the south side. Hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails form the structure. The barn dates to the ante-bellum period.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hallowing Point Barn A

### 2. Location

street & number Hallowing Point Road (MD 231) Hallowing Point Park Recreation Area  not for publication

city, town Prince Frederick  vicinity of Barstow congressional district

state MD county Calvert

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: unused

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

name County Commissionersstreet & number Courthouse, Main Street (MD 765) telephone no.: 535-1600city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20678

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liberstreet & number Main Street (MD 765) foliocity, 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-1118

<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

Survey No.

CT-1118

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 checked="" 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-1118

Hallowing Point Park barn A is one of three barns located in the county recreation park on Hallowing Point Road. The roads that run through the park have probably been re-built since the area was a farm. Nonetheless, the current road leads past the south facade of barn A. Barn A is oriented on an east-west axis. The cross-axial plan barn measures twenty-eight by twenty-four feet and has one twelve foot wide shed on the south side. Hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails form the structure.

The barn is divided into four six foot and one four foot wide bay. The four foot wide bay is centered on the north and south facades. A four foot wide door is located on the north facade, and there are also two other four foot wide doors centered on the east and west gable ends. Concrete block masonry piers and large unmortared field stones support the barn frame. The posts are hewn and joined via mortise and tenon joints with trunnels. Nails are cut, and there is some variety in the heads of the nails. They are possibly early cut nails. The down braces are hewn and dovetailed. Horizontal nailers are circular sawn, mortised and nailed. Plain vertical siding with some hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior walls of the barn. There is one ventilation door on the east side, two on the west, and five on the north. All ventilation doors are apparently inserted. There is some early siding of very wide two foot boards attached with fully mature cut nails on the north side of the barn. There is no evidence in the form of nail holes or nails on the south barn wall that is protected by the shed.

The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is hewn. There are no windbraces, but three collars help support the roof. The tier poles are separated by forty inches vertical distance. They are peeled logs supported by boards that have been nailed to the peeled log poles that run down the central axis. There is no evidence of siding or door ever having existed on the south side of the barn, therefore the south shed is probably original.

There is a shed on the south side of the barn that measures twelve feet wide and is divided along the same bay system as the barn. Almost all of the shed, including the tie beams, rafters, plates, braces, and posts are circular sawn, and attached with wire nails, however. It is possible that the shed was re-built at some date. There is one four foot wide door centered in the south wall of the south shed.

### 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1118

This barn is a significant architectural representative of antebellum barns in Calvert County. The cross-axial plan of the barn is typical of the period. The twenty-eight by twenty-four foot measurements are somewhat unusual, and may possibly indicate that the barn was built early during the nineteenth century. The existence of extremely wide tightly fit boards on the north side is notable. Such siding has been found in other nineteenth century barns. Prior to this survey, it was thought to be indicative of flue-curing. Although this type of siding may well be associated with flue-curing barns, it is not exclusively associated with them, as indicated by the numerous barns in which it has been found for which there is no other evidence of flue-curing.

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

The farm that the barn was once associated with has been converted into a county recreational area. The barn has had few changes made to it over the years. The most significant are the removal of the shingles from the roof and their replacement with a corrugated metal roofing, the replacement of most of the original siding (presumably it was of wide tight-fitting boards, a few of which remain), and the re-building of the south shed.

CT-1118 - #2091 - Hallowing Point Barn A Board of Commissioners,  
Calvert County

Public ownership, unoccupied, private access

TW Recorder sunny and 80 degrees

Original site, altered  
good condition

Located in county park on north side of road. Not likely that new roads follow old farm road. Oriented on east-west axis.

Concrete block masonry piers and large unmortared field stones support the barn frame. The posts are hewn and joined via mortise and tenon joints with trunnels. Nails are cut, some have variety in heads, possibly early. The down braces are hewn and dovetailed. Horizontal nailers are circular sawn, mortised and nailed. Plain vertical siding with some hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. There is one door on the east side, two on the west, and five on the north. There is some early siding of very wide two foot boards attached with fully mature cut nails on the north side of the barn. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is hewn. There are no windbraces and three collars help support the roof. The tier poles are separated by forty inches vertical distance. They are peeled logs supported by bracket/boards nailed to the poles that run down the central axis. There is no evidence of siding or door ever extant on the south side of the barn, therefore the south shed is probably original. Almost all of the shed including tie beams, rafters, plates, braces, posts are circular sawn. Possible that it has been entirely rebuilt?

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BARN # 2091 HALLOWING PT, BARN A 5/8/90 TW



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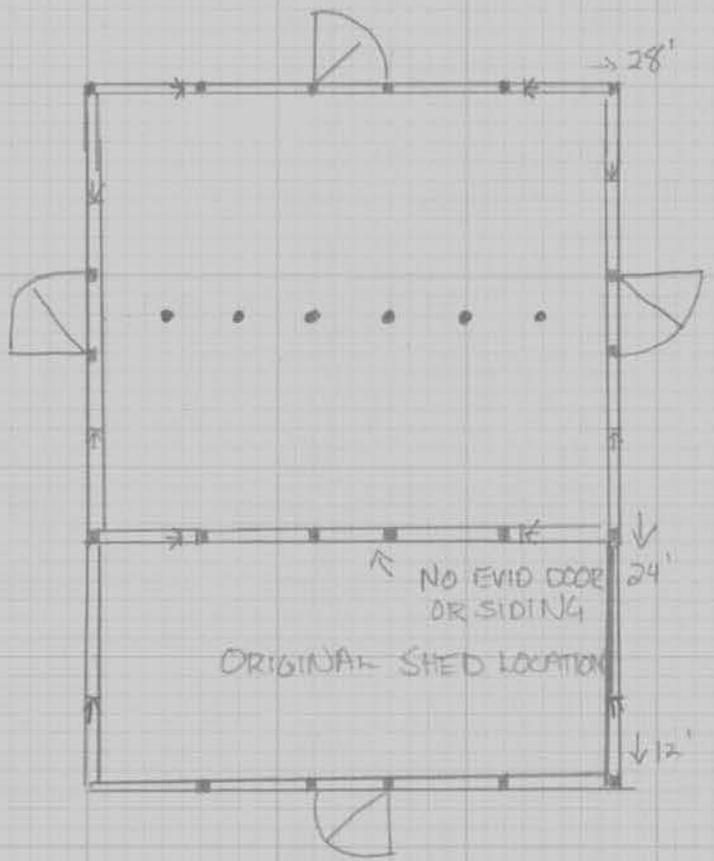
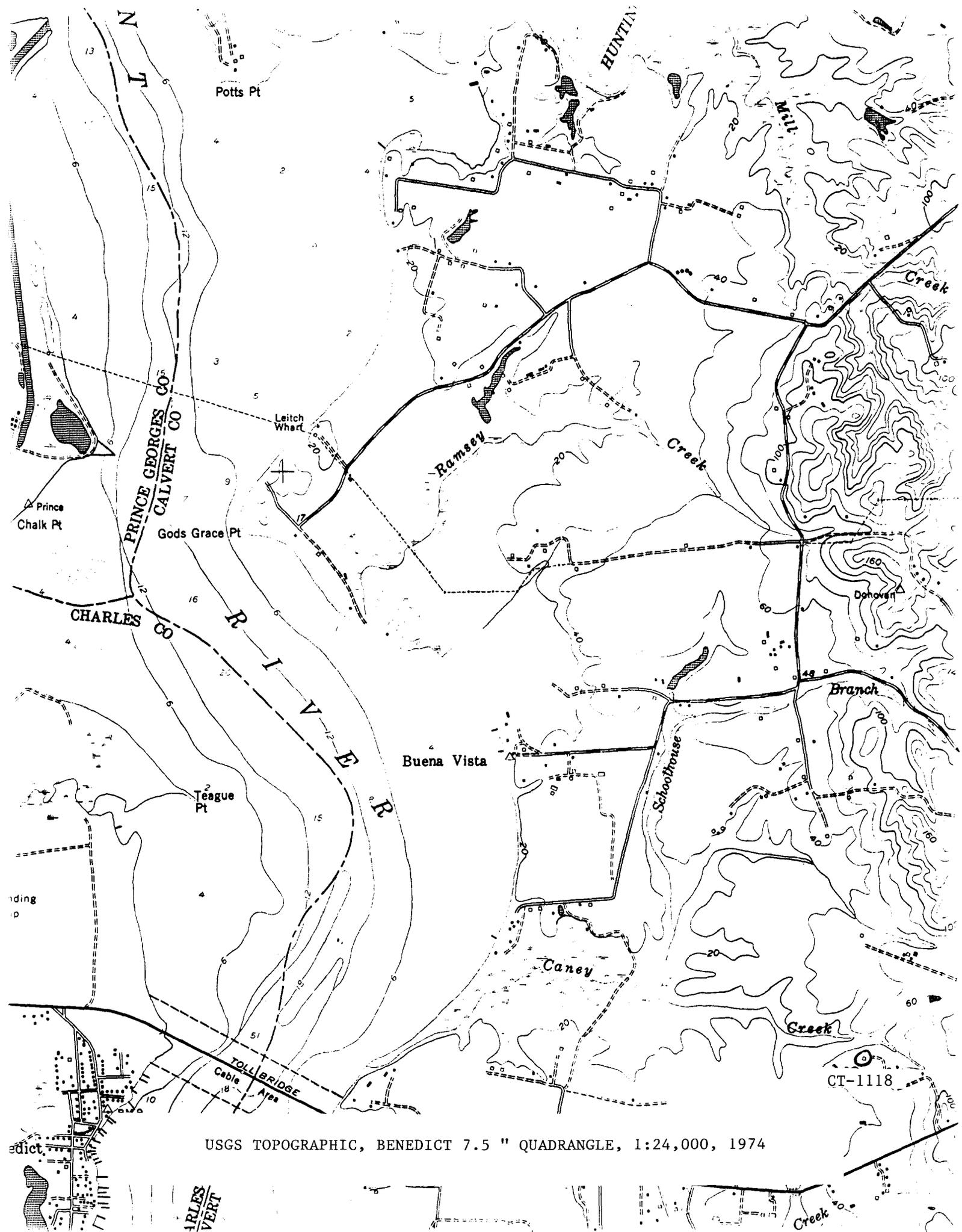
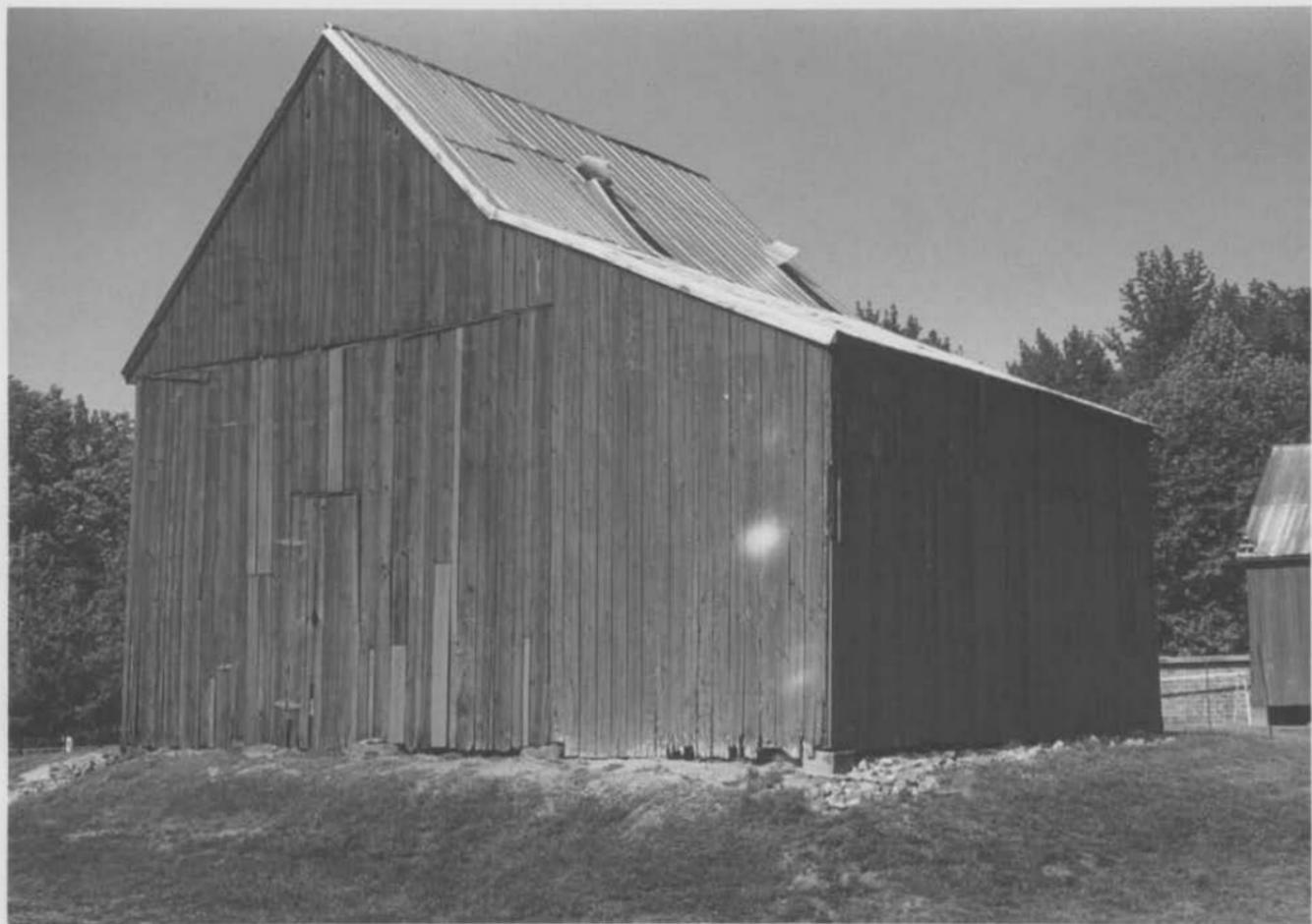


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CHARLES  
CALVERT



CT-1118 Hallowing Point Barn 'A'

Barstow

Tova L. Williamson

South West

May, 1990