

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1123

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cleary/Ward Barn A

## 2. Location

street & number Chaneyville Rd.  not for publicationcity, town Donkirk  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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> parl.
<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: storage

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

name Frank Cleary

street &amp; number telephone no.: 257-9490

city, town Lower Marlboro state and zip code MD 20736

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

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

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-1123

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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-1123

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:  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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1123

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora Williamsen-Berry

c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission date June 30, 1990  
 organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning

street & number Courthouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1123

Cleary/Ward barn A is located on what used to be the Kenneth Ward farm. The farm is on Chaneyville road, approximately four miles from its intersection with highway four. At the point where the road makes a ninety degree turn, one must stop driving. The barn is then reached by hiking approximately one mile down an old farm road that leads west to the river bottom. The barn is near the river on a flat plain and is oriented on an east-west axis. There are other barns nearby, all of which are associated with the farm of Alan Swann. The barn uses modern construction materials and techniques. It is divided by two internal rows of posts into three separate aisles. The barn measures forty-eight by thirty feet and has double doors along all sides. The main doors are on the gable ends and lead into the central aisle.

The barn is divided into eight and six foot bays. The doors on the north and south side, measure eight feet wide, and are located slightly west of center. The double doors on the east and west sides are twelve feet wide and are centered exactly. Two rows of internal posts lead from these doorposts to the other side of the barn. The frame of the barn is supported on poured concrete piers. The materials are all circular sawn and nailed with wire nails. The posts are mortised and nailed.

The walls are covered with plain vertical wall siding with side-hinged ventilation doors. There are eight ventilation doors on the north and south sides, and two on the east and west. The roof has shingle nailers underneath the standing seam metal covering. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two, two by six inch timbers nailed together and the posts are mortised and nailed to this top plate. There are four windbraces, one on each diagonal, and four collars that support the roof. There are four levels of tier poles to the tie beam. The first level has been removed, the second is of peeled logs, and the third and fourth are circular sawn timbers. There are two rows of posts down the central axis. Each post is separated by four feet horizontal distance. These posts are half-lapped against the tie beams. Brackets have been placed inside notches cut into these posts, and the tier poles are supported on these brackets.

There is a partially underground stripping room built into the southeast corner of the barn. This stripping room measures twenty-four by twelve feet. It is floored three feet three inches above the surface of the ground in the barn, and is excavated three feet below ground. Stairs lead down into it from its northwest corner. There are three exterior windows on the south side, and one on the east side. A cyclone door is built into the floor above the stripping room. This door allows tobacco to be passed from the barn into the stripping room with ease. There is no evidence of any heating. Portions of hogsheads remain.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1123

Cleary/Ward barn A is architecturally significant as a representative of tobacco barns built during the early-mid twentieth century. The materials used are by and large still being used today. However, a few elements are indicative of its early twentieth century date. Chief among these is the plan. Although the barn has essentially an axial plan, with three aisles dividing the barn along the same axis as the roof, there are the remnants of a cross-aisle in the eight foot wide doors centered along the facades. The area spanned by this eight foot wide aisle in the interior of the barn is not interrupted by any posts. Another element indicating the early-mid twentieth century date of this barn are the shingle nailers underneath the metal roof. The partially underground concrete block stripping room is typical of barns of twentieth-century construction, and may indicate that the date of the barn is closer to ca. 1930 than 1900.

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.

The barn has not undergone many significant architectural changes. The main change has been the removal of the shingled roof and its replacement with a metal roof. The most significant changes to the barn have been in its use. According to Mr. Cleary, this barn is located on what was previously the Kenneth Ward farm, and was here when he purchased the property in 1971. The barn is currently being used for storage of hay bales, and tobacco is no longer grown on the property.

#2096 - CT 1123 - Cleary/Ward Barn - Frank Cleary current owner, was the Kenneth Ward Farm. Directions: highway 4 to Chaneyville Rd., located next to the river. JDB Recorder. Private Ownership, occupied for hay storage. Unaltered, original site, good condition.

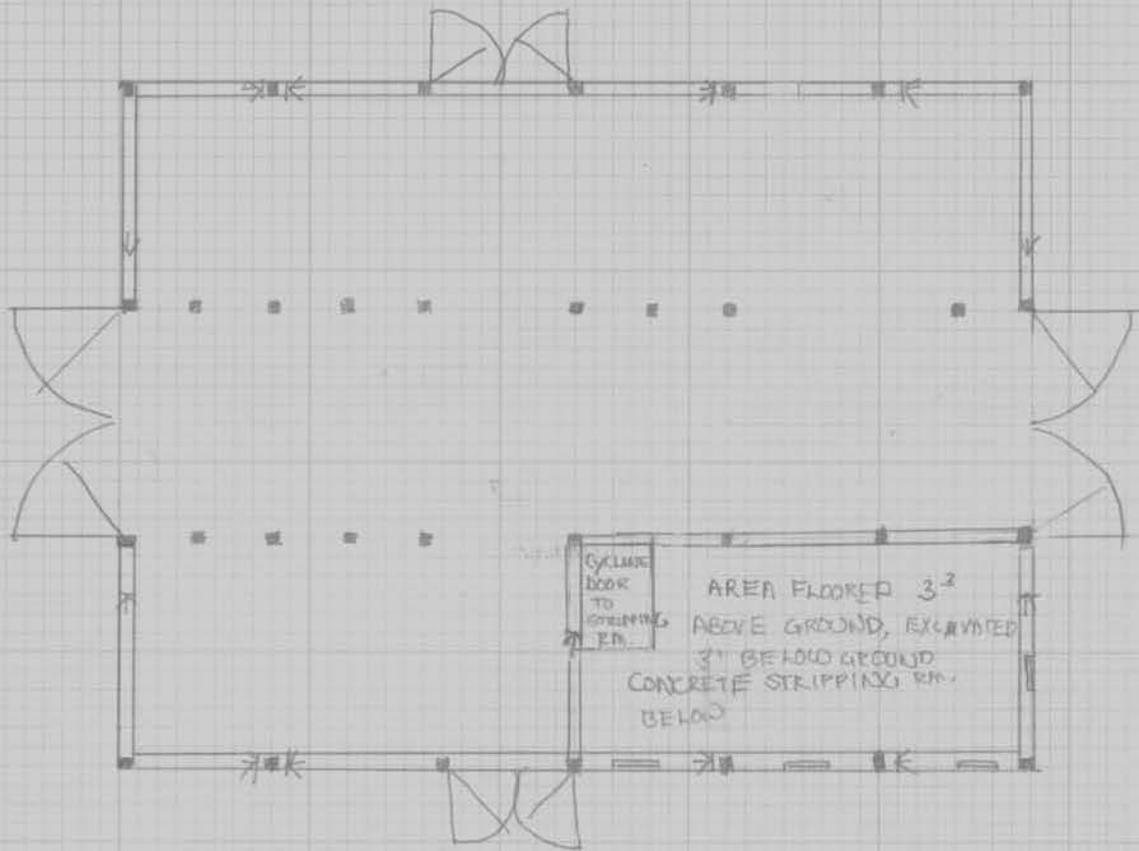
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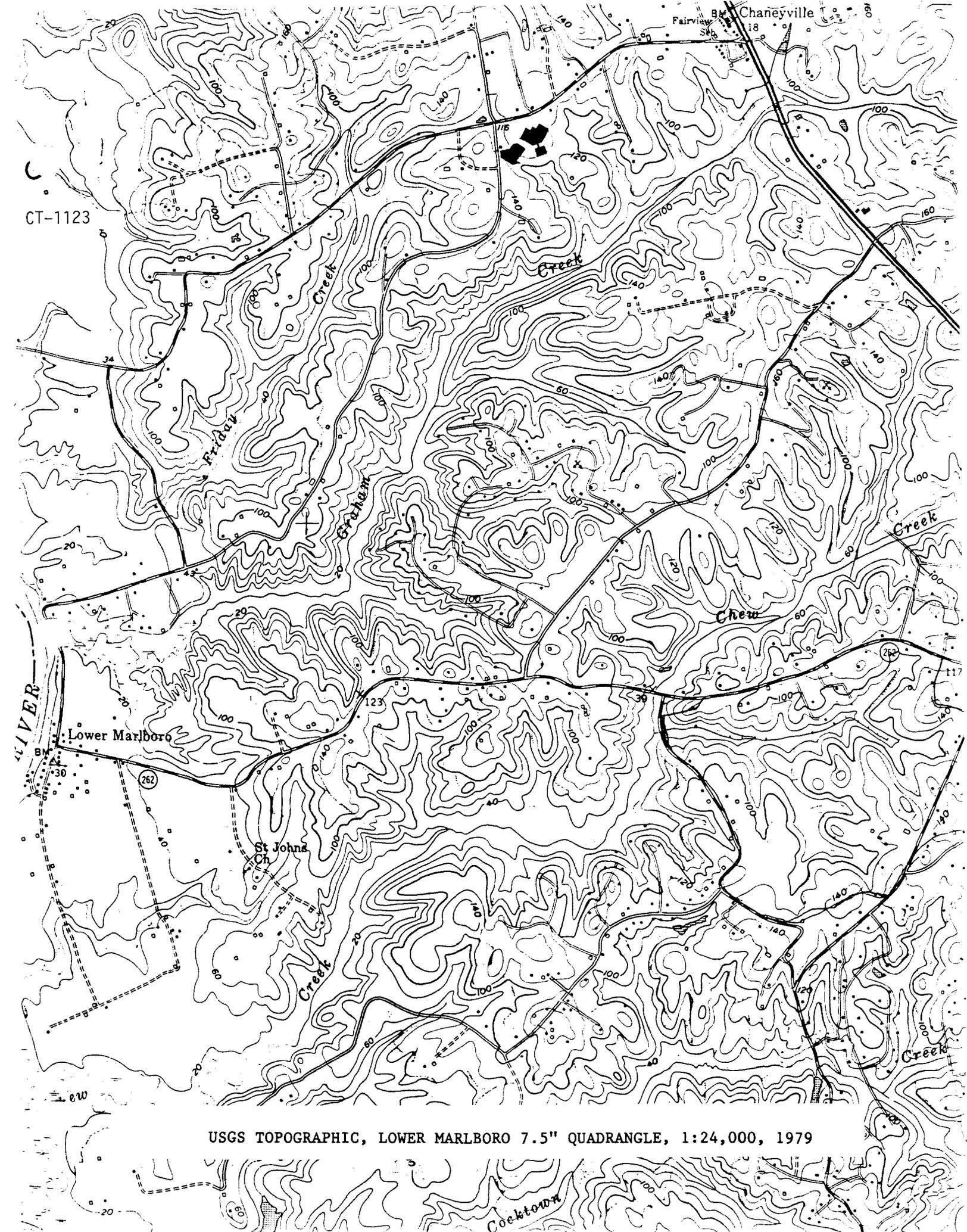
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BARN # 2096 5/12/90  
CLEAR/WARD BARN





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Fairview Chaneyville

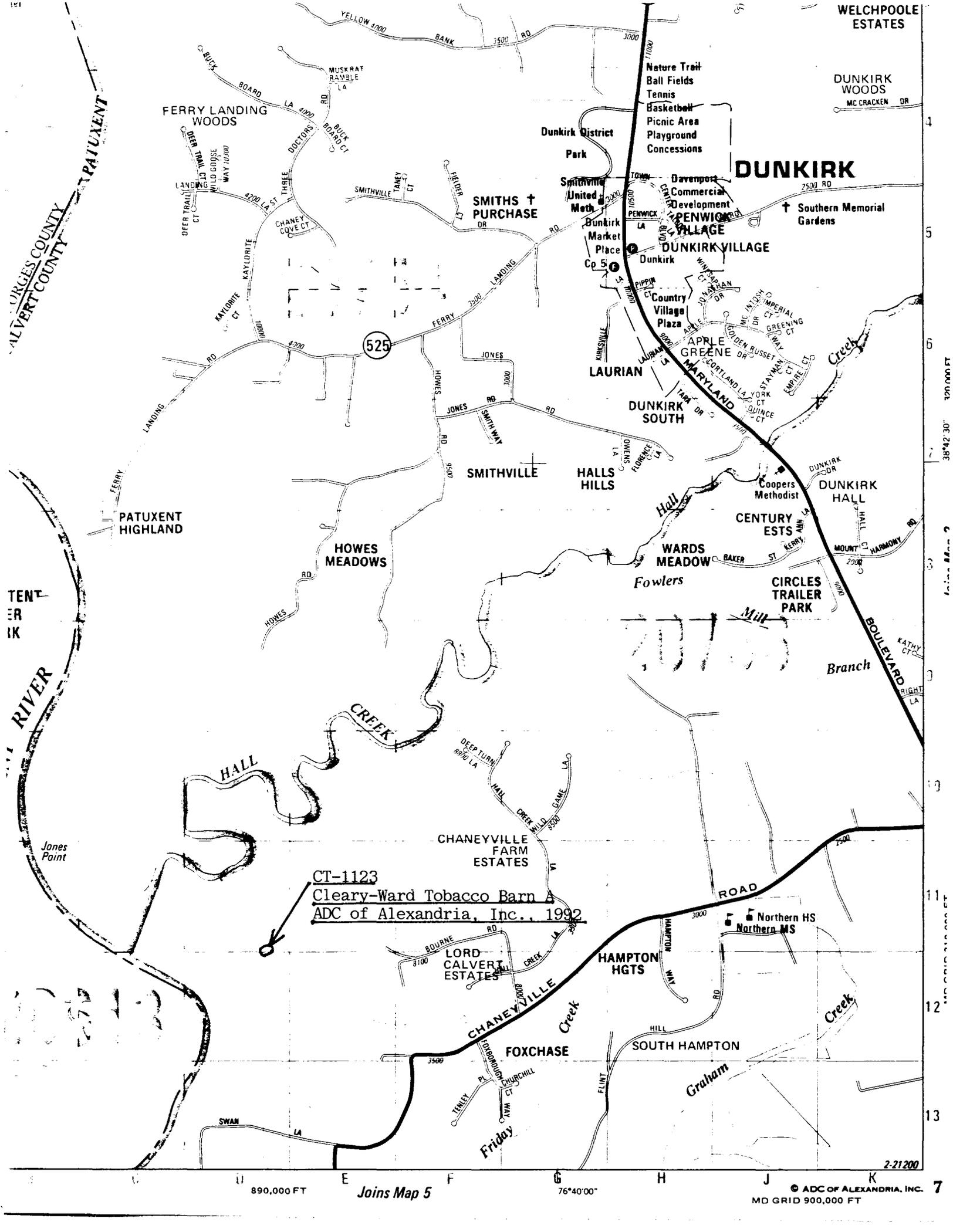
RIVER

Lower Marlboro

St. Johns Church

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

Cocktown



ALBERT COUNTY  
PATUXENT RIVER

WELCHPOOLE ESTATES

DUNKIRK WOODS  
MC CRACKEN DR

**DUNKIRK**

FERRY LANDING WOODS

Dunkirk District Park

Nature Trail  
Ball Fields  
Tennis  
Basketball  
Picnic Area  
Playground  
Concessions

↑ Southern Memorial Gardens

SMITHS + PURCHASE

Smithville United Meth

Davenport Commercial Development

DUNKIRK VILLAGE

LAURIAN

DUNKIRK SOUTH

SMITHVILLE

HALLS HILLS

CENTURY ESTS

DUNKIRK HALL

PATUXENT HIGHLAND

HOWES MEADOWS

WARDS MEADOW  
Fowlers

CIRCLES TRAILER PARK

TENT ER IK

PATUXENT RIVER

HALL CREEK

HALL CREEK

CHANEYVILLE FARM ESTATES

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LORD CALVERT ESTATES

HAMPTON HGTS

Northern HS  
Northern MS

FOXCHASE

SOUTH HAMPTON

Graham

Friday

SWAN LA

2-21200

890,000 FT

Joins Map 5

76°40'00"

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MD GRID 900,000 FT

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Hall

Mill

Fowlers

Hall

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Cleary-Ward Tobacco Barn A

Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979

Jones Point

CALVERT CO  
PRINCE GEORGES CO

Creek

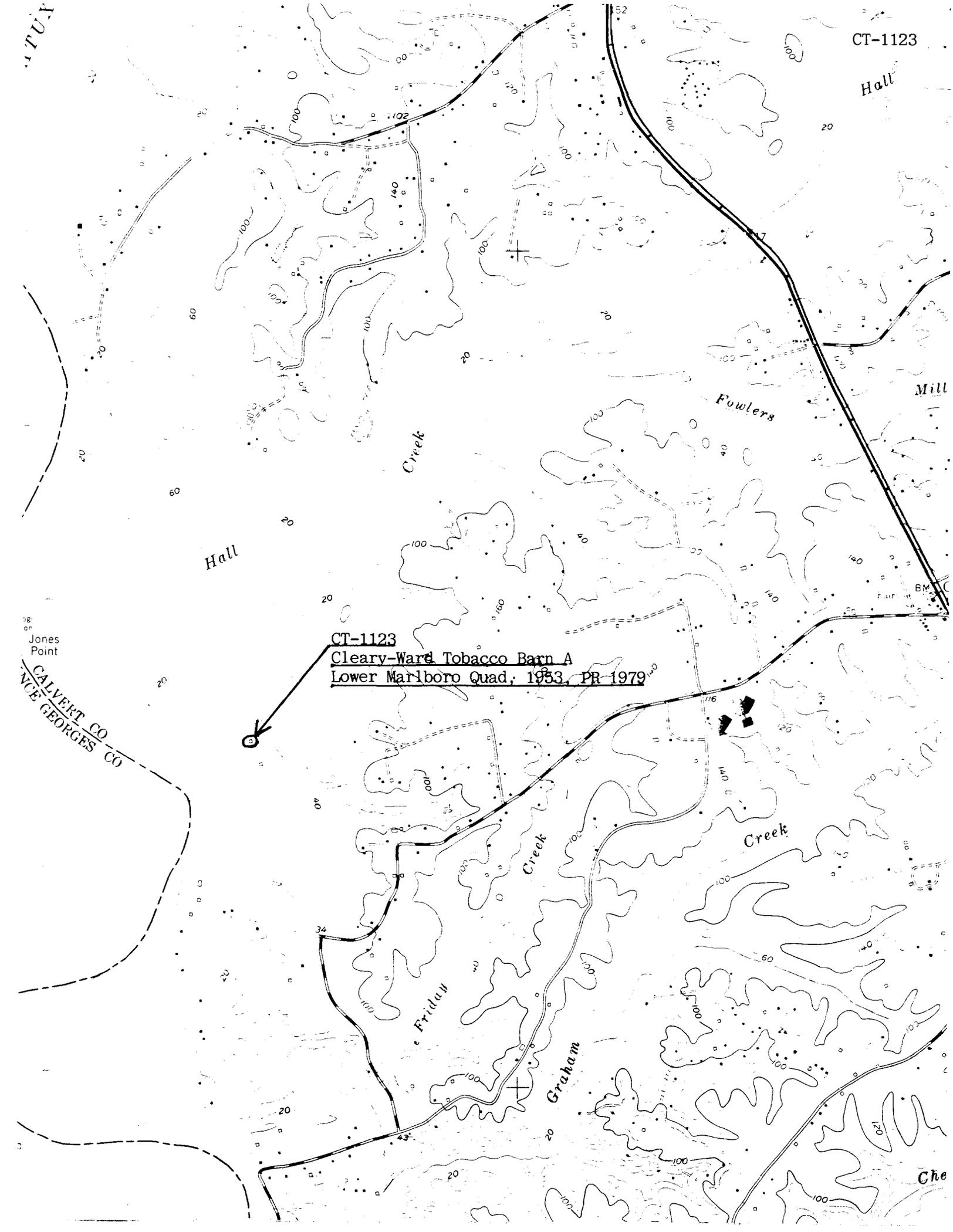
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CLEARY/WARD "A"

DUNKIRL

TORA L. WILHELMSEN

NORTHWEST

MAY 1990