

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1128

The Mooradian/Ireland barn is located on the farm currently owned by the Mooradian family. Access is private. This farm formed part of the farm originally owned by the Ireland family, that encompassed a great deal of land south of Lower Marlboro Road. The barn is located in a field below and to the north of the Mooradian house. The Mooradian house is located on Stephen Reid Road, approximately one-half mile from its intersection with Lower Marlboro Road. The barn measures sixty by eighteen feet and is situated on a flat site with hills behind it to the south. The timbers used in its construction are all circular sawn, and the nails are a combination of cut and wire nails. It is a transitional barn, probably dating to the late nineteenth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Mooradian/Ireland Barn

## 2. Location

street & number Stephen Reid Road  not for publicationcity, town Huntingtown  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mooradian

street &amp; number Stephen Reid Rd. telephone no.: 257-6436

city, town Huntingtown state and zip code MD 20639

## 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

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CT-1128

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

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

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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-1128

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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1128

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name North Beach, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berry

c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission

organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning date June 30, 1990

street & number Courthouse telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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-1128

The Mooradian/Ireland barn is located on the farm currently owned by the Mooradian family. This farm formed part of the farm originally owned by the Ireland family, that encompassed a great deal of land south of Lower Marlboro Road. The barn is located in a field below and to the north of the Mooradian house. The Mooradian house is located on Stephen Reid Road, approximately one-half mile from its intersection with Lower Marlboro Road. The barn measures sixty by eighteen feet and is situated on a flat site with hills behind it to the south.

The sixty foot length of the barn is divided into five twelve foot wide bays. The north and south facades have large double doors centered along their length, and there are four foot wide doors on each gable end, four feet off of center. The barn is supported on concrete block piers. The timbers are all circular sawn and toe-nailed with a combination of fully mature machine cut nails and wire nails. Vertical wall siding with four hinged ventilation doors on the north and south sides covers the exterior. The siding extends up above the false plate. The roof is made of corrugated metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The posts are half-lapped to the plate that is formed of two, two by six inch timbers toe-nailed together in an inverted L shape. There are windbraces on all four diagonals and two collars that support the roof.

The tier poles are peeled logs on the east side, and circular sawn on the west side. There are four circular sawn poles down the central axis. They are separated by twelve feet width between. The tier poles are laid on horizontal rails that run between the central axis poles. There are four levels of tier poles including the tie beam. The distance between the third tier pole and the tie beam is only about three feet, whereas it is four feet elsewhere. There is internal cross-bracing on either side of the doorway aisle. The barn has no sheds.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1128

This barn is a significant example of late nineteenth or early twentieth century construction. It is extremely long and narrow, and in this way, it resembles several of the barns surveyed in the nearby town of Lower Marlboro. The main doors are on the facades, typical of nineteenth century barns, but the elongated plan has been divided into two aisles, typical of twentieth century barns. As such, the plan is transitional. Also transitional are the materials. All the wood is circular sawn, but the nails are both fully mature machine cut and wire nails. The barn is relatively tall in proportion to its width. The barn is also significant because it was originally part of the Ireland farm, a farm that has been subdivided and consumed by the extensive development that has taken place in the area.

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. 1890-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1890-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

#2101 - CT - 1128 - 5/14/90 - Mrs. Mooradian, Stephen Reid Rd.,  
Huntingtown MD  
Rt. 4 South to Sunderland; W. rt. 262 9/10 mile to Left on  
Huntingtown Rd., left on Stephen Reid Rd.' barn on left in back  
of property.

PM and TW recorders

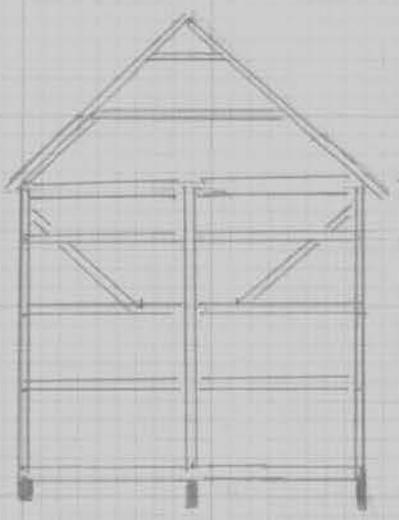
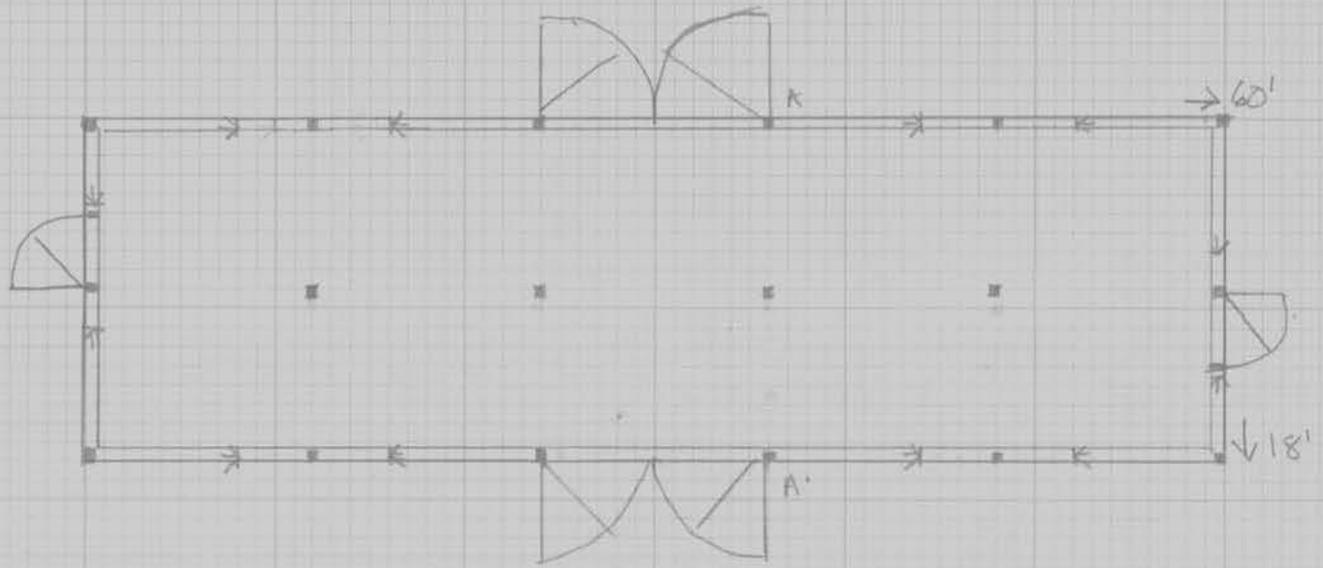
Sunny weather

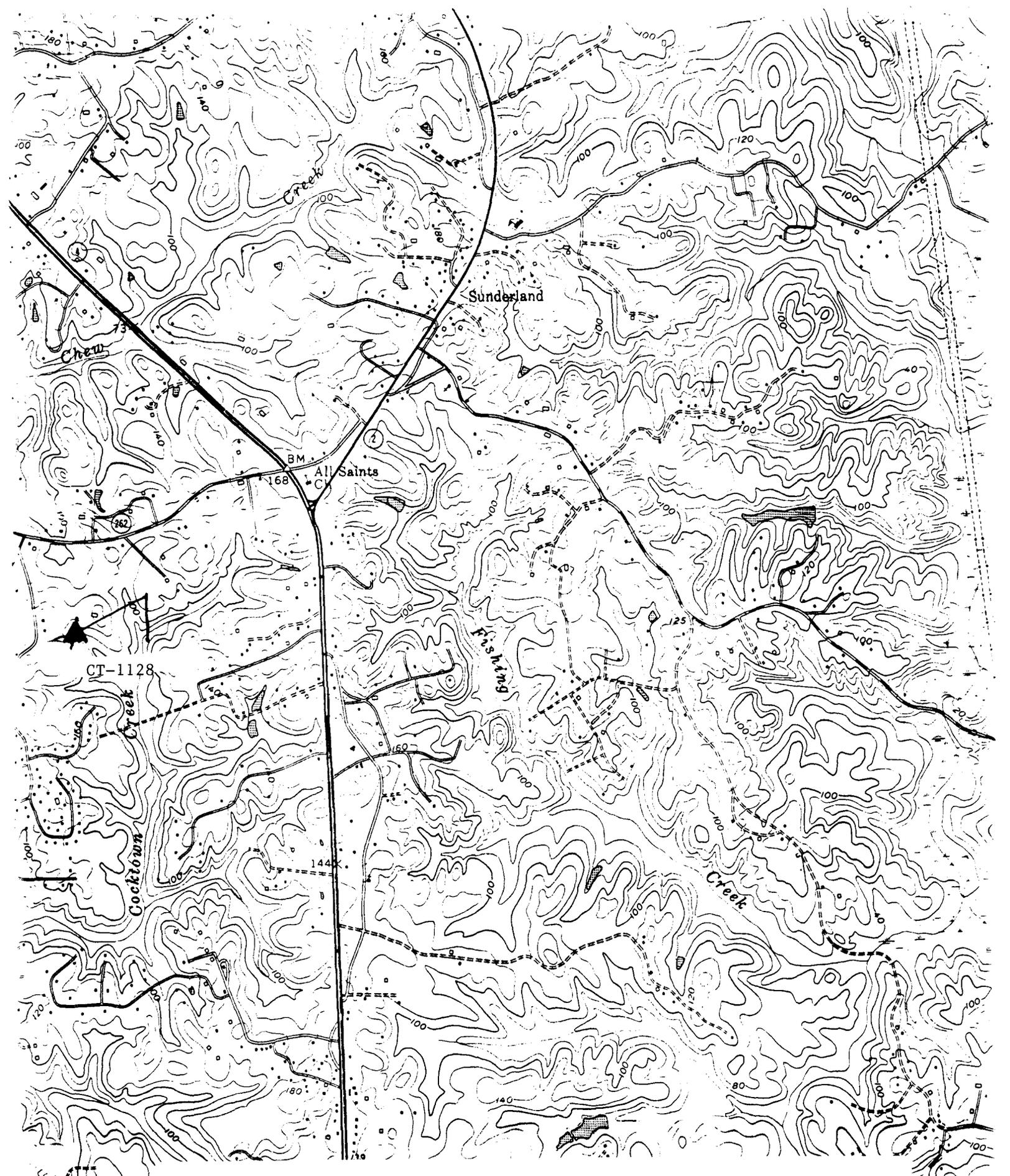
Unaltered, original site, fair condition

Barn is supported on concrete block piers. Timbers are all circular sawn and toe-nailed with a combination of f.m. machine cut nails and wire nails. Vertical wall siding with four hinged ventilation doors on the north and south sides covers the exterior.

The siding extends up above the false plate. The roof is made of corrugated metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The posts are half-lapped to the Lower Marlboro plate. There are windbraces on all four diagonals and two collars that support the roof. The tier poles are peeled logs on the east side, and circular sawn on the west side. There are circular sawn poles down the central axis every twelve feet. There are four level of tier poles including the tie beam, the distance between the third tier pole and the tie beam is only about three feet. There is internal bracing on either side of the aisle. The barn has no sheds.

MORRISIAN / IRELAND BARN # 2101  
CT-1128  
5/14/90





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



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MOORADIAN

HUNTINGTOWN

TORA L. WILLIAMS

NORTHWEST

MAY, 1990