

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1129

Briscoe barn B is located on the east side of Mackall Road, immediately opposite Cage Road. Access is private. It is situated on a flat plain with fields all around. A farm road leads past the south facade of the barn. There is another barn further east, on the south side of the farm road, and a tenant house to the south. Briscoe barn B measures eighty-eight by twenty-eight feet and has a modern double aisle plan. All of the timbers are circular sawn and nailed with wire nails. The barn has a concrete block stripping shed to the east. The tier poles run in the same direction as the roof axis, an element which makes this barn unusual.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Briscoe Barn B

2. Location

street & number Mackall Rd. (Maryland Route 265) not for publicationcity, town St. Leonard Wallville 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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 Cassandra Briscoe

street & number telephone no.: 586-1343

city, town St. Leonard state and zip code MD 20685

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & 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

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Condition

excellent
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deteriorated
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 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

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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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Broomes Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission

organization Dept. of Planning and Zoning

date June 30, 1990

street & number Courthouse

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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-1129

Briscoe barn B is located on the east side of Mackall Road, immediately opposite Cage Road. It is situated on a flat plain, with fields all around. A farm road leads past the south facade of the barn. The barn is oriented on an east-west axis. There is another barn further east on the south side of the farm road, and a tenant house to the south. Briscoe barn B measures eighty-eight by twenty-eight feet and has a modern double aisle plan. All of the timbers are circular sawn, and nailed with wire nails. The barn has a concrete block stripping shed to the east. The tier poles run in the same direction as the roof axis, one element which makes this barn unusual.

The barn is divided into eight and twelve foot wide bays. There are two sets of twelve foot wide double doors, centered along both the east and west gable ends. The barn frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. The timbers are of medium weight and circular sawn. The posts are half-lapped and nailed to the plate. All of the other timbers are toe-nailed. All of the nails are wire. Extensive bracing is used in this barn. There are down braces in each bay. There is an unusual internal cross-bracing arrangement. Cross-braces extend across the aisles on both sides of the barn, from the tie beam to the first tier pole level. These cross-braces are formed of double one by six inch timbers that have horizontal rails inserted between. The tier poles rest on these horizontal rails. The tier poles are peeled logs laid lengthwise along the same axis as the barn roof. The vertical distance between the tier poles is fifty inches.

Vertical wall siding with double plank side-hinged ventilation doors every four feet covers the exterior. The barn has a metal corrugated roof. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on the plate. There is no false plate. The top plate is formed of a circular sawn three by four and one by four nailed together. There are windbraces on each diagonal. Three collars lend additional support to the roof.

There is a concrete block stripping room attached to the northeast corner of the barn. This stripping room measures sixteen feet wide and twenty-three feet long. Access is gained to it by a six foot wide double door on the south wall. It is heated with propane and totally enclosed with tight siding. There is an outhouse immediately to the south of it, near the east gable end of the barn.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1129

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. It is one of the group of mid-late twentieth century tobacco barns with a long, narrow dual aisle plan, documented by this survey. This plan serves to accommodate vehicle drive-through. Typical of mid-late twentieth century tobacco barns, this barn has many ventilation doors and extensive bracing in the upper levels. The most unusual element of this barn is the fact that the tier poles are laid lengthwise along the same line as the roof axis. The reason for this variation from normal practice is unknown.

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. 1950-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1950-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

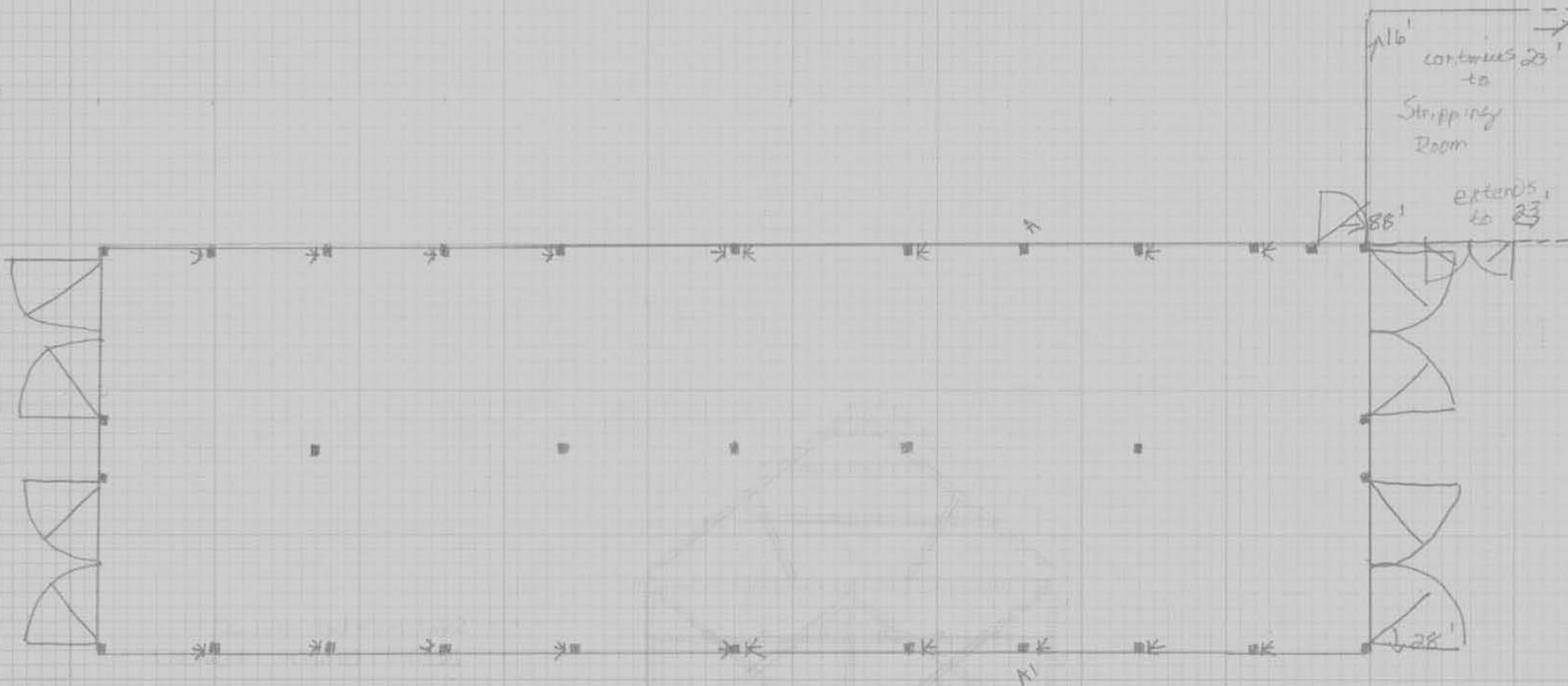
#2102 - 5/16/90 - Sandra Briscoe, owner. 4 to Broome's Island, to Mackall. Barn is located on left side of Mackall Rd., immediately opposite Cage Rd. Very clean inside the barn -- still used to hang tobacco. Private ownership, occupied. TW sunny and warm weather. Unaltered, original site, excellent condition. Located along farm road, tenant house to south. Open fields nearby.

Frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. Timbers are medium weight and circular sawn. Posts are half-lapped and nailed to the plate. Other timbers are toe-nailed. All nails are wire. Internal bracing formed by double one by six inch timbers with braces inserted between. Vertical wall siding with double plank side-hinged ventilation doors every four feet covers the exterior. Metal corrugated roof. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on the plate. There is no false plate. The top plate is formed of a circular sawn three by four and one by four nailed together. There are windbraces on each diagonal. Three collars lend additional support to the roof. The tier poles are peeled logs laid lengthwise along the same axis as the barn roof. There are poles down the central axis that are connected by internal cross-bracing, with additional one by six inch horizontal boards connecting them. The vertical distance between the tier poles is fifty inches. There is a concrete block stripping room on the east side of the barn.

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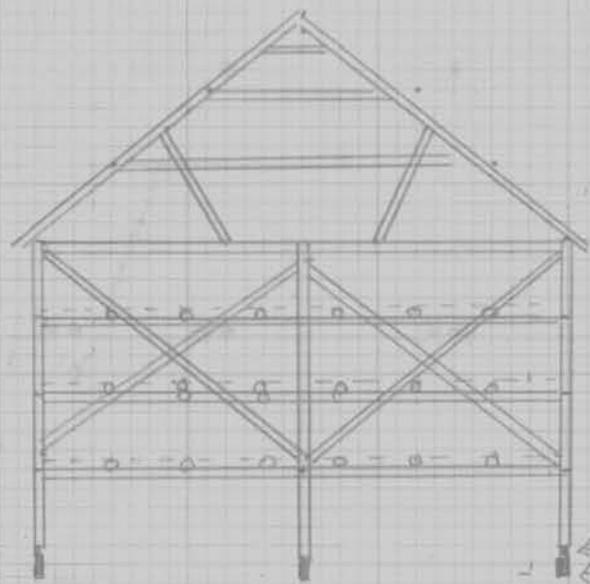
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See Reverse for section A-A'

FIG. 10

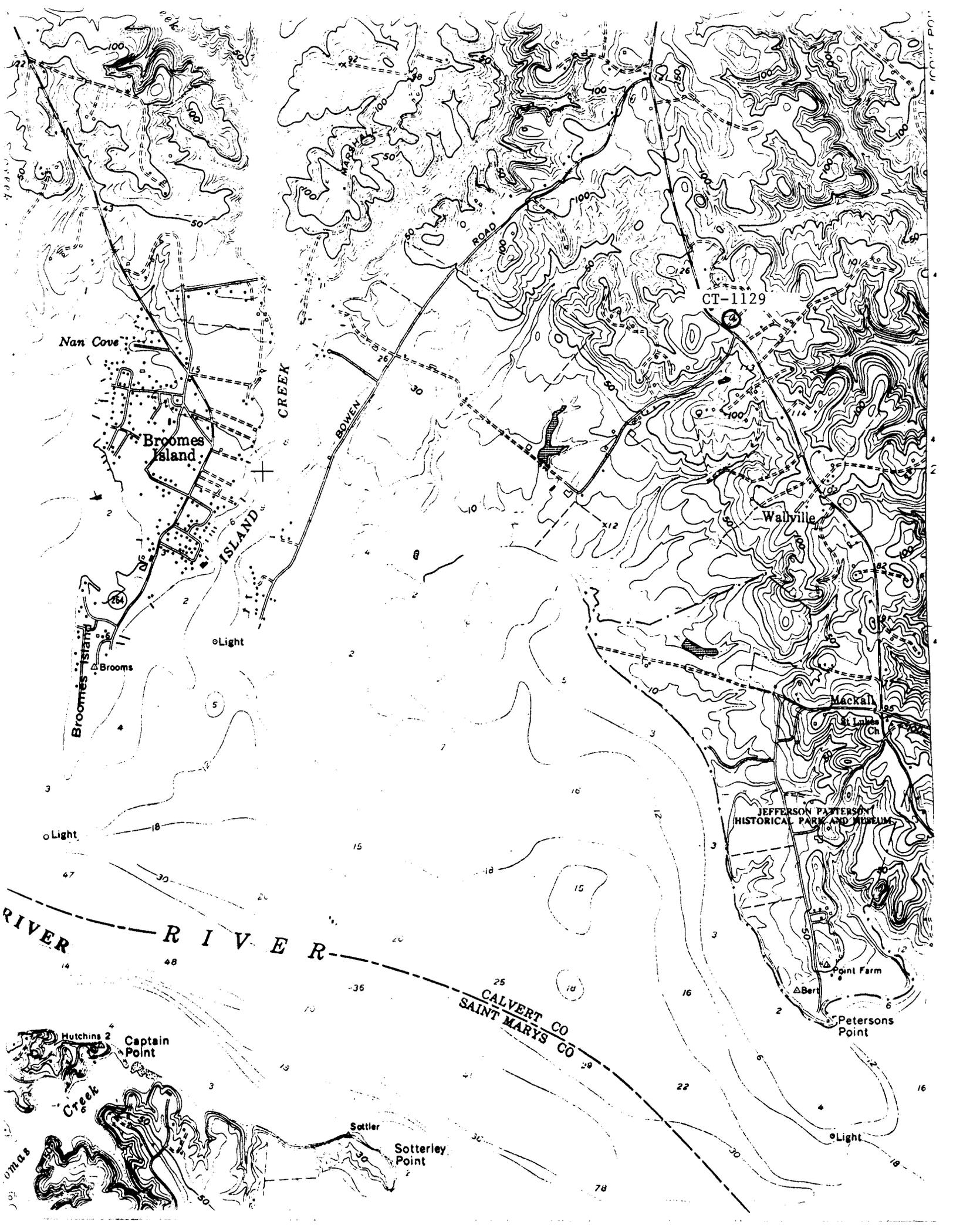


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behind, bracing inserted
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← sill
← concrete block

section looking east from A-A'

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Nan Cove

Broome's Island

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Walville

Mackall

St. Luke's Ch.

JEFFERSON PATTERSON HISTORICAL PARK AND MUSEUM

Point Farm

Petersons Point

RIVER RIVER

CALVERT CO
SAINT MARYS CO

Hutchins 2
Captain Point

Creek

Sotter
Sotterley Point



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BRISCOE 'B'

ST. LEONARD

TORA L. WILLIAMS

MAY, 1990