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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: The Reserve Survey Number: CT-30, 30A, 1130, 1131

Project: MD 2/4 N of MD 765 to N of Stoakley Rd Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

According to information prepared by SHA, The Reserve, located at 1250 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick vicinity, is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A as a example of an early to mid 19th century tobacco plantation exhibiting distinctive characteristics of a Calvert County plantation of the period and under Criteria B for association with John Stuart Skinner. Skinner was an important figure in the War of 1812 and was nationally known as editor and publisher of The American Farmer. The property consists of a large frame dwelling house, constructed shortly after the War of 1812, a slave cabin, a tenant house, and two tobacco barns.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Forms CT-30, 0A, 1130, 1131 and project file

Prepared by: Paul Brinkman, Patricia McGuire, Rita Suffness

Elizabeth Hannold July 8, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
R. Brinkman 7-11-94
Reviewer, NR program Date

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CAPSULE SUMMARY (CT-1131)

Vaughan Barn 'B' is located on the north side of Dares Beach Road on a large farm known as "The Reserve". The barn is found just west of a narrow farm north-south running farm road, and approximately one-half mile north of the main house complex. The barn's 40 x 24 measurements have been found to be rather common among ante-bellum structures, although the early machine-cut nails indicate that this size was being used prior to 1830. The juxtaposition of old and new elements is particularly fascinating in this barn where original, riven clapboards exist alongside the circular sawn timbers which frame a circa 1950's stable addition.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Reserve Barn 'B'

and/or common Vaughan Barn 'B'

2. Location

street & number Central Village Drive not for publication

city, town Prince Frederick vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 Ann and E. Steuart Vaughan

street & number The Reserve Plantation telephone no.:

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20678

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 383

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 89

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-1131

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 attached description)

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1131

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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

(see attached statement of significance)

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting	Northing

C

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E

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B

Zone	Easting	Northing

D

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F

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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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Patricia J. McGuire		
organization	J. Patterson Park and Museum	date	July, 1990
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city or town	St. Leonard	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-1131):

Vaughan Barn 'B' is located approximately one mile north of Dares Beach Road. The barn is associated with a surrounding barn called "The Reserve", which is occupied by members of the Vaughan, but is historically the home of the Skinner family. The farm house dates to the late 18h-early 19th century. A total of three tobacco barns are widely scattered over the property which is primarily used for tree farming. The barn lies approximately one-half mile north of the main house in an overgrown field, adjacent to a north-south farm road. The addition of sheds and extensions to the original rectangular structure has resulted in a square block. The main axis is oriented east-west. The old section was constructed using hewn timbers and early machine-cut nails; more modern materials were found in the sheds and extension.

The Vaughan 'B' barn consists of a 40 x 24 central block with a twenty-four foot extension to the east, a twelve foot shed to the south, and a sixteen foot shed to the north. The main barn has a cross-axial plan and contains ten four-foot rooms. Four-foot wide entrances were originally centered on each facade. The north sill was cut out to enlarge the opening to ten feet wide and the southern door blocked by a shed partition wall. The barn openings also includes four single, dutch stable doors, and one set of double doors on the south facade. A single door is centered in the oldest portion of the gable addition, a single door is located along the northwest corner of the shed's gable, and two sets of double doors along the north shed's north side.

The forty foot length of the barn is divided into two eight-foot, two ten-foot, and one fourteen-foot bay, and the twenty-four foot width is divided into two ten-foot and one four-foot door bays. Concrete block piers, and large, mortared fieldstone piers provide support.

The structure has a heavy timber frame on continuous sills supported by down braces, heavy hewn posts and one elevated cross sill. Joints are evidence of early carpentry skills and include mortise and tenon with trunnels, and open-face dovetail notches. The siding system has been altered from horizontal to vertical, as both studs and riven clapboards are extant throughout the original section of the barn.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (CT - 1131):

Vaughan Barn 'B' is very typical of tobacco barns constructed in Calvert County during the 19th century. Like the 'A' barn recorded on "The Reserve", the transverse axis plan, and original riven clapboard siding is often found on early barns. One interesting discrepancy is that this barn was constructed using earlier nails but its regular size is much more common in the middle of the century. The additional changes and modifications made to this structure in the 20th century also help to interpret changes in agricultural practises that have occurred during the past two hundred years.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco, rural family life
Geographic Organization: Maryland's Western Shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County, Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1815-present
Resource Type(s): tobacco barn, stripping rooms, stable

Vaughan Barn 'B' was originally constructed as a 24 x 40 foot rectangular barn sided with horizontal, riven clapboards circa 1815-1830. In the 20th century, the barn's length was extended to the west 24 feet. Following that addition a 16 x 48 foot shed was added to the northern side of the barn. A large double doorway provided access into the extension and shed, and to the large, interior stripping room. Finally in the early 1950's (personal communication; E. Steuart Vaughan, 1990), a 12 x 48 foot shed was added to the southern side and contained a small stripping room and four horse stalls.

CT-1131/#2104 - 5/16/90 - Ann and E. Steuart Vaughan, The Reserve Plantation, Prince Frederick.

Private	Occupied
PJM, TW recorders	Sunny, hazy
Original Site	Altered
Good/fair condition	East-west axis

No longer growing tobacco. The present owners have lived on the property since early 1940's, but the property has been in Ann Skinner Vaughan's family since the late 18th century. Empty burdens, tobacco sticks in abundance. Last crop still hanging in the barn.

Major alterations include change from horizontal clapboards to vertical siding, barn extension and shed additions, horse stalls were added in the 1950's.

Riven clapboards extant on east gable; window openings also preserved.

Studs and/or empty mortises are extant on all sides of original structure except for the west.

Original barn roof-wood shingles; standing seam metal covers barn now.

Common rafter roof - 4' center, flat false plate, old tobacco obscured view to roof itself, no windbraces or collars visible.

Support system includes a continuous mortared fieldstone pier on the east end, concrete blocks in the new and rebuilt portions of the barn.

Timbers-original hewn, mt w/t, large

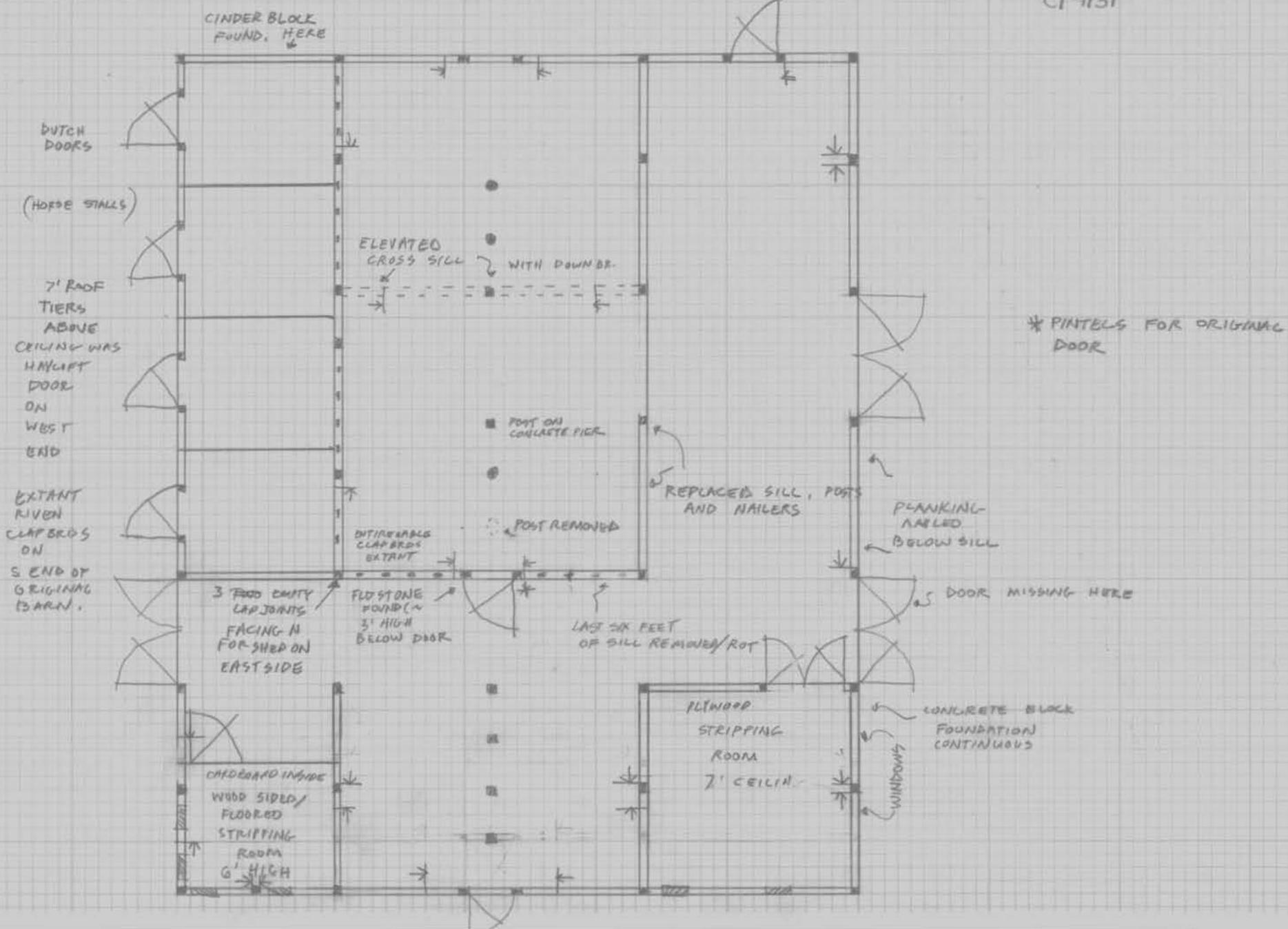
Early machine-cut nails

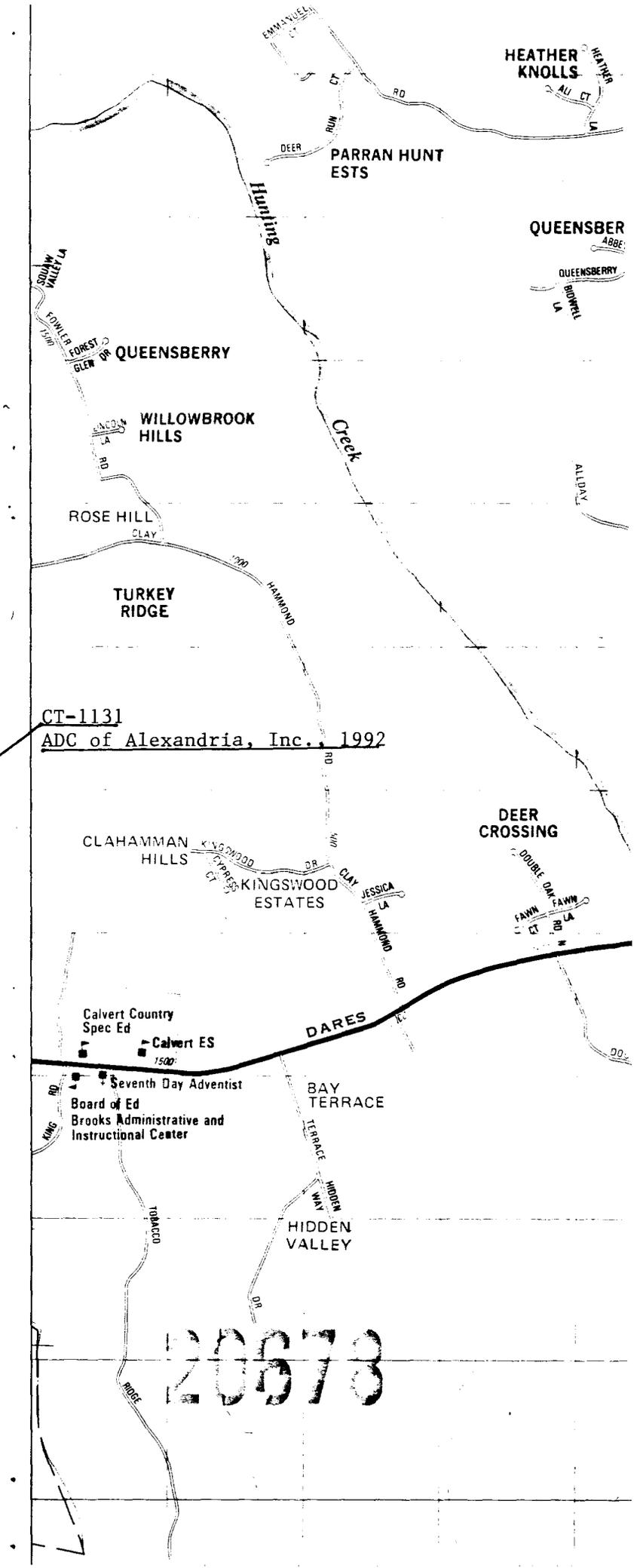
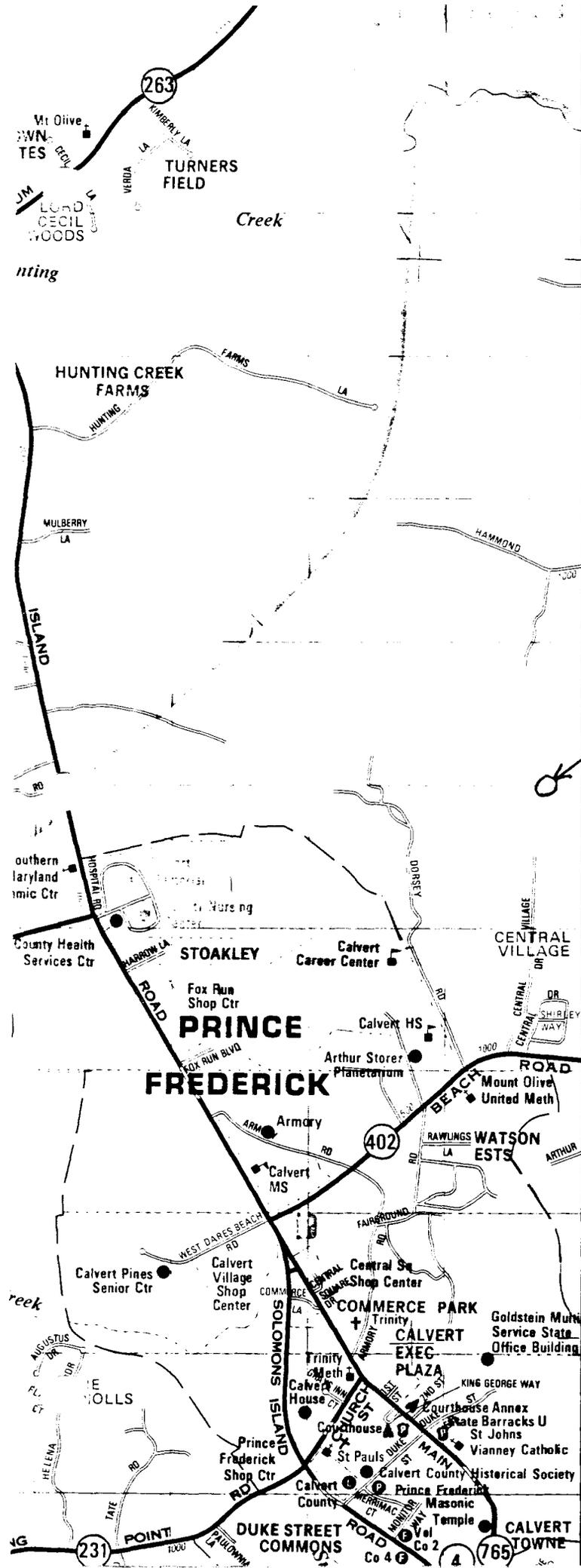
Stripping room in northeast corner, 16' wide shed in north, 24' long extension to the east, 12' wide stable to south.

Sheds and addition all built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails.

VAUGHAN BARN (#2104)
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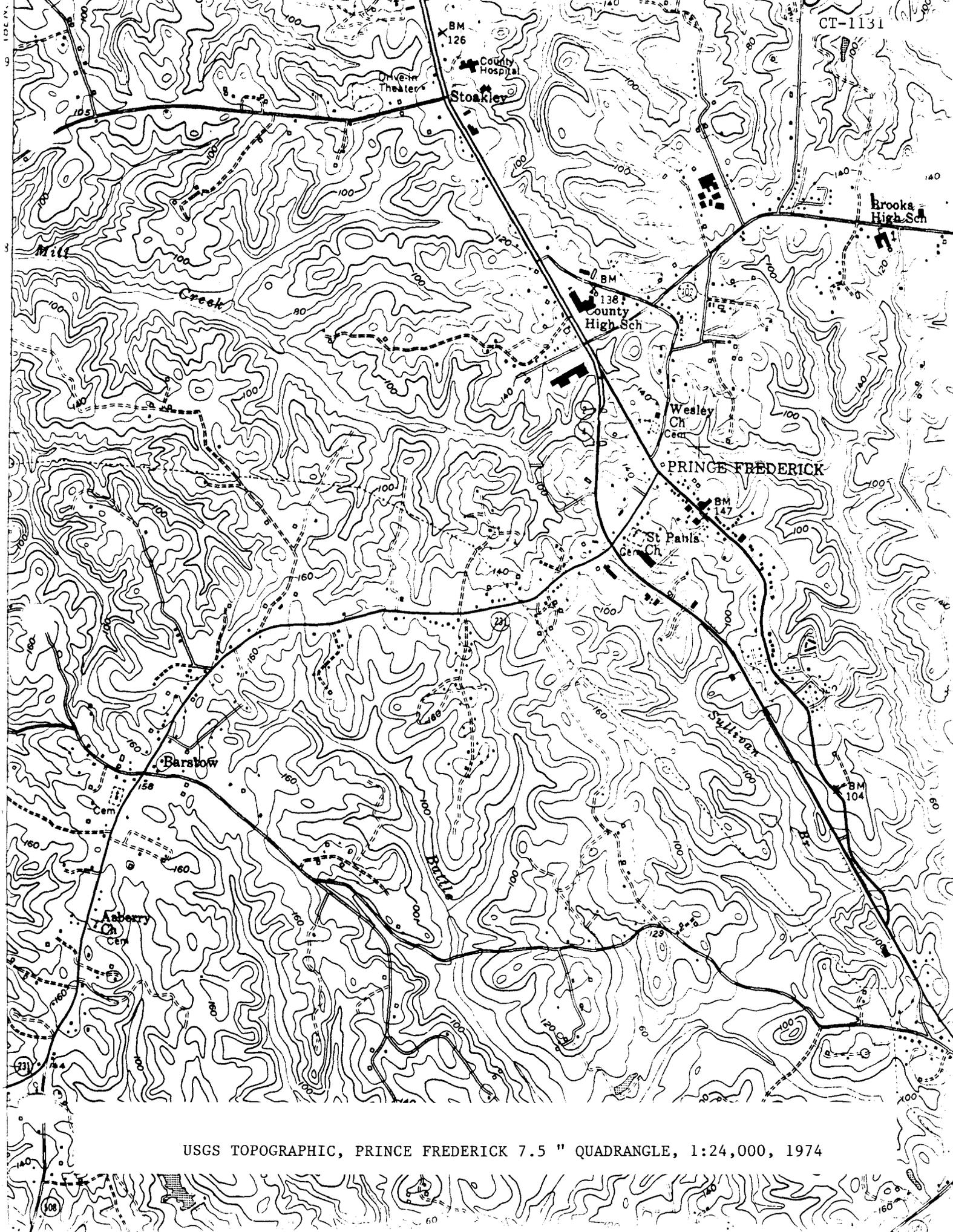
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VAUGHAN BARN 'B'

PRINCE FREDERICK

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

SOUTHWEST

MAY, 1990