

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1135

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Prout Barn D

2. Location

street & number W. Mt. Harmony Rd. not for publicationcity, town Owings vicinity of congressional districtstate MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: unused

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

name Prout Farm (name withheld at owner's request)

street & number Mt. Harmony Rd. telephone no.: 257-3782

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

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
 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

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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/ 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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, 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

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

name/title Tora 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.

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1135

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The original barn section measures sixty by twenty-four feet. It has two twelve foot wide double doorway aisles, that extend across the entire width of the barn from the south shed to the north facade. The barn is divided into six and twelve foot wide bays. Concrete block masonry piers support the frame. The timbers are of medium weight and toe-nailed with wire nails. The roof in the original section was of boards covered with tar paper, but standing seam metal now covers the entire barn.

Plain vertical wall siding, with hinged ventilation doors every four feet, covers the exterior. The west and south walls of the barn were once sided, but this has since been removed. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The posts are toe-nailed to the plate. Three collars support the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn timbers separated by forty-three inches vertical distance. The poles down the central axis are formed of two, two by six inch timbers with blocks inserted between, on which the tier poles rest. These poles occur every four feet down the central axis of the barn, except where there is a drive-through aisle. This area is left empty. There is a totally enclosed stripping room in the southeast corner of the barn. This room is ceiled six feet above ground.

The addition and shed were built later than the barn, but at the same time. The addition measures twenty-four feet wide and was added on to the west side of the barn. The first twelve foot wide bay adjacent to the barn is a drive-through aisle. The rest of the facade of the addition, consists of two six foot wide bays. Similar materials are used in this addition, with the exception of the roof. The roof in the addition has always been of standing seam metal. There are no poles down the central axis of the addition.

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There is no evidence of earlier doors on the south wall of the barn, but nails in the original barn rafters below where the shed rafters join, and evidence of siding along the south wall of the barn, make the shed appear to be an addition. The roof over the shed is a standing seam metal roof. There is no evidence of a wall ever having existed along the west wall of the shed, where it joins with the addition, so it appears that the shed and addition were built at the same time.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1135

This barn is architecturally significant as a representative of dated barns built during the mid-late twentieth century. The initial date of construction, ca. 1945, is known. As such, this barn can serve as a gauge for the interpretation of other, similar barns, for which there is no known date. The barn has a long, narrow, plan divided by three aisles that extend opposite the roof axis. These aisles were designed in order to accommodate drive-through vehicles. Also typical of mid-late twentieth century barns is the extensive use of ventilation doors. The expansion of the barn at a later date indicates the modern tendency to expand the structure itself, as opposed to the nineteenth century tendency to add sheds.

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. 1945-; Tobacco; Agriculture
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert
Cty MD
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1945-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

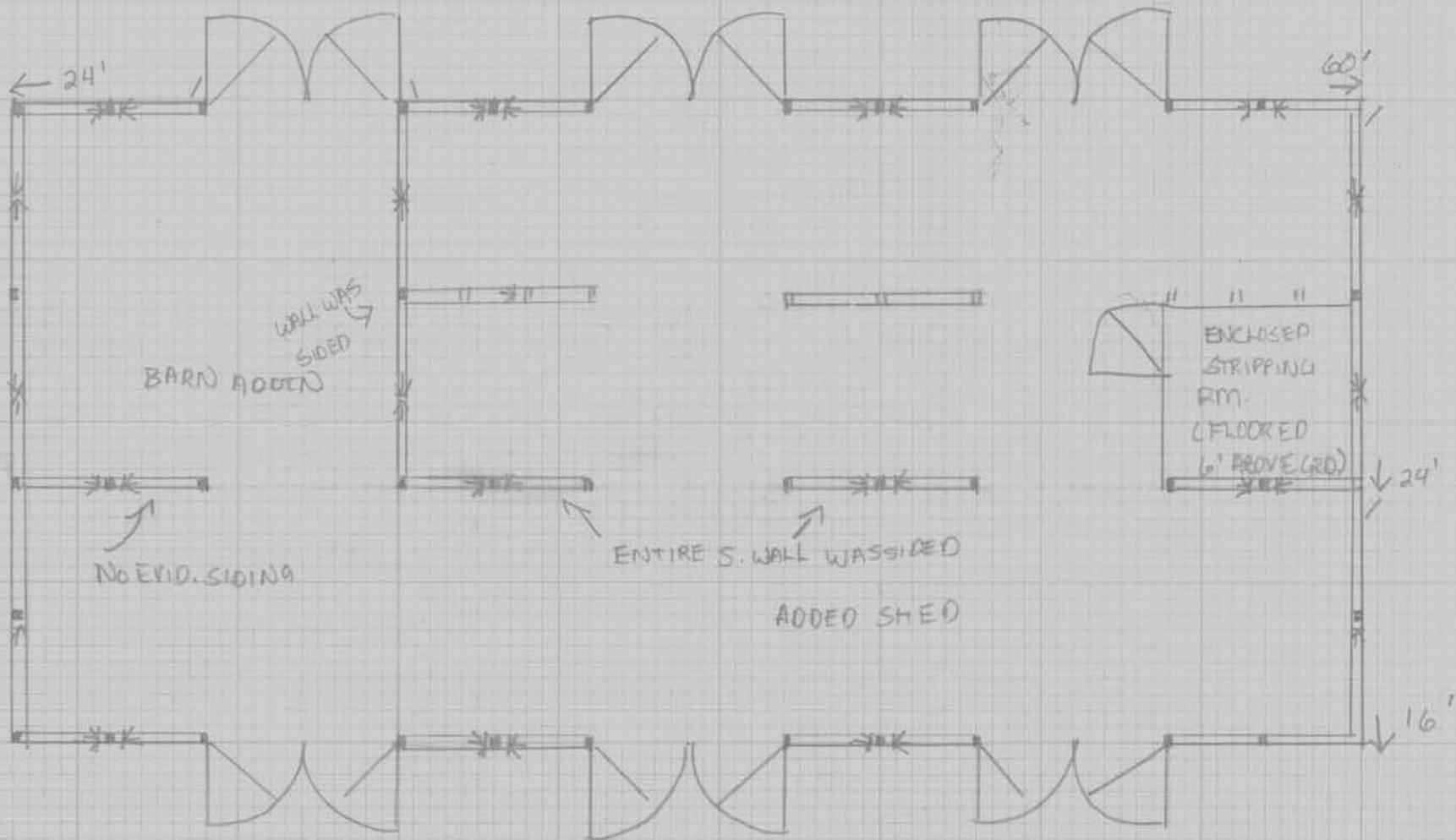
This barn has changed over the years. A twenty-four foot wide addition was built to the west, and at the same time, a sixteen foot wide shed was built across the entire length of the south facade. The board and tar-paper roof has been replaced by metal. The essential plan of the barn, however, has remained unchanged.

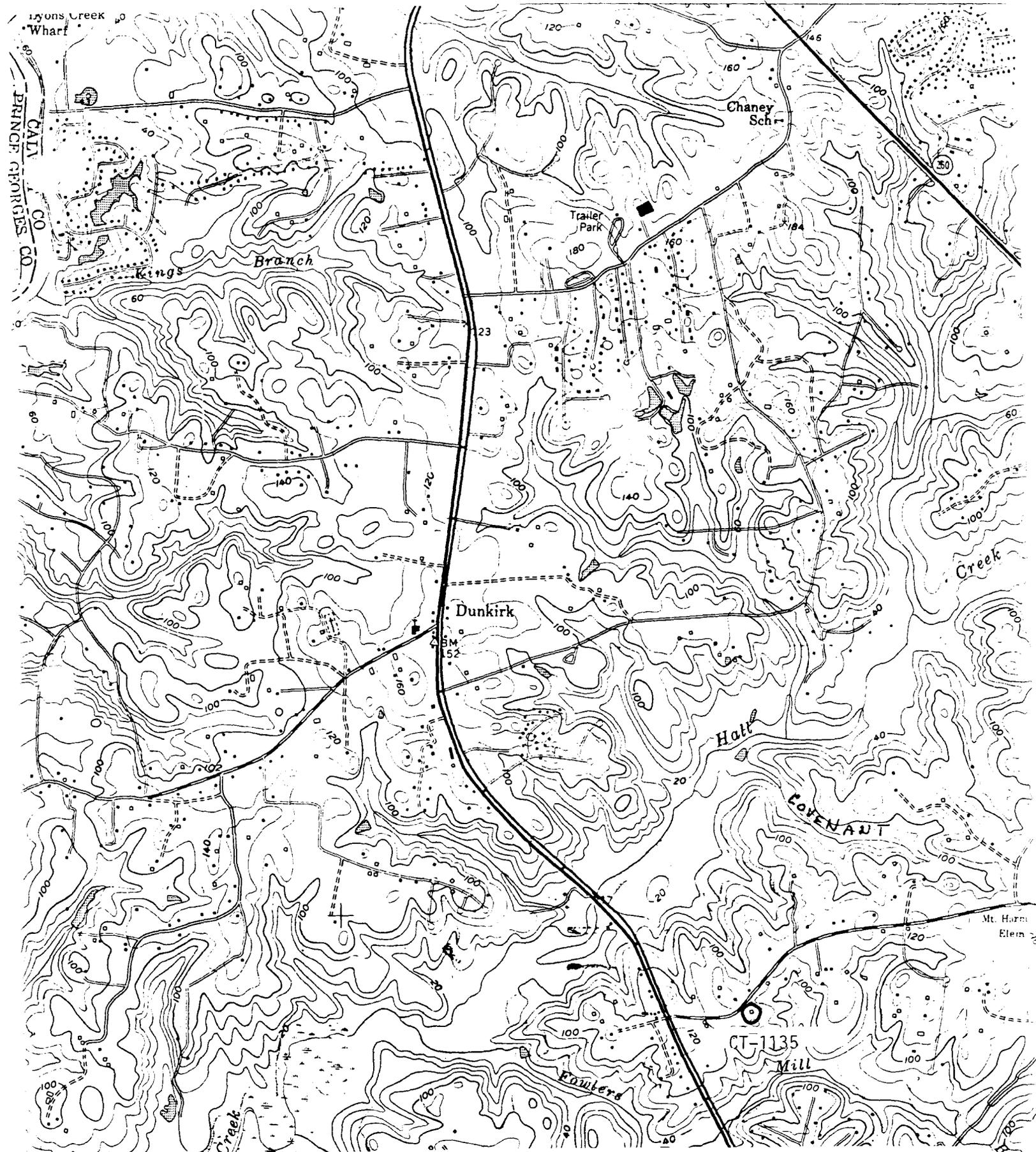
#2108 - Prout Barn D - 5/18/90 - Mt. Harmony Rd.
Private ownership, occupied (by groundhog)
TW recorder, sunny and warm weather. Altered (addition built and
shed added), good condition. East-west axis

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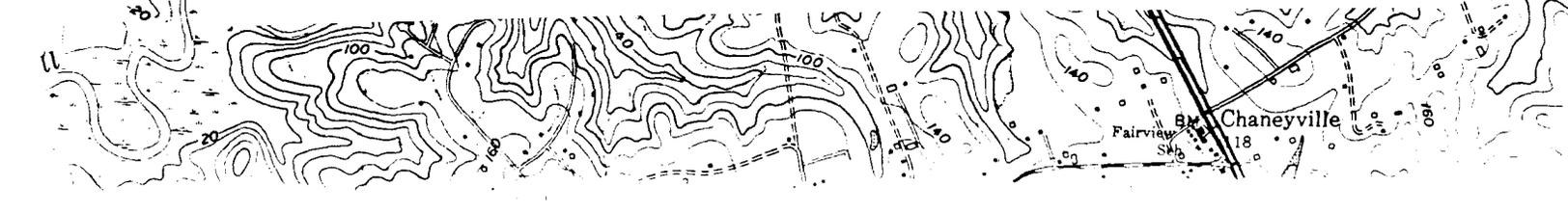
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PRWT FARM BARN D 5/18/98
#2106





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





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Prout Barn "D"

Dunkirk

Tara L. Williamson

Southwest

May 1990