

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1141

Nature's Garden Barn is located within the town center of Dunkirk. The privately owned structure, which is currently leased to a small landscaping and nursery business, appears to be associated with one other barn located nearby. Measuring 40 x 26 feet with one, open-air, lean-to shed on the west side, the barn is oriented on a east-west axis. Both the barn and the shed are of modern construction, employing circular sawn timbers, wire nails, and concrete block piers. Double doors are centered along each of the barn's four sides. A 16 x 28 foot underground stripping room is located in the northeast corner.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Nature's Garden Barn

2. Location

street & number Route 4 and Ward Road not for publicationcity, town Dunkirk 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 Howlin Construction Lessee: Cathy Statler

street & number c/o Nature's Garden telephone no.: 257-3536

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

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		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Nature's Garden Barn is located on the north side of Ward Road just east of its intersection with Maryland Route 4 in Dunkirk. The barn appears to have been associated with at least one other tobacco barn which is located due south across Ward Road. The Nature's Garden barn is presently the center of operations for a small nursery, and landscaping business in the center of burgeoning Dunkirk. The materials, carpentry techniques and plan suggest a post-1900 date of construction.

This barn measures 40 x 26 feet and has one open-air lean-to shed on its west side. The barn is oriented on an east-west axis. Both the barn and the shed are of modern construction, employing circular sawn lumber and wire nails. Four, double doors (total) are centered along each facade, and measure eight feet wide on the north and south walls, and ten feet wide on the east and west. A 16 x 8 foot underground stripping room is located in the Northeast corner. The steeply pitched roof is covered with standing seam metal sheets, and is supported by windbraces, four collars and angled queen posts. Peeled log tier poles make up the tobacco hanging system and are separated by a 41" vertical distance. Concrete block piers, continuous sills (broken at all doorways), and down braces support the structure.

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 checked="" 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/ 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: <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.

The Nature's Garden Barn is one of a small number of barns in Calvert County now being used for commercial purposes. Located in a quickly growing residential area, this barn's adaptation for use as a nursery is a perfect example of the shift from a rural, farming community to a suburban one. Built in the early 20th century, this barn is also of significance in the information it holds for a change in construction techniques, materials, and agricultural practises.

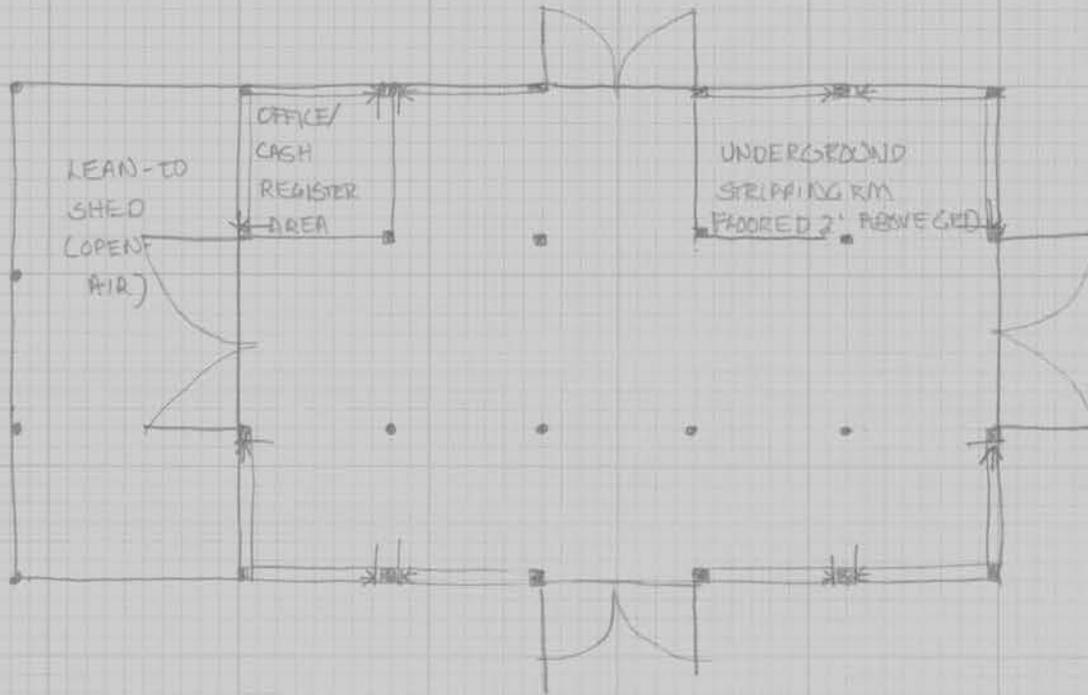
Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, economics, tobacco
Geographic Organization: Maryland's Western Shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1900-present
Resource Type(s): tobacco barn, underground stripping room, nursery

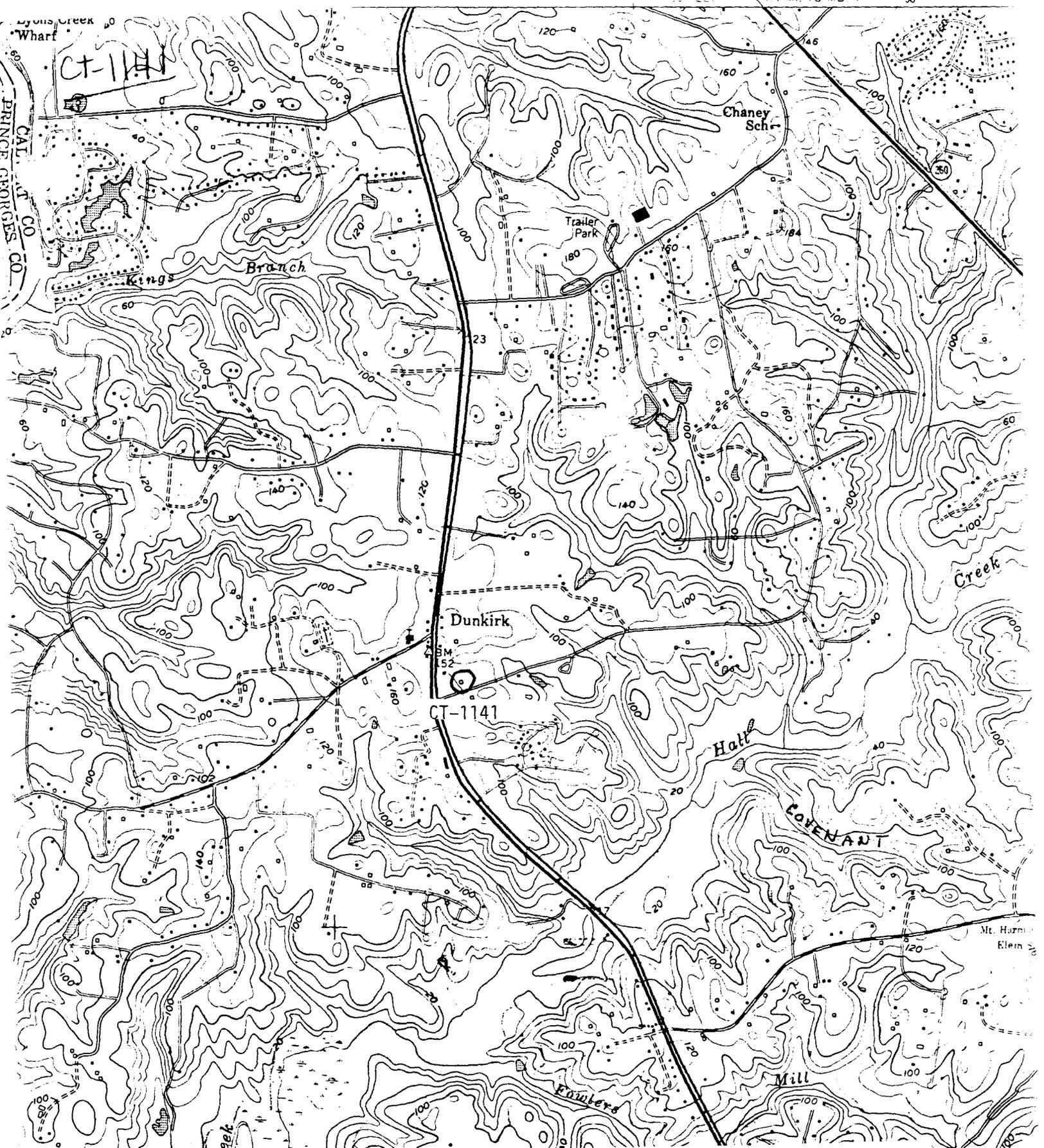
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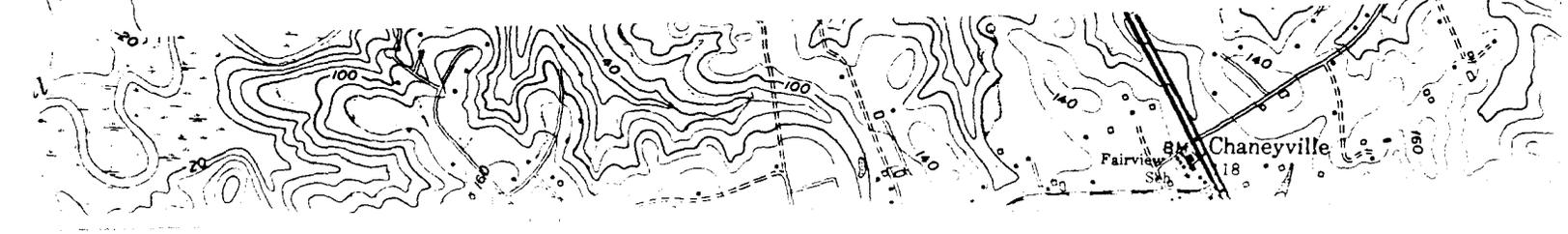
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979





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NATURE'S GARDEN

DUNKIRK

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

WEST

MAY, 1990