

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1144

The Norfolk farm is located on both sides of highway four, just slightly south of Dunkirk town center. Access is private. The farm is relatively large, and once served as both a tobacco and dairy farm. The Norfolk family purchased the property in 1913 and moved here from the Lower Marlboro area. Norfolk barn C is on the west side of the highway. The original farm house is set on top of a hill, on the opposite side of the highway, to the east of barn C. Norfolk barn C is built of circular sawn lumber nailed with wire nails, and some re-used hewn lumber. The barn now measures sixty-four by forty feet. It was built in several stages. According to Mr. Norfolk, the original barn was standing when the Norfolk family moved to the property in 1913. The original barn measured only forty by twenty feet. Circa 1920 a twenty-four foot long addition was built to the west, and in 1941, a twenty-foot wide addition was built across the entire north facade.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Norfolk Barn C

2. Location

street & number (Hwy. 4) Southern Maryland Boulevard ___ not for publication

city, town Dunkirk Chaneyville vicinity of congressional district

state 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 Mr. Calvert Norfolk

street & number So. Maryland Blvd. telephone no.: 257-6372

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

Survey No. CT-1144

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 checked="" 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.
See Attachment.

7. DESCRIPTION CT-1144

The Norfolk farm is located on the both sides of highway four, just slightly south of Dunkirk town center. The farm is relatively large, and once served as both a tobacco and dairy farm. The Norfolk family purchased the property in 1913 and moved here from the Lower Marlboro area, where Mr. Norfolk's father had been a tenant farmer. Norfolk barn C is on the west side of the highway. The farm road runs west off of the highway until it reaches the southern facade of barn C. There are two other tobacco barns on the farm, both on the opposite side of highway four. There is also a dairy barn on the farm that is located to the north near the new farm house. The original farm house is set on top of a hill, on the opposite side of the highway to the east of barn C. Norfolk barn C is built of circular sawn lumber nailed with wire nails, and some re-used hewn lumber. The barn now measures sixty-four by forty feet. It was built in several stages, and the original barn measured only forty by twenty feet. According to Mr. Norfolk, the original barn was standing when the Norfolk family moved to the property in 1913.

The original forty by twenty foot barn is located in the southwest section of the current structure. This original barn has one twelve foot wide double door centered on its south facade. The sill has been removed from the doorway. Pintel holes remain in the corresponding posts on the north side, where an eight foot wide double doorway once stood. The door has been removed, and the sill has been cut out from across the original doorway. The bays of the original section each measure eight feet wide.

Wood blocks and large unmortared fieldstones support the original barn section. All original timbers are circular sawn with wire nails. The posts in the barn are joined via mortise and tenon with trunnels. Down braces throughout are circular sawn and toenailed. The siding consists of vertical siding with single plank side-hinged ventilation doors, one approximately every eight feet. The north and west walls of this original barn section show a nailing pattern that indicates that they were once sided, although this has since been removed. The tier poles are peeled logs, separated by forty-one inches vertical distance in all of the barn. The poles down the center are peeled logs that are half-lapped and nailed to the tie beams. These poles occur down the central axis of the original barn section, with the exception of the area where the doorways form an aisle. They are separated by four feet width between. The poles in the original section have holes drilled out of them into which pegs are inserted.

A twenty-four foot wide addition was built on to the west end of this original barn. This addition has eight foot wide double doors on the north and south sides, immediately adjacent to the original barn section. A cross-sill extends from the west door post across the width of this addition. The bays of the addition are each eight feet wide. There are some hewn sills in this west addition,

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probably the result of re-use of earlier materials. A portion of the sill has been cut out from the north wall of this addition, in order to allow the tobacco prize to rest in this section and the one to the north. There is a circular sawn horizontal screw prize in the barn's north addition that extends into the west addition. The rest of the timbers are all circular sawn and nailed with wire nails. The posts are joined via mortise and tenon with trunnels. There are peeled log poles and tier poles similar to and along the same system as those in the original barn in this addition. The north wall of this addition was once sided, indicating that at one time, the barn measured sixty-four by twenty feet.

A twenty foot wide addition was built on to the entire length of the barn, including the original section and the twenty-four foot wide addition. There are two sets of eight foot wide double doors centered across the north wall of this north addition. The timbers in this addition are circular sawn and nailed with wire nails. The posts are half-lapped and nailed. The rest of the joints are toenailed. The peeled log poles in this twenty foot wide north addition are notched, and the tier poles are then inserted into the notch. The easternmost sixteen feet of this addition is a sided and enclosed stripping room. This room is floored four feet above ground and excavated six feet below ground. A cyclone door and bulkhead door lead into it from its west wall inside the barn. There is a chimney for a wood stove set diagonally into the northeast corner of this addition.

The roof has been replaced, because a storm destroyed the original roof. At the time the roof was replaced, the twenty foot addition to the north was built, and the roof was centered over the entire barn. The rafters are on four foot centers, and rest on a flat false plate. There is one windbrace on each diagonal, and four collars. The roof also has king posts at the mid-point of twenty feet and angled queen braces at ten and thirty feet.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1144

This barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. A fairly tight date can be assigned to this barn, since its circular sawn lumber and wire nails date it to post 1890, and the present owner says it was standing in 1913. Thus, this barn can serve as an example for other similar early twentieth century barns for which there is no known date. The materials are modern, however, there are several clues that reveal the early twentieth century date of the barn. These include the traditional cross-axial plan and the mortise and tenon joints. The expansion of this barn over the twentieth century also yields information regarding the changes in the tobacco industry. A stripping room was built, and the barn was expanded both to the north and west.

This barn is also one of three structures recorded on the Norfolk farm. The sequence of these structures and the modifications made to them over the years, provide valuable data for the interpretation of the fluctuations and changes in the tobacco economy.

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.

This structure was originally a forty by twenty-four foot barn. It was standing on the property when the Norfolk family moved here in 1913. There is evidence of siding, old door posts, and a separate framing structure between this original section and the later additions. A twenty by twenty-four foot addition was built (ca. 1920, according to Mr. Norfolk). It was sided and had double doors on its north and south facades. According to Mr. Calvert Norfolk, a big storm in 1940 blew down the roof over the barn and west addition. At the time the roof was rebuilt, the north addition was also built, and the roof was centered over the entire new forty foot width. The stripping area in the north addition is twenty by sixty four feet and has a wood stove. It is inscribed "Buddy Norfolk 1941", and was probably built at the same time as the addition. Over the years, sills have been removed from across the doorways in order to permit vehicle passage, and timbers have been replaced as necessary.

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#2017 - Norfolk barn C 5/24/90 - Mr. Calvert Norfolk, Dunkirk MD
Private ownership, unoccupied.

TW recorder

Cloudy weather

original site, altered.

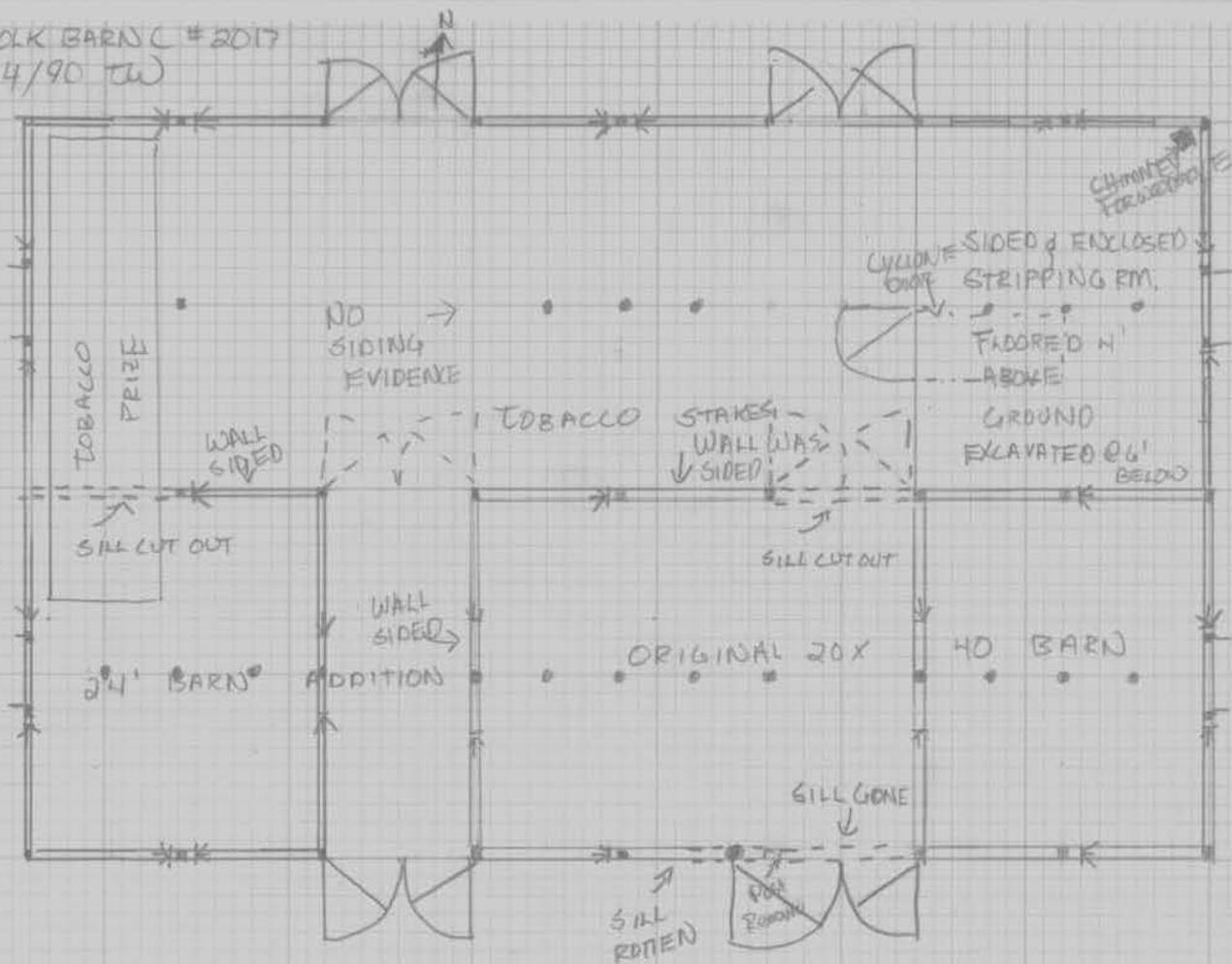
Original barn extant when Norfolk family moved here in 1913, addition built in 1920s.

Combination concrete blocks (new portion), wood blocks, and large unmortared fieldstones support the barn. All original timbers are circular sawn with wire nails. Some hewn sills in barn addition, probably the result of re-use of earlier timbers. Barn and addition posts are m/t w/ t. Twenty foot north addition has posts half-lapped and nailed. Down braces throughout are circular sawn and toe-nailed. The roof has been replaced. A storm destroyed the original roof. At that time, the twenty foot addition to the north was built and the roof was centered over the entire barn. Corrugated metal covers this replacement roof. The siding consist of vertical siding with single plank side-hinged ventilation doors one approximately every eight feet. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. There is one windbrace on each diagonal and four collars. The roof also has king posts and twenty feet and angled queen braces at ten and thirty feet. The tier poles are peeled logs separated by forty-one inches vertical distance in all of the barn. The poles down the center are peeled logs that are half-lapped and nailed to the tie beams. Older section and twenty-four foot addition poles have holes drilled and pegs inserted. The twenty foot addition poles are notched. There is a circular sawn horizontal screw prize in the barn.

Originally twenty by twenty-four foot barn. There is evidence of siding, old door posts, and the plates are separate. Later a twenty by twenty-four foot addition was built (ca. 1920). It was sided and had old doors, etc... A big storm ca. 1940 blew down the roof and at the time that was rebuilt, the twenty by sixty-four foot addition was built. The stripping area in the north addition is twenty by sixty four feet and has wood stove. It is inscribed "Buddy Norfolk 1941".

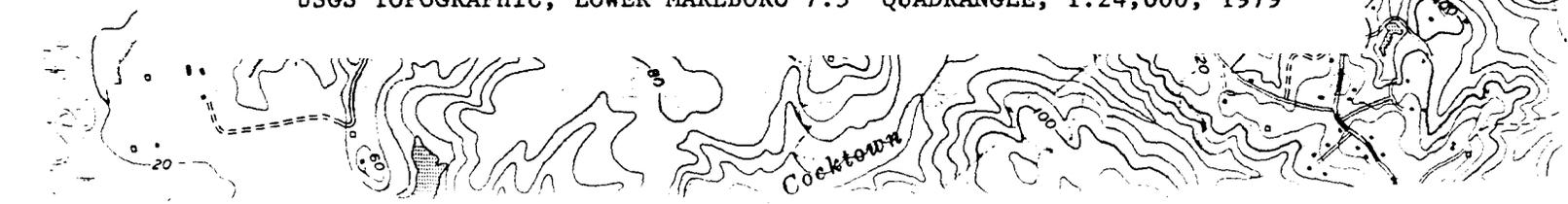
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NORFOLK BARN C # 2017
5/24/90 TW





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





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NORFOLK BARN 'C'

DUNKIRK

TOR A. WILLIAMSEN

SOUTHEAST

MAY, 1990