

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1155

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Shirley Thompson Barn

## 2. Location

street & number Kimberley Lane Plum Point Road (MD 263) \_\_\_ not for publication  
Turner's Field Subdivisioncity, town Plum Point Road  Parran 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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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: storage

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

name Shirley Thompson

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code 20639

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio

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-1155

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.





## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1155

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The barn has a cross-axial plan. The bays are each eight feet wide, and there are double doors centered along the north side of the barn and south facade of the shed. There is one four foot wide door centered on the east gable end of the barn. Concrete block piers support the frame. The timbers are hewn and pit sawn and joined via mortise and tenon with trunnel joints. The siding is plain with minimal ventilation. The barn has a steeply pitched roof, that was originally covered with wooden shingles, but is now metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Tier poles are peeled logs, and there are peeled log poles down the central axis, separated by four feet width between. The shed is apparently original as there is no evidence for siding or a door on the south wall of the barn.

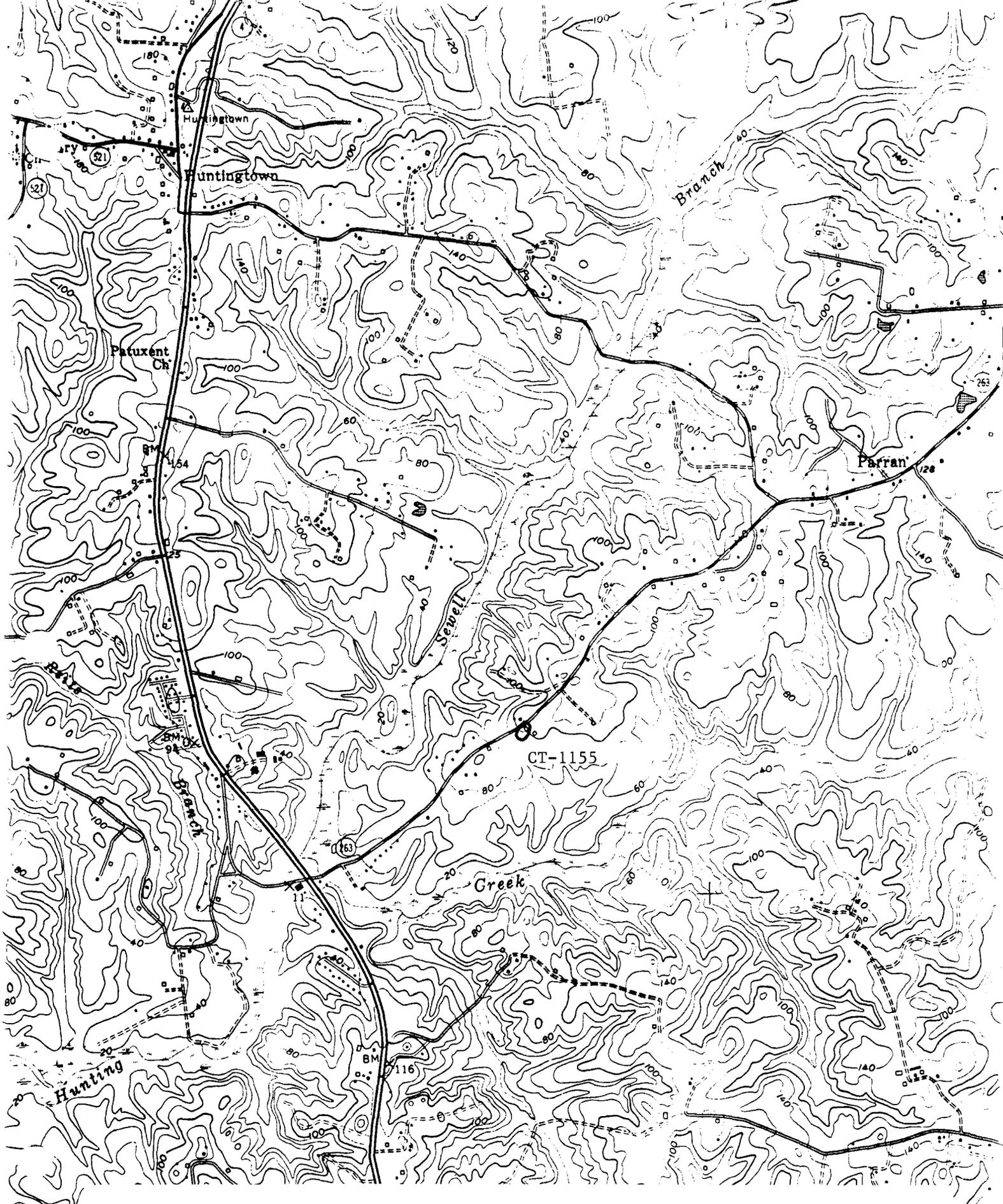
## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1155

The Thompson barn is architecturally significant for several reasons. It is one of the group of early-mid nineteenth century tobacco barns recorded by this survey that measure forty by twenty-four feet and have a cross axial plan. Also typical of this group, is the location of an original shed on the south side. The barn was also originally part of the Cox farm, a large farm owned by Mr. Edward Cox, the father of Verda Turner, that encompassed a large part of the land on Plum Point Road.

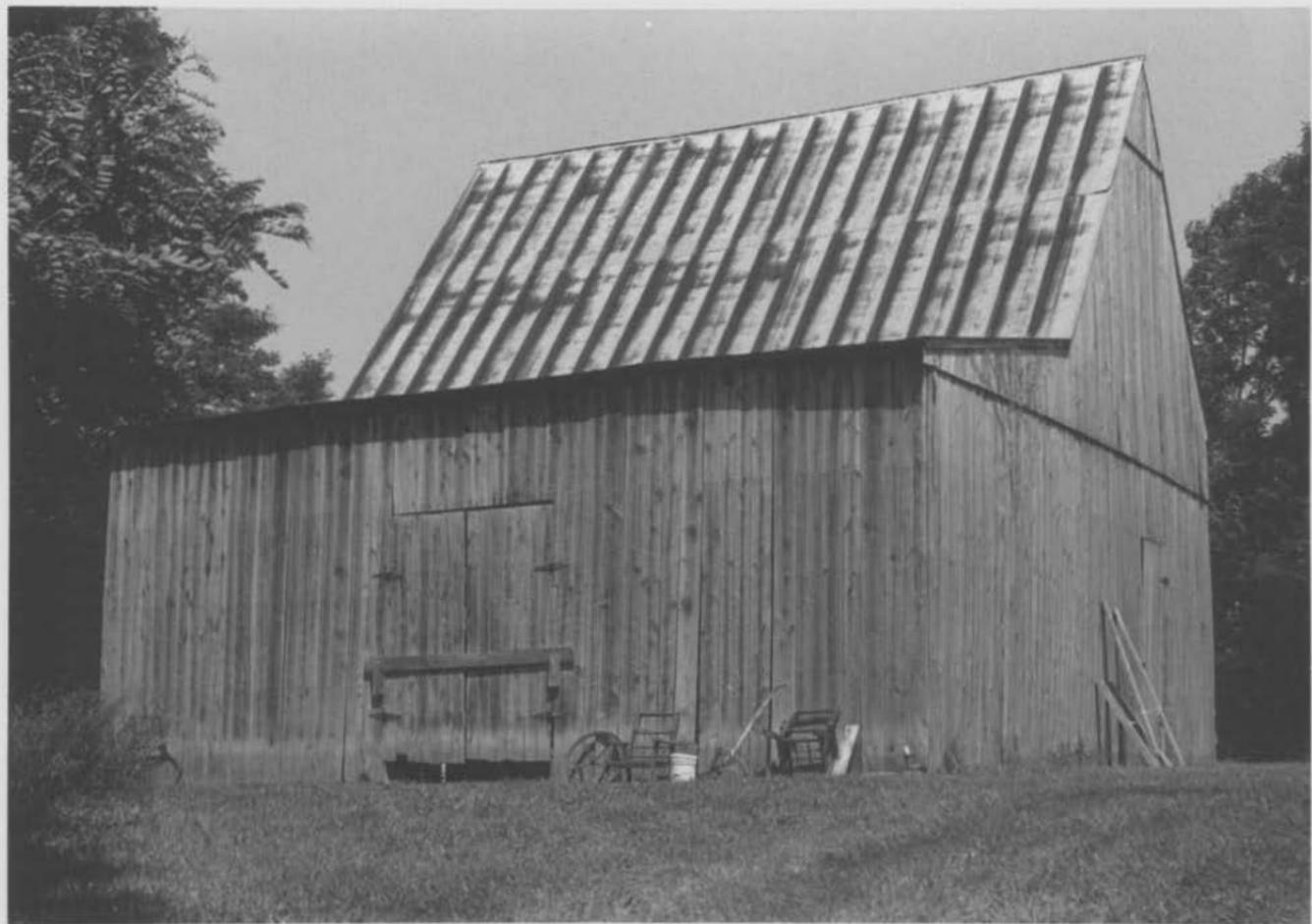
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to 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. 1830-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1830-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

#2128 - TW 6/6/90 - P. 18 Map 21. Thompson Barn. Highway four to Plum Point Road. Next to Verda Turner's barn. Private ownership, used for storage. Concrete block piers support frame. Timbers are hewn and pit sawn and joined via mortise and tenon with trunnel joints. Siding is plain with minimal ventilation. Steep roof, originally wooden shingles, now metal. Rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Tier poles are peeled logs, there are peeled log poles down the central axis. One sixteen foot wide apparently original shed on the south side. (no evidence for siding on south wall of the barn, nor evid. for a door).



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, PRINCE FREDERICK 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1974



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THOMPSON BARN

HUNTINGTOWN

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

JUNE, 1990