

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1157

The Andrew Smith barns are located on Plum Point Road, approximately three miles east of the intersection with highway four. Access is private. There are two barns immediately adjacent to the road and oriented on an east-west axis. The ground in which they are set slopes down slightly to the south below the barns. The first barn has a cross-axial plan, and measures twenty-four by forty feet and has one sixteen foot wide shed to the south. There is another barn immediately to the west of the larger structure, and separated from the first barn by only two feet. The small barn measures approximately twenty by twenty feet and has a sixteen foot wide shed to the south. The cross-axial plan of the larger barn and its measurements are both typical of nineteenth century barns. The smaller barn to the west is also apparently of nineteenth century date, as is evident from its hewn timbers and peeled log poles.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Andrew Smith Barn

2. Location

street & number 1350 Plum Point Rd. (Maryland Route 263) ___ not for publication

city, town Huntingtown 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 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 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 Andrew J. Smith

street & number 1350 Plum Point Rd. telephone no.: n/a

city, town Huntingtown state and zip code MD 20639

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

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1157

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

7. DESCRIPTION CT-1157

The Andrew Smith barns are located on Plum Point Road, approximately three miles east of the intersection with highway four. There are two barns immediately adjacent to the road and oriented on an east-west axis. The ground in which they are set slopes down slightly to the south below the barns. These barns were recorded from the exterior.

The first barn measures twenty-four by forty feet and has one sixteen foot wide shed. There is a set of double doors on the north facade, and one four foot wide door on the east side. This barn had a shingle roof but is now covered with metal.

There is another barn immediately to the west of the larger structure. This other barn is separated from the first barn by only two feet. The small barn measures approximately twenty feet by twenty feet and has a sixteen foot wide shed to the south. There is a set of double doors into this building centered along the north facade and one four foot wide door on the west gable end. The tier poles in this structure are peeled logs and the timbers are hewn. The siding has been removed from the west gable end, and the interior is now visible. This small structure has board and batten siding. There is a small corncrib immediately to the south of both barns.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1157

The cross-axial plan of the larger barn, and its measurements, are both typical of nineteenth century barns. The smaller barn to the west is also apparently of nineteenth century date, as is evident from its hewn timbers and peeled log poles. It is unusual to find two barns, particularly of the nineteenth century, built in such close proximity to each other. The different sizes of the barns and the extant vertical siding on the west barn makes it seem possible that the west barn served a different purpose than the east barn. However, it was evidently used for some sort of tobacco curing, as its peeled log poles are visible.

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: 1830-Present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

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#2130 - Map 21, p. 10 - 1350 Plum Point Rd.

Twenty-four by forty foot barn with vertical siding and sixteen foot south shed. Shorter, smaller, approximately thirty-six by twenty foot building with board and batten siding to west. Small corncrib to south of both buildings. Circular sawn posts, peeled log tier poles. Had shingle roof, now metal.

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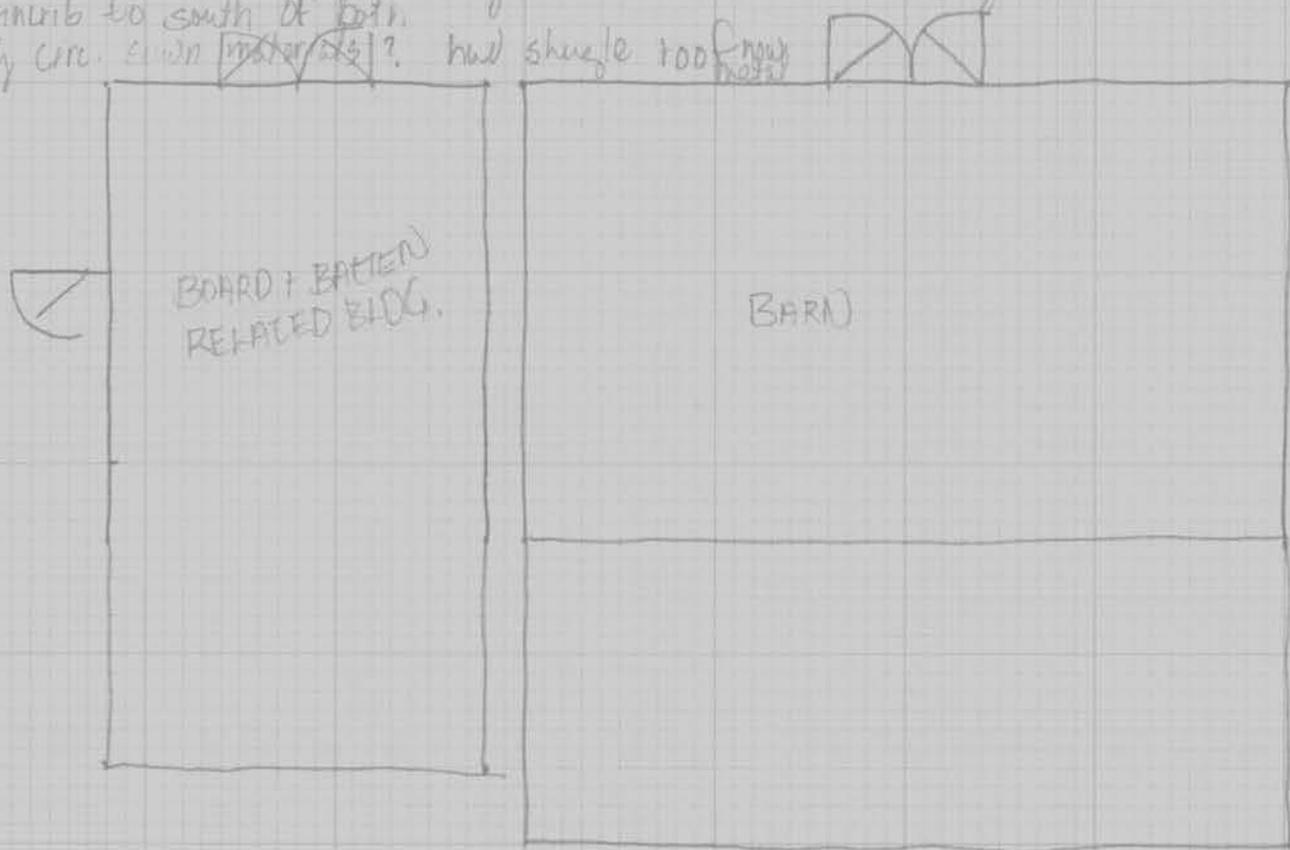
MAP 21 P. 10¹, 1350 PLUM FT. RD.

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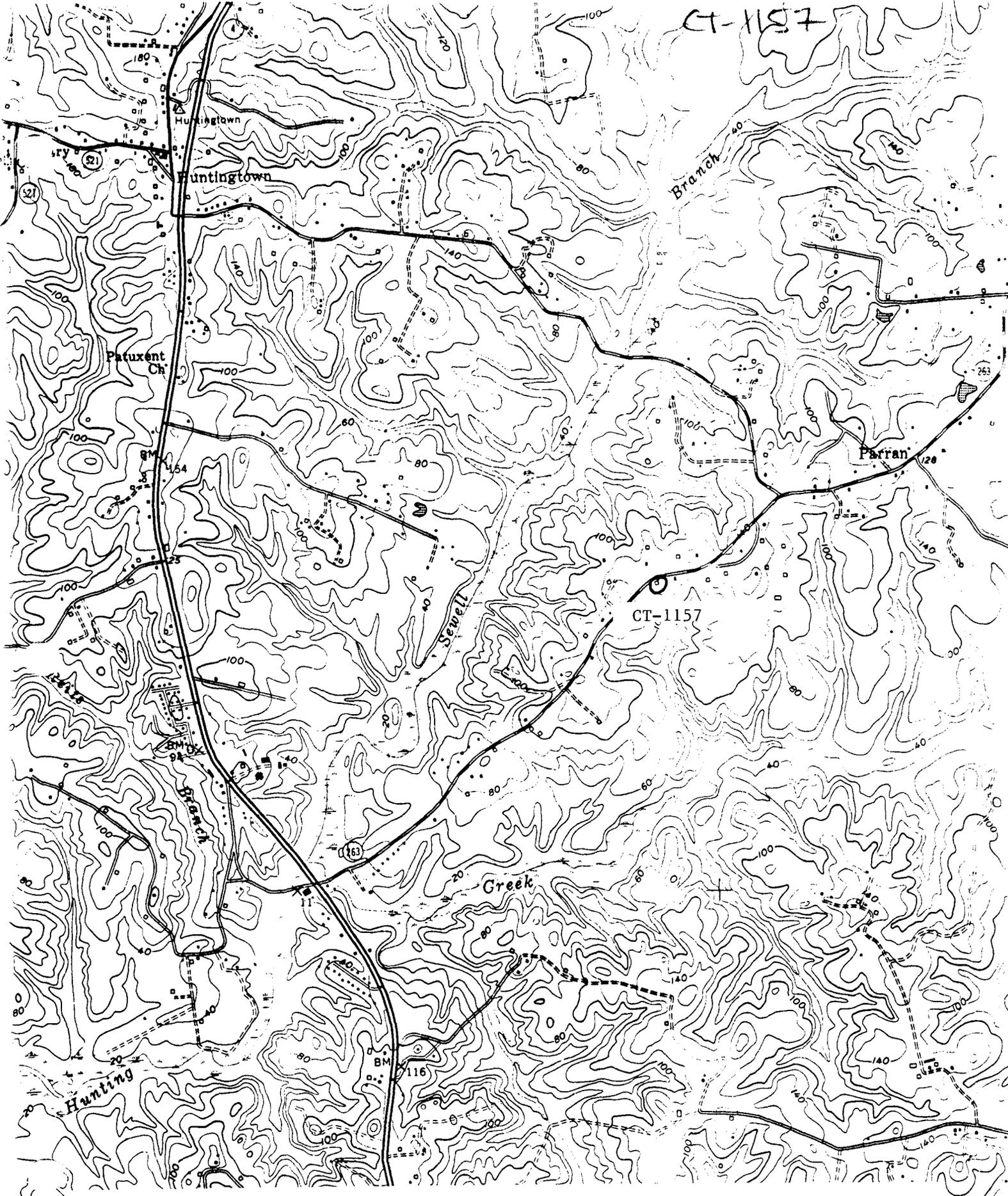
24x40 barn w/ vertical siding + 11" shed

shorter, smaller structure approx 20' long x 36' wide board + batten siding,
small contrib to south of barn.

apparently corr. siding [materials]? had shingle too ^{from} _{metal}



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



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ANDREW SMITH BARN

HUNTINGTOWN

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

WEST

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