

CAPSULE SUMMARY - BRISCOE BARN 'C' (1164)

This barn is located on the north side of Parker's Wharf Road and is probably associated with a farmhouse lying one-half mile to the southeast. The main section of this unique, rather low-lying structure measures 32 by 24 feet, and is cross-axial in plan with sheds on the east, west, north and south sides. All four sheds appear to be original, although there is evidence for exterior siding on the east and west walls of the main section. The small size, hewn timbers and fully-matured, machine-cut nails suggest a pre-1860 date of construction, but extensive renovation/repair makes it difficult to assign a more precise date. In spite of this, the barn is very interesting for a combination of architectural features (shallow-pitched roof, two-door plan, extant shingle roof), and due to its association with the Parran/Briscoe families.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Briscoe Barn 'C'

2. Location

street & number Parker's Wharf Road ___ not for publication

city, town Parker Wharf ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name John D. Briscoe

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code 20685

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-1164

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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.

John D. Briscoe Barn (Briscoe Barn 'C') is located on the north side of Parker's Wharf Road and is probably associated with a mid-late 19th century farmhouse located approximately one-half mile to the southeast. It is also part of the Briscoe/Farran families extensive holdings referred to as the 'Cage'. Due to extensive rebuilding, it is impossible (at the reconnaissance-level), the exact sequence of construction. Hewn timbers and fully-matured machine-cut nails suggest a pre-1860 date of construction for the 32 x 24 foot barn with cross-axial plan and four sheds.

The main barn has a cross-axial plan and eight, four-foot rooms. Four foot wide door entrances are centered along the east and west facades. Extensive rebuilding obscures the remaining possible door locations. Posts are located along the central axis at eight foot intervals. Four eight-foot bays and two ten-foot bays and one four-foot door make up the main plan of the central section. Unmortared field stones support the structure's continuous sills, heavy posts and down braces. The form of the barn's original siding is impossible to determine due to the extensive re-use of materials.

The shallow roof is somewhat uncharacteristic of early barns, and is supported by windbraces, flat false plate, and two collars. The tobacco curing system consisted of peeled log tier poles separated by 41 and 1/2 inch vertical distance.

The east and west sheds appear to be original in spite of evidence for siding on the barn's respective east and west sides. North and south sheds are both original. The evidence for this includes extant nailers below the junction of roofline.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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.

The Briscoe Barn 'C' is significant because of its age and its association with the production of tobacco for over one hundred years. The small size of the barn suggests a date of construction early in the period 1830-1860, but the extensive renovation makes it difficult to assign a more precise date. In spite of this, however, the barn is very interesting, for a combination of architectural features (shallow-pitched roof, two-door plan, extensive repairs, extant shingle roof), and due to its association with the Parran/Briscoe families.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-present
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn was erected on a level terrace adjacent to the Patuxent River sometime in the 19th century. Extensive renovation/repairs makes it difficult to develop a chronology of the barn's development, but the following is suggested: the 32 x 24 foot barn was constructed with sheds on four sides. The east and west sheds probably served auxiliary functions, stable, equipment storage, et cetera, while the north and south sheds were used for curing tobacco.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Broomes Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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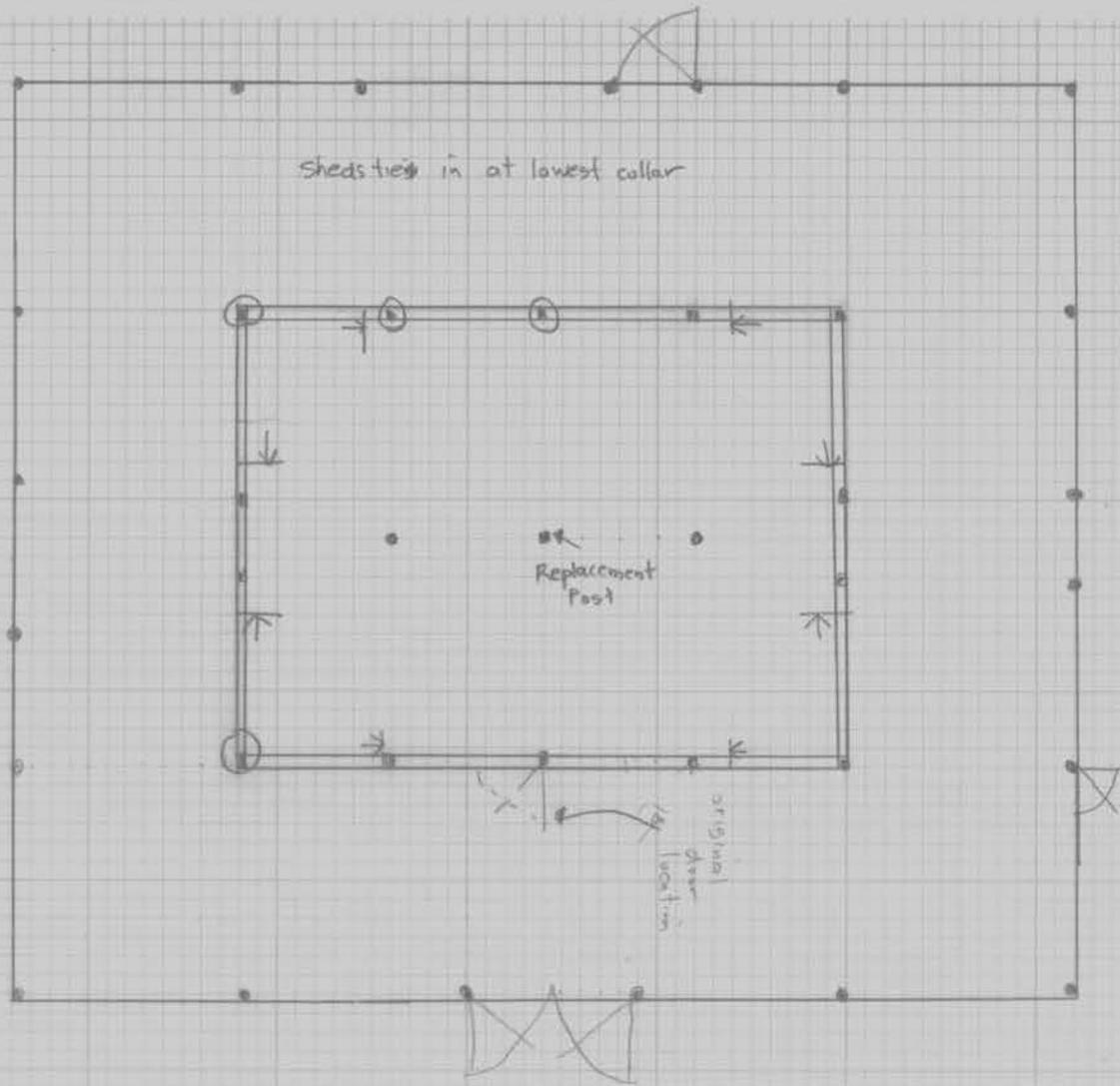
11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Prince Frederick,	state	MD

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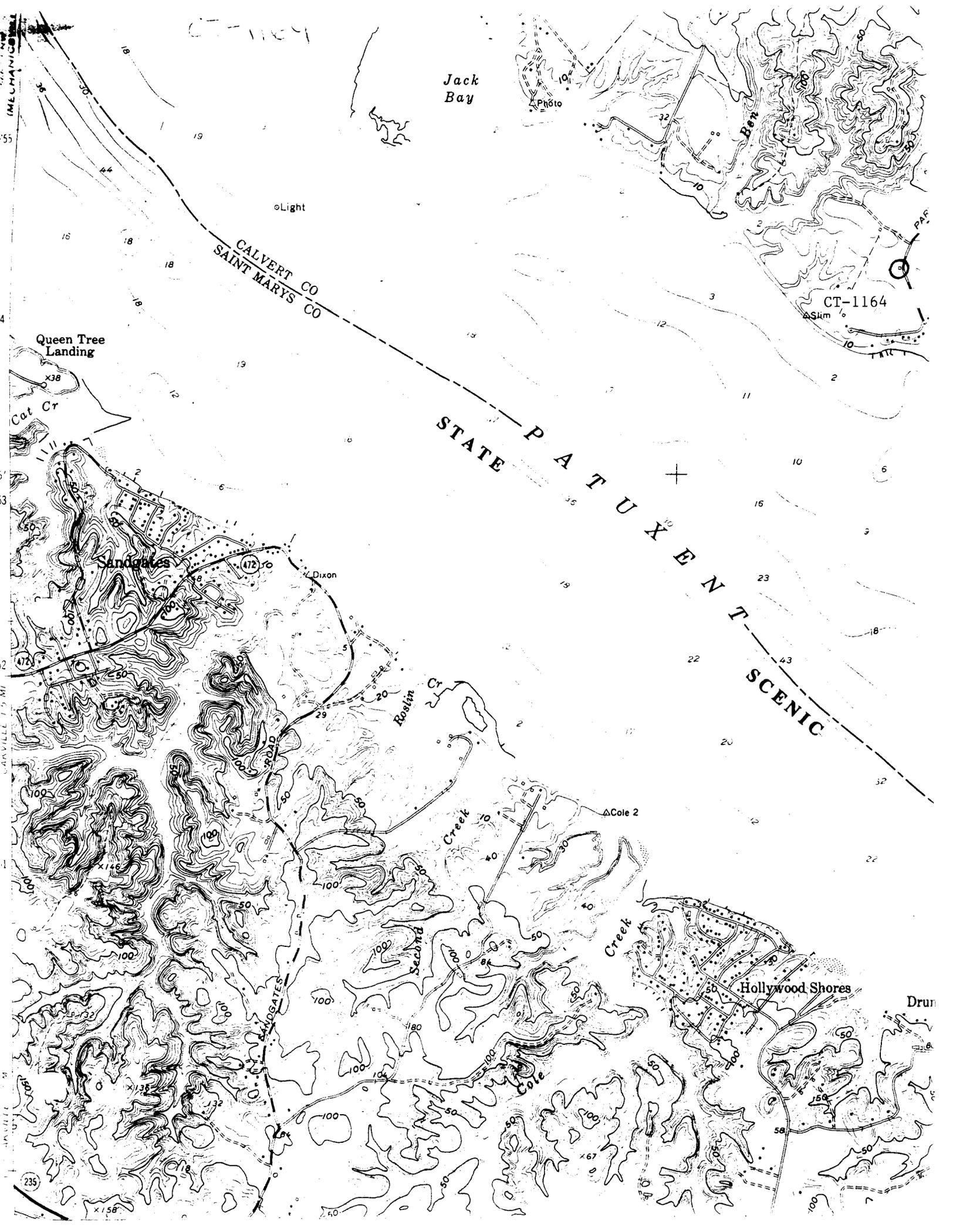
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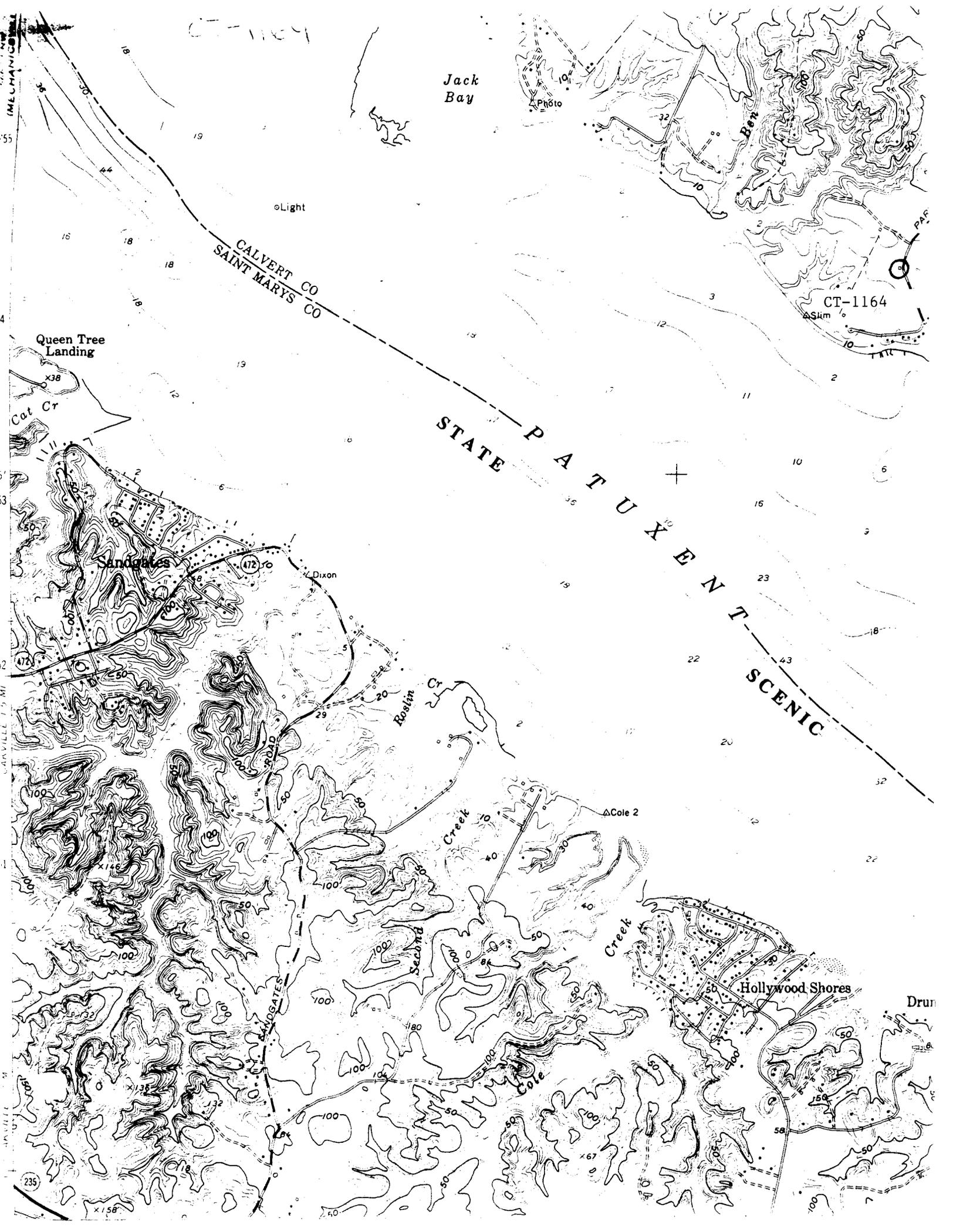
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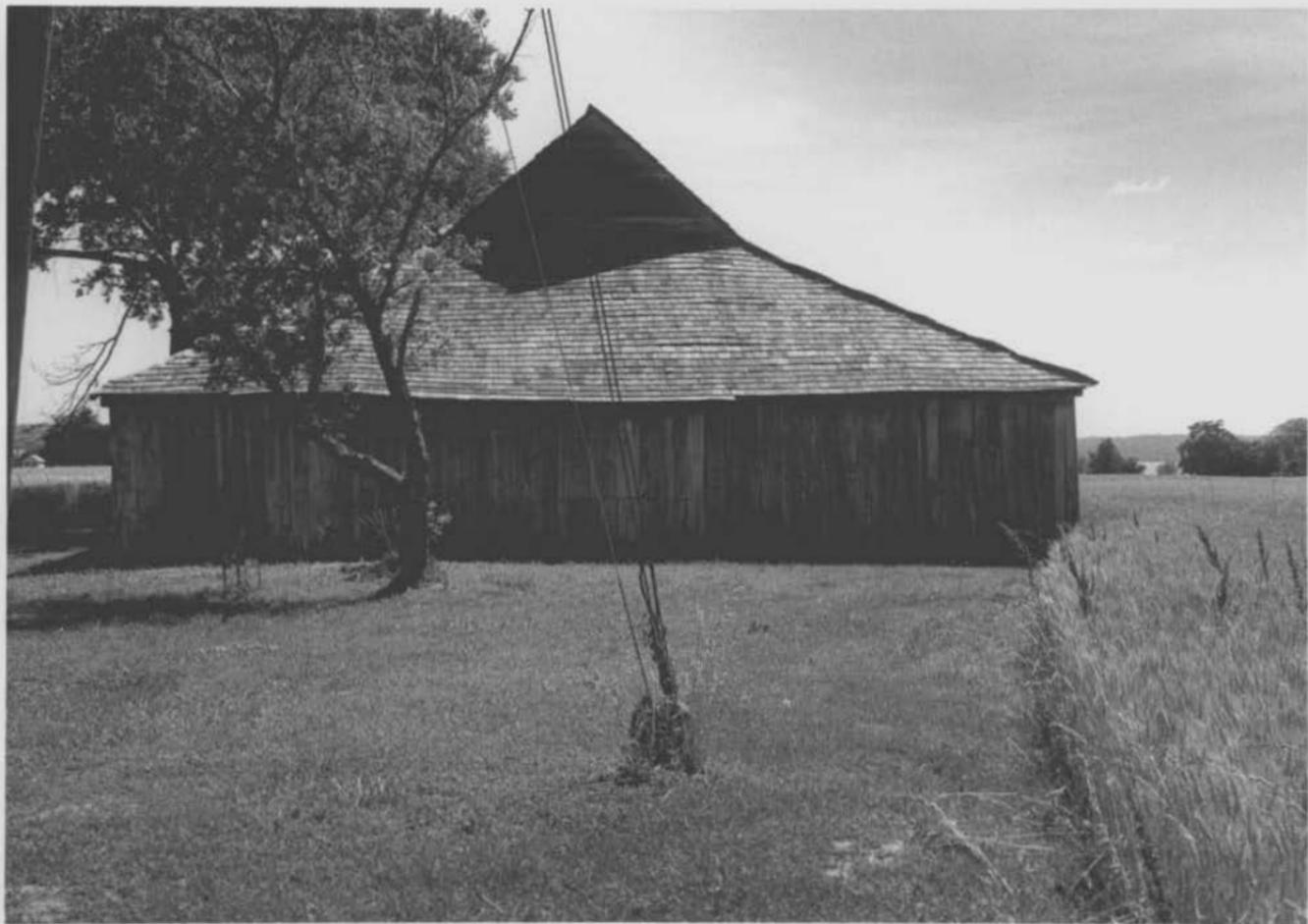
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Briscoe Barn 'C'

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