

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1170

Briscoe Barn 'E' is located on a small, tenant-run, tobacco barn in St. Leonard. This early 20th century tobacco barn is associated with a farmhouse and two other barns of similar date. Measuring 30 x 64 feet this barn exhibits longitudinal tier poles, seen in only two other barns in the county. Construction materials include circular sawn timbers, wire nails, and poured concrete piers.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

Briscoe Barn 'E'

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Mackall Road (Maryland Route 265) ___ not for publication

city, town St. Leonard Mutual
___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	___ other:

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

name Cassandra Briscoe, et al

street & number telephone no.: 301/586-1343

city, town St. Leonard state and zip code MD 20685

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse JLB 79
liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio 141 p.94

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

Survey No. CT-1170

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 description)

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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.

(see attached statement of significance)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-117D

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage 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					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town St. Leonard state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION (CT-1170):

The Briscoe Barn 'E' is located on the west side of Mackall Road approximately one and a half miles from its intersection with Broomes Island Road. The barn is located on a small sharecropper's tract which is part of the Briscoe property. The farm includes an early 20th century farmhouse, a trailer and two other tobacco barns (CT 1165, 1171). Briscoe Barn 'E' dates to the first half of the 20th century.

This 30 x 64 foot (16 room typically) is another example of a barn constructed with tier poles running the length of the barn (with the ridge or facade line). It is not unusual in size or plan, and the materials are standard, circular sawn timbers and wire nails. The medium weight timber frame is supported on poured concrete piers.

The roof of Briscoe Barn 'E' is covered in standing seam metal sheets and is supported on common rafters at four foot intervals which rest on a flat false plate. The barn has windbraces and four collars.

The tobacco hanging system consists of circular sawn and peeled log tier poles separated by 46 inch vertical distance.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (CT-1170):

Briscoe Barn 'E' is a good example of a mid-20th century aisle plan tobacco barn and draws its significance from its association with tobacco production, from its unique architectural feature (longitudinal placement of tier poles), and through its association with the Briscoe family.

Constructed of all standard, machine sawn materials, the barn was built to cure a fairly large amount of tobacco and was designed for easy vehicular access. The longitudinal placement of the tier poles (seen also in the nearby Plumer-Cranford Barn 'B'- CT-1031) is an interesting variation. Similar variations have been observed at the University of Maryland Agricultural Research Facility in Largo, where researchers investigate labor-saving methods of producing tobacco.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco, transportation, sharecropping

Geographic Organization: western shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1940-present

Resource Type(s): tobacco barn

CT - 1170/#2143 - 6/14/90 - C. Briscoe, et al; Mackall Road, Bowen family - tenants

Private	Occupied
PJM/TW	Unaltered
Original site	Sunny
Good condition	east-west axis

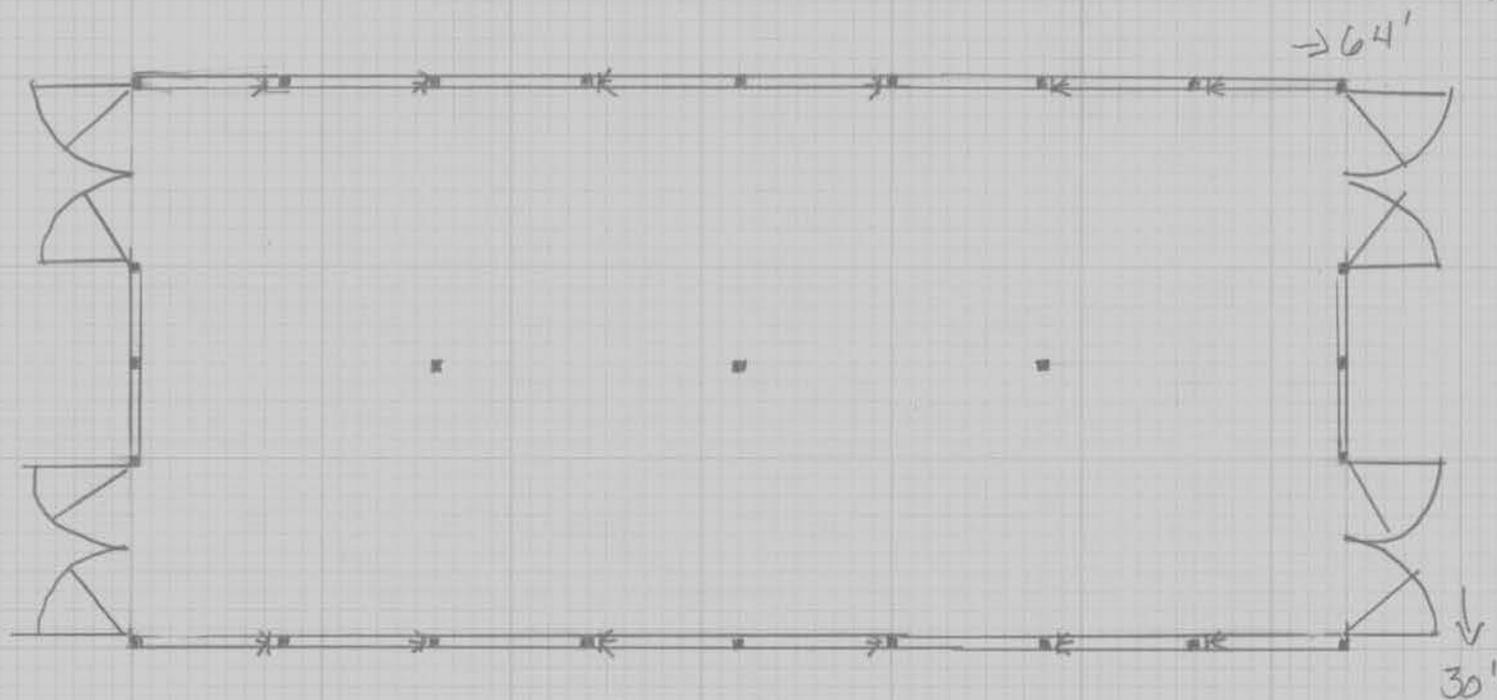
Vertical siding, one single plank, side hinged vent door per room
Standing seam metal roof; common rafter on 4' centers, flat false plate, windbraces' 4 collars
Vertical planks seal area below sill
Poured concrete piers
All timbers circular sawn
Very similar to Cranford-Plumer Barn 'B'
Tier poles, circ sawn and peeled log; 46 " vertical
Poles ([2] 2 x 6) at 16' intervals down central axis of barn.
all bays eight feet
note tier poles run longitudinally

BRISCOE BARN #2143
MACKALL RD

6/14/90 EW



CT-1170



Same vertical section as Briscoe Barn
on Mackall Rd. closer to JPPM



USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, BROOMES ISLAND 7.5 " QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1986



CT. 1170

Briscoe Eavn 'E'

St. Leonard

Tora L. Williamses

North

June, 1990