

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1175

McDonald's barn A is one of two barns located behind McDonald's Restaurant in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Access is private. Barn A is the northernmost of the two barns, and is oriented on a north-south axis. The two barns are built on the crest of a hill that slopes down to the east beneath the barns. There is a separate stable building to the south of barn A. Barn A is built of medium weight circular sawn timbers toe-nailed with wire nails. It measures sixty by twenty feet and has a sixteen foot wide shed on its east side. The plan of the barn is cross-axial, and its original construction probably dates to the early-mid twentieth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common McDonald's Barn A

## 2. Location

street & number off Highway 4 on Armory Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Prince Frederick \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional districtstate 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 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 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

street & number telephone no.:city, town state and zip code 20678

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liberstreet & number Main Street (MD 765) foliocity, 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-1175

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 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-1175

McDonald's barn A is one of two barns located behind McDonald's Restaurant in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Barn A is the northernmost of the two barns, and is oriented on a north-south axis. Barn B is adjacent and slightly to the southwest of barn A. The two barns are built on the crest of a hill that slopes down to the east beneath the barns. There is a separate stable building to the south of barn A. Barn A is built of medium weight circular sawn timbers toe-nailed with wire nails. It measures sixty by twenty feet and has a sixteen foot wide shed on its east side.

Barn A has a cross-axial plan with a set of double doors on its west facade, and single five foot wide door on its gable ends. There are cross-sills that extend to the opposite side of the barn on either side of the large central facade doorway. There are pintel holes in the doorposts of the barn, indicating where a door of equal size once stood on the east facade. Now, however, the equal-sized door is on the east facade of the shed addition.

Concrete block masonry piers support the frame. The timbers are of medium weight and toe-nailed with wire nails. The posts are half-lapped to the plate. The siding is vertical and there is one hinged ventilation door on each eight foot bay on the west side. There is some siding extant on the previous east facade of the barn, and there is evidence that this side was once completely sided. Boards have been nailed beneath the sill that extend to the ground, and close off ventilation. The roof was of board and tar paper on the west side, it is now covered with metal. The roof covering was removed from the east side when the shed was added, and new rafters that extended across the original barn and the new shed addition were put in place. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate consists of two three by six inch timbers laid on top of each other. There are no windbraces, and only two collars that support the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty inches vertical distance. There are four levels of tier poles including the tie beam. There are peeled log poles half-lapped to the tie beam that extend down the central axis of the barn, except for the central aisleway.

There is a sixteen foot wide shed on the east side of the barn. The shed is built of slightly lighter materials as the barn, and is divided along the same bay system. The frame is supported on concrete block masonry piers. A twelve foot wide double door is centered along its east facade. When this shed was built, the roof over the east side of the barn was removed, and re-built in such a way that it continues over the shed. The roof over the shed is of corrugated metal.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1175

This barn is architecturally significant because of its unusual plan and measurements. The original barn is extremely long and narrow, measuring sixty by twenty feet. However, the plan is cross-axial, a tendency witnessed most often in nineteenth and early twentieth century barns. It is built of circular sawn lumber and wire nails. Some larger timbers and the half-lapped joints, combined with the plan, suggest an early twentieth century date. The shed was added at a later date, and served to transform the barn into a more typical size and form for twentieth century barns. The presence of a separate stable building with a hay loft, and the nearness of the other tobacco barn on the property, are significant, as complexes such as these were not frequently encountered in the survey.

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. 1900 Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: ca. 1900-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

The major changes this barn has undergone are the addition of the east shed, and the contemporaneous rebuilding of the roof over the east half of the barn and shed.

#2148 - 6/14/90 - Fox Run shopping Center, Tony Brown et. al  
Rt. 4 to Prince Frederick behind McDonald's  
Private ownership, occupied  
PJM/TW recorders  
hot, but nice weather  
original site, altered, fair condition

#2148 is one of two barns located behind McDonald's Restaurant in Prince Frederick, Maryland. It is the northernmost, and #2149 is located adjacent and just slightly to the southwest of it.

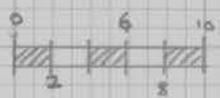
Concrete block masonry piers support the frame. The timbers are of medium weight and toe-nailed with wire nails. The posts are half-lapped. The siding is vertical and there is one hinged ventilation door on each eight foot bay on the west side. Boards have been nailed beneath the sill that extend to the ground. The roof was of board and tar paper on the east side, it is now covered with metal. The roof covering was removed from the west side when the shed was added. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate consists of two three by six inch timbers laid on top of each other. There are no windbraces, and only two collars that support the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty inches vertical distance. There are four levels of tier poles including the tie beam. There are peeled log poles half-lapped to the tie beam that extend down the central axis.

Sixty by twenty foot barn with all circular sawn lumber and wire nails. some larger timbers and half-lapped joints suggest early twentieth century date. Shed addition (pintel holes, siding, no nail holes in rafters). Shed joins at peak of barn roof.

East shed, supported on concrete block masonry piers. Slightly lighter timbers in shed, posts are half-lapped to plate. Vertical wall siding with minimal ventilation. Metal roof always standing seam and corrugated.

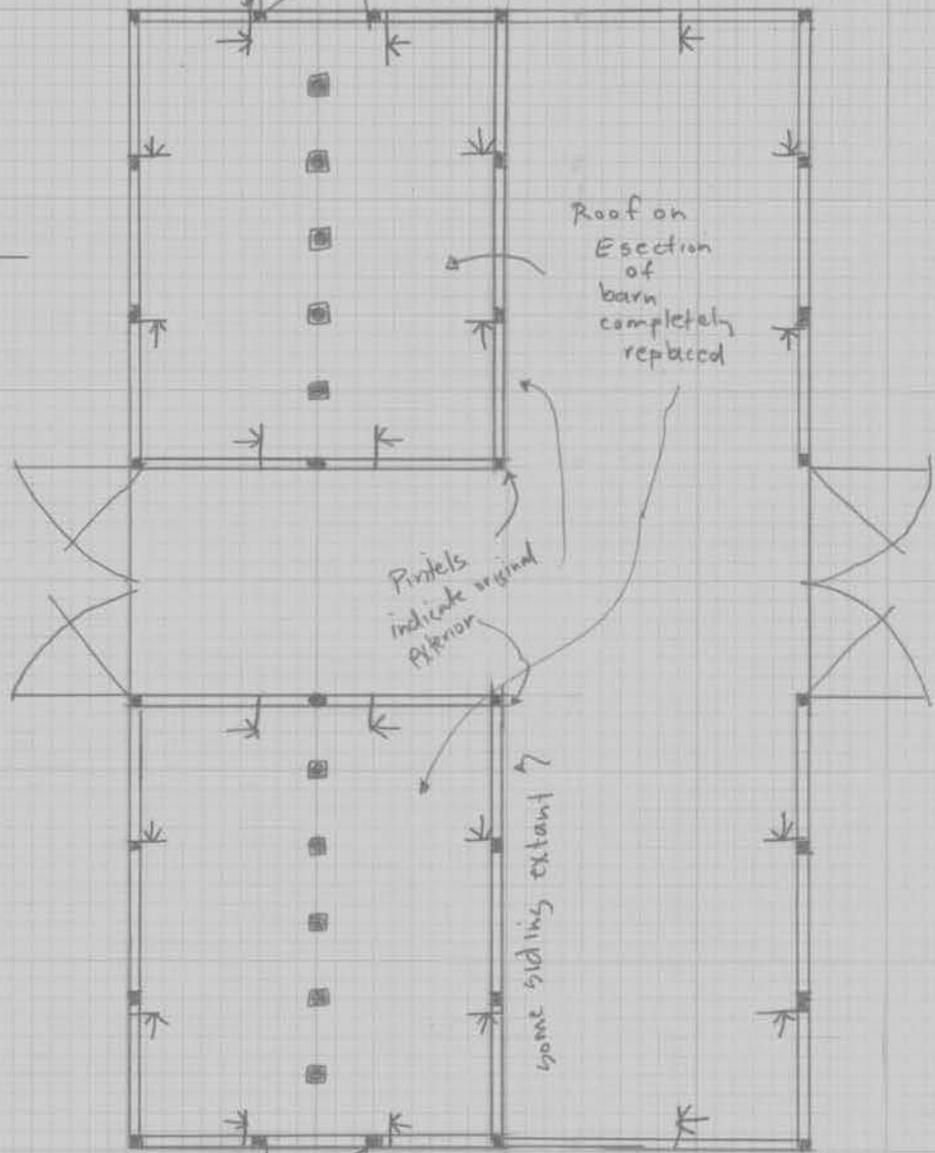
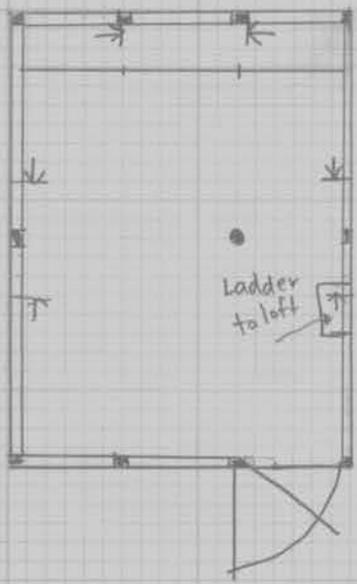
Fox Run Barn A #2148  
 Behind McDonalds  
 Old Goldstein Property  
 14 June 1990  
 PJM  
 CT-1175

24 x 18



Pinel for door

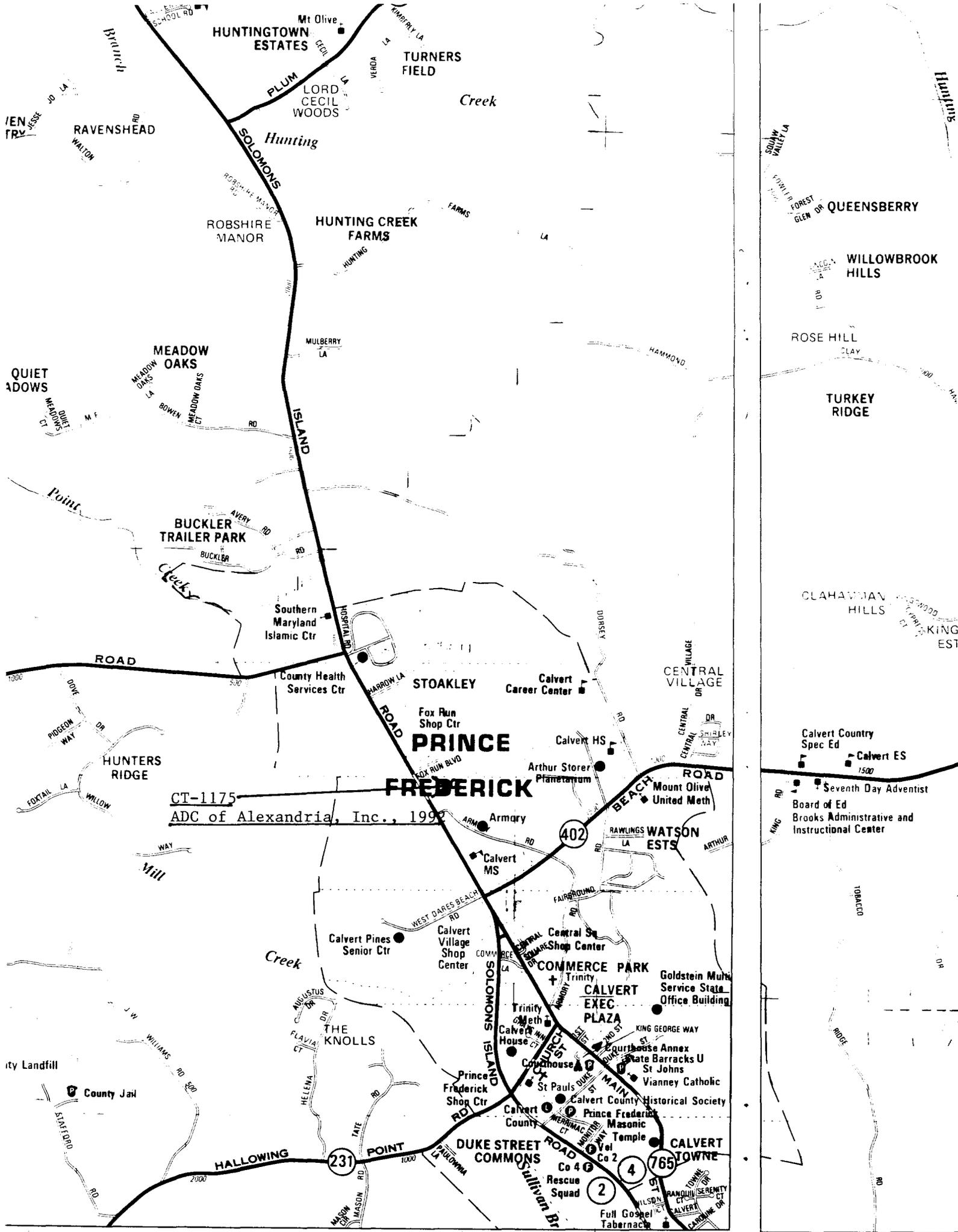
Stable 5 of Barn A  
 Board and batten  
 4" center rafters  
 corrugated metal roof  
 wire nails



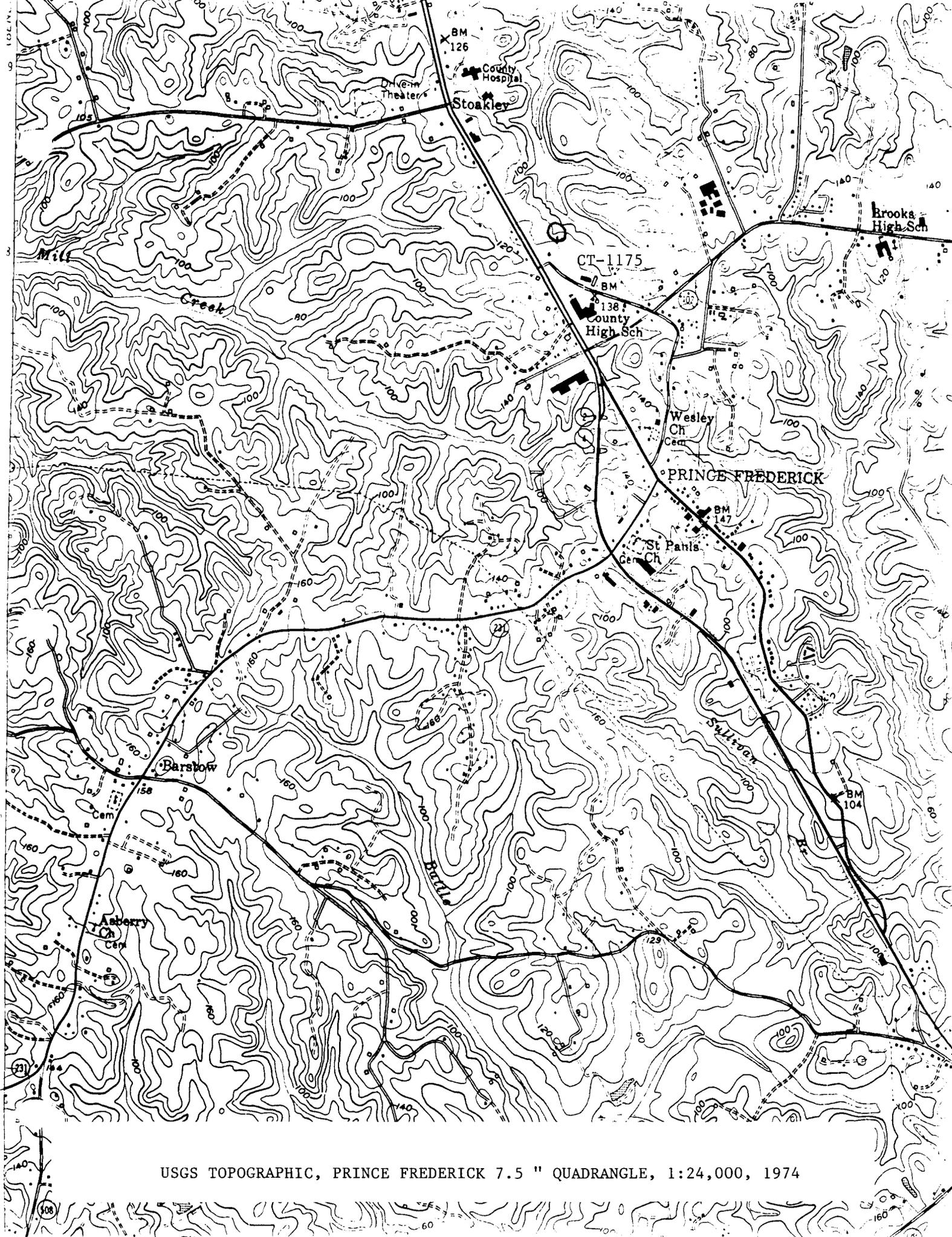
Purlins indicate original interior

Roof on E section of barn completely replaced

some siding extant



CT-1175  
 ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1990



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



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McDonald's Eavn A

Prince Frederick

Todd L. Williamson

South east

June, 1990