

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no

Property Name: Old Calvert County Fairgrounds Inventory Number: CT-510  
 Address: 130 Fairgrounds Road City: Prince Frederick Zip Code: 20678  
 County: Calvert USGS Topographic Map: Prince Frederick  
 Owner: Calvert County Board of Commissioners Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 26/171/305 Tax Map Number: 24 Tax Account ID Number: 02002876  
 Project: Prince Frederick Park and Ride Agency: Maryland Transit Administration  
 Site visit by MHT staff:  no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_ yes  no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Places Form CT-510 & Project Review and Compliance Files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*  
 The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds was previously surveyed in 1980 and 2002. The latter survey of the property was conducted as part of a county-wide inventory of historic meeting places. The earlier survey was updated in 2002 on a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form to include a full description of the buildings on the property and historic research. A determination of eligibility was not provided during either survey of the property.

The agricultural fair served to enlighten the farmer to new products, techniques and machinery. The newspaper account of the first agricultural fair in Calvert County emphasizes this need to "awaken" the lethargic farmers of the region (Calvert Journal, 1886). It is possible that the agricultural fair had a tangible effect by bringing new technology to the nineteenth century farmers of Calvert County. The first fair also had tournaments and races to entertain the spectators.

Rather than the enthusiastic early fairs sponsored by the Enterprise Farmers Club, the Old Calvert County Fairgrounds in Prince Frederick reflect a mid-twentieth century manifestation of the agricultural fair focused on education and exposition without amusements like horse racing or jousting. Historic research indicates that the nineteenth century agricultural fairs in Calvert County were not held at the Prince Frederick location.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments	
<i>Andrew Lewis</i> ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	2/11/03 Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR Program	2/27/03 Date

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The fairground in Prince Frederick was established in 1941 by the newly-formed Calvert Fair, Inc. Some of the early buildings found on the property were constructed at this time or shortly thereafter. These buildings include stables, exhibit buildings, shelters and sheds. However, the principal exhibition buildings were not constructed until 1959 and later. The fair moved to nearby Barstow in the 1990s. The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds functioned as an auto action facility for many years until sold to the county government in 2002.

The Old Calvert County Fairground is recommended not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The historic structures on the fairgrounds have suffered from neglect and alteration. The property contains an assortment of simple utilitarian structures that have been altered, expanded and adapted over the years. Siding material and building forms have changed. Though some building alterations are expected due to the utilitarian-agricultural nature of the facility, such changes have impacted the small percentage of historic building fabric on the property and reduced the physical agricultural characteristics of the buildings. Such alterations inhibit the buildings from conveying the agricultural heritage of the county and therefore, the property is not eligible for the National Register under Criterion A.

The property is not eligible under Criterion B since historic research has resulted in no evidence that the property is associated with persons significant in the past.

The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds is not eligible for the National Register under Criterion C since the property does not contain architecturally-significant buildings or buildings that are good examples of regional fairground structures. Siding alterations and additions to the historic structures have compromised their integrity. Also, the buildings do not comprise a significant or innovative plan/arrangement. In addition, the most important and highly-visible structures on the property were constructed in 1959 or later.

Archeological investigations of the property are currently underway, therefore, Criterion D can not be assessed at this time.

Avery, Julia A.

2000 Agricultural Fairs in America: Tradition, Education, Celebration. Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, Michigan.

n.a.

1886 "The Calvert Fair." Calvert Journal newspaper article on file at the Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Marti, Donald B.

1986 Historical Directory of American Agricultural Fairs. Greenwood Press, Westport, Connecticut.

Prepared by: Tim Tamburrino, A.D. Marble & Co.

Date Prepared: 09/27/2002

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**CT-510**  
**Old Calvert County Fairgrounds**  
**130 Fairground Road**  
**Prince Frederick, Calvert County**  
**1941**  
**Public**

The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds are located at 130 Fairground Road in Prince Frederick, the county seat of Calvert County, Maryland. The first Calvert County Fair was held in 1886 in Dunkirk, in the northern part of the county. It continued to operate on privately owned property until 1941, when Calvert County Fair, Inc. purchased a tract of land for use as the site of agricultural and horticultural fairs and exhibits. The fairgrounds served the county until 2002, when the property was sold to the County Commissioners and the fair moved to a new location in Barstow. The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds feature intact exhibit halls from the mid-20th century, which are exemplary of 20th-century fairground complexes.

Constructed circa 1941, the fairgrounds include ten historic and five non-historic buildings and one fountain. The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds include ten historic and five non-historic buildings and one fountain. The ten historic buildings include three stables, two entry shelters, three exhibition halls, an office, and a shed, all of which were constructed in the 1940s. The three stables are one-story, wood-frame buildings clad in grooved plywood that simulates vertical board sheathing. Front-gabled roofs with standing-seam metal cover them. The historic exhibition halls feature board-and-batten cladding and front-gabled roofs. The non-historic resources include the main exhibition hall, which was constructed in 1959, a fountain, and four additional exhibition sheds, which were constructed in the 1960s. The main exhibition hall features concrete-block construction, glass-block windows, and a gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheets.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Calvert County Fairgrounds  
 other Old Calvert County Fairgrounds (preferred)

### 2. Location

street and number 130 Fairground Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
 city, town Prince Frederick \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity  
 county Calvert

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

name Board of Commissioners, Calvert County  
 street and number 175 Main Street telephone not available  
 city, town Prince Frederic state MD zip code 20678-3337

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: M24, P26  
 city, town Prince Frederic liber KPS folio 378

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	10	5
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	10	6
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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### HISTORIC RESOURCES

The three stables at the Old Calvert County Fairground are similar in design and form, with slight variations between them. The westernmost of the three stables is one story in height and one bay in width. It features a concrete block pier and wood post foundation with a dirt floor. The wood-frame structural system is clad in vertically grooved plywood sheets. The front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal and features wide, overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. The stable is entered through an open oversized entry. Within the large open space, the interior is divided into stalls that are separated by low walls that stand approximately three-and-a-half feet in height. Each stall is entered through a gate.

Directly next to the livestock building is another stable. Similar to the other building, it features a front-gabled roof with standing seam metal and overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. Further, it features vertically grooved plywood cladding, an oversized entry opening, and a concrete block and wood pier foundation. On the west side of this stable is a one-story, wood-frame wing with a shed roof. This area provided stabling for small animals, with three individual pens accessed by diminutive gates. The interior of this building differs from the other stable in that it has a large open plan rather than individual pens. There are no pens dividing this space, but rather, it remains one room demarcated only by twelve individual square wood post supports with circular saw marks. The oversized entry on the rear or north wall has been boarded shut with plywood.

The easternmost of the stables is clad in vertically grooved plywood and features an oversized entry opening, and a concrete block and wood pier foundation. Likewise, the front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal and features wide, overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. Similar to the adjacent stable, the interior of this building features an open plan with square wood post supports evenly distributed in two rows throughout the building.

The two entry shelters are located at the east side of the fairgrounds, providing pedestrian access to the fair from the parking area to east. Both of the shelters stand one story in height and one bay in both width and depth. The southernmost of the two entry shelters features wood post supports and a front-gabled roof of standing seam metal. The two side walls have been enclosed with vertically grooved plywood, while the two end walls remain open for pedestrian traffic. The northernmost of the two entry shelters features unmilled post supports at the four corners of the building and a front-gabled roof with standing seam metal cladding. Unlike the other entry shelter, the side walls of this building remain open.

There are three exhibition halls that were constructed in the 1940s, two that run perpendicular to the main exhibition hall and one that has been attached to the rear of the hall through additions. The attached exhibition hall features a concrete block foundation and board-and-batten siding. The front-gabled roof of standing seam metal features overhanging eaves and exposed rafter tails. The main entry was obscured when it was connected to the main exhibition hall circa 1959. However, it retains its six-light fixed windows that are set high in the side elevations. There is a circa 1960 concrete block addition on the north elevation of the building. The interior of this exhibition hall features a poured concrete floor and a large, one-room plan with unmilled wood post

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supports.

The southernmost of the two other historic exhibition halls features a raised concrete block foundation and vertically grooved plywood cladding. It is entered on the west through a single-leaf, vertical board door. A front-gabled roof with standing seam metal cladding and overhanging eaves covers the building and a rectangular louvered ventilator pierces the gable end.

To the north of this building is the third historic exhibition hall. Set on a concrete block foundation, the one-story, one-bay-wide building features wood-frame construction with board-and-batten siding. The front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal and features overhanging eaves. On the west elevation is an oversized single-leaf, vertical board sliding door. Above the entry is a rectangular sign that reads "Crafts Garden."

The office, which sits to the east of the main exhibition hall, is one story in height and one bay in width. Constructed of concrete block, the building features a side-gabled roof of standing seam metal. Centered on the façade or south elevation of the building is a single-leaf, metal door with a square light.

The shed, which sits to the southwest of the main exhibition hall, stands one story in height and one bay in width. It is clad in vertical board and features a poured concrete foundation and a front-gabled roof with standing seam metal cladding and exposed rafter tails.

### NON-HISTORIC RESOURCES

The main exhibition hall, built in 1959, stands at the center of the fairgrounds with the remaining buildings distributed to the sides and rear. Constructed of concrete block, the hall stands one story in height and five bays in width. It features a front-gabled roof with wide eaves and a corrugated metal cladding. The façade or west elevation is pierced by a centered entry that has been boarded shut with plywood. Flanking this entry are two multi-light glass block windows to each side. The south elevation is nine bays wide with nine symmetrically spaced multi-light glass block windows. A centrally located wood-paneled roll-up garage door with four lights pierces the west elevation. To the south of the roll-up door is a multi-light glass block window and to the north is a single-leaf metal flush door beneath a smaller multi-light glass block window. Four concrete block buttresses further detail this elevation. Three multi-light glass block windows also pierce the north elevation. On the rear and west elevations of the exhibition hall are two additions that connect the building to a 1940s exhibition hall. At the northwest corner of the building is a one-story concrete-block addition with a shed roof. A single-leaf entry and paired 1/1 window with a rowlock sill pierce the west elevation of this addition. The rear addition features a single-leaf flush metal entry flanked by multi-light glass block windows. This addition directly connects the 1959 hall to the 1940s building at the rear. The interior of the main exhibition hall has a one-room open plan with a poured concrete floor and unfinished walls with exposed concrete block. The metal rafters and trusses of the roof are visible throughout the open space.

The four additional exhibition halls are set to the rear of the main exhibition hall. To the west of the main hall is a one-story, one-bay wide prefabricated metal building made by Farmsted. It features a concrete block foundation and corrugated metal cladding. The metal gabled roof has a shallow pitch and the gable ends are pierced by double-leaf openings. The remaining three exhibition halls are similar in design and form, with metal cladding, front-gabled metal roofs, and entries on the gable ends. These three prefabricated buildings were made by Butler.

To the west of the main hall is a fountain that is surrounded by chain-link metal fencing. It features concrete block construction at its base and random rubble stone along the top.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1941 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1941; 1959

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### HISTORY OF THE CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Agricultural and livestock fairs and exhibitions sponsored by agricultural societies and private individuals had been held in Calvert County throughout the 19th century, and very likely earlier, for the purposes of providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and techniques for the improvement of the farming industry. The fair that is credited with having been the first Calvert County fair was held in Dunkirk in 1886 under the auspices of the Enterprise Farmers Club. (1) A local journalist praised the agricultural society for "taking the lead in a movement which is, we believe, destined to infuse new life and vigor in agricultural pursuits in this county, and awaken our farmers from the lethargy into which it would appear they have fallen." (2) The fair was held on the private property of Thomas Smith, (3) and centered around the horse races and tournament and the exhibition of various agricultural produce, livestock, and home crafts including canning and needlework. (4) The event was said to have been attended by people from as far away as Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. (5) By the second quarter of the 20th century, the Calvert County fair had been moved to the county seat at Prince Frederick, and was being held on public land adjacent to the county courthouse, with exhibitions in the privately owned Town Hall. This suggests that by this time the fair was becoming more closely identified as a countywide public event than it had been in 1886.

In 1940, the Calvert County Fair, a private corporation, was created for the following purpose, as laid out in the articles of incorporation:

The advancement, protection and improvement of agriculture and horticulture in all of their respective branches; the improvement of horses, cattle, livestock and poultry, and the promotion of stock raising, trials of speed, strength and endurance of farm animals; the holding of fairs and exhibits for the display and competition of agricultural and horticultural products, horses, cattle and other domestic animals, poultry domestic arts and manufacture, farming and gardening tools, implements and machinery and other things relating to the cultivation of the soil and to the products thereof, and the operation through concessions or otherwise of privileges, diversions, exhibitions and amusements in connection with the operation of any fairs or exhibits conducted by the Corporation.

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The following year the company purchased 4.7 acres north of the Prince Frederick downtown to serve as the new Calvert County Fairgrounds. Over the next sixty years the Calvert County Fair would be held on this site, formerly the property of Duke and Zora Brightwell. The Brightwells had acquired forty-two acres of land from Maillard Cookman Alton and his wife E. Evelyn Alton in 1936. In 1961 and again in 1962, the Calvert County Fair acquired an additional two parcels of land for parking and outdoor exhibition space.

The Calvert County Fair was held annually on this site until 2002 when the site was sold to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners to be used for recreational purposes. At that time, the County Commissioners acquired the three parcels of land, totaling nearly fifteen acres, which had comprised the fairgrounds. The buildings are located on parcel one of the transaction, while parking and grassy fields lay on parcels two and three. The new Calvert County Fairgrounds, which feature a number of metal exhibition halls and considerably more parking, are located in Barstow, to the southwest of Prince Frederick.

### CHAIN OF TITLE

#### Parcel I:

January 8, 1936: Maillard Cookman Alton and E. Evelyn Alton to Duke R. Brightwell and Zora E. Brightwell  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 34 Folio 484

April 22, 1941: Duke R. and Zora E. Brightwell to Calvert County Fair, Incorporated  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 46 Folio 159

#### Parcel II:

January 8, 1936: Maillard Cookman Alton and E. Evelyn Alton to Duke R. Brightwell and Zora E. Brightwell  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 34 Folio 484

January 8, 1962: Zora E. Brightwell to Calvert County Fair, Incorporated  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 48 Folio 128

#### Parcel III:

January 8, 1936: Maillard Cookman Alton and Evelyn Alton to Duke R. Brightwell and Zora E. Brightwell  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 34 Folio 484

August 5, 1961: Zora E. Brightwell, Anita B. and Ira F. Folks, Waler R. Brightwell, and Patsy Lee Brightwell to Edward and Sara Kelly  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 44 Folio 663

September 18, 1961: Edward and Sara Kelly to John J. and Esther M. Kelly  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 47 Folio 658

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November 2, 1967: John J. and Esther M. Kelly to Calvert County Fair, Incorporated  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 95 Folio 366

All Parcels:

February 2, 2002: Calvert County Fair, Incorporated to Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber KPS 1535 Folio 378

### ENDNOTES

1. "The Calvert Fair," Calvert Journal, October 23, 1886. A Photostat copy of this document is in the "Calvert County Fair" vertical file at the Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, MD.
2. "The Calvert Fair."
3. "The First Calvert County Fair," Calvert Independent, October 2, 1985.
4. "The Calvert Fair."
5. "The Calvert Fair."
6. Calvert County Land Records, Liber AAH 46, Folio 136, Calvert County Courthouse, Prince Frederick, MD.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 5.0 AcresAcreage of historical setting 4.38 AcresQuadrangle name Prince FrederickQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds have been associated with Parcel 26, as denoted on Tax Map 24, since their construction circa 1941.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	R. Weidlich and C. Albee, Architectural Historians		
organization	E.H.T. Tracerics, Inc.	dat	8/26/02
street and number	1121 Fifth Street, N.W.	telephone	202/393-1199
city or town	Washington	stat DC	zip code 20001

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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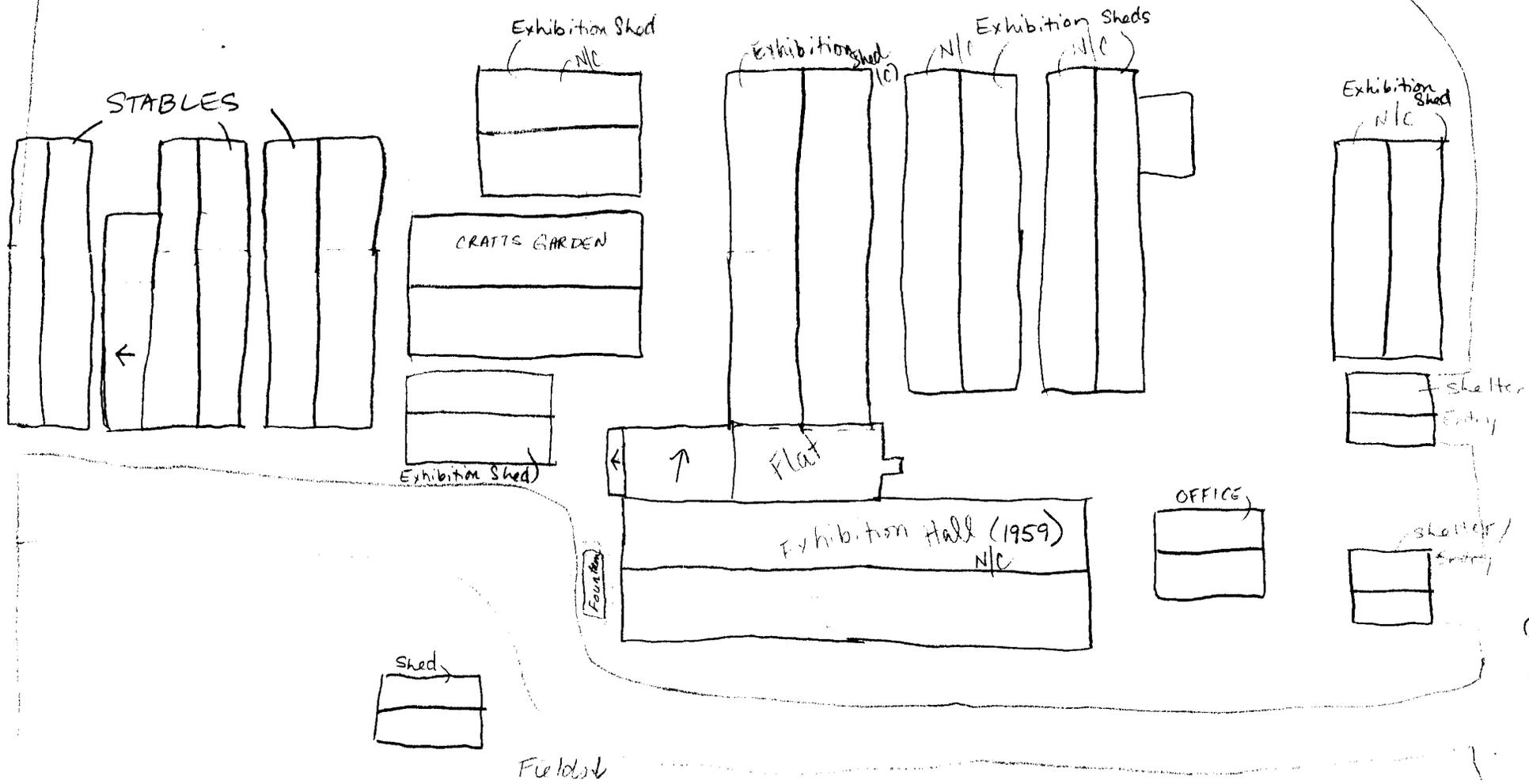
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"The Calvert Fair," Calvert Journal, October 23, 1986.

Resource Sketch Map  
CT-510  
Old Calvert County Fairgrounds  
130 Fairground Road  
Prince Frederick, MD  
Calvert County



Fairground Rd

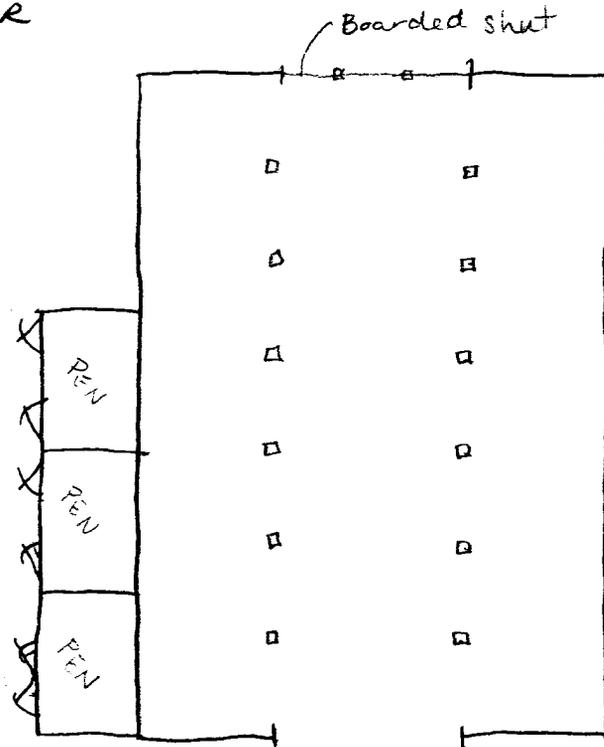


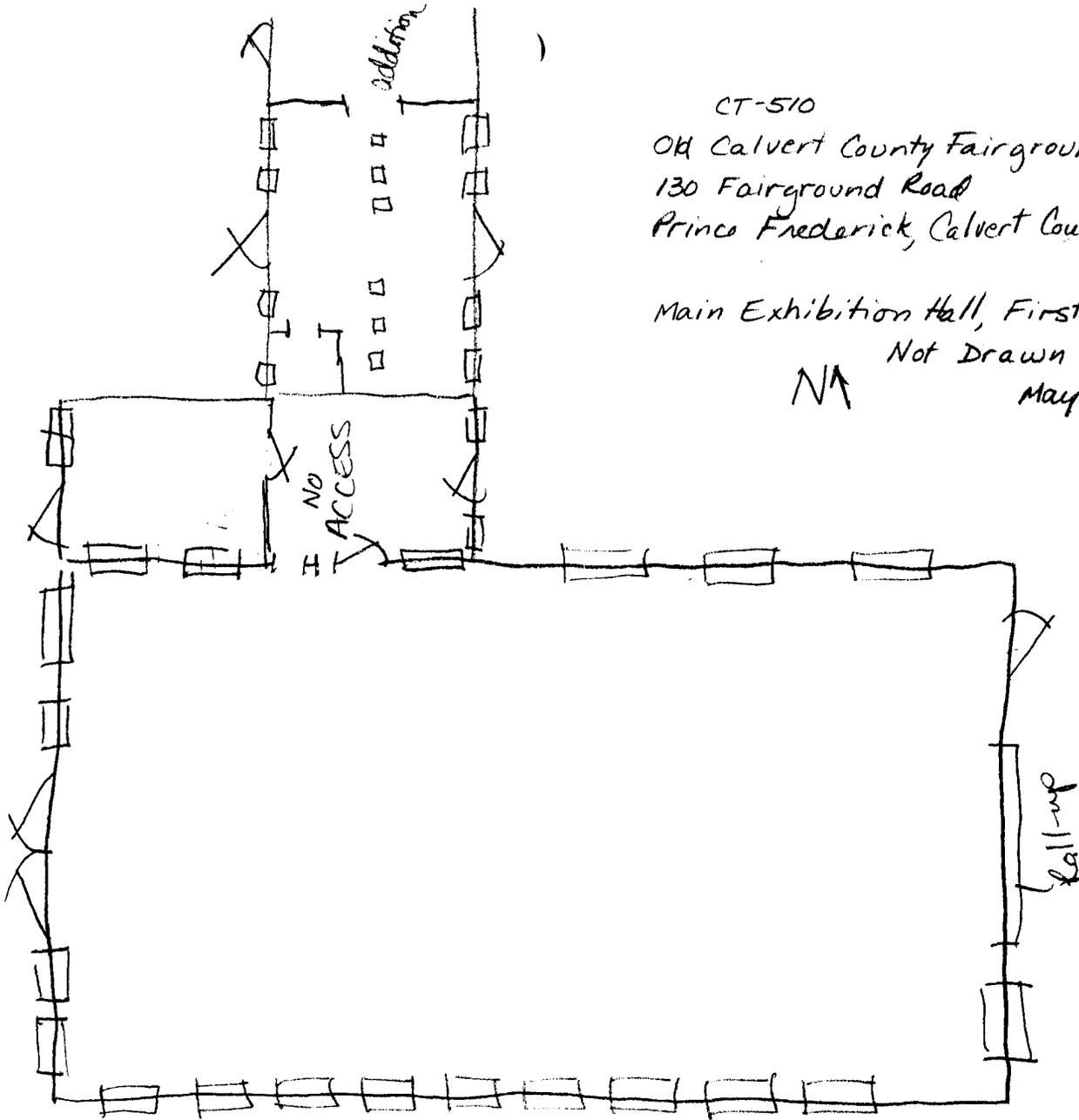
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OLD CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
130 FAIRGROUND ROAD  
PRINCE FREDERICK, CALVERT COUNTY, MD

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NOT TO SCALE  
STABLE, FIRST FLOOR  
MAY 2002





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130 Fairground Road  
Prince Frederick, Calvert County, MD

Main Exhibition Hall, First Floor  
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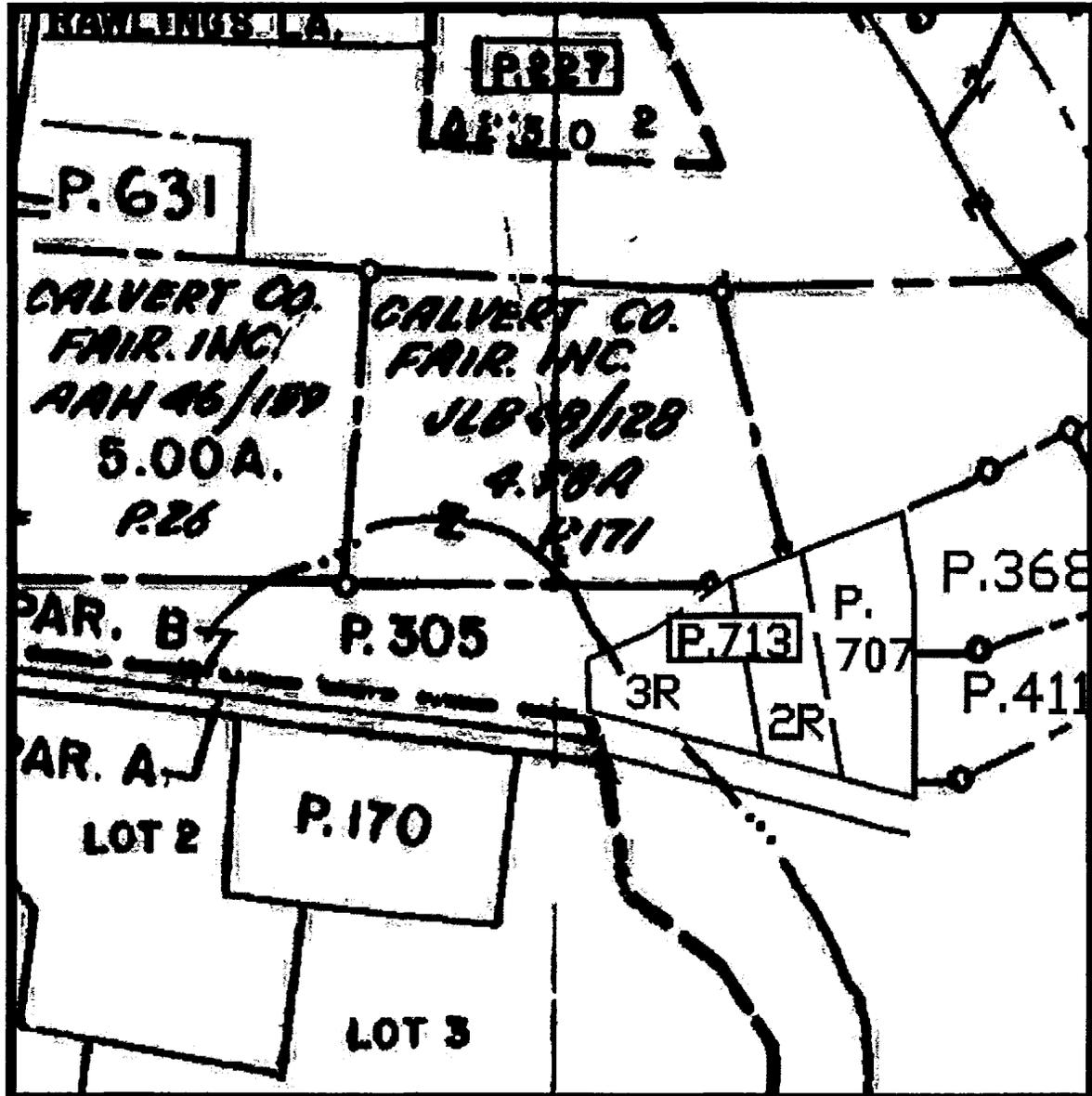


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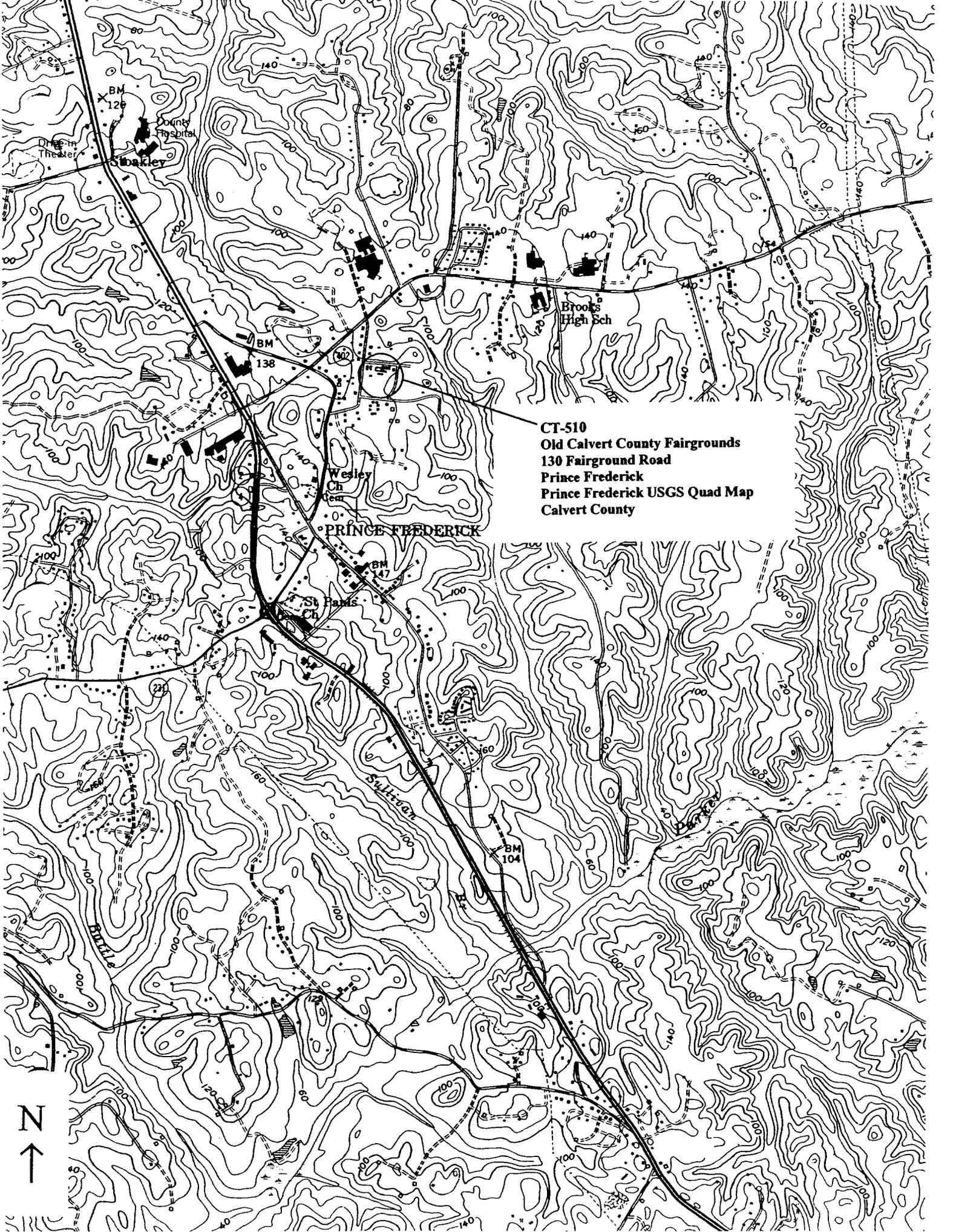
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Prince Frederick USGS Quad Map  
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Stables View North,

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Exhibition Hall (Northwest Elevation, View Southeast)



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Exhibition Hall Southeast Elevation View North West



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Exhibition Hall, Northeast Elevation, View West



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Exhibition Hall, Interior, View Northwest



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Exhibition Shed and Entrance Shelter, View Northeast

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-510

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Calvert County Fairgrounds  
 other Old Calvert County Fairgrounds (preferred)

### 2. Location

street and number 130 Fairground Road not for publication  
 city, town Prince Frederick vicinity  
 county Calvert

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

name Board of Commissioners, Calvert County  
 street and number 175 Main Street telephone not available  
 city, town Prince Frederic state MD zip code 20678-3337

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: M24, P26  
 city, town Prince Frederic liber KPS folio 378

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		<u>1</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>1</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds are located at 130 Fairground Road in Prince Frederick, the county seat of Calvert County, Maryland. Constructed circa 1941, the fairgrounds include ten historic and five non-historic buildings and one fountain. The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds include ten historic and five non-historic buildings and one fountain. The ten historic buildings include three stables, two entry shelters, three exhibition halls, an office, and a shed, all of which were constructed in the 1940s. The three stables are one-story, wood-frame buildings clad in grooved plywood that simulates vertical board sheathing. Front-gabled roofs with standing-seam metal cover them. The historic exhibition halls feature board-and-batten cladding and front-gabled roofs. The non-historic resources include the main exhibition hall, which was constructed in 1959, a fountain, and four additional exhibition sheds, which were constructed in the 1960s. The main exhibition hall features concrete-block construction, glass-block windows, and a gable roof clad in corrugated metal sheets.

### HISTORIC RESOURCES

The three stables at the Old Calvert County Fairground are similar in design and form, with slight variations between them. The westernmost of the three stables is one story in height and one bay in width. It features a concrete block pier and wood post foundation with a dirt floor. The wood-frame structural system is clad in vertically grooved plywood sheets. The front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal and features wide, overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. The stable is entered through an open oversized entry. Within the large open space, the interior is divided into stalls that are separated by low walls that stand approximately three-and-a-half feet in height. Each stall is entered through a gate.

Directly next to the livestock building is another stable. Similar to the other building, it features a front-gabled roof with standing seam metal and overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. Further, it features vertically grooved plywood cladding, an oversized entry opening, and a concrete block and wood pier foundation. On the west side of this stable is a one-story, wood-frame wing with a shed roof. This area provided stabling for small animals, with three individual pens accessed by diminutive gates. The interior of this building differs from the other stable in that it has a large open plan rather than individual pens. There are no pens dividing this space, but rather, it remains one room demarcated only by twelve individual square wood post supports with circular saw marks. The oversized entry on the rear or north wall has been boarded shut with plywood.

The easternmost of the stables is clad in vertically grooved plywood and features an oversized entry opening, and a concrete block and wood pier foundation. Likewise, the front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal and features wide, overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. Similar to the adjacent stable, the interior of this building features an open plan with square wood post supports evenly distributed in two rows throughout the building.

The two entry shelters are located at the east side of the fairgrounds, providing pedestrian access to the fair from the parking area to east. Both of the shelters stand one story in height and one bay in both width and depth. The southernmost of the two entry shelters features wood post supports and a front-gabled roof of standing seam metal. The two side walls have been enclosed with vertically grooved plywood, while the two end walls remain open for pedestrian traffic. The northernmost of the two entry shelters features unmilled post supports at the four corners of the building and a front-gabled roof with standing seam metal cladding. Unlike the other entry shelter, the side walls of this building remain open.

There are three exhibition halls that were constructed in the 1940s, two that run perpendicular to the main exhibition hall and one that has been attached to the rear of the hall through additions. The attached exhibition hall features a concrete block foundation and board-and-batten siding. The front-gabled roof of standing seam metal features overhanging eaves and exposed rafter tails. The main entry was obscured when it was connected to the main exhibition hall circa 1959. However, it retains its six-light fixed windows that are set high in the side elevations. There is a circa 1960 concrete block addition on the north elevation of the building. The interior of this exhibition hall features a poured concrete floor and a large, one-room plan with unmilled wood post supports.

The southernmost of the two other historic exhibition halls features a raised concrete block foundation and vertically grooved

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plywood cladding. It is entered on the west through a single-leaf, vertical board door. A front-gabled roof with standing seam metal cladding and overhanging eaves covers the building and a rectangular louvered ventilator pierces the gable end.

To the north of this building is the third historic exhibition hall. Set on a concrete block foundation, the one-story, one-bay-wide building features wood-frame construction with board-and-batten siding. The front-gabled roof is clad in standing seam metal and features overhanging eaves. On the west elevation is an oversized single-leaf, vertical board sliding door. Above the entry is a rectangular sign that reads "Crafts Garden."

The office, which sits to the east of the main exhibition hall, is one story in height and one bay in width. Constructed of concrete block, the building features a side-gabled roof of standing seam metal. Centered on the façade or south elevation of the building is a single-leaf, metal door with a square light.

The shed, which sits to the southwest of the main exhibition hall, stands one story in height and one bay in width. It is clad in vertical board and features a poured concrete foundation and a front-gabled roof with standing seam metal cladding and exposed rafter tails.

### NON-HISTORIC RESOURCES

The main exhibition hall, built in 1959, stands at the center of the fairgrounds with the remaining buildings distributed to the sides and rear. Constructed of concrete block, the hall stands one story in height and five bays in width. It features a front-gabled roof with wide eaves and a corrugated metal cladding. The façade or west elevation is pierced by a centered entry that has been boarded shut with plywood. Flanking this entry are two multi-light glass block windows to each side. The south elevation is nine bays wide with nine symmetrically spaced multi-light glass block windows. A centrally located wood-paneled roll-up garage door with four lights pierces the west elevation. To the south of the roll-up door is a multi-light glass block window and to the north is a single-leaf metal flush door beneath a smaller multi-light glass block window. Four concrete block buttresses further detail this elevation. Three multi-light glass block windows also pierce the north elevation. On the rear and west elevations of the exhibition hall are two additions that connect the building to a 1940s exhibition hall. At the northwest corner of the building is a one-story concrete-block addition with a shed roof. A single-leaf entry and paired 1/1 window with a rowlock sill pierce the west elevation of this addition. The rear addition features a single-leaf flush metal entry flanked by multi-light glass block windows. This addition directly connects the 1959 hall to the 1940s building at the rear. The interior of the main exhibition hall has a one-room open plan with a poured concrete floor and unfinished walls with exposed concrete block. The metal rafters and trusses of the roof are visible throughout the open space.

The four additional exhibition halls are set to the rear of the main exhibition hall. To the west of the main hall is a one-story, one-bay wide prefabricated metal building made by Farmsted. It features a concrete block foundation and corrugated metal cladding. The metal gabled roof has a shallow pitch and the gable ends are pierced by double-leaf openings. The remaining three exhibition halls are similar in design and form, with metal cladding, front-gabled metal roofs, and entries on the gable ends. These three prefabricated buildings were made by Butler.

To the west of the main hall is a fountain that is surrounded by chain-link metal fencing. It features concrete block construction at its base and random rubble stone along the top.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1941 Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1941; 1959

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds are located at 130 Fairground Road in Prince Frederick, the county seat of Calvert County, Maryland. The first Calvert County Fair was held in 1886 in Dunkirk, in the northern part of the county. It continued to operate on privately owned property until 1941, when Calvert County Fair, Inc. purchased a tract of land for use as the site of agricultural and horticultural fairs and exhibits. The fairgrounds served the county until 2002, when the property was sold to the County Commissioners and the fair moved to a new location in Barstow. The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds feature intact exhibit halls from the mid-20th century, which are exemplary of 20th-century fairground complexes.

### HISTORY OF THE CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Agricultural and livestock fairs and exhibitions sponsored by agricultural societies and private individuals had been held in Calvert County throughout the 19th century, and very likely earlier, for the purposes of providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and techniques for the improvement of the farming industry. The fair that is credited with having been the first Calvert County fair was held in Dunkirk in 1886 under the auspices of the Enterprise Farmers Club. (1) A local journalist praised the agricultural society for "taking the lead in a movement which is, we believe, destined to infuse new life and vigor in agricultural pursuits in this county, and awaken our farmers from the lethargy into which it would appear they have fallen." (2) The fair was held on the private property of Thomas Smith, (3) and centered around the horse races and tournament and the exhibition of various agricultural produce, livestock, and home crafts including canning and needlework. (4) The event was said to have been attended by people from as far away as Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. (5) By the second quarter of the 20th century, the Calvert County fair had been moved to the county seat at Prince Frederick, and was being held on public land adjacent to the county courthouse, with exhibitions in the privately owned Town Hall. This suggests that by this time the fair was becoming more closely identified as a countywide public event than it had been in 1886.

In 1940, the Calvert County Fair, a private corporation, was created for the following purpose, as laid out in the articles of incorporation:

The advancement, protection and improvement of agriculture and horticulture in all of their respective branches; the improvement of horses, cattle, livestock and poultry, and the promotion of stock raising, trials of speed, strength and endurance of farm animals; the holding of fairs and exhibits for the display and competition of agricultural and horticultural products, horses, cattle and other domestic animals, poultry domestic arts and manufacture, farming and gardening tools, implements and machinery and other things relating to the cultivation of the soil and to the products thereof, and the operation through concessions or otherwise of privileges, diversions, exhibitions and amusements in connection with the operation of any fairs or exhibits conducted by the Corporation. (6)

The following year the company purchased 4.7 acres north of the Prince Frederick downtown to serve as the new Calvert County Fairgrounds. Over the next sixty years the Calvert County Fair would be held on this site, formerly the property of Duke and Zora

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Brightwell. The Brightwells had acquired forty-two acres of land from Maillard Cookman Alton and his wife E. Evelyn Alton in 1936. In 1961 and again in 1962, the Calvert County Fair acquired an additional two parcels of land for parking and outdoor exhibition space.

The Calvert County Fair was held annually on this site until 2002 when the site was sold to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners to be used for recreational purposes. At that time, the County Commissioners acquired the three parcels of land, totaling nearly fifteen acres, which had comprised the fairgrounds. The buildings are located on parcel one of the transaction, while parking and grassy fields lay on parcels two and three. The new Calvert County Fairgrounds, which feature a number of metal exhibition halls and considerably more parking, are located in Barstow, to the southwest of Prince Frederick.

### CHAIN OF TITLE

#### Parcel I:

January 8, 1936: Maillard Cookman Alton and E. Evelyn Alton to Duke R. Brightwell and Zora E. Brightwell  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 34 Folio 484

April 22, 1941: Duke R. and Zora E. Brightwell to Calvert County Fair, Incorporated  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 46 Folio 159

#### Parcel II:

January 8, 1936: Maillard Cookman Alton and E. Evelyn Alton to Duke R. Brightwell and Zora E. Brightwell  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 34 Folio 484

January 8, 1962: Zora E. Brightwell to Calvert County Fair, Incorporated  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 48 Folio 128

#### Parcel III:

January 8, 1936: Maillard Cookman Alton and Evelyn Alton to Duke R. Brightwell and Zora E. Brightwell  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber AAH 34 Folio 484

August 5, 1961: Zora E. Brightwell, Anita B. and Ira F. Folks, Waler R. Brightwell, and Patsy Lee Brightwell to Edward and Sara Kelly  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 44 Folio 663

September 18, 1961: Edward and Sara Kelly to John J. and Esther M. Kelly  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 47 Folio 658

November 2, 1967: John J. and Esther M. Kelly to Calvert County Fair, Incorporated  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber JLB 95 Folio 366

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### All Parcels:

February 2, 2002: Calvert County Fair, Incorporated to Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland  
Land Records of Calvert County  
Liber KPS 1535 Folio 378

### ENDNOTES

1. "The Calvert Fair," Calvert Journal, October 23, 1886. A Photostat copy of this document is in the "Calvert County Fair" vertical file at the Calvert County Historical Society, Prince Frederick, MD.
2. "The Calvert Fair."
3. "The First Calvert County Fair," Calvert Independent, October 2, 1985.
4. "The Calvert Fair."
5. "The Calvert Fair."
6. Calvert County Land Records, Liber AAH 46, Folio 136, Calvert County Courthouse, Prince Frederick, MD.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 5.0 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 4.38 Acres

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Old Calvert County Fairgrounds have been associated with Parcel 26, as denoted on Tax Map 24, since their construction circa 1941.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization E.H.T. Tracerics, Inc.

date 8/26/2002

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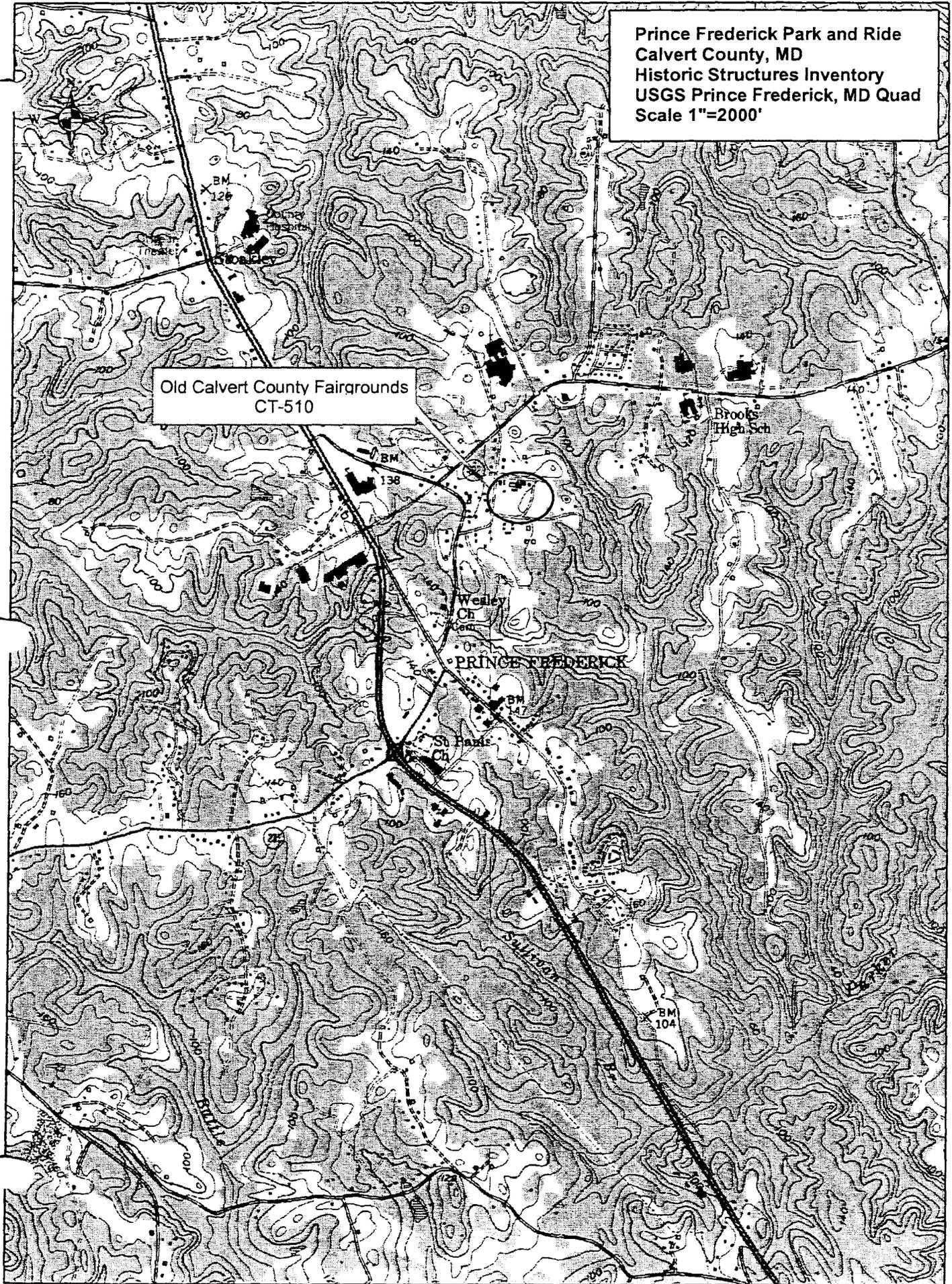
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"The Calvert Fair," Calvert Journal, October 23, 1986.

Prince Frederick Park and Ride  
Calvert County, MD  
Historic Structures Inventory  
USGS Prince Frederick, MD Quad  
Scale 1"=2000'

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OLD CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CALVERT CO., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

SEPTEMBER 2002

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OVERVIEW OF FAIRGROUNDS COMPLEX



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OLD CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CALVERT CO., MD

Tim Tamburino

2010-2011-2012-2013

SEPTEMBER 2002

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MAIN EXHIBITION BUILDING (1959)



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OLD CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CALVERT Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

SEPTEMBER 2002

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MAIN EXHIBITION HALL (1959), OFFICE (1940s)  
AND OTHER MODERN EXHIBITION BUILDINGS



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OLD CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CALVERT CO., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

SEPTEMBER 2002

MD SHPO

STABLES AND EXHIBITION BUILDING (1940s)  
AND SHED (1940s)



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OLD CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CALVERT Co., MD

TIM TAMBURINO

SEPTEMBER 2002

MD SHPO

STABLES # 2 AND # 3 (1940s)

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CALVERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
(Early 20th Century)  
Prince Frederick  
Public

Several early 20th century exhibition shelters remain on the fairgrounds. They are simple gable-reefed open-air structures covered with vertical boards.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Calvert County Fairgrounds

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Fairground Road

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Calvert County Fair Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County

Liber #: AAH 46, JLB 46

Folio #: 189, 128

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 765) Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

G. early 20th century

Several early 20th century exhibition shelters remain on the fairgrounds. They are simple gable-roofed open-air structures covered with vertical boards.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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/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 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**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Merry Stinson**

ORGANIZATION

**Historic Sites Survey**

DATE

**March, 1980**

STREET & NUMBER

**Box 107**

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

**Dunkirk**

STATE

**MD**

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Calvert County Fairgrounds  
Fairground Road  
Prince Frederick, Md.  
Calvert County.  
Southwest elevation

Merry Stinson  
March, 1980