

## Photo Log

The Ottery Group  
1810 August Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland

### Subject:

CH-425, The Caroline Christ Farm, aka The Herbert Farm-  
7761 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville,  
Charles County, MD, 20637-3011

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Tobacco Barn 4 Interior, view SW

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Caroline Christ Farm AKA Herbert Farm Inventory Number: CH-425  
 Address: 7761 Leonardtown Road (MD 5) City: Hughesville Zip Code: 20637-3011  
 County: Charles USGS Topographic Map: Hughesville, MD  
 Owner: Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 0009 Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: 016348  
 Project: SMECO Solar Generation Farm Agency: USDA Rural Utilities Service  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

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

*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: 1998 MIHP form (P.A.C. Spero & Company 1998), Phase I Archeological Survey (Bodor and Franz 2011),

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

*Introduction*

In 1998 recordation of CH-425 was prepared by Caroline Hall of P.A.C. Spero & Company, Baltimore Maryland. Resource CH-425, the Caroline Christ Farm, also known as the Herbert Farm is located at 7761 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Maryland (Figure 1). The property contains approximately 47.04 acres. During the 1998 survey the farm was uninhabited and it was recommended to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C because it is "a representative example of a late nineteenth/early twentieth century agricultural property with good integrity." Furthermore the former I-house, sheds and barns were believed to retain significant integrity and the setting was believed to effectively illustrate the "interaction of the components of an historic farm" with the surrounding environment. The property was determined to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP later the same year.

In September and October of 2011 The Ottery Group performed a Phase I archeological survey of the property as part of Section 106 procedures related to a proposed Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) solar farm development in

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: <u>Only tobacco barns are considered eligible</u>	
<u>Jonathan Sage</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>12/8/11</u> Date
<u>Tim Kuntz</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>12/5/11</u> Date

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this location. In addition to the archeological survey, this DOE was prepared by The Ottery Group with regards to the historic farm.

Several detrimental events have impacted CH-425 since initial identification efforts in 1998. First, a significant portion of farmland, vacant of buildings or structures, within the east portion of the 1998 NRHP-eligible bounds now belongs to a neighboring property to the east at 7825 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Maryland. This section was not surveyed archeologically nor was it inspected as part of this DOE. Second, during an unknown point in the recent past, the I-house and a nearby shed were burned and remains were cleared from the site. Third, since the property has been uninhabited since 1993, none of the remaining buildings and structures has been maintained, they stand in a deteriorating condition and some have collapsed. Currently, the house site, the outbuilding site and all outbuildings remain within a single lot within the original NRHP boundary. A short historic context, tract history, description of the property and eligibility recommendation follows.

#### *Historic Context*

The Contact and Settlement Period is generally defined as the period between A.D. 1570 and 1750. In 1629, King Charles I granted Maryland to George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore. Maryland was first colonized in 1634 with the founding of St. Mary's City. The recorded history of Charles County began in 1658, when Charles County was created out of Saint Mary's County and named for Charles Calvert, the third governor of the colony. The eastern boundary of the county was not finalized until 1700, when the western boundary of Calvert County was reset at the Patuxent River. Small port communities such as Benedict and Port Tobacco served as centers of commerce. Large land grants were issued to prospective gentlemen planters, who settled along the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers as well as major tributaries. By the late seventeenth century, the economy of Charles County was primarily based upon tobacco.

The Rural-Agricultural Intensification Period (1680-1776) covers a period of rapid expansion in Maryland, including Charles County. By the end of the seventeenth century Charles County had developed large plantations and a diversified economy based on the production of tobacco, and to a lesser extent, grain and some seafood (MNCPPC 2009). Although the majority of the plantations were initially located along the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers, expansion into inland areas was also taking place. The rivers served as an important means for transporting tobacco crops to market, but inland roadways were beginning to take form. Present day Leonardtown Road (MD 5) is one of the earlier inland routes, linking Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and Leonardtown. Port Tobacco was a major port and tobacco inspection station, although siltation began to limit incoming and outgoing vessel size as early as 1755 (Balicki et al 2004). Fluctuations in tobacco prices spurred the import of African slaves beginning in the 1780s, where prior to that white indentured servants formed the majority of the labor force. The 1712 census shows a rapidly growing slave population with 933 white men versus 724 slaves, nearly a 5 to 4 ratio. The slave population was becoming increasingly consolidated to a small number of large slaveholders, while the number of small slaveholders decreased over the same period (MNCPPC 2009).

During the eighteenth century, farms of 100-300 acres were present throughout Charles County, the majority of which were involved in tobacco cultivation (Barse et al 1999). The quantity of tobacco produced in Charles County, as well as other counties in Maryland and Virginia, resulted in price instability compared to other commodities such as corn and wheat (MNCPPC 2009).

The Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1776-1870) covers a period of marked increase in industrial expansion. Economic prosperity in the early 1800s remained based primarily upon tobacco and grain production (i.e., corn and wheat), the latter of which attained some prominence owing to the soil exhaustion caused by intensive tobacco cultivation. Although over-cultivation caused periods of economic stagnation, agriculture remained a major source of income for Charles County. Between 1815 and 1870, Maryland's economy gradually shifted from an agricultural base to an industrial base. The economic shift continued until the 1930s as cities expanded their influence in social, economic, and cultural life. This transition was notably absent in rural Charles County though large plantations were broken up as they were no longer able to produce the yields of tobacco possible in the past because of labor shortages and diminishing crop yields. Population decreased by 351 residents between 1860 and 1930 (Balicki et al 2004).

With heavy reliance upon slave labor, Charles County residents largely sympathized with the Confederacy during the Civil War. This position resulted in a federal occupation of the county during the war.

Innovations in transportation systems, specifically the railroads, began to affect coastal trade. Following the War of 1812, steamboat lines ran from Benedict to Baltimore. Although port cities such as Annapolis and Baltimore still thrived as mercantile centers, the silting of deep-water portages became a major concern for many ports. Port Tobacco in Charles County

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continued to have sedimentation difficulties. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad bypassed Port Tobacco entirely and stations spurred the developed of the towns of La Plata and Waldorf in the 1870s.

The Industrial-Urban Dominance period (1870-1930) represents the continued growth of an industrial economy and urban centers following the Civil War. As a result of the emancipation of slaves, the county's economy remained precariously balanced on tobacco and grain production until a period of revitalization followed the Civil War (Resnick et al. 1993). New economic energy was generated by agricultural diversification which included the production of truck crops such as tomatoes, watermelons, strawberries, cucumbers destined for nearby urban markets. In the decade after the Civil War, the economies of the northern and central parts of Maryland proliferated in the wake of industrial and agricultural developments while the, residents of southern Maryland, like other areas of the South continued to suffer from past wartime actions.

At this time, Maryland's overall economic basis shifted from primarily agricultural to industry and commerce. Baltimore expanded and diversified as a hub for shipbuilding, metal production, flour milling and other industrial enterprises. Renewed industrialization forced the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to expand its lines in order to link the economies of central and western Maryland to the rest of the nation (Bradford 1977). Charles County, however, remained largely agricultural through the nineteenth century depending on tobacco and truck crops despite vast expanses of generally depleted soils.

In 1895, the county seat was moved to La Plata from Port Tobacco, which had lost its functionality as a commercial center entirely. The development of communities such as Waldorf, La Plata, and Hughesville expanded while the importance of Port Tobacco and Benedict declined. By 1930, a system of roadways was fully developed, and steamboat travel was discontinued.

The Modern Period represents the period from the 1930s to the present. Charles County's proximity to Baltimore and the District of Columbia ensured both political and economic growth and development. As a result of the availability and popularity of the automobile and improved roads following World War II, the populations of Maryland and Charles County both blossomed with suburban development focused on employment in Washington, D.C. Despite suburban development, the economy of Charles County has maintained an agricultural base. In 1964, there were 1,009 farms within the county. In 1969, 75% of the agricultural income was based upon tobacco (Balicki et al 2004).

Hughesville first appears on the 1865 Martenet's Map of Maryland (Figure 2). Despite its location at a crossroad between Benedict and Port Tobacco and Charlotte Hall and Bryantown, the community was slow to develop. Its primary function as a *tobacco warehousing* area was buoyed by the construction of the Southern Maryland Railroad, which was completed in 1881. The 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer describes Hughesville as containing: "two churches, a blacksmith, a Friends school, four general merchandise stores, a tobacco buyer, a wheelwright, two saloons and two undertakers." The population is listed at 50 residents. Later maps illustrating the community include the 1873 Topographic Map of Maryland (Figure 3), the 1892 USGS Brandywine quadrangle map (Figure 4), and the 1913 Brandywine quadrangle map (Figure 5). It is not until the 1913 map that individual buildings appear.

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Tract History

Gabriel Moran was issued a patent for the land that includes the project area in 1726 (Table 1). Moran never lived on these tracts, keeping a separate 118-acre plantation on Teague Point, 5 miles to the east of the project area. Upon Moran's death in 1734, his property was resurveyed as the 858-acre Four Brothers tract. This tract consisted of four divisions, each inherited by one of Gabriel's sons. The project area is located within the smallest of the bequests, a 150 acres tract left to the youngest son, William. Families that have owned the project area since the Moran periods of ownership include the Levie's, the French's the Audd's, the Craycroft's and the Swann's. In 1871 the period of ownership relevant to CH-425 began; in this year Henry Christ obtained the 114 acre parcel from Benjamin and Sarah Swann. Henry Christ left the 114 acre parcel to Caroline Christ in 1878. In 1933 the Estate of Caroline Christ left Calvin and Elizabeth A. Christ the 110 acre parcel and in 1936 the same parcel was transferred to Emma M. Padgett and Katherine O. DeVries. Padgett and DeVries transferred the property to Charles W. and Bessie M. Herbert in 1939. At this time the property comprised 96 acres. The Estate of Bessie M. Herbert transferred the 96 acre property to Charles W. and Margaret M. Herbert in 2000 and these individuals transferred the 47.04 acre property that contains the project area to the current owner, SMECO in 2003.

Table I - Chain of Title

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Tract Size	Liber/Folio
9-15-1719		Gabriel Moran	Cattle Grave- 250 acres	Patent Record IL A p. 25
3-31-1720		Gabriel Moran	Blue Bank- 400 acres	Patent Record EI 5 p. 459
8-10-1726		Gabriel Moran	New Addition to Castle Grove- 333 acres	Patent Record IL A p.704
3-19-1747	Estate of Gabriel Moran	John Moran Peter Moran Andrew Moran William Moran*	236 acres 236 acres 236 acres 150 acres*	Z 2/228
6-9-1767	William Moran	William Moran	150 acres	O 3/197
1-16-1802	William Moran	Anthony Levie	172.5 acres	IB 5/79
2-21-1824	Ann Levie	D'Arcey Ffrench	161 acres	IB 15/471
12-31-1835	D'Arcey Ffrench	James Audd	161 acres	IB 21/231
3-12-1850	Estate of James Audd	Martha Craycroft	174 acres	WM 3/624
6-18-1856	Martha Craycroft	Sarah Swann	161 acres	JS 1/437
4-5-1871	Benjamin Swann and Sarah Swann	Henry Christ	114 acres	GAH 3/111
8-16-1878	Henry Christ	Caroline Christ	114 acres	BGS 3/139
6-13-1933	Estate of Caroline Christ	Calvin Christ and Elizabeth A. Christ	110 acres	WMA 57/46
9-6-1936	Calvin Christ and Elizabeth A. Christ	Emma M. Padgett and Katherine O. DeVries	110 acres	WMA 61/561
11-9-1939	Emma M. Padgett and Katherine O. DeVries	Charles W. Herbert and Bessie M. Herbert	96 acres	WMA 71/272
10-12-2000	Estate of Bessie M. Herbert	Charles W. Herbert and Margaret M. Herbert	96 acres	3083/501
10-16-2003	Charles W. Herbert and Margaret M. Herbert	SMECO	47.043 acres	4403/278

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Historic research suggests that CH-425 is not the original Herbert family farmstead. A notation on a map prepared by descendants of the Moran family indicates the presence of a possible home site on the property of James Herbert, which abuts the project area to the south. Research and archeological survey also suggest that the current farm is the earliest construction on the parcel (Bodor and Franz 2011).

Since the period of Moran ownership the property was primarily used for tobacco cultivation. Charles County record books identify the Moran's as planters while later property owners are identified in census records as agriculturalists and farmers. Interestingly, the 1880 census identifies Henry Christ as a cabinet maker and one of the remaining outbuildings (Shed 2) located onsite may have once served as a cabinet shop or farm office. Despite Henry Christ's identification as a cabinet maker,

the presence of late nineteenth or early twentieth century tobacco barns onsite suggests that tobacco planting probably occurred concurrent with cabinetmaking. Tobacco planting probably continued through the last period of farm occupation into the late 1980s though many probably early and mid twentieth century buildings currently located on the farm are related to the raising of livestock and feed crops. The presence of these buildings, most notably a hay barn and corn or feed cribs suggest agricultural diversification occurred at some level at CH-425.

#### *Description of the Property*

Elements remaining within the SMECO-owned section of the NRHP boundary include substantial, active soybean field acreage, tree lines, wooded areas, dirt farm lanes, the former site of the main residence, 5 barns (Tobacco Barns 1, 2, 3, 4 and a Hay Barn), 2 tractor sheds (Tractor Shed 1 and 2) and 8 sheds and 1 shed site (Shed 3) that were used for various applications (Figure 6). Descriptions of the property and of the remaining buildings and structures follow Figure 6.

Farm fields are currently sown in soybeans and the topography varies from slightly rolling to generally level. Visible soils appear gravelly and eroded. Tree lines demarcate wooded areas which vary from level to slightly rolling and which are occasionally wet. Select wet areas are drained by excavated ditches. Woods feature majority hardwood tree species and some areas appear to be relatively recent growth. The forest understory varies from open to dense. Gravelly dirt lanes provide access from Leonardtown Road (MD 5) northeast of Tobacco Barn 2 and also in the northeast corner of the project area. Lanes encircle the house site, meander across the property and once provided access to all buildings and structures.

The I-house site is located on a substantial knoll near the center of the tract. Currently the site is grassy, features several notable trees and it is becoming overgrown with weedy, pioneering vegetation. Few remnants of the dwelling or landscaping remain save for a partially buried concrete stair in the southwest slope of the knoll, occasional concrete chunks and scatters of glass fragments, oyster shells and perseverant ornamental vegetation. Evidence of fire is present in charred tree stumps and limbs.

The Hay Barn is located northwest of the I-house site in a level but overgrown area and it is in moderately poor condition. This very late nineteenth or early twentieth century, 2.50 story barn features a rusticated concrete block first floor filled with animal stalls. Second floor wall exteriors are vertical wood plank and this space probably served as a hay loft. A low pitch hipped roof covered with standing seam metal covers the barn. Barn walls are penetrated by several sizes of empty door frames and several sizes of empty window frames. Areas of metal roofing are missing. A rectangular, wood plank animal shed in poor condition has been fitted to the northwest elevation of the barn. This shed is becoming overgrown with weedy vegetation and vines.

Tobacco Barn 1 is located southwest of the house site in a level field and it dates to the early or mid twentieth century. This rectangular, front gable roof barn measures approximately 80.70 feet northeast to southwest by approximately 24.44 feet northwest to southeast. The 2.50 story, barn is founded on rectangular, poured concrete block piers. Framing members and vertical plank siding are regular dimensional, circular sawn and joined with wire nails. Siding planks vary in width between 9.25 and 11.00 inches wide. Sill joinery includes half lap joints. One, probably recycled, structural member includes a sill section that features check marks. This is likely a repair using convenient materials. The moderately steeply sloping roof is covered with standing seam metal and lightning rods have been installed at the peak. Fascia has been installed on the slightly overhanging eaves.

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The interior of the barn is composed of twin aisles separated by posts seated on square, poured concrete block piers. The central bay is the widest and it likely serves to ease access between aisles. Both aisles have been fitted with wood plank double doors at each gable end. A single, centrally located plank door has been installed near the peak of each gable. Barn ventilation includes 15 side-hinged plank vents and five vertical plank vents on the northwest elevation and 11 side-hinged vents and 5 vertical plank vents on the southeast elevation. Side-hinged vents measure between approximately 9.25 and 9.50 inches in width and vertical vents measure approximately 11 inches in width. Vertical vents are nailed at the height of the eave and are located on the northeast end of the barn. All vents are somewhat evenly spaced. A 1.50 story stripping shed is located on the southeast façade at the northeast corner. This rectangular, gable roof workspace was probably built in the mid twentieth century and it measures approximately 12.30 feet northeast to southwest by approximately 20.17 feet northwest to southeast. This shed is sheathed and roofed with vertical wood planks and standing seam metal but exterior walls have been covered with composition roll roofing material. The low pitched roof features fascia and a metal gutter has been installed on the northeast eave. A brick chimney is located on the southwest elevation at the southeast corner. The shed foundation is unknown and corrugated metal has been installed on the barn wall adjacent the shed. Two doors provide access to this workspace. Entry from the outside is provided by a door located on the northeast façade immediately adjacent to the barn. Entry from the barn interior is provided by a door that has been installed on the interior of the southeast wall of the barn. A row of 6, now vacant, wood window frames are located on the northeast façade. The floor of the shed is dirt and the interior walls and ceiling are insulated with cardboard and a masonite-like material. The interior contains fluorescent light fixtures and a vacant stove pipe. There is no access to the low attic.

The condition of this barn is considered to be good; it is becoming overgrown with weedy vegetation and a barn door has collapsed. The condition of the stripping shed is considered to be moderate to poor; burrowing animals have taken over the interior, window frames are empty, interior insulation is collapsing and the stove has been removed along with most of the electrical elements.

Tobacco Barn 2 is located southwest of Leonardtown Road (MD 5) in a level field. This barn has undergone extensive renovations including at least two barn additions, perhaps a roof replacement, the addition of a stripping shed and the demolition of an unknown exterior addition.

The oldest portion of this building is the main block, a rectangular, side gable roof tobacco barn that may date to the late nineteenth century. The main block measures approximately 40.68 feet north to south by approximately 24.01 feet east to west and it is founded on piers composed of bog iron and old concrete chunks. The single aisle is located in the central bay and access to it is provided by a plank double door installed at the east end. The bays on either side of the aisle are divided by a row of east to west posts. These posts are recycled building members from an unknown building; they are hewn logs with occasional empty mortises and square nail holes (all nails have been removed). South bay dividing posts are mortised into a circular sawn sill set upon chunks of bog iron and concrete. North bay posts are set into wood slat pails filled with concrete and partially buried into the barn floor. All other structural members within the main block are circular sawn, regular dimensional lumber. Framework and joinery includes bents featuring half-dovetailed upbraces, sills with half-lapped joints, structural members joined with mortises and tenons, treenails in larger member joints and wire nails throughout. Several episodes of sill repair are evident in the main block. Walls are covered in irregularly sized vertical wood planks. The roof appears to be a replacement as an inconsistent mixture of lumber types makes up an irregular pattern of collar ties, north to south beams and king posts. A wood plank door has been inserted into the south gable near the roof peak.

Probably during the mid twentieth century, a rectangular addition was added to the west elevation of the main block. This addition extends the length of the long axis and measures 11.97 feet east to west. It features a simply framed shed roof that extends the main block roof plane to the west. The roof is supported by 6 posts-in-ground and the walls are somewhat regularly sized wood plank. The main block aisle arrangement was preserved within this addition and a wood plank double door was inserted. The 3 posts south of the aisle are utility poles and the 3 posts north of the aisle are comparably sized logs stripped of bark and left in the round. Bay orientation is consistent with that of the main block though these bays remain undivided beyond the framing of the main block west wall. Joinery includes only wire nails.

The second addition probably postdates the shed roofed addition. This construction is a north extension of the main block and shed addition. This addition features an irregular framing system that includes circular sawn, regular dimensioned lumber and joinery includes only wire nails. Visible piers supporting sections of sill are composed of rectangular, poured concrete blocks. The framing of the original barn was left intact as part of this construction. An aisle was arranged in the south bay of this

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addition and it features double plank doors at each end. The roof that covers this addition extends the gable and shed roofs of the original barn and initial addition. Roof framing remains irregular. A wood plank door has been installed in the north gable.

Standing seam metal covers all roof planes. The eave features fascia across the entire east elevation. The exterior of this entire conglomeration is clad in circular sawn, often irregular width vertical plank. Seven vents are located on the east elevation (including both main block and north addition). There is no apparent break in siding episodes between the original block and the addition suggesting an episode of repair. Vents extend from the ground surface to approximately 3 feet below the eave and each vent is separated by approximately 3 to 4 feet of plank. Each vent varies in width between .78 and .90 feet. The entire west elevation also features seven vents and each extends from the ground surface to the eave. There is also no apparent break in siding between this addition and the addition to the north. These vents are separated by approximately four to six feet of plank. Vents on this elevation vary in width between .49 and .98 feet and all vents may be side-hinged.

A 1.50 story stripping shed has been installed off of the southeast corner of the barn. This shed likely dates to the mid twentieth century and it has also experienced an episode of structural addition. This rectangular workspace measures 16.07 feet north to south by 19.02 feet east to west. The original block measured 12.14 feet east to west. The addition was added to the east elevation and resulted in an extension of the east portion of the shed and the east roof plane. The original block and the addition rest on individual poured concrete wall foundations. Exterior walls of this shed are covered with vertical and horizontal wood planks covered with tar paper. The roof is covered with standing seam metal and the eaves feature fascia board. Three empty, wood window frames extend the full width of the east elevation. A single fixed, wood frame window has been inserted into the north wall. An exterior brick chimney has been added to the southwest corner. The interior of this shed features a dirt floor. A metal woodstove is attached to the chimney and fluorescent lights, one of which remains intact, once hung from the ceiling. Cardboard insulates the ceiling and walls and in some locations drywall has been installed. Two doors provide access to the workspace; one installed in the north wall adjacent to the barn provides access from the outside while the second provides access to the shed from the interior of the southeast corner of the barn. A semi-buried concrete slab is located west of this shed and immediately south of the barn. This slab and voids in the planking of the main block suggest the past existence of an unknown barn addition.

The condition of this barn is considered to be fair; it is becoming overgrown with weedy vegetation and portions of the sill are sagging. The condition of the stripping shed is considered to be moderately poor; burrowing animals have taken over the interior, window frames are empty, interior insulation is collapsing and most of the electrical elements have been removed.

Tobacco Barn 3 is located in the west portion of the parcel on the top of a southeast facing slope. This rectangular, front gable barn was constructed in 1953 as evidenced by a date inscribed in a poured concrete block pier on the east side of the barn. This barn measures approximately 63.97 feet north to south and approximately 23.95 feet east to west. The foundation is composed of rectangular, poured concrete blocks. Occasional wood pier forms were left intact. Metal lag bolts have been used to secure sills to foundations in some locations. Sills feature half-lap joints. All connections are nailed. All framing members are circular sawn, regular dimensional lumber. The interior is composed of twin aisles featuring wood plank double doors at the ends of each aisle. The aisles are divided by posts seated on smaller poured concrete block piers. Wood plank doors have been inserted into each gable near the peak. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. Vents on the west elevation are located approximately every 4 feet and measure between 9.50 and 11 inches in width. Vents on the east elevation are located approximately every 4 feet and measure between 7 and 11 inches in width. All vents are side hinged. A stripping shed has been constructed on the northeast corner of the barn. The rectangular, gable roof workspace measures approximately 12.46 feet north to south by approximately 19.68 feet east to west. The foundation is a concrete block wall. Tar paper covers the vertical wood plank walls. An exterior, concrete block chimney is located on the southeast corner of the shed. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. Fascia was once likely installed on all eaves. Four 4 light, wood framed windows have been inserted into the north wall. These frames are currently void of glazing. A wood door that provides entry to the shed from the outside has been installed into the north wall at the west end. A door in the northeast corner of the barn provides entry to the workspace from the barn interior. The interior of the shed features a dirt floor and walls have been insulated with cardboard. The stove has been removed. There is no evidence of electric service. Metal flashing and tar paper have been installed at the seam of the shed and the barn and these materials extend up the barn wall.

The condition of Tobacco barn 3 is considered to be good. The condition of the stripping shed is considered to be moderate, windows are missing, the stove has been removed and insulation is failing.

Tobacco Barn 4 is located northeast of Tobacco Barn 3. This barn was constructed into a southeast facing hill slope probably somewhat concurrently with Tobacco Barn 3. The design of this rectangular, side gable tobacco barn is reminiscent of a bank

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barn. The footprint extends approximately 61.02 feet north to south by 29.19 feet east to west. Ground floor walls to the north south and west are composed of poured concrete and they extend to the top of the slope. Multiple concrete pours and wood plank forms are evident. The east facing wall of the lower level is circular sawn, vertical wood plank. A central door is

missing. The interior features a central aisle shouldered by three bays. The floor is gravel. A circular sawn, regular dimensioned wood sill has been lag bolted into the top of the concrete foundation wall. This sill is the seat of the second floor posts on the north, south and west elevations. The west elevation features a centrally located sliding track, wood plank double door that opens into the interior. There is no hay loft floor, this barn served as a tobacco barn. Poles are in-situ and sticks are piled within the interior. Posts on the east elevation are circular sawn, regular dimensional and rest on a sill founded upon rectangular, poured concrete blocks. Empty door frames are evident at each gable end near the roof peak. Centrally located gable doors are also found at each gable at the ground level. The north door is a sliding track, wood plank door and the south gable door is a hinged, wood plank double door. The gable roof is covered in corrugated metal. Joinery throughout the barn includes wire nails and occasional mortises and tenons. All lumber is circular sawn and dimensions are regular. Vents on the west wall are composed of 2 side-hinged and 6 vertical planks. Hinged planks measure 9 inches in width while vertical planks measure between 11.50 and 12 inches in width. In general, vents are spaced at 4 foot increments. Much siding is missing from the east wall. Six side-hinged vents are apparent on the east wall and those found in sequence exhibit approximate 4 foot spacing. These vents measure between 11.50 and 12 inches in width. There is no stripping shed associated with this barn. A buried iron culvert pipe is buried just east of the east entry. There is a circular depression at the south end of the pipe. This situation may expedite barn interior drainage.

The condition of this barn is poor; it is becoming overgrown with weedy vegetation. Much of the siding and roofing materials are missing. The barn is leaning in several directions and collapse is imminent.

Tractor Shed 1 is located west of the house site in a level setting adjacent to a farm lane. This outbuilding features several additions. In general this shed appears to date to the mid twentieth century. This shed is more likely an equipment shed rather than a true tractor shed. The main block features three bays and the shed roof is supported by 2 logs posts-in-ground. Other foundations are unknown. Walls are vertical wood planking. A square, chemical shed is attached to the south elevation. This addition features an unknown foundation, vertical wood plank walls and a shed roof. A wood frame, front gable roof corn shed is located west of the tractor shed. This square addition features an unknown foundation, it is clad in vertical wood plank and it is connected to the tractor shed by a breezeway. All roof planes are covered in standing seam metal and the condition of this shed conglomeration is moderate to poor; walls are becoming overgrown with vegetation, roofs are sagging and sections of wall planking are missing.

Tractor Shed 2 is located north of the house site in a level setting. This probably mid twentieth century shed features 3 bays, is clad in vertical wood planking and the saltbox roof is supported by 2 utility poles serving as a post-in-ground foundation. Other foundations are unknown. Both roof planes are covered in standing seam metal and the condition of this shed is moderate to poor; walls are becoming overgrown with vegetation, and sections of wall planking are missing.

Shed 1 is located southwest of the I-house site and southwest of Shed 2 in a yard with a slight southwest slope. Shed 1 is a rectangular, probably mid to late twentieth century animal pen or coop. Vertical wood plank walls are covered in asphalt shingles and the shed roof is covered in standing seam metal. This shed is in poor condition, walls are failing and it is collapsing.

Shed 2 is located northeast of Shed 1 on a slope that descends to the northwest. This early twentieth century building is a square, front gable workshop or former office. Exterior walls are clad in finished horizontal wood siding. The interior is illuminated by single centrally located, wood framed windows that penetrate each elevation but the rear. An exterior brick chimney has been installed on the rear elevation. The entry is located right of center on the southeast elevation. The roof planes are low pitched and covered in standing seam metal. The interior of this building is finished with painted drywall and a wood stove once was located against the rear wall. It appears that the most recent use of this building was as a workshop. This building may be a former Christ cabinet shop. The current condition of this building is considered to be moderately poor. Windows are missing, the foundation may be failing, there are interior mold issues and the exterior is becoming overgrown by weedy vegetation and vines.

Shed 3 (Site) was once located immediately northwest of the house on the same prominent knoll. This shed was likely burned during the house fire. It is no longer extant. The 1998 survey photos suggest that this shed featured a rectangular footprint, vertical plank walls and was covered by a standing seam metal roof.

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Shed 4 is likely a former animal pen. This shed appears nearly collapsed during photographs taken in 1997 (P.A.C. Spero & Company 1998). Currently the shed is collapsed and it has been overtaken by weedy vegetation and vines. Construction dates are unknown.

Shed 5 is located west of Tractor Shed 2 and north of Tractor Shed 1 in a level yard just west of a farm lane fork. This building is a front gable roof shed with a shed roof addition. It was likely constructed during the early to mid twentieth century. Foundations are unknown and all walls are clad in vertical wood plank siding. Roof planes are covered in standing seam metal. The condition of this shed is poor, it is collapsing due to rot and it is becoming overtaken by vines and weedy vegetation.

Shed 6 is located east of Tobacco Barn 5 in a low somewhat wooded area suggestive of a former paddock. This shed has likely served as a small, rectangular, side gable barn. The main block features a shed roof addition which may have served as an animal pen within the paddock. The construction date is estimated at the early to mid twentieth century. Walls are covered in vertical wood planking and roof planes are covered in standing seam metal. The foundation is unknown. Wood framed windows were once located on several elevations. The condition of this shed is moderate to poor, doors and windows are missing and vines and weedy vegetation are encroaching.

Shed 7 is a rectangular animal pen located in a possible former paddock west of the Hay Barn. This shed features horizontal wood plank siding and a shed roof covered with standing seam metal. The foundation is unknown. The construction date is estimated at the mid twentieth century. This pen is in poor condition and is collapsing due to rot and the encroachment of vines and weedy vegetation.

Shed 8 and 9 are corn cribs located in level yards northwest of Hay Barn 1. These sheds feature vertical wood plank siding and shed roofs covered with standing seam metal. Foundations are unknown. Construction dates are estimated to be mid twentieth century. Interiors are fitted with wire mesh and floors are wood plank. These sheds are considered to remain in moderate condition but will quickly succumb to increasing rot and encroaching vegetation.

The Garage is located south of the house site on a slope that descends to the south. This square, mid twentieth century, front gable, cinder block garage features two bays. The gables above the garage doors are sheathed with possible asbestos siding while the roof is covered in standing seam metal. A wood, four-panel door provides pedestrian access while wood double doors have been fitted into each garage bay. The condition of this garage is considered to be moderate. The rear of the garage is becoming overgrown by weedy vegetation and vines.

*Eligibility Recommendation*

Based on Lori Thursby and Carrie Schomig's (2010) National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form illustrating the *Tobacco Barns of Southern Maryland, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties*, CH-425 is recommended to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A, CH-425 represents major patterns in American history, namely that of tobacco agriculture in Southern Maryland. Under Criterion C, CH-425 represents distinctive characteristics of architecture and construction in relation to tobacco farming in Southern Maryland.

Thursby and Schomig (2010) note that to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, air curing tobacco barns must have been built prior to 1960 and they must stand in original farm locations within one of the five Southern Maryland Counties. Barns also must retain "character-defining features" such as representative framing systems and ventilation systems and intact tiers and rows. According to the authors, the additions and subtractions of stripping sheds, barn additions and roof replacements do not affect integrity as long as historic function and design remain suggested. Furthermore, barns should ideally be set in rural or agricultural surroundings that reflect the agricultural history of the region. Twentieth century barns with intact stripping rooms would contribute to the barn's historical significance and overall integrity.

Each of the tobacco barns present within the bounds of CH-425 are air curing tobacco barns as evidenced by the presence of intact side-hinged and vertical vents and numerous entries. Investigation of these barns suggests that they have never been used for any other purpose aside from the air curing and processing of tobacco. There are no alterations that suggest any other application and thus the integrity of every tobacco barn on site is very high. In all cases poles and sticks are present within each barn and in most cases poles remain aloft and often sticks are piled within the barns as if tobacco processing ceased at the

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closure of the last season. It is believed that each of these barns is located in their original location; there is no evidence to the contrary. Only Tobacco Barn 2 has been significantly altered via at least two additions and a stripping shed. Despite the additions most aspects of original design such as framing and layout remain intact. In the case of this barn it is evident that an earlier barn form was repeatedly added to in order to accommodate increased yields or new processing techniques.

The barn in the poorest condition is Tobacco Barn 4. Despite a failing state, the mid twentieth century (probably circa 1953) bank barn design of this tobacco barn is intriguing. This survey uncovered no evidence of barn use as anything other than a tobacco barn. The bank form may suggest at least one episode of mid twentieth century agricultural experimentation; the bank barn design applied to tobacco barn function may be rare, the purpose of the tobacco barn is to dry tobacco yet semi-subterranean spaces are notoriously damp.

The house, the earliest barns and the earliest sheds are generally attributed to periods of Christ family ownership (1871-1936) and later barns and sheds are generally attributable to Padgett & Devries (1936-1939) and Herbert family (1939-2003) periods of ownership. Tobacco Barn 3 (constructed in 1953) is securely attributed to Charles W. and Bessie M. Herbert. Shed 2, the farm office or shop leaves many questions unanswered. This outbuilding likely dates to the period of house construction (circa 1880) and may provide links to a cottage industry. In 1880 Henry Christ was listed in the census of that year as a cabinetmaker.

Two tobacco barns on the property are in good condition (Tobacco Barns 1 and 3), one tobacco barn is in fair condition (Tobacco Barn 2) and one tobacco barn is in poor condition (Tobacco Barn 4). Three stripping sheds in various conditions are associated with CH-425; 1 shed is attached to Tobacco Barn 1 (moderate to poor condition), 1 shed is attached to Tobacco Barn 2 (moderate to poor condition) and 1 shed is attached to Tobacco Barn 3 (moderate condition). There is no shed attached to Tobacco Barn 4. Most sheds include at least hints of interior arrangement and design (heating, electricity, etc.). Due to high levels of integrity in regards to barns and sheds combined, increased study focused upon each barn may result in links to periods of ownership. Results of further studies may then provide information related to the sequence of patterns and trends in tobacco agriculture from the late nineteenth century through the mid twentieth century. Due to high levels of integrity coupled with a secure historic record, CH-425 is highly significant in regards to tobacco farming in Southern Maryland.

Additionally, the presence of a sequence of tobacco barns amidst a variety of other major and minor agricultural outbuildings that date from the very late nineteenth century or early twentieth century (the Hay Barn) through the mid to late twentieth century (animal pens) suggests a well-diversified farm able to withstand the fluctuations of a largely tobacco dependent economy. The age and prevalence of the outbuildings suggests that the late nineteenth through mid twentieth century occupants of CH-425 may have taken advantage of advancements in Southern Maryland transportation in order to satisfy local and nearby urban center market demands with saleable farm products other than tobacco. Agricultural diversification may have proved this farm economically sustainable from its establishment through final sale.

Despite the loss of the I-house and Shed 3, aspects of CH-425 other than the tobacco barns are also recommended to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C. Many of the farm buildings, the farm layout and arrangement and the agricultural landscape have remained largely unchanged and thus highly integral. Many of these buildings are in poor condition due to neglect and this state impacts resource integrity. Despite integrity impacts CH-425 represents a significant, large, agriculturally diversified, late nineteenth century through twentieth century Charles County farm containing elements that reflect individual and overall agricultural landscape architectural traditions.

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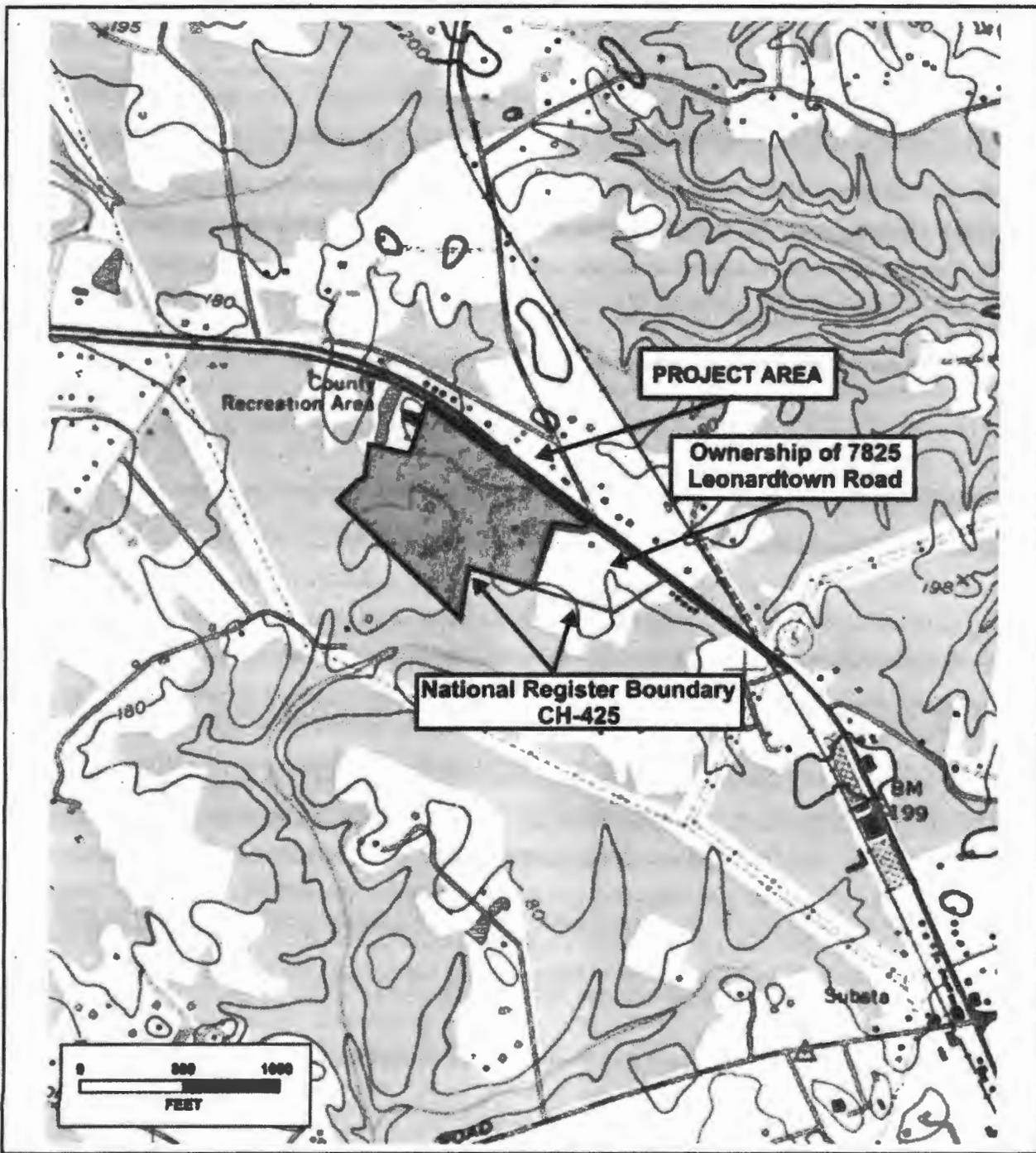
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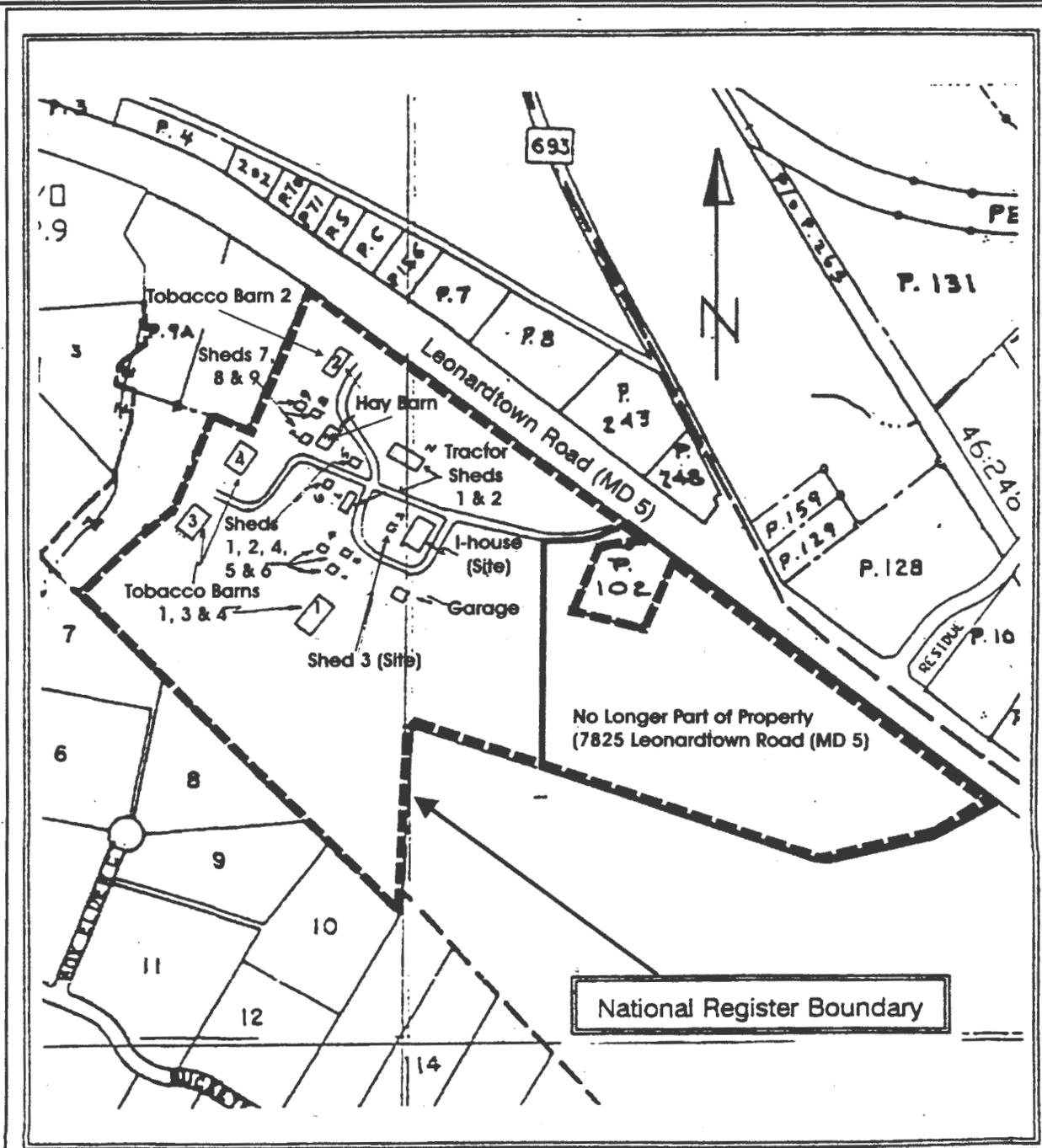
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Figure 1:  
Location of the Project Area on the 1956 USGS  
Hughesville, MD Quadrangle (photorevised 1985)





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**Figure 6:**  
Locations of National Register Boundary, I-house,  
Barns, Sheds, Garage and Surrounding Parcels  
(Adapted from P.A.C. Spero 1998 Resource Sketch Map)



**Photo Log**

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CH-426, The Caroline Christ Farm, aka The Herbert Farm-  
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CH-425 Herbert Farm

I-House Site

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Hay Barn

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Hay barn

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Hay Barn Interior

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Tobacco Barn 1 and Stripping Shed  
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Tobacco Barn 1

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Tobacco Barn | Stripping Shed Interior  
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Tobacco Barn 2 and 5 + Ripping Shed

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Tobacco Barn 2 Interior

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Herby's Farm



CH-425 Herbert Farm

Tobacco Barn 2 Stripping. Shed Interior  
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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Tobacco Barn 3 + Stripping Shed  
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CH-425 Herbert Farm  
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CH-425 Herbert Farm  
Tobacco Barn 3 Interior  
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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Tobacco Barn 3 Strapping Sheds detail

View Southeast

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Tobacco Barn 4

View North

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Tabacco Base 4

View South

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CH-425 Herbert Farm  
Tobacco Barn 4 Interior  
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CH-425 Herbers Farm

Tractor Shed 1

View North

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CH-425 Harbert Farm  
Tractor Shed 2; Chemical Shed and  
Corn Crib  
View Southwest  
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Farm. Levin Map



CW-423 Herbert Farms

Shed 1

View west

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CH-425 Herbert Farm  
Shed 2

View South West  
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CH-425 Herbert Forum

Shed 2 Interior

View Northwest

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Shed 4  
view North

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CH-425 Harbort Farm  
Shed 5

View Northwest  
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CH 425 Herbart Farm

Shed 6

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Herbert Farm

Shed 7

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Sheep 8

View Northeast

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Shed 9

View Northwest

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Garage

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Soybean Fields + Tobacco Barn 2

View Southeast

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Soybean Fields + Tobacco Barn 2

View Northwest

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CH-425 Herbert Farm

Soybean Field and Tobacco Beds 3+4

View west

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Soybean Field from mid-property  
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CH-425 Harburt Farm  
Farm road, Tractor Shed 1 and Tobacco  
Barn 2  
View west, Charles County, MD  
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CH-4125 Herbent Farm

Soybean Field

View Southeast

Charles County, MD

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Herbird Farm

I-House S. and Soybean fields

View West

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Avon. Herbird Farm



CH-425 Herbert Farmer  
Soybean Fields + Leonardtown Rd. (MD5)  
View North, Charles County, MD

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## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-425 (PACS A39) Construction Date: circa 1880

Name: Caroline Christ Farm

Location: 7761 Leonardtown Road (MD 5), Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agricultural/Occupied/Deteriorated/Restricted

**Description:** The Caroline Christ Farm is a circa 1880 tobacco farm, which includes the main house and garage, five barns, nine sheds, and two tractor sheds. The property is located on the west side of Leonardtown Road (MD 5) in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The main house is a 2½-story, 3-bay, I-house with a side-gable, asphalt shingle roof. A center gable is located on the front (south) elevation and a 2-story, side addition projects to the west. The rear (north) elevation has two additions; a 1-story, shed-roof structure which projects north from the 2-story, side addition, and a 2-story, shed-roof addition which is centered on the main block. The Christ Farm retains 24.4 hectares (60.4 acres) of the original 44.5 hectares (110 acres) and the land is still cultivated for tobacco. Although the residence has been vacant since circa 1993, most of the agricultural buildings remain in use.

**Significance:** Constructed circa 1880, the Caroline Christ Farm is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The farm is a representative example of a late nineteenth/early twentieth century agricultural property with good integrity. The main house, despite some alterations, retains the center-hall plan characteristic of I-houses, and many original features and materials. The sheds and barns all retain a high degree of architectural integrity and are excellent representative examples of late nineteenth and early twentieth century agricultural building traditions. In addition, the setting of the property is significant, as it retains considerable acreage and the retention of a large number of the farm buildings illustrates the physical environment and interaction of the components of an historic farm.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**MD 5 - Hughesville Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Caroline Christ Farm

and/or common Herbert Farm

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 7761 Leonardtown Road (MD 5) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hughesville \_\_\_x\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_ congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

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

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

name Charles W. and Bessie M. Herbert Sr.

street &amp; number 7761 Leonardtown Road (MD 5) telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637-3011

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 218

street &amp; number Charles Street folio 408

city, town La Plata 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. CH-425 (PACS A39)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 18

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

The Caroline Christ Farm is a circa 1880 tobacco farm, which includes the main house and garage, five barns, nine sheds, and two tractor sheds. The property is located on the west side of Leonardtown Road (MD 5) in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The main house is a 2½-story, 3-bay, I-house with a side-gable, asphalt shingle roof. A center gable is located on the front (south) elevation and a 2-story, side addition projects to the west. The rear (north) elevation has two additions; a 1-story, shed-roof structure which projects north from the 2-story side addition, and a 2-story, shed-roof addition which is centered on the main block.

The structure has one, exterior, end wall brick chimney on the east elevation and one, interior brick chimney, which was an end wall chimney on the west elevation prior to the construction of the side addition. A full-width, 1-story, hipped-roof, screened porch covers the first story of the front (south) elevation of both the main block and the side addition. The house has a brick foundation and is clad in asbestos siding.

The south, or front elevation has a central entry in the main block with a 15-light door. There are two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on the first story, and three, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on the second story. One, 6/6 double-hung, wood window is located in the center gable. The south elevation of the side addition has a door with a single light and one, 6/6 double-hung, wood window on the first story. There are two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on the second story.

The west elevation of the main block is concealed by the side addition. The west elevation of the side addition has a door, covered by a front-gable hood and two, 3-light windows at the basement level. A 6/6 double-hung, wood window is located on both the first and second stories, and in the gable end. The west elevation of the 1-story, rear addition has two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows. The west elevation of the 2-story, rear addition has no fenestration on the first story and a paired, 1/1 double-hung, wood window on the second story.

The north elevation of the main block has two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on both the first and second stories. The north elevation of the side addition is covered by the 1-story, rear addition on the first story and has one, 6/6 double-hung, wood window on the second story. The 1-story, rear addition is supported by brick piers and is partially collapsed. The 2-story, rear addition to the main block has no fenestration on the first story and a paired, 1/1 double-hung, wood window on the second story.

The east elevation of the main block has two, 6/6 double-hung, wood windows on the first story and two, 4/4 double-hung, wood windows on the second story. There are two, 2-light, fixed windows in the gable end. The east elevation of the 2-story, rear addition has one, 6/6 double-hung, wood window on the first story and a paired window frame with the glass missing on the second story.

The house has been vacant for approximately three years and therefore, interior access was not possible.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## 7. Description (Continued)

Southwest of the house is a concrete block, front-gable garage. This 1-story structure has a metal roof and was constructed circa 1910.

The property has five barns, including four tobacco barns. The first barn is a 2½-story tobacco barn and is located west of the house. Constructed circa 1880, it has a front-gable, metal roof and vertical, wood siding. A 1-story, tobacco stripping room projects from the south elevation of the barn and has a brick chimney. A band of 3-light windows and a door are located on the east elevation of the stripping room.

The second barn is a 2½-story hay barn, constructed circa 1910. It has a raised basement level of rusticated concrete block with vertical, wood siding above. The barn has a hipped roof, covered with metal and is located northeast of the house and the first barn.

The third barn is a 2½-story tobacco barn, constructed circa 1880. The structure is clad in vertical, wood siding and it has a gable roof covered with metal. A 1-story, tobacco stripping room with a brick chimney, projects from the west elevation. The barn is located northeast of the house and the first two barns.

The fourth barn is a 2½-story, front-gable tobacco barn with vertical, wood siding and a metal roof. Constructed circa 1880, the structure has a 1-story, tobacco stripping room with a concrete chimney which projects from the south elevation. The barn is located approximately .4 kilometer (.25 mile) north of the house.

The fifth barn is located east of the fourth barn and approximately .4 kilometer (.25 mile) north of the house. This 2½-story, side-gable, tobacco barn has vertical, wood siding and a metal roof.

There are also nine sheds located on the property, all constructed circa 1880. The first shed is a 1-story, wood-frame structure. It has a shed roof with asphalt shingles and is located northwest of the house and northwest of the first barn.

The second shed is a 1-story, front-gable, wood-frame structure. It has wood clapboard siding and a brick chimney, and is located east of the first shed and northwest of the house.

The third shed is located just north of the house. The 1-story structure has a front-gable, metal roof and vertical, wood siding.

The fourth shed is overgrown with vegetation and is collapsing. The 1-story structure has a shed roof and vertical, wood siding, and is located northwest of the house and north of the first and second sheds.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

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The fifth shed is a 1-story structure with a front-gable, metal roof and a shed roof extension which projects to the west. The structure has vertical, wood siding and is located northeast of the house and south of the second barn.

The sixth shed is located north of the house and west of the second barn. It is a 1½-story, front-gable structure with a 1-story, shed roof extension to the east. It has a metal roof and vertical, wood siding.

The seventh, eighth and ninth sheds are 1-story, shed roof structures with vertical, wood siding. They are located northeast of the house and north of the second barn.

The property also includes two tractor sheds, constructed circa 1910. The first tractor shed is located north of the house and southwest of the second barn. The structure is 1-story, has a shed roof and three open bays. It is clad in vertical, wood siding and a 1-story, front-gable shed is attached to the structure on the north elevation.

The second tractor shed has a shed roof and three open bays. The 1-story structure has vertical, wood siding and is located northeast of the house, east of the first tractor shed, and southeast of the second barn.

The Christ Farm retains 24.4 hectares (60.4 acres) of the original 44.5 hectares (110 acres) and the land is still cultivated for tobacco. Although the residence has been vacant for approximately three years, most of the agricultural buildings remain in use.



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## 8. Significance (Continued)

Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The residence on the Christ Farm is an example of an I-house. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are most often located on the interior of the gable ends, however, some I-houses can have central, interior end, or exterior end chimneys. Usually, an I-house has a 1-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains the two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a 2-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The Christ Farm is a tobacco farm, which includes five barns. The barn was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the nineteenth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

The Christ Farm includes four tobacco barns. The production of tobacco created the need for a barn designed for the special storage and "curing" of the crop. The structures were long, wooden buildings with a gable roof. The interior had a central aisle and was divided into compartments by a network of wooden beams and "tie-poles." From these beams the tobacco was hung and allowed to naturally air-dry. To facilitate the curing process, the barns were designed with several methods of ventilation. Many barns had windows or ventilators near the roof ridge, while others had vertical board siding which were hinged for vent openings or loosely spaced. Another common feature was the elevation of the barn on "legs" which provided air circulation from below the

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1880, the Caroline Christ Farm is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The farm is a representative example of a late nineteenth/early twentieth century agricultural property with good integrity. The main house, despite some alterations, retains the center-hall plan characteristic of I-houses, and many original features and materials. The sheds and barns all retain a high degree of architectural integrity and are excellent representative examples of late nineteenth and early twentieth century agricultural building traditions. In addition, the setting of the property is significant, as it retains considerable acreage and the retention of a large number of the farm buildings illustrates the physical environment and interaction of the components of an historic farm. The period of significance for the farm extends from circa 1880 to 1947, as the Christ Farm has been in continuous operation as an agricultural property.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility recommended <u>  XX  </u>	Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Comments: _____	
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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-425 (PACS A39)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of nominated property 24.4 hectares (60.4 acres)

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

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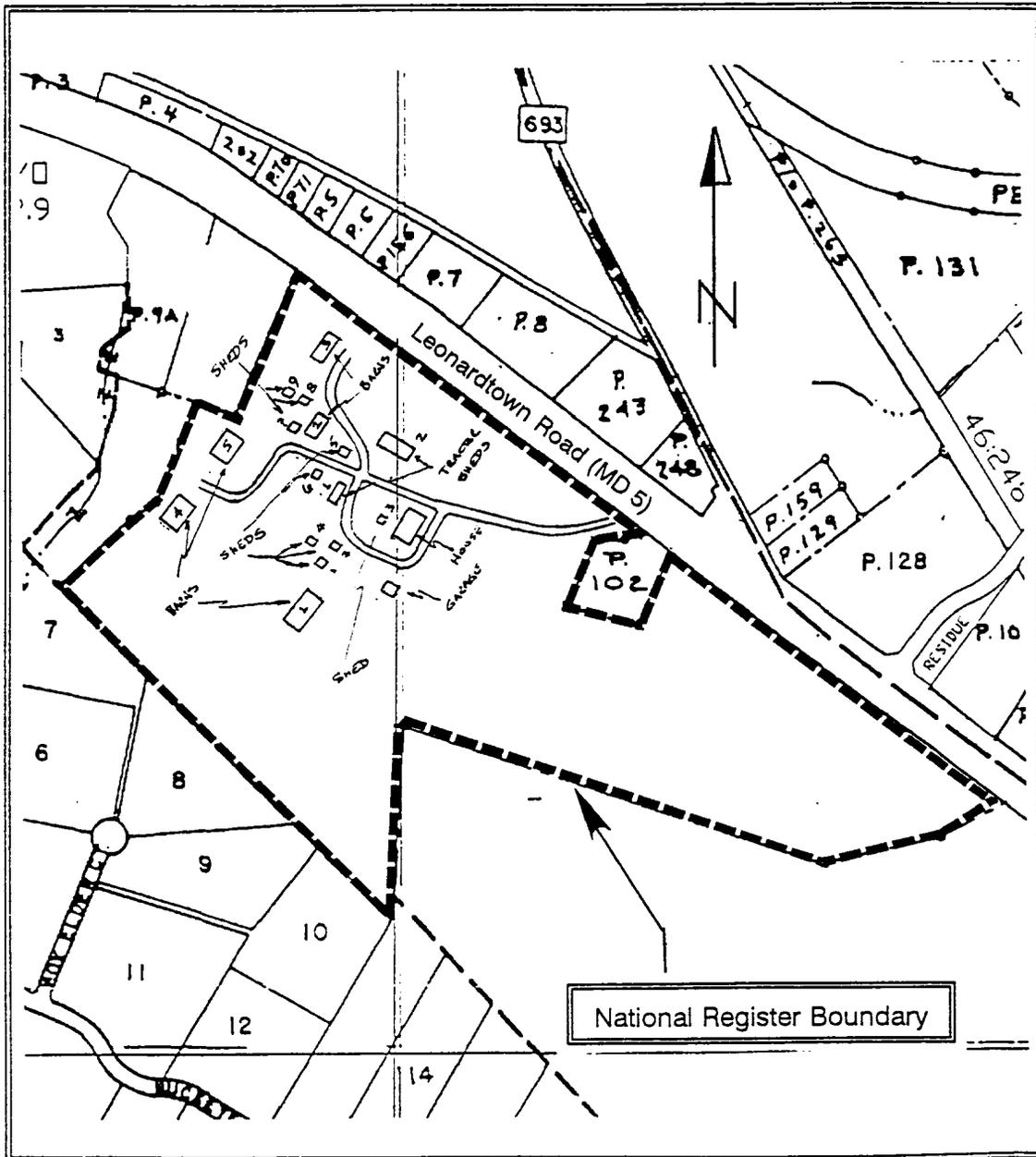
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# 10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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## 10. Geographical Data (Continued)

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### Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundary of the Caroline Christ Farm comprises Tax Parcel 9 on Tax Map 36. This 24.4 hectare (60.4 acre) parcel is bounded on the east by Leonardtown Road (MD 5), and the north, south and west by adjacent tax parcels. The boundary includes the main house and garage, five barns, nine sheds, and two tractor sheds, which all contribute to the significance of the property. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 44.5 hectare (110 acre) parcel which was acquired by Caroline Christ between 1878 and 1899.

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture/Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Agricultural/Residential

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

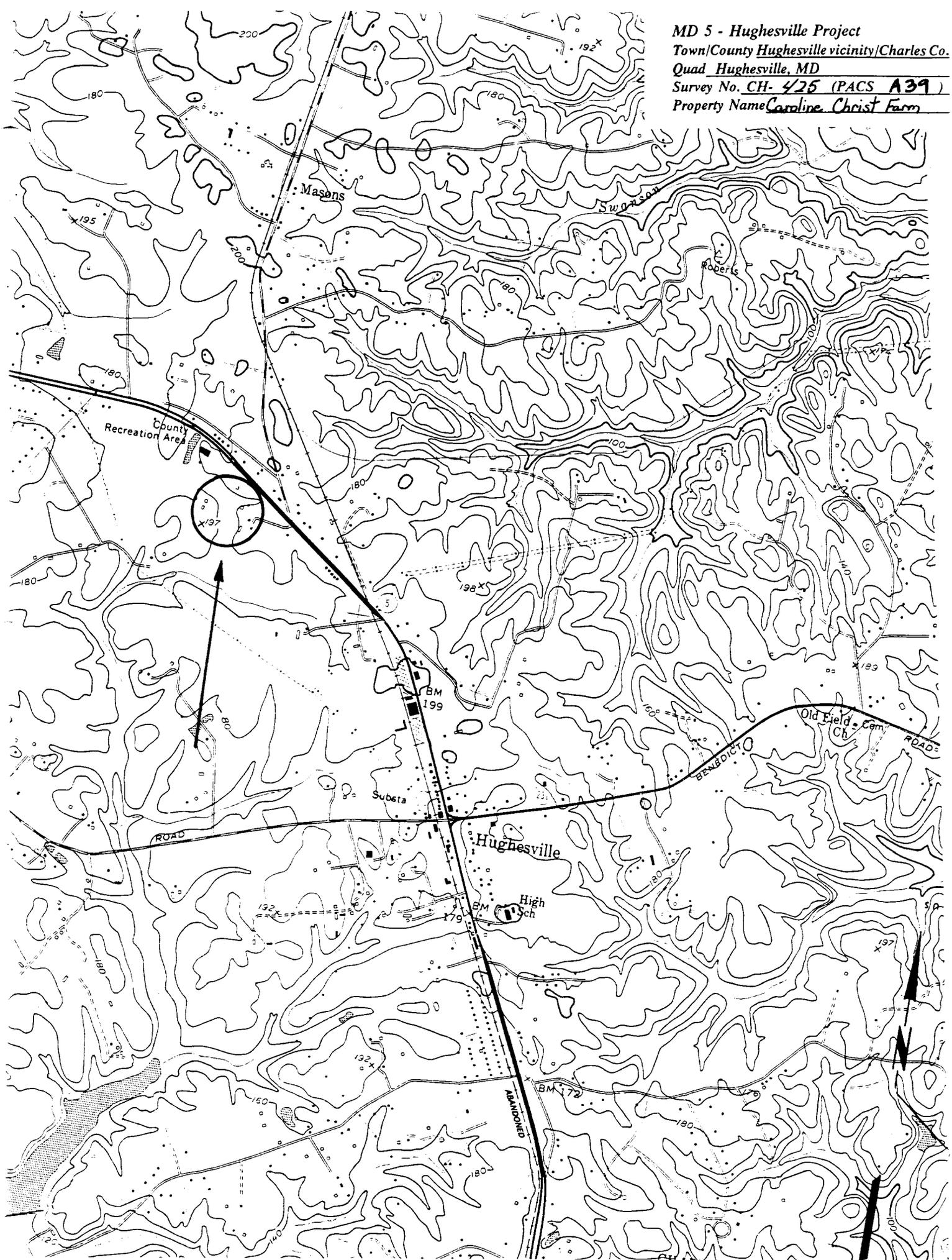
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Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company

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MD 5 - Hughesville Project  
Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.  
Quad Hughesville, MD  
Survey No. CH- 425 (PACS A39)  
Property Name Caroline Christ Farm





- 1 CH-425
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County MD
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 January 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 South elevation, view N
- 8 1 of 16



- 1 CH-425
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 January 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 West elevation, view E
- 8 2 of 16



- 1 CH-425
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 January 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 north elevation and shed 3, view SE
- 8 3 of 16



- 1 CH-425
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 January 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 North elevation of shed 3, view SW
- 8 4 of 14



- 1 CH-425
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- 4 Caroline Hall
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- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 East elevation, view W
- 8 5 of 16



- 1 CH-425
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County, MD
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- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 Tobacco barn 1, view W
- 8 6 of 16



1 CH-425

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5 January 1997

6 MD SHPO

7 Barn 2, view N

8 7 of 16



- 1 CH-4/25
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 January 1997
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- 7 Barn 3, view NE
- 8 8 of 16



- 1 CH-425
- 2 Caroline Christ Farm
- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 January 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 Barn 4+5, view NW
- 8 9 of 16



- 1- CH-425
- 2- Caroline Christ Farm
- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Caroline Hall
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- front gable garage, view W
- 8- 10 of 16



- 1- CH-425
- 2- Caroline Christ Farm
- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Caroline Hall
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Sheds 1+2, view NW
- 8- 11 of 16



- 1- CH-425
- 2- Caroline Christ Farm
- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Caroline Hall
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Shed 4, view N
- 8- 12 of 16



1- CH-425

2- Caroline Christ Farm

3- Charles County, MD

4- Caroline Hall

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- tractor shed 1, view NW

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- 1- CH-425
- 2- Caroline Chest Farm
- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Caroline Hall
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Shed 5 + tractor shed 2, view NE
- 8- 14 of 16



- 1- CH-425
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- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Caroline Hall
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Shed 6, view NW
- 8- 15 of 16



- 1- CH-425
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- 4- Caroline Hall
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Shed 7, 8, 9, view E
- 8- 16 of 16