

Addendum  
SM-194  
Hanover Barn  
Leonardtown vicinity  
Private

c. late-1860s

In May of 1998, the historic sites surveyor was notified that the Hanover Farm Tobacco Barn and several surrounding agricultural outbuildings were going to be demolished to make way for a residential subdivision. In cooperation with the property owners, the barn was more intensively documented. This recordation included an annotated measured drawing of the barn's floor plan and further black-and-white and slide photographic coverage. In July 1998 Julia King was notified by interested parties who were interested in dismantling and reconstructing the barn on a different property. Unfortunately, their interest came too late as the building had already been demolished. They are currently seeking to obtain pieces of the barn.

— Capsule Summary  
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The Hanover Tobacco Barn, located near Leonardtown, Maryland, is a significant axial plan agricultural building with shed additions on three sides. The building retains rare architectural features as well as important associations with the dismantling of the Union facilities located at Point Lookout. The 20' by 56' tobacco barn exhibits part of its original horizontal clapboard on its north or primary elevation. Some of the clapboard appears to have been riven while others were circular sawn. The clapboard were originally fastened with cut nails and later boards were attached with wire nails.

— According to local historian Charles Fenwick, Jr., the barn was constructed of timbers from the Union hospital, barracks, and/or prison located at Point Lookout by his great grandfather Aloysius F. Fenwick. Advertisements in the St. Mary's Beacon documented the dismantling of the Point Lookout buildings and asked interested parties to take any of the lumber away for their use. This oral tradition could not be substantiated nor dismissed by the architectural evidence. Some of the framing members, however, feature robbed mortises while others exhibit circular saw marks--typical tooling marks for the 1860s.

— In the 1830s Hanover was owned by Stephen Gough. Gough died in the mid-1830s leaving his estate to his children Stephen, Jr., Sophia, Mary, Georgeanna, and John. In 1837 their guardian Elizabeth Gough authorized the sale of Hanover by the circuit court of equity. It was not until 1866, however, that Hanover was sold to John A. Clarke. Clarke then immediately sold the property to Aloysius F. Fenwick in 1868. When Fenwick died in March of 1888, he left significant debts for his heirs to pay off. His debtors, William A. Fenwick, William F. Greenwell, William A. Loker, E. Rebecca Fenwick, A Jack Spalding, and George Combs, received compensation when the property was sold in December of 1888 to William F. Greenwell. The farm is currently owned by descendants of the Fenwick and Greenwell families.

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1820-1870
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Agriculture

Resource Type

Category:	Structure
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Tobacco Barn
Known Design Source:	None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hanover (pref.)

and/or common Hanover Farm Tobacco Barn

## 2. Location

0.2 miles NE of the intersection of Fairgrounds Road and Route 5, on SW side of dirt road  
street & number not for publication

city, town Leonardtown -x- vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM 41, P 8

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Hanover Farms, c/o Norbert Fenwick

street & number 212 Church Road telephone no.:

city, town Reistertown state and zip code Md 21136

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 287

street & number folio 55

city, town Leonardtown state Md

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Hanover

date 1970  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Md

# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-194

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Hanover Tobacco Barn is located approximately 0.05 miles north of the intersection of Fairgrounds Road, Beauvue Road, and Route 5. It is situated about 0.2 miles down a dirt drive that intersects with Route 5. The barn is oriented on a north/south axis and is situated on flat topography. It is bounded to the north by the farm road, to the east by another tobacco barn, and to the west and south by cultivated fields.

Constructed c. 1860s, the Hanover Tobacco Barn is a braced frame agricultural building that was constructed during two periods. The center section, constructed first, is situated on a foundation composed of cedar posts. It measures 20' x 56' and is sheathed on the exterior with reused horizontal clapboard fastened to the hewn and pit sawn frame with machine cut nails. The east, west, and south side sheds were added later. The sheds are supported by a series of earthfast cedar posts and are sheathed with vertical siding fastened with wire nails. The roof over the original section and later sheds is sheathed with raised-seam metal.

The north or primary elevation features a single set of double doors with modern metal hinges. The center section is distinguished by the use of horizontal clapboard--a rarely surviving detail. To the east and west of the center section are two sheds that feature vertical siding.

The east elevation is pierced by a door with modern metal hinges. It is entirely sheathed with vertical circular sawn siding.

The south elevation features a low, open shed over two-thirds of the building. This low shed is supported by hole-set vertical posts and features a roof of corrugated metal. The main section of the building features a combination of original clapboard, modern horizontal boards, and metal siding while the sheds are sheathed with vertical boards.

The west elevation is pierced by pair of doors hung on modern metal hinges. It is sheathed with vertical boards.

The interior is divided into five structural bays that vary in length. The reused hewn posts rest on reused hewn sills. Pit sawn down braces, located at all four corner posts, stabilize the entire structure. The 56' long wall plate is composed of two hewn timbers joined by a scarf joint with two pegs. Hewn structural ties connect and stabilize the two wall plates. These ties are lapped over the plates. These ties support a flat false plate. This false plate, in turn, supports the rafters. The rafter pairs are connected by ties that are half-lapped and nailed into the individual rafters. At the roof peak the rafters are joined with butt joints. The interior of the original section is further subdivided into fourteen, four foot rooms and features five sets of tobacco ties. While many of the tobacco ties have been removed from the barn to facilitate the storage of hay, several skinned ties remain. In the sheds a combination of circular sawn members and skinned ties survive.

# 8. Significance

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hanover Tobacco Barn is a significant axial plan agricultural building with shed additions on three sides. The building retains rare architectural features as well as important associations with the dismantling of the Union facilities located at Point Lookout. The 20' by 56' tobacco barn retains its original horizontal clapboard on its north or primary elevation. This represents a rare architectural feature and appears to be a particularly late use of clapboard. Some of the clapboard appears to have been riven while others were circular sawn. The clapboard were originally fastened with cut nails and later boards were attached with wire nails.

According to local historian Charles Fenwick, Jr., the barn was constructed of timbers from the Union hospital, barracks, and/or prison located at Point Lookout by his great grandfather Aloysius F. Fenwick. Advertisements in the St. Mary's Beacon documented the dismantling of the Point Lookout buildings and asked interested parties to take any of the lumber away for their use. This oral tradition could not be substantiated nor dismissed by the architectural evidence. Some of the framing members feature robbed mortises while others exhibit circular saw marks--typical tooling marks for the 1860s. Curiously, a description of the property in 1835 notes that "...on Hanover, the houses are in bad condition except one good barn..." This barn, however, is not the presently standing tobacco barn. The presence of circular sawn framing members on the presently standing barn suggests a later 1860s date.

In the 1830s Hanover was owned by Stephen Gough. Gough died in the mid-1830s leaving his estate to his children Stephen, Jr., Sophia, Mary, Georgeanna, and John. In 1837 their guardian Elizabeth Gough authorized the sale of Hanover by the circuit court of equity. It was not until 1866, however, that Hanover was sold to John A. Clarke. Clarke then sold the property to Aloysius F. Fenwick in 1868. When Fenwick died in March of 1888, he left significant debts for his heirs to pay off. His debtors, William A. Fenwick, William F. Greenwell, William A. Loker, E. Rebecca Fenwick, A Jack Spalding, and George Combs, received compensation when the property was sold in December of 1888 to William F. Greenwell. The farm is currently owned by descendants of the Fenwick and Greenwell families.

\*SEE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING DRAWER FOR DRAWING.



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St. Mary's County  
8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 287, Folio 55

Grantee: Hanover Farms, Inc.

Grantor: Cuthbert I. and Hilda M. Fenwick

Date: December 30, 1977

Notes: The property is called "Hanover."

Reference: Liber CBG 16, Folio 467

Grantee: Cuthbert I. and Hilda M. Fenwick

Grantor: Nannie G. Fenwick (AKA Nannie R. Greenwell)

Date: December 11, 1944

Notes: The property called "Hanover" features 219 acres.

Reference: Liber JJG 3, Folio 174

Grantee: Nannie R. Greenwell

Grantor: Sallie M. Greenwell

Date: September 14, 1895

Notes: This deed of partition divides the land of William F. Greenwell, Sr.'s property. His heirs include Sarah M. Greenwell and William F. Greenwell, Francis F. Greenwell, Margaret E. Greenwell, and Nannie R. Greenwell. The property "Hanover" is given to Nannie R. Greenwell.

Reference: Liber JFF 11, Folio 91

Grantee: William F. Greenwell

Grantor: Robert C. Combs, trustee and Charlotte Fenwick

Date: December 13, 1888

Notes: As a result of an Equity Court decision issued on October 9, 1888, the land called "Hanover" is sold at auction to William F. Greenwell of Greenbriar (SM-219). The court case (#679 New Equity) was between William F. Greenwell vs. Charlotte Fenwick.

Reference: Decree Record, Liber JFF 6, Folio 182

Grantee:

Grantor:

Date: Filed November 13, 1888

Notes: Aloysius F. Fenwick had obtained a mortgage from William A. Fenwick, William F. Greenwell, William A. Loker, and E. Rebecca Fenwick, A. Jack Splading, and George Combs for a total of \$ 3033.76. A. F. Fenwick died, however, in March of 1888 leaving a significant amount of the mortgage unpaid. As a result of this court case the property is sold to William F. Greenwell for \$ 1825.

Reference: Liber JAC 3, Folio 322

Grantee: A. F. Fenwick

Grantor: John A. Clarke

Date: March 16, 1868

Notes: Fenwick purchases the tract called "Hanover."

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8.2 Significance

(cont.)

Reference: Liber JAC 3, Folio 321

Grantee: John A. Clarke

Grantor: Edward Plater, trustee

Date: September 14, 1866

Notes: As a result a Circuit Court of Equity decision issued on August 12, 1837, Elizabeth Gough, guardian for the heirs of Stephen Gough (Stephen, Sophia, Mary, Georgeanna, and John Gough) authorizes the sale of Hanover for the benefit of Stephen Gough's heirs. This is not completed, however, until 1866. See also Decree Record Liber JH 3, Folio 554.

Reference: Valuations and Assessments, Liber EJM 1, Folio 229-230

Grantee:

Grantor:

Date: filed December 16, 1835

Notes: In the description of the property Hanover is listed as a plantation but not the dwelling plantation of Stephen Gough. It also notes that "...on Hanover the houses are in bad condition except one good barn..." This reference to a barn, however, is not likely the barn that is presently situated on the farm.

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HANOVER  
Medley's Neck  
Private

early 19th century

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Requires further study.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Hanover AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Hanover Lane CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY (Check One), OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes checkboxes for District, Building, Site, Structure, Object, Public, Private, Both, etc.

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

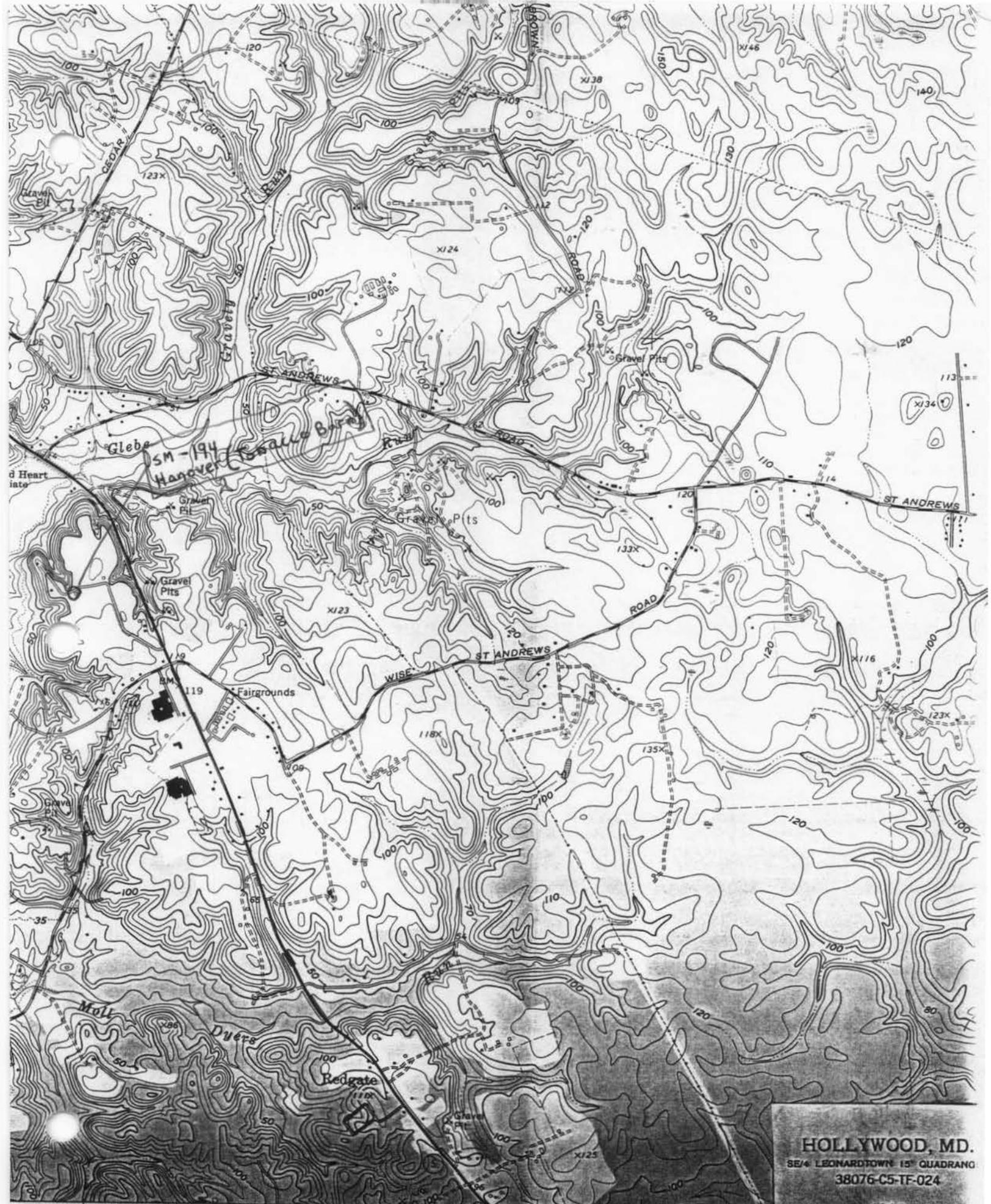
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS









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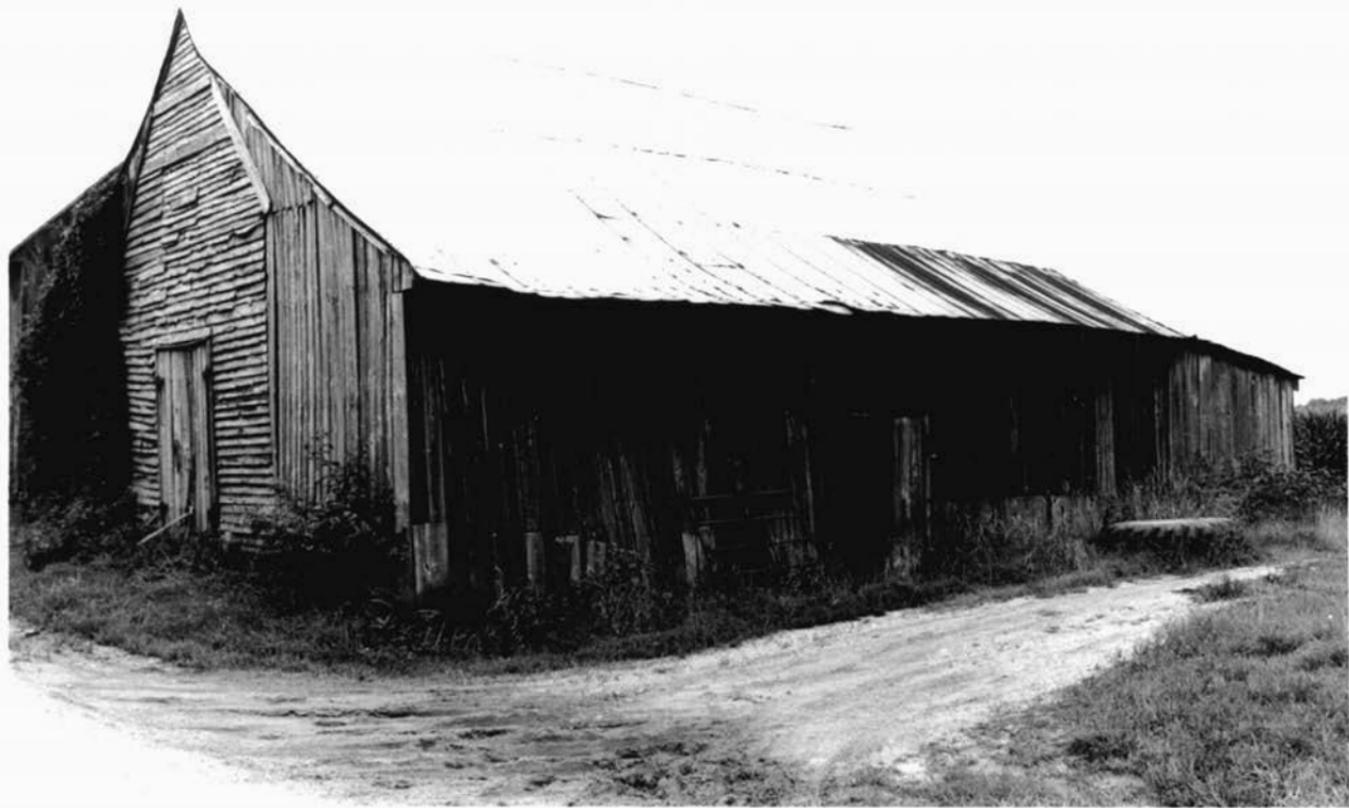
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N + E elevations

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Hanover (Tobacco Farm)

St. Mary's County, Md

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July, 1996

Md STPO

N + W excavations

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St. Mary's County, Md

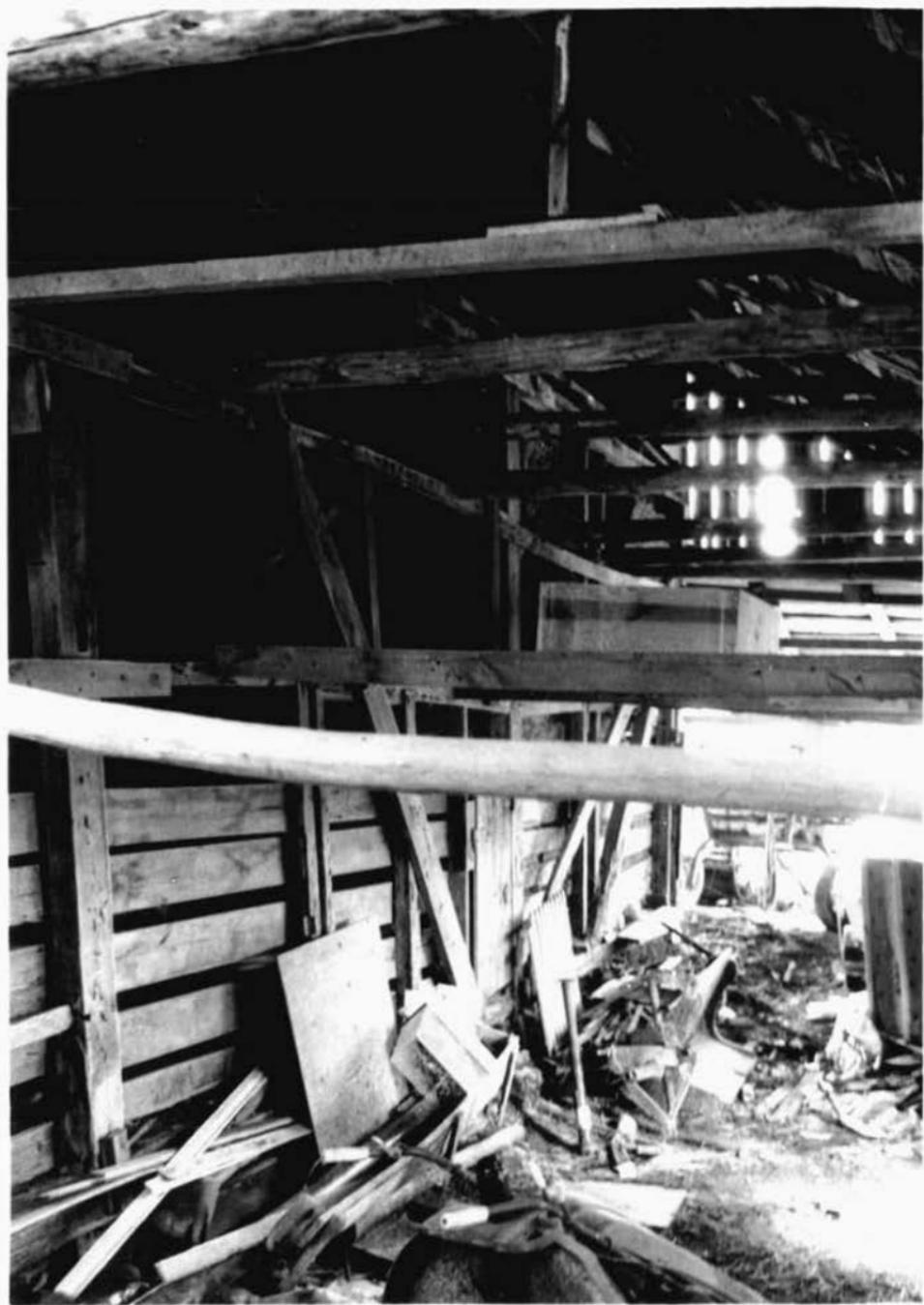
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E + S elevations

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Narver (Tobacco Farm)

St. Mary's County, Md

Kirk Parzetta

July 1996

MD CRPD

Interior, W. shed - looking S

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Hanover

St. Mary's County, Md

Kirk Ranzetta

Md SHPO

Nov/99

E + S elevations

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