

Capsule Summary
SM-601
Pole Barn at Coxe's Endeavor
Chingville Vicinity
Private

c. 1900s

Situated near the corner of Maryland Route 5 and Chingville Road, the Pole Barn at Coxe's Endeavor symbolizes the constancy and change in St. Mary's County's agricultural and cultural landscape. Erected in the 1900s by members of the Price family, the barn reveals the retention of colonial building practices into the twentieth century. While the exterior appears conventional in terms of form and appearance, the interior structure reveals that the barn was erected using cedar poles set directly into the ground instead of braced-frame construction. This inexpensive and easy method of framing had its origins in the early seventeenth century during the initial settlement of the county. While post-in-ground construction was used for dwellings up until the mid-eighteenth century, barns and other outbuildings still exhibit this method of construction up to the present day. Some other examples of post-in-ground construction in barns and outbuildings can be found at the Johnson Farmhouse (SM-168), Ewings (SM-574), Bond Tobacco Barns (SM-246), Albert Guy Tobacco Barn (SM-157), and Samuel Spalding Barn (SM-170).

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

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme: Architecture
Agriculture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Tobacco Barn

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-601

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DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pole Barn at Coxe's Endeavor

and/or common

2. Location

Just SE of the intersection of Chingville Road and Maryland Route 5
street & number ___ not for publication

city, town Chingville ___x vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM-50, G-14, P-88

3. Classification

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

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

name Mary R. Price

street & number Box 44 telephone no.:

city, town Callaway state and zip code Maryland 20620-0044

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 81

street & number folio 88

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Barn at Coxe's Endeavor is located just southeast of the intersection of Maryland Route 5 and Chingville Road near Callaway, Maryland. Situated on a 26 acre tract, the barn is oriented on an east/west axis on a small ridge surrounded by cultivated fields of soybean. The building is approached via a farm road that runs south from Maryland Route 5.

The Barn at Coxe's Endeavor is a large rectangular structure that measures approximately 50 feet by 20 feet with a later enclosed lean-to shed added to the south elevation that extends the entire length. Constructed c. 1900, the barn features an axial plan with large double doors located in the center of the north elevation and an open tractorway on the south elevation.

The exterior of the barn is covered with vertical, circular sawn board siding attached to the hole-set frame with a combination of wire and fully formed cut nails. An open cornice extends from the exterior wall surface and reveals the ends of the framing ties. The barn's gable roof was originally covered with cedar shakes but has since been covered with raised-seam metal.

The framing of the barn is divided into six structural bays of hole set, cedar posts connected to one another with horizontal rails and later circular sawn braces that are merely lapped onto the poles. The building features a dirt floor as the barn does not contain any sills for flooring. The poles are mortise-and-tenoned into hewn horizontal plates. In order to extend the full length of the barn, the plates feature scarf joints secured with three wood pegs. The plates are connected by hewn ties that are tenoned over the plates. These same ties support vertical braces that prop-up the individual tobacco tier poles. The tobacco tier poles run independently from the framing system for they form ten, five foot rooms and extend seven tiers high. A flat circular sawn false plate rests on top of the ties and support circular sawn common rafters that are butted at the peak.

The lean-to, located on the south side of the barn, is constructed of hole set posts that support a circular sawn plate. Circular sawn rafters, attached to the main section of the barn, extend down and rest on the plate. Architectural evidence, namely the lack of nails for shingle lath on the rafters suggests that the south side always featured a shed. The present shed, therefore, is most likely a replacement.

The barn is accompanied on the property by a non-contributing mid-twentieth century tobacco barn and a stripping shed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: 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 Pole Barn at Coxe's Endeavor symbolizes the constancy and change in St. Mary's County's agricultural and cultural landscape. Erected in the 1900s by members of the Price family, the barn reveals the retention of colonial building practices into the twentieth century. While the exterior appears conventional, the interior structure reveals that the barn was erected using cedar poles set directly into the ground. This inexpensive and easy method of framing had its origins in the early seventeenth century during the initial settlement of the county. While post-in-ground construction was used for dwellings up until the mid-eighteenth century, barns and other outbuildings still exhibit this method of construction up to the present day. Some other examples of post-in-ground construction in barns and outbuildings can be found at the Johnson Farmhouse (SM-168), Ewings (SM-574), the Bond Tobacco Barns (SM-246), Albert Guy Tobacco Barn (SM-157), and Samuel Spalding Barn (SM-170).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre around barn

Quadrangle name Piney Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Dept. of Planning & Zoning date January 8, 1998

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city or town Leonardtown state Maryland

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

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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 81, Folio 73

Grantee: James R. and Mary R. Price

Grantor: Charles R. and Martha M. Price

Date: May 5, 1959

Reference: This deed lists five parcels of land that were transferred. The barn resides on part of two parcels that were joined. One parcel contains 12 acres and the other 13 acres. Both are referred to as "Part of Coxe's Endeavor."

Parcel #1

Reference: Liber EBA 5, Folio 483

Grantee: M. Charles R. Price

Grantor: Joseph S. Combs

Date: April 16, 1906

Reference: This parcel is listed as containing 12 acres.

Reference: Liber JJG 4, Folio 502

Grantee: Joseph S. Combs

Grantor: Ann M. C. Johnson and Elizabeth Collins

Date: October 19, 1897

Reference: The deed notes that Ann and Elizabeth had received the property from their sister Henrietta Curtis via a will dated December 30, 1887 (Will Record Liber JBA 1, Folio 236).

Reference: Liber JFF 8, Folio 226

Grantee: Henrietta Curtis

Grantor: Merrill A. and Sarah A. Dement

Date: June 9, 1885

Reference: The deed notes that the property adjoins the land of John S. Bean.

Parcel #2

Reference: Liber EBA 7, Folio 496

Grantee: Charles R. Price

Grantor: Sarah A. and Merrill Dement

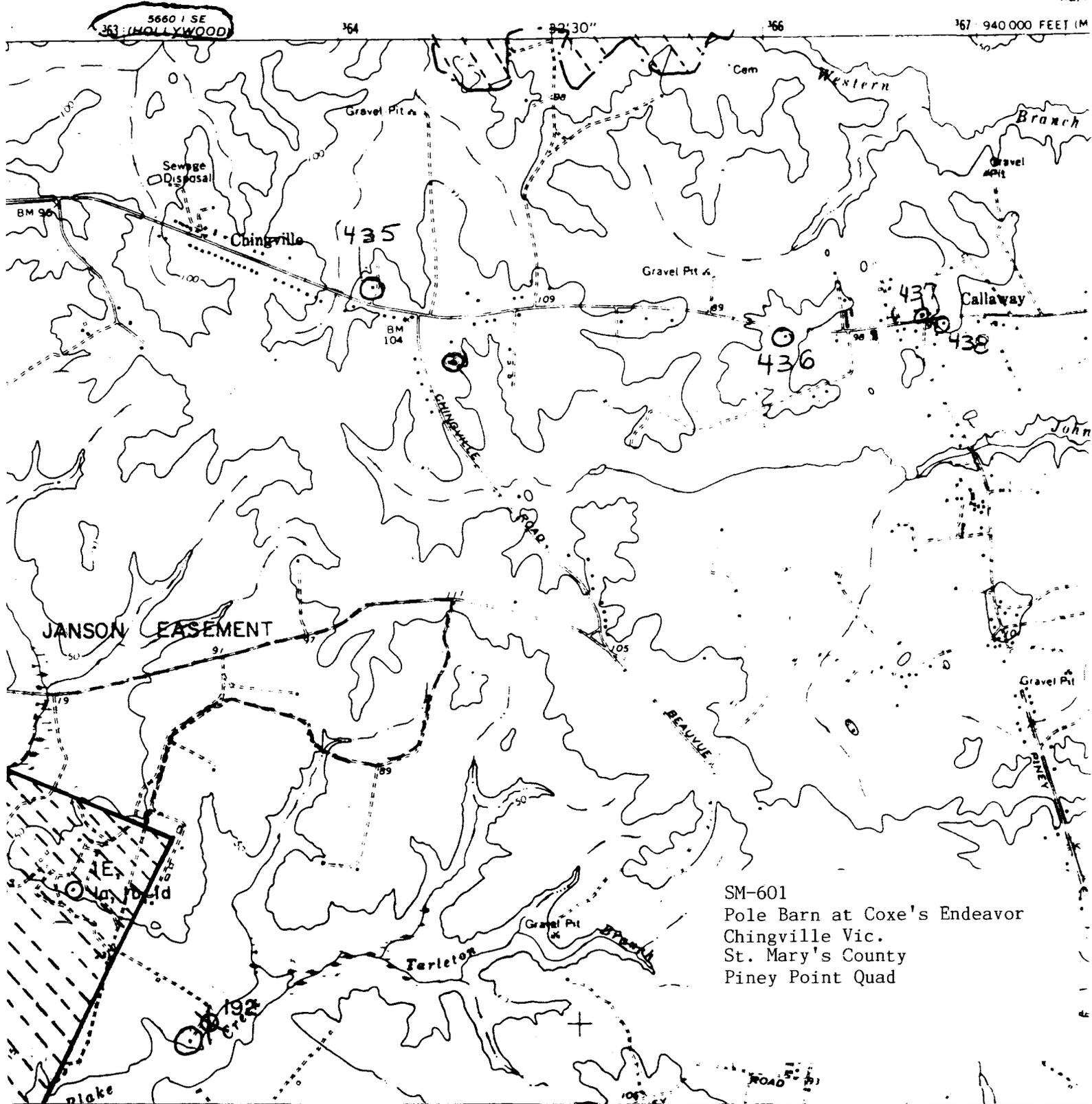
Date: December 14, 1908

Reference: The property contains 13 acres and is noted as bounding "Sarah Dement's land now owned by Price." A previous deed could not be located.

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Chingville Vic.
St. Mary's County
Piney Point Quad



SM-01

Barn at Cox's Endeavor

St. Mary's County

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Nov, 1997

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Interior detail, post-in-ground, looking N

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Barn at Cox's Endeavor

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N + W elevations:

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