

Capsule Summary

SM-794

Tobacco Barns at 42641 Fairgrounds Road

Leonardtown

Private

circa 1870-1950

While tobacco barns remain rather ubiquitous across the St. Mary's County agricultural landscape, linear relationships between barns remain comparably rare. The barns at 42641 Fairgrounds Road reveal how farmers varied the locations of their tobacco barns. While some preferred to erect these agricultural buildings in the middle of fields and away from dwellings and other buildings, these barns reveal how some planters arranged their barns in a linear manner to reduce labor and to take full advantage of the fertility of their fields. The barns appear to range in date from 1870 to the mid-twentieth century.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-794

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other The Barns at 42641 Fairgrounds Road

2. Location

street and number 42641 Fairgrounds Road __ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name Lloyd M. Suit

street and number 42641 Fairgrounds Road telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-41, P-24

city, town Leonardtown liber 143 folio 92

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>9+</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>9+</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The barns at 42641 Fairgrounds Road are situated down a dirt farm lane that extends to the south of the road. Lying in a linear arrangement that extends east to west, the barns are located in the midst of a 192 acre farm that exhibits rolling cultivated fields and pastures. Only about 50 of those acres were surveyed for this form. The property is bounded by Fairgrounds Road to the north, by wooded tracts to the south and east, and by a farm to the west.

The barns consist of at least five tobacco barns that appear to range in date from the 1870s to the early to mid-twentieth century, a stripping shed, and three other outbuildings of unknown function. All of the buildings have exterior walls clad with vertical boards and corrugated or raised-seam metal roofs. Plans of the barns appear to vary. Some exhibit cross-axial plans, while others feature more recent axial plans. At least one of the barns features a shed along one side giving the building an asymmetrical appearance.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 50 acres
Acreage of historical setting 192 acres
Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by Fairgrounds Road to the north, by wooded tracts to the south and east, and by a farm to the west. A more specific description of the property's boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 143, Folio 92.

11. Form Prepared by

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