

Capsule Summary
SM-805
Tobacco Barn near St. Johns Church
Hollywood
Private

circa 1920

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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 Tobacco Barn near St. John's Church is situated northwest of the intersection of Route 235 and St. John's Road in the rural community of Hollywood, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the barn is situated in the middle of a cultivated field – part of a larger 228 acre farm that contains other tobacco barns and modern dwellings that were not included in this form. The surveyed portion of the property only consists of about 20 acres around this particular building. The property is bounded to the east by Route 235, to the south by a residence and St. Johns Road, and to the west and north by residential and wooded tracts. The barn appears to be in disuse as several bushes, trees, and shrubs are currently growing around the building.

The tobacco barn itself, constructed circa 1920, is a frame, axial plan building with a gable roof and side shed. The exterior walls are clad with vertical boards and the roof is sheathed with raised-seam or corrugated metal. The most distinctive feature of this barn is the clerestory ventilator running the entire length of the roof's peak. Doors on the building's north and south sides relate the barn's axial plan – ideal for carriages to enter the barn and more easily stack the tobacco staves. A shed on the west side of the barn forces the roof to change to a lesser pitch.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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	<u>20 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>228 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Hollywood</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the east by Route 235, to the south by a residence and St. Johns Road, and to the west and north by residential and wooded tracts. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 100, Folio 305.

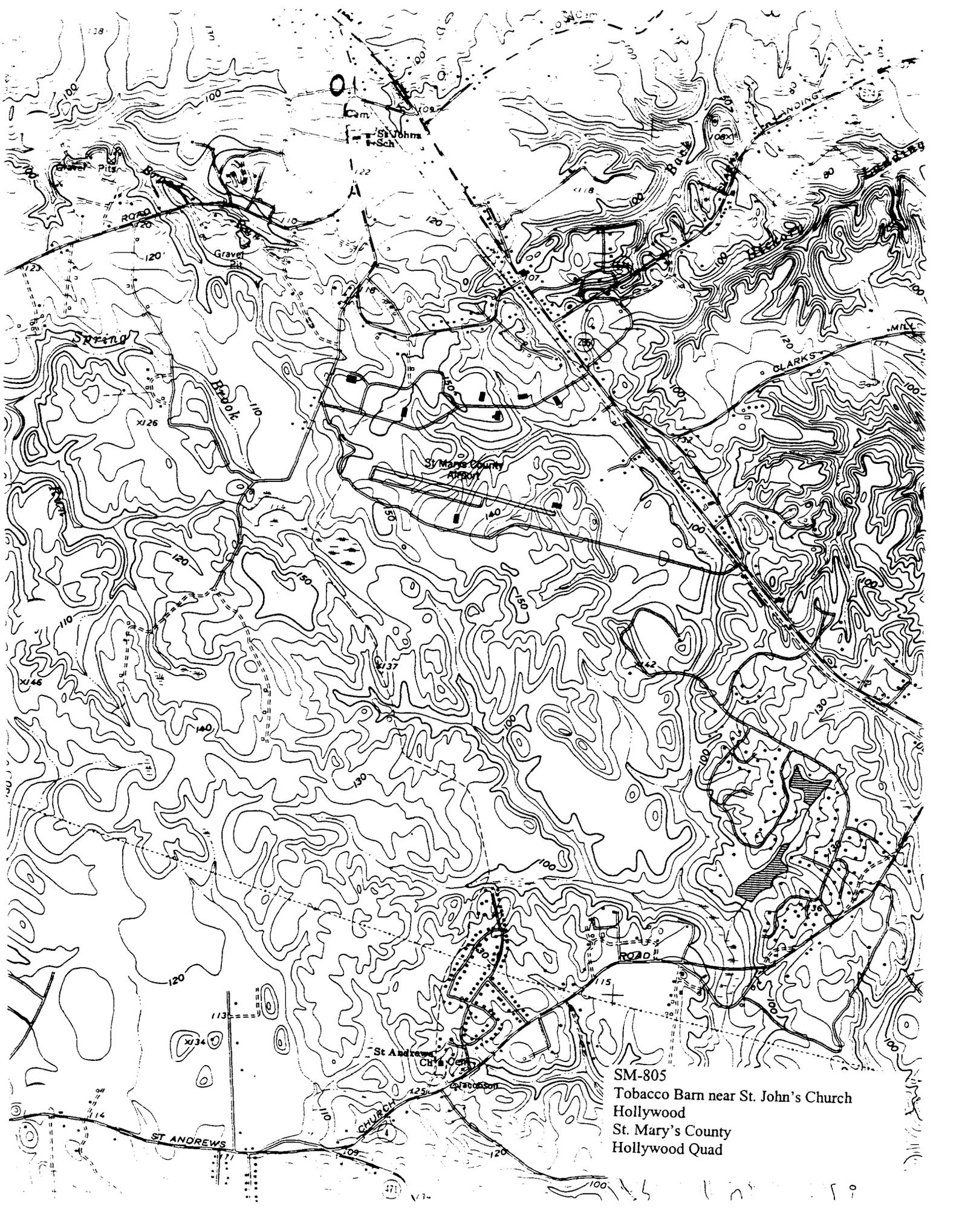
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Tobacco Barn near St. John's Church
Hollywood
St. Mary's County
Hollywood Quad



SM-205

Tobacco Barn near St. John's Church

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Nov/99

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Looking SW

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