

Capsule Summary
SM-836
Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road
Avenue
Private

circa 1920-1950

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-836

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road

2. Location

street and number W side of Montfort Road approx. 1/4 mile S of its int. w/Oscar Hayden Rd. not for publication

city, town Bushwood x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name James B. Montfort

street and number 1294 NW 5th Street telephone N/a

city, town Boca Raton state FL zip code 22486

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-38, P-40

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 608 folio 372

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	3
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

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 Barns on Montfort Road are situated on the west side of the roadway near the rural community of Bushwood, Maryland. The two buildings, as well as a contributing shed roof equipment shed and stripping shed are oriented on a north/south axis. The surrounding farm, although subdivided, is still cultivated with soybean and grain, as well as occasionally tobacco. The actual lot the barns are located on consists of 20 acres. The slightly rolling property is bounded to the north, south, and west by farmland and to the east by Montfort Road.

Constructed circa 1920-1950, the Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road are rectangular, double-aisle plan buildings with gambrel roofs. Both barns feature exterior walls that are sheathed with vertical, circular-sawn boards. Their gambrel roofs are sheathed with raised-seam metal. Both buildings feature hinged boards that are extended away from the walls to aid in the drying of tobacco.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 20 acres
Acreage of historical setting 20 acres
Quadrangle name Rock Point

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The slightly rolling property is bounded to the north, south, and west by farmland and to the east by Montfort Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 608, Folio 372.

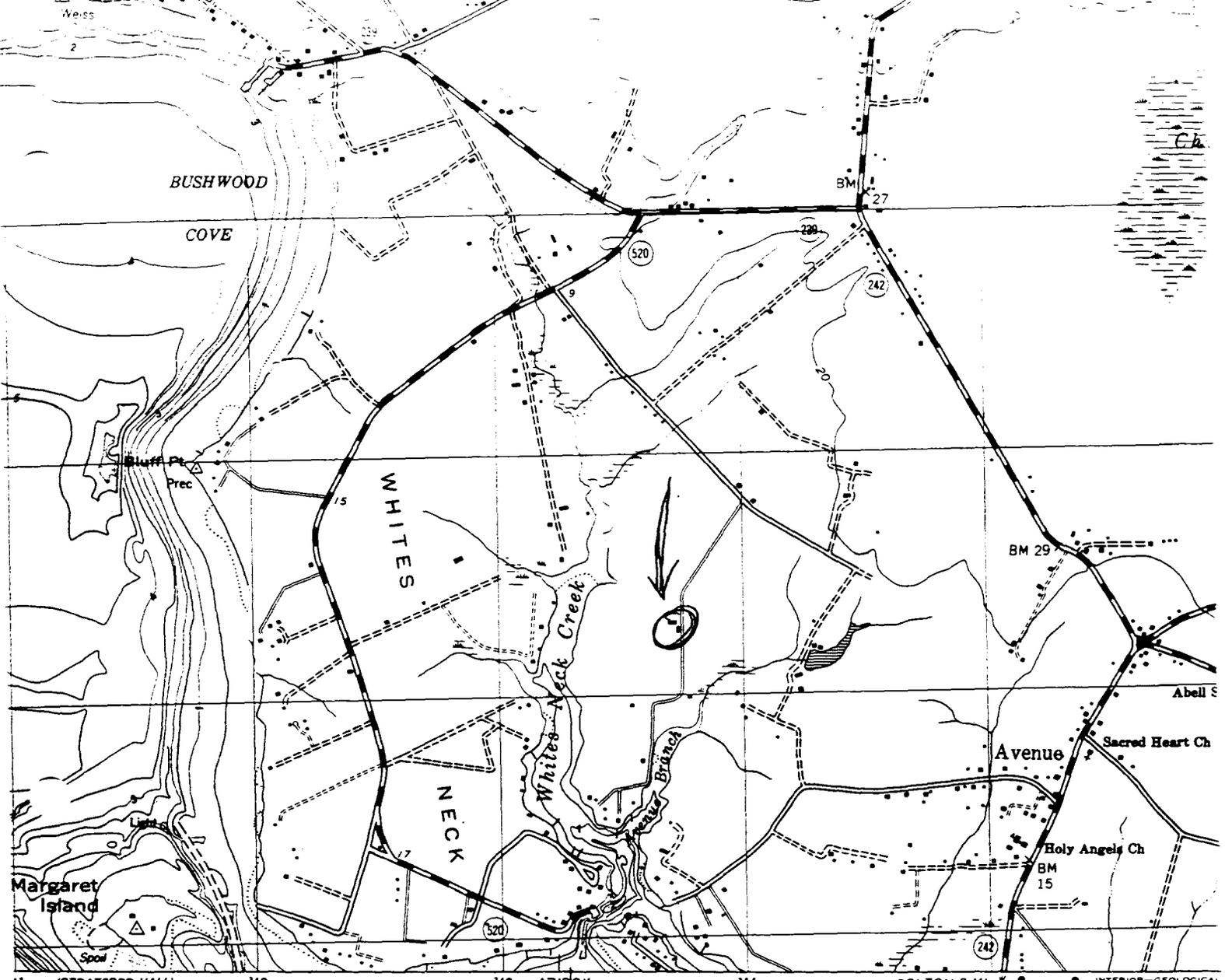
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

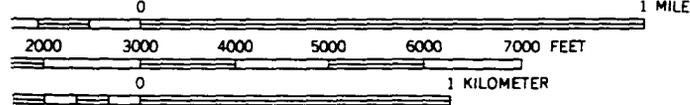
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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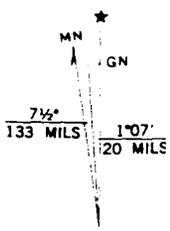
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HORIZONTAL INTERVAL 20 FEET
 GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 HORIZONTAL INTERVAL 1 METER WITH SUPPLEMENTARY
 VERTICAL INTERVALS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
 RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.6 METER



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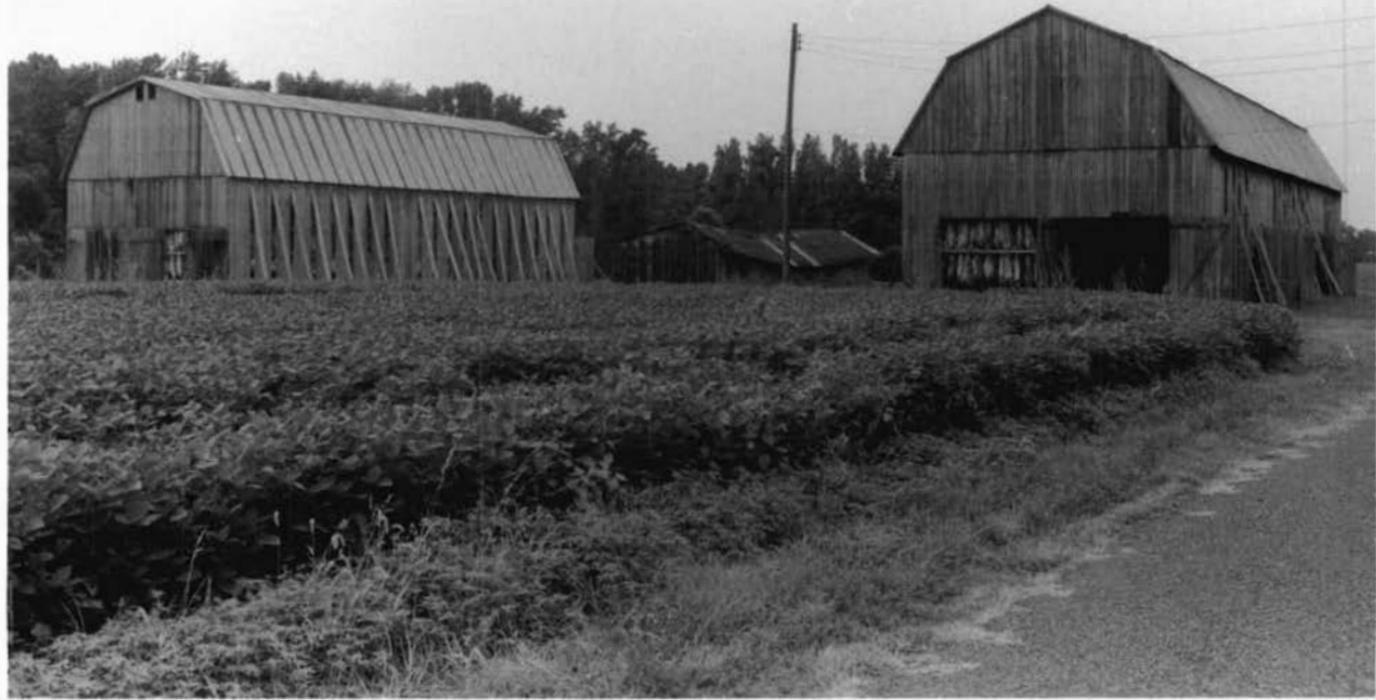


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ROAD CLASS
 Medium-duty
 Unimproved dirt
 Station Sta

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 Tobacco Barns on Montfort Road
 Avenue
 St. Mary's County
 Rock Point Quad

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