

Capsule Summary
SM-871
Tobacco Barn on Lockes Crossing Road
Mechanicsville
Private

circa 1890

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-871

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Tobacco Barn on Lockes Crossing Road

2. Location

street and number near 3715 Lockes Crossing Road ___ not for publication

city, town Mechanicsville x vicinity

county St. Mary's

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

name William S. Mattingly

street and number 37915 Lockes Crossing Road telephone N/a

city, town Mechanicsville state Md zip code 20659-3467

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-8, P-76

city, town Leonardtown liber 18 folio 141

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 | | |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| _____ district | _____ public | <u>x</u> agriculture | _____ landscape | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <u>x</u> building(s) | <u>x</u> private | _____ commerce/trade | _____ recreation/culture | 2+ | 3+ buildings |
| _____ structure | _____ both | _____ defense | _____ religion | _____ | _____ sites |
| _____ site | | _____ domestic | _____ social | _____ | _____ structures |
| _____ object | | _____ education | _____ transportation | _____ | _____ objects |
| | | _____ funerary | _____ work in progress | 2+ | 3+ Total |
| | | _____ government | _____ unknown | | |
| | | _____ health care | _____ vacant/not in use | | |
| | | _____ industry | _____ 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 Barn on Lockes Crossing Road is situated on the south side of the road approximately ½ mile west of Mechanicsville, Maryland. Oriented on a north/south axis, the barn is situated in the midst of a barnyard beside another contributing mid-twentieth century barn, as well as two non-contributing equipment shed, and a dwelling. The barn lies on a property that consists of 134 acres, but only the one acre immediately visible from the road was surveyed. The property is bounded to the east and west by residential parcels, to the south by a wooded tract, and to the north by Lockes Crossing Road.

The Tobacco Barn on Lockes Crossing Road is a circa 1890, timber frame building with a gable roof and rear shed. The exterior walls are entirely sheathed with vertical boards and the gable roof is sheathed with raised-seam metal. The primary or north elevation of the barn is pierced by a double door. Due to the distance of the resource it remains difficult to ascertain its exact date, although the steep pitch of the barn's roof certainly suggests a date prior to 1900.

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 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

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Acreage of surveyed property | <u>1 acre</u> | |
| Acreage of historical setting | <u>134 acres</u> | |
| Quadrangle name | <u>Charlotte Hall</u> | Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u> |

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the east and west by residential parcels, to the south by a wooded tract, and to the north by Lockes Crossing Road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber 18, Folio 141.

11. Form Prepared by

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| 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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St. Mary's County
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