

CH-645

Calverton Manor Tobacco Barn

Architectural Survey File

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CH-645
Patuxent City vic.
Private

Mid 19th century

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The Calverton Manor Tobacco Barn is a representative example of a mid-19th century tobacco barn in Charles County and is associated with the nearby mid 19th century dwelling, Wentworth (CH-646) on the opposite side of the road. Between 1865-1870 Mary B. Robey acquired at least two adjoining parcels known as “part of Calverton Manor” and totaling almost 225 acres on both sides of Prince Frederick Road. The property descended to the heirs of Robey and then to the Nicholson, Stewart and Tolla families.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-645

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Calverton Manor Tobacco Barn
other

2. Location

street and number 16005 Prince Frederick Road not for publication
city, town Hughesville vicinity
county Charles

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

name Edna M. Jenkins
street and number 16005 Prince Frederick Road telephone 301-274-3999
city, town Hughesville state MD zip code 20637

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 36-63
city, town LaPlata liber 116 folio 301

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
- Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
					Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		<input type="checkbox"/>
					Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
					0	

7. Description

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Condition

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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BARN

The structure rests on a combination of original brick piers and replacement poured concrete. Below the eaves it is sheathed in vertical board siding, while weatherboard covers the gable ends to the plate. The barn is four bays in length with two rooms to each bay. Downbraces provide rigidity to the exterior walls as do horizontal nailers upon which the exterior siding is secured. Under the east eave adjoining the shed addition is a large principal post that includes four stabilizing down braces extending to the floor to the east, west and north. These downbraces are attached at differing heights on the post. Although this is open it includes nailers which support the rounded log tier poles intended to carry sticks of tobacco. The barn holds seven tiers of tobacco including the collar ties and rafters while the sheds hold up to four tiers.

HISTORIC ROADBED

A historic road runs east to west next to the Calverton Manor Tobacco Barn. Extending approximately 350 to 500 feet, this was once part of the main thoroughfare from Hughesville to Benedict and during the mid-19th century intersected the Robey family property. When Prince Frederick Road was straightened in the early 20th century, this portion became a farm lane.

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	
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	<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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates Circa 1850

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates Circa 1850

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Tobacco has been the main cash crop in Charles County since the county's initial European settlement in the 17th century. The size and form of barns evolved over time reflecting changes in building technology as well as the tobacco economy and cultivation. By the mid-19th century, barns developed a high rectangular form and frequently incorporated shed additions. Vertical board siding attached to nailers became the norm. These nailers also served as the end tiers posts that supported round tier poles that in turn supported the tobacco sticks during the curing process. The process of air curing tobacco necessitated a means of controlling humidity and air flow into the evenly spaced tobacco stalks. During the mid 19th century this was accomplished simply through the opening and closing of numerous double doors during different weather conditions. Serving a dual purpose, these doors also allowed outside access to many different areas of the interior that might be inaccessible when the barn is partially full. Construction methods incorporated traditional building techniques such as pegged mortise and tenon joinery. Materials included hand hewn principal posts and pit sawn lesser posts and beams.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of surveyed property 1

Acreege of historical setting 225

Quadrangle name Hughesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Calverton Manor Barn is currently associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 36, Parcel 63.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Department

date 2/28/01

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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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Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of title:

- 1865-1870 Mary B. Robey acquires property forming Wentworth 211 a. on the public road leading from Hughesville to Patuxent City.
A) 118 ac. Land and premises known as Calverton Manor or Hickey's Place from John H. Ward and wife, November 15, 1865 **GAH 1:5**; from Charles DeMarr, December 18, 1868 **GAH 2:152**
B) 40 a. dwelling house of William Woodburn from George H. Chappelleur, June 23, 1866 **GAH 1:131**; William F. Dement, December 13, 1870 **GAH 3:181**.
C) from Zacariah Downing and wife Dec 13, 1876 **BGS 1:556**
D) from Charles E. Greer Dec. 13, 1876 **BGS 1:558**
E) from John M. Watson Feb 8, 1878 **BGS 2:413**
- May 10, 1881 Will of Mary B. Robey. All property to be divided between children Helen, Edward, Agnes and Deliah but to remain with husband Rufus Robey during his natural life.
Wills 18:174
- August 6, 1901 L. Allison Wilmer and Walter J. Mitchell, trustees appointed by decree of the court to Ruby Nicholson 224 3/4 a.
Equity BGS 5:419
- October 9, 1903 Ruby M.L. Nicholson and Thomas F. Nicholson, Jr. to Sarah E. Stewart \$1500.00. All those lots tracts, sub-divisions, pieces parcels of land and premises 223 3/4 a.
14:362
- April 25, 1910 Sarah J. E. Stewart and James E. Stewart to Thomas Tolla and Julia Tolla both of Dodge County, Wisconsin \$3,000 Wentworth and Calverton Manor lying immediately on the public road 223 3/4 a.
21:572
- November 16, 1920 Thomas Tolla et al to Edith I. Smith. Less than 1 acre of land. Buildings and improvements.
37:343
- May 28, 1951 Edith I. Smith, widow to Hillary O. Rose and Lela F. Rose his wife
Parcel 1- 30 ac.
Parcel 2- Contiguous lot acquired by Edith I. Smith from Thomas Tolla in 1920. Less than one acre between the original location of the county road and the present location, 37:343.
96:137
- March 11, 1955 Lela T. Rose to Wilmer T. Jenkins and Edna M. Jenkins his wife. 30 a.
116:301

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Major Bibliographic References:

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klaphor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

Wasch, Diane Shaw. "The Cultivation and Curing of Tobacco in Maryland." Paper prepared for the Office of Research, Survey and Registration, Maryland Historical Trust. On file at the Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, MD. August 1990.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 1/2001

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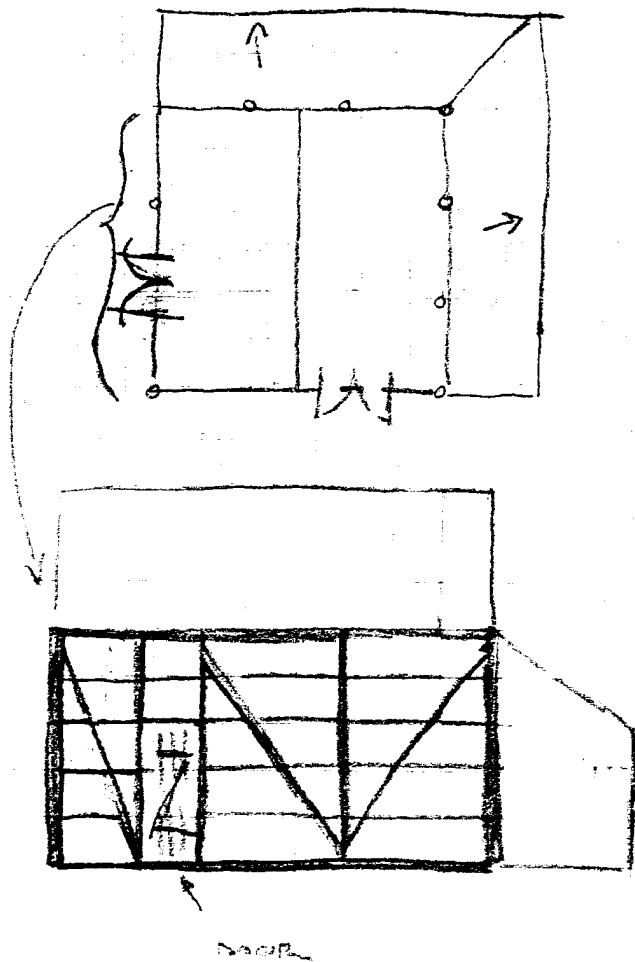
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Address: 16005 PRINCE FREDERICK ROAD

CH - 645

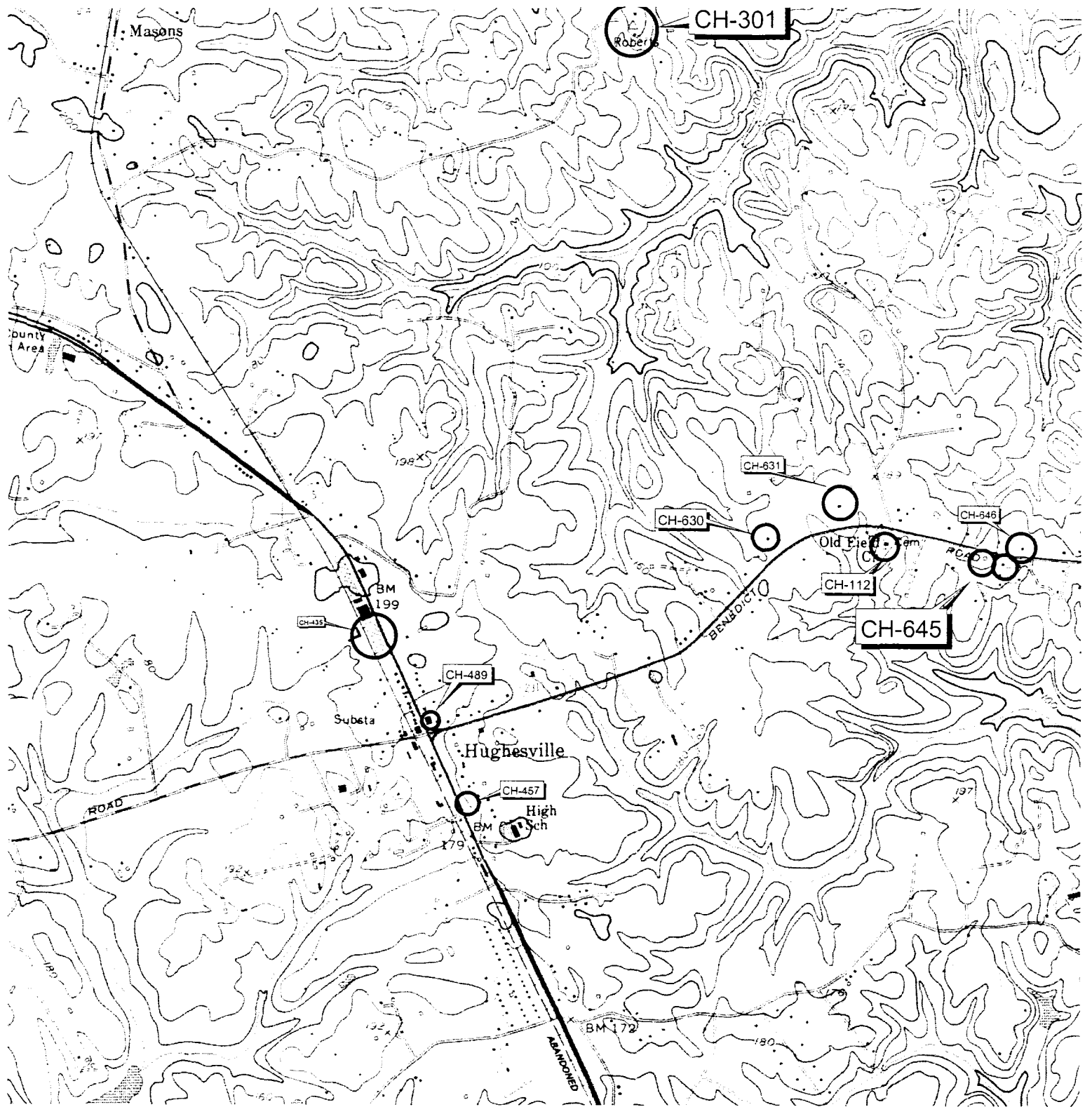
Charles County, Maryland

TRUXENT CITY Vicinity

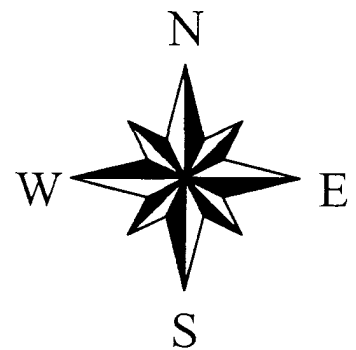


WEST WALL

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 Hughesville Quad





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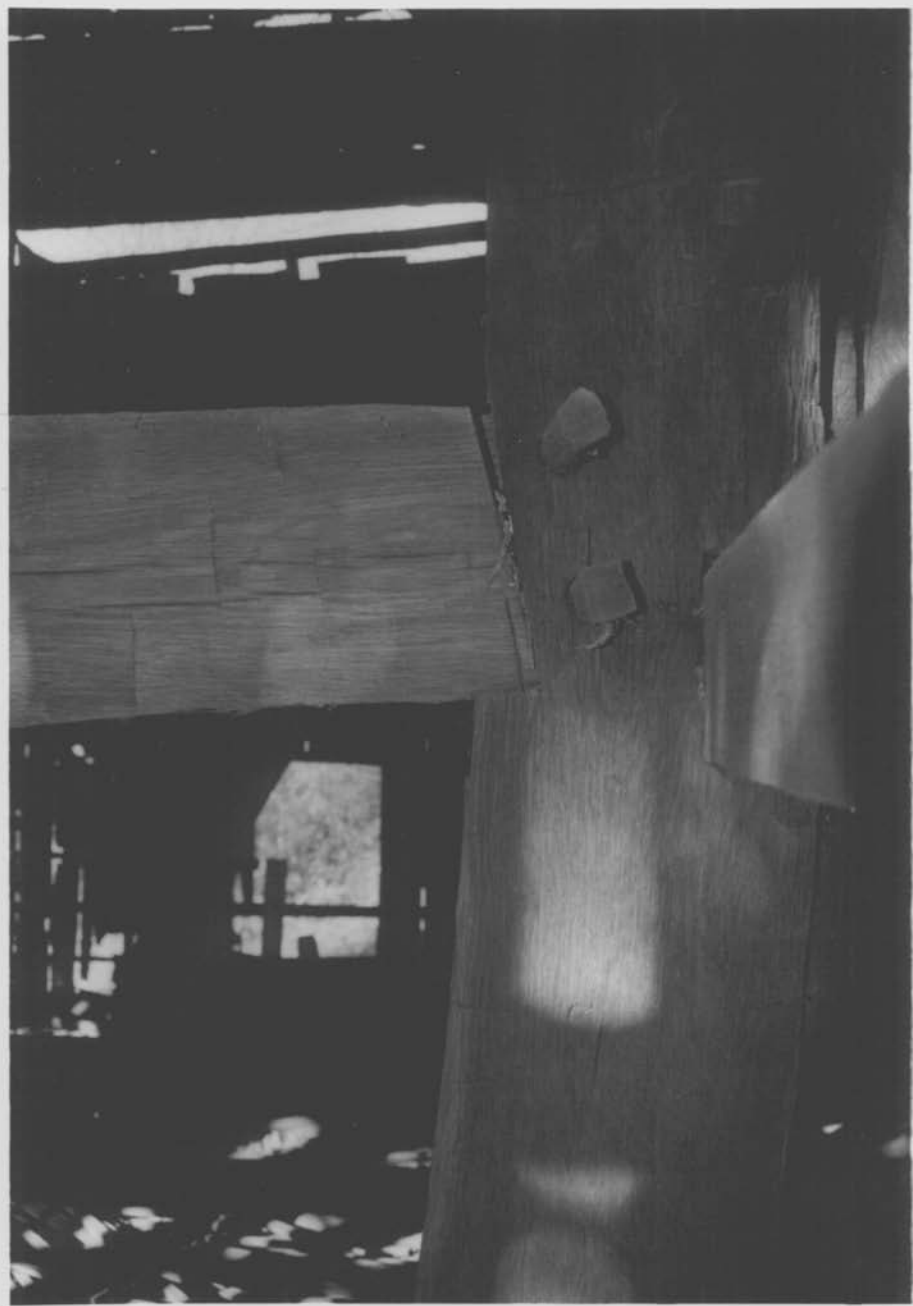
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WEST ELEVATION

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PRINCIPAL POST & DOWNBRACES

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BARN & HISTORIC ROADBED, LOOKING WEST

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