

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and/or common Tracy's Landing Tobacco House No. #29 (Coe Barn)

2. Location

OFF MD 2

street & number 1/4 mile east down dirt road, from its intersection with MD Rt. 2,
equal distance from MD Rt. 2's intersection with N/A not for publication

city, town Bristol and Deale Roads.
Tracy's Landing vicinity of X congressional district Fourth

state Maryland code 24 county Anne Arundel code 003

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes checkboxes for building(s), private, unoccupied, agriculture, etc.

4. Owner of Property

name Colonel and Mrs. Peter Coe

street & number Lochlea Farm

city, town Tracy's Landing vicinity of state Maryland 20869

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse

street & number Church Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date April 1980 ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Tracy's Landing Tobacco House #2 is a 24'3" by 45'2" heavy timber framed tobacco barn with a construction date of 1805 based on dendrochronological evidence. The building retains a great deal of its original fabric, and exhibits significant construction features. Resting on brick piers, the ground sills are anchored by pegged double tenons. The roof, which is clad in side-lapped shingles, utilizes a tilted false plate rafter system with decorative rafter ends. Access to the barn is through doors in the east and west walls; one of these doors is hung on original pintles. Later 19th century sheds have been added to the east and west walls; structural evidence suggests that a shed originally existed on the east facade. Both hand-wrought iron nails and early machine-cut common nails with handmade heads are found in the structure.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Tracy's Landing Tobacco House #2 is located along a dirt road, about one-quarter mile east of its intersection with Solomon's Island Road, Maryland Route 2. This intersection is located approximately one-quarter mile north of the junction of Solomons Island Road and Deale Road, Maryland Route 256, in Tracy's Landing, southern Anne Arundel County.

The building erected during the winter of 1805, measures 24'3" by 45'2". Sheds were added to the building in the 19th century to the east and west facades. The original framing system, as well as roof rafter system, are secured by wrought iron nails. A significant construction detail is found on all ground sills, where double tenons, secured into mortises with huge pegs, anchor the base of the building. The frame itself sits on brick piers. Riven feather-edged clapboards are extant on the east, west, and north walls, secured by both wrought iron and second generation machine nails. Wrought iron nails also secure some roof nailers, diagonal braces on the underside of some rafters, and the rafters themselves.

Structural evidence indicates that the east facade originally had a shed, probably an animal shelter. A heavy mortised rail on this wall probably supported joists for framing of the shed. A 19th century shed has been added to the west wall. A combination of vertical and horizontal boards now cover the exterior walls.

The most significant construction features are found in the roof framing system which utilizes a typical 18th century tilted false plate rafter system, notable also for its decorative rafter ends. The side-lapped shingle roof, an extremely rare extant example, is secured by wrought and machine nails.

Horizontal sills, running longitudinally, were added in the 19th century. These support a number of vertical poles, placed at five foot intervals which in turn support saplings laid horizontally. These serve as the support for a number of layers of tobacco spears, which are supported within each "room" of the tobacco interior.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1805

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable criterion: C

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Tracy's Landing Tobacco House #2, erected in the winter of 1805,¹ is significant as the earliest identified tobacco house extant in Anne Arundel County. It represents one of the earliest recorded examples of this type of agricultural building in Tidewater Maryland and is a visual expression of the tobacco economy which continues to support this region of the state. This tobacco house has remained virtually unchanged, except for the addition of sheds to the east and west facades, and the resheathing of its roof with a 19th century tin covering. This tobacco house is also significant as it illustrates important structural details found in other 18th century barns in the state, which are "holdovers" of construction methods standardized for this region in the 17th century. These include the overall framing system employed,² riven clapboard sheathing (held by wrought iron nails) for walls, tilted false plate and decorative-overhanging rafter construction, and the use of side-lapped shingles for a roofcovering. In addition, it is one of only two barns recorded which utilizes a five foot, rather than the more standard four foot, "room" configuration. A "room" in a tobacco house or barn refers to interior partitioned sections which support hanging tobacco spears.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

A second tobacco house, dating from the same period with many identical construction details, was located on a contiguous parcel of land. This structure was given to the National Park Service by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks which owns the site of the second tobacco house and is converting the property for recreational purposes. The tobacco house was recorded and disassembled for future use at the National Colonial Farm in Charles County, Maryland.

Notes

¹ A recently completed Survey and Planning project, co-sponsored by the Maryland Historical Trust and the St. Mary's City Commission, another state agency, used a technique known as dendrochronology, or the analysis of tree rings, to firmly date some 28 historic buildings in the lower Southern Maryland test area. Based on the findings produced by the American Institute of Dendrochronology, Inc., researchers found the building was erected during the winter of 1805. This further corroborates nail technology evidence, which had produced the original date range of 1790-1810, based on finding both wrought iron and early machine cut common nails with handmade heads in the structure.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Deale

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>8</u>	<u>3</u> <u>6</u> <u>1</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>9</u> <u>3</u> <u>5</u> <u>9</u> <u>0</u>
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	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for this nomination is a square measuring 75' on a side and is delineated by a broken line on the attached map labeled "Survey for T. David Parrack" and drawn to a scale of 1"=200'. For Boundary Justification see Continuation Sheet#1.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mark R. Edwards, Survey and Planning Administrator

organization Maryland Historical Trust

date April 24, 1980

street & number 21 State Circle

telephone 301-269-2438

city or town Annapolis

state Maryland 21401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

[Signature] 10-25-82

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 11/30/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Two doors offer access into the structure, a wide door on the west wall, and a narrower door on the east wall. One door is hung on original pintels, whereas the other hangs on H strap hinges.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries for this nomination are drawn to provide a minimum amount of land necessary to protect the structure, using the dirt road to the south as a beginning point and excluding the surrounding area and structures which are associated with the barn.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carson, Gary and Norman F. Barka, William M. Kelso, Garry Wheeler Stone, and Dell Upton, "Impermanent Architecture in the Southern American Colonies". Winterthur Portfolio, Vol. 16, Numbers 2/3 Summer/Autumn, 1981, pp.135-197.

Heikkinen, Herman J., The Key-Year Dendrochronological Pattern for the Oaks (Quercus spp.) of Maryland's Western Shore: 1570-1980, A Demonstration Project on the Dating of Historical Structures. Blacksburg, Va., American Institute of Dendrochronology, Inc., 1981. Draft report on file with Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

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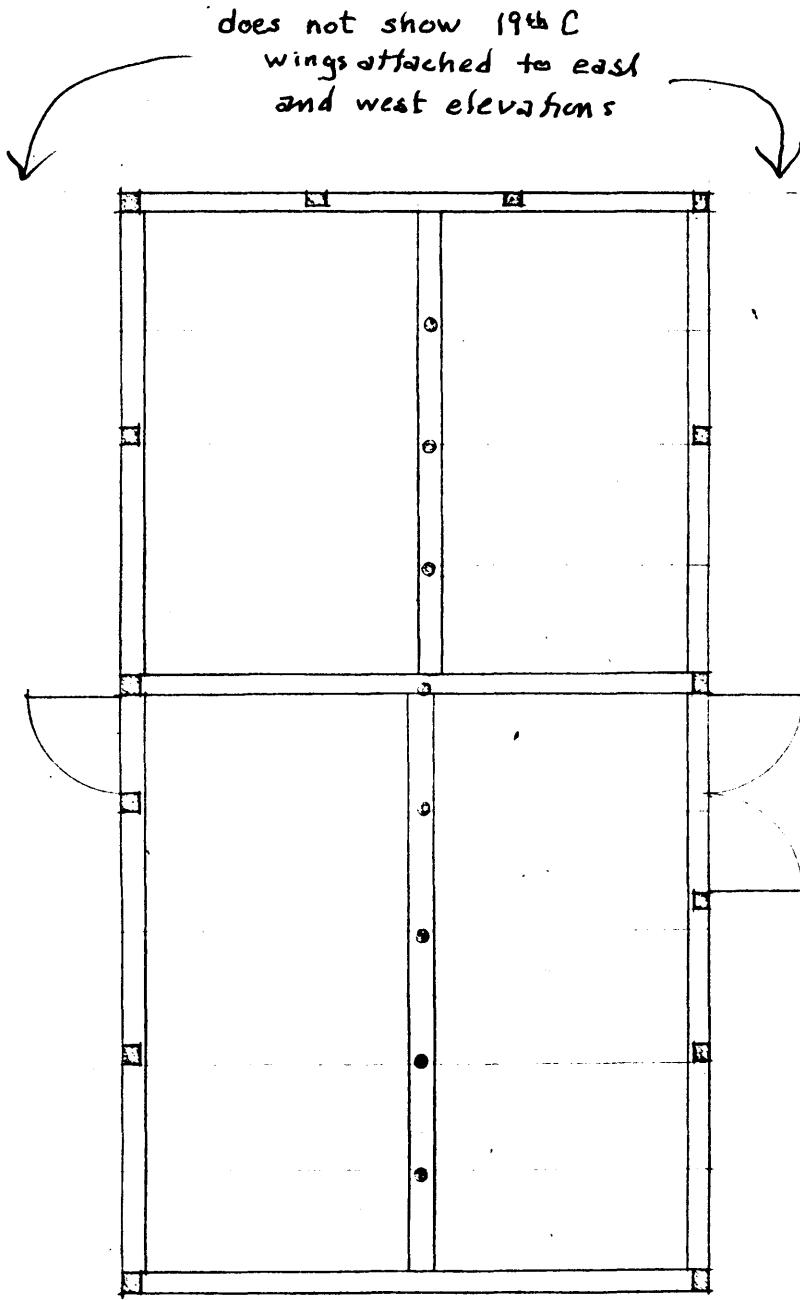
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² 17th and 18th century primary records in Maryland indicate that many tobacco houses were sheathed completely to ground level to aid in the curing process. Unfortunately, no extant examples of this construction technique have been found in Maryland, as this sheathing practice had already fallen out of favor by the late 18th century. With this structure, evidence on the underside of each sill shows that this was how the barn originally was framed and sheathed. Mortise pockets which are found on 2 foot centers, are extant throughout the structure. Originally, small studs were inserted into the sills, and secured directly into the ground, and acted as nailing strips for the clapboard sheathing. This structural arrangement was corroborated by archeological investigation undertaken in the spring of 1980, by Garry Wheeler Stone, archeologist with the St. Mary's City Commission. The investigation clearly indicated, through soil discoloration, that studs were indeed placed directly into the ground. For more information on this technique, see "Impermanent Architecture in the Southern American Colonies", by Cary Carson, Norman F. Barka, William M. Kelso, Garry Wheeler Stone, and Dell Upton, in Winterthur Portfolio, Vol. 16, Numbers 2/3, Summer/Autumn, 1981.



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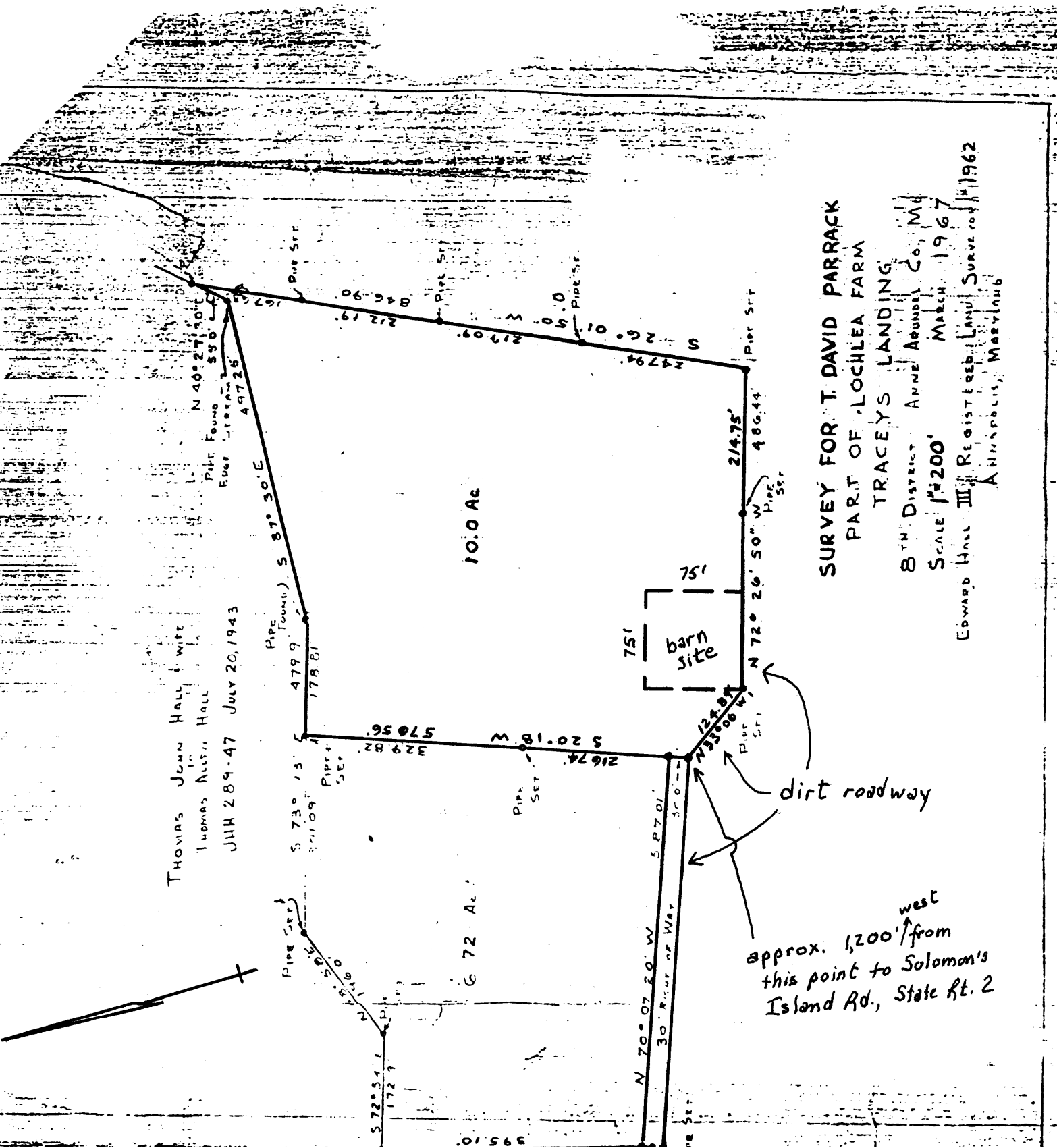
TRACY'S LANDING, MARYLAND
Anne Arundel County

MAR. 19, 1980.

Tracy's Islanding Tobacco House #2
 Anne Arundel County,
 Maryland

boundaries indicated by a broken line

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 THOMAS ALVIN HALL
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 PART OF LOCHLEA FARM
 TRACEYS LANDING

8TH DISTRICT ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MD
 SCALE 1"=200'
 MARCH 1967
 EDWARD HALL III REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

approx. 1,200' west
 from
 this point to Solomon's
 Island Rd., State Rt. 2