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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name De La Brooke Tobacco Barn  
other names SM-411

2. Location

street & number De La Brooke Road  not for publication  
city or town Oraville  vicinity  
state Maryland code MD county St. Mary's code 037 zip code 20659

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Elizabeth Hugel 11.10.15  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that this property is:
- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
  - determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
  - Determined not eligible for the National Register.
  - removed from the National Register.
  - other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 12.29.15  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411)  
Name of Property

St. Mary's County, Maryland  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Tobacco Barns of Southern Maryland

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/processing  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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VACANT/NOT IN USE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Nineteenth-Century Maryland Tobacco Barn,  
1800-1830s  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation STONE – Ironstone; BRICK; WOOD  
walls WOOD – Vertical Boards  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof METAL  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes. C is checked.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- Criteria A-G with checkboxes for property characteristics.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

Ca. 1815

Significant Dates

Ca. 1815

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- Documentation checkboxes for NPS files.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes for additional data.

Name of repository:

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411)  
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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.68 acre Mechanicsville, MD USGS Quad

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	1	8	3	5	5	5	1	8	4	2	5	5	7	6	9
	Zone		Easting			Northing									
2															

3															
	Zone		Easting			Northing									
4															

See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lori Thursby/Senior Architectural Historian

Organization TEC Inc. date 8/2009; rev. 10/2015

street & number 619 Severn Avenue, Suite 202 telephone (410) 990-0299

city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21403

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

#### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Nancy Dodge

street & number 41000 Cremona Road telephone (301) 884-3140

city or town Mechanicsville state MD zip code 20659

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### Description Summary:

The De La Brooke Barn is located on the north side of Delabrooke Road near Oraville, Maryland. The barn stands at the edge of a small agricultural field that is surrounded by forest. The barn has not been used for many years and is in a deteriorated condition.

The barn was constructed ca. 1815 or earlier. Intact building fabric illustrates several significant construction features of Southern Maryland tobacco barns from the late-eighteenth to early-nineteenth century. The barn's structure is built of pit-sawn timber with mortise and tenon joints secured by wood pegs or wrought iron nails. Down braces reinforce the framing. The barn's framing system and nail patterns reveal that it was originally sheathed with horizontal siding. Other significant features include tilted false plates and a unique system of vertical tier supports. The barn was expanded through the addition of sheds along the longitudinal sides. The sheds, which consist of pit-sawn timber, are likely early additions to the structure.

### General Description:

The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn is located approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Oraville, in northern St. Mary's County. The barn is situated on the north side of Delabrooke Road, approximately 1.5 miles east of New Market Turner Road (Maryland Route 6). Delabrooke Road traverses a densely forested area. Both sides of the road are dotted by clearings for agricultural fields or house lots. The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn stands at the west edge of one of these clearings, which comprises a small plowed field. A wooded ravine is behind the barn. An abandoned lane, now overgrown with grass and other vegetation, leads from the road to the southeast side of the barn. Abandoned for quite some time, the barn is in deteriorated condition. The current property owner periodically clears away vegetation that grows around and on the exterior of the barn.

The barn measures 36 feet long and 42'-6" feet wide, which includes two 10-foot-deep sheds on the longitudinal sides. The barn terminates in a steeply-pitched gable roof oriented on a northwest-southeast axis. The slopes of the roof extend uninterrupted over the northeast and southwest sheds. The roof is sheathed with corrugated metal sheets.

This barn has a cross axial plan with one entry on each wall for access. The gable ends have 7'-10"-wide and 10-foot-tall entries with double-leaf doors that open outward. Each set of doors is built of vertical boards with horizontal and diagonal battens and has wrought metal strap hinges. Vines have grown up the exterior of the southeast wall, preventing the set of doors on this side from opening. The northwest set of doors is in very poor condition and has been covered entirely with various scraps of sheet metal to protect the existing wood and cover openings.

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created from missing wood. The longitudinal walls each had an entrance positioned near the center of the wall. Evidence of the former entrances is provided by pintel holes and latch recesses that are visible on the posts that framed the doorways.

The barn has continuous sills with mortise and tenon corner joints secured by wood pegs. The sill on the northeast side has been replaced with a circular-sawn one of comparable size. This new sill was mortised to fit the tenons of the other sills, but it is secured to the framing members with machine cut nails. A sill bisects the barn from northeast to southwest. All the sills are raised above the dirt floor by ironstone, bricks, and wood blocks at various heights to level the sills. Ironstone is underneath the corners of the sill on the northwest side and where the additional sill joins the sill on the southwest side. Brick is positioned beneath segments of the sill on the southwest side of the barn, including at the south corner. Wood blocks prop up other segments of the sills. At present, the sill on the northeast side and the additional sill are underpinned just at the corners.

The framing system consists of hewn principal posts centered on eight-foot bays and pit-sawn studs on two-foot bays. Both the posts and studs are tenoned into the sills. Down braces reinforce the wall framing. The down braces are tenoned into the sills and corner posts and secured by wood pegs and wrought nails. The system of closely-spaced wall studs indicates the core section was originally clad in horizontal siding. In fact, one piece of weatherboard survives on the southwest wall. It is secured with wrought nails. Nail patterns on the two exposed longitudinal walls of the core also provide evidence that horizontal siding was once the exterior sheathing.

The exterior of the barn is now sheathed in vertical board siding. The boards are non-uniform in width. Gaps between the boards help with air circulation. Additionally, each gable end wall exhibits three side-hinged ventilators, one on each side of the doorway and one above the doorway. The majority of the vertical board siding on the northeast and southwest walls (the outer walls of the sheds) is missing, but these two elevations also had two hinged ventilators at one time (Hughes 1994).

The barn employs a unique system of vertical supports for the tier poles. Bisecting the barn longitudinally is a row of pit-sawn vertical posts. The posts are aligned in pairs and each pair is on four-foot centers and flanks a tie beam. The pairs stand directly on the ground (earthfast) except for the center pair, which stands on top of the sill that bisects the barn. Each pair of 3"-by-5" posts is nine inches apart and is joined together by horizontal pieces of wood positioned at three-foot intervals. These "rungs" of wood are tenoned into the vertical posts. Two tier poles are laid on top of each wood rung. One pole extends from the vertical support to the northeast wall and the other extends from the same vertical support to the southwest wall. The ends of the

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tier poles rest on top of pit-sawn horizontal rails that are attached with wrought iron nails to the interior faces of the northeast and southwest walls. The majority of the tier poles consist of stripped log poles.

The roof framing is supported by tilted false plates. The plates are inset into the ends of the tie beams and support pit-sawn rafters. Each rafter pair is spaced two feet apart. Three pit-sawn collar beams are attached to alternate rafter pairs. Pit-sawn horizontal shingle nailers are fastened on top of the rafters. Currently the roof is clad in corrugated metal sheets, but the original roof cladding was probably wood shingles.

Both of the sheds are early additions to the barn, as they feature pit-sawn members, some with tenons, and wrought nail fasteners. The sheds' longitudinal walls are composed of a series of vertical posts, although many are missing or have been replaced with posts of circular-sawn lumber. The positions of the extant posts indicate the sheds were built using the same structural bay system as the original core. The tier poles were also likely spaced on four-foot centers like the core. The posts are earthfast, although a decomposed wood sill at the northwest side of the northeast shed indicates the posts may have once set on sills. The end walls of the sheds have three horizontal nailing rails to support vertical board siding, which is in poor condition. The rails are secured to the core of the barn by wrought nails. Existing physical evidence indicates the longitudinal walls incorporated one horizontal nailing rail to support the vertical board siding, nearly all of which is missing from both sheds. Also missing are the doors to each shed, which were single, vertical doors with horizontal battens positioned on axis with the doorways of the core structure (Hughes 1994).

Each shed includes pit-sawn tie beams tenoned into the primary vertical posts of the core of the barn; the joints are secured with wood pegs. Tenons evident at the lower ends of the tie beams indicate they were joined with a mortised top plate, which is missing. The lower ends of the sheds' rafters are chamfered flat, indicating they rested on a flat surface. The upper ends of the rafters are half-lapped to the tilted false plate of the core structure.

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### Summary Statement of Significance:

The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn is locally significant under criterion C in the area of Architecture as described in the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), *Tobacco Barns of Southern Maryland*. Based on the historic context "Southern Maryland Tobacco Barns, 1790s-1959," it is a significant example of a Southern Maryland air-curing tobacco barn from the period 1800-1830s. The De La Brooke barn embodies the hallmark design and construction features of an early-nineteenth century tobacco barn from this region. The barn also employs a unique system for supporting the tier poles in the barn. Although in a deteriorated condition, the barn retains a good level of integrity. For these reasons, this barn meets the registration requirements of the Property Subtype: Air-Curing Tobacco Barns of the Nineteenth Century, as defined in the Multiple Property Listing. The period of significance for the barn is ca. 1815, which is the approximate date of construction of the barn.

### Elaboration:

The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn stands on the property that was originally part of De La Brooke Manor, which was granted to Baker Brooke in 1650. The original manor house was destroyed by a fire in 1835 and replaced by a brick Federal-style dwelling (SM-94). George Thomas was the owner of the 750-acre plantation at that time. The property was sold out of the Thomas family in 1886. In 1906, Clarence W. Thomas acquired the tract. The property passed to his heirs, James Thomas and Martha G. Thomas, when he died intestate on January 16, 1935. His real property inventory listed five tobacco barns on the De La Brooke farm: Marsh Neck Barn-North, Marsh Neck Barn-South, Slave Barn, Town Neck Barn, and Tobacco-Springfield Barn. It is unknown which of these barns refers to the subject tobacco barn. James Thomas and Martha G. Thomas sold portions of the large tract and subdivided the remaining land into two separate farms, Spring Creek and Town Neck. James Thomas retained the 300.55-acre Spring Creek Farm until 1960, when he sold it to the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (Hughes 1994). Nancy Dodge of Cremona (SM-93) is the current owner of this property.

The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn is locally significant under criterion C in the area of Architecture as a distinctive example of an early-nineteenth century air-curing tobacco barn in Southern Maryland. The tobacco barn meets the registration requirements outlined in the MPDF *Tobacco Barns of Southern Maryland*. The building retains the major physical characteristics of the Property Subtype: Air-Curing Tobacco Barns of the Nineteenth Century. These characteristics include: a braced frame of pit-sawn timber underpinned by stone and brick, primary structural bays on eight-foot centers, mortise and tenon joinery with wood peg and wrought nail fasteners, a cross axial plan, and a steeply-pitched gable roof built of common



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rafters strengthened by collar beams. The ca. 1815 barn also incorporates tilted false plates to support the common rafter roof. This and the other architectural elements comprise a pattern of features common to air-curing tobacco barns constructed in Southern Maryland in the period 1800–1830s. Moreover, the sheds also incorporate pit-sawn members, wrought iron fasteners, and tenoned tie beams, indicating they were early additions to the barn.

The framing of the barn employs an interesting system of supports for the transverse rows of tiers on which the tobacco was hung, which enhances the architectural significance of this barn. Pairs of earthfast, intermediate vertical posts run longitudinally down the center of the barn, flanking the top of each tie beam. Each pair of posts is joined together by short horizontal pieces of wood. These rungs are tenoned into the posts and support the tier poles; thus, they are vertically positioned at each tier level. The ends of two different tier poles rest on the rungs: one tier pole extends horizontally from the vertical support to the northeast wall of the barn and the other extends horizontally from the same vertical support to the southwest wall of the barn. Original to this barn, this distinctive system of vertical tier pole supports is rare in Southern Maryland tobacco barns.

The period of significance for this property is ca. 1815, the approximate date of construction. The building retains a good degree of integrity. The barn's integrity of materials has been partially compromised by the loss or replacement of some original building materials. The barn has not been used in quite some time so the exterior envelope of the building is deteriorating. Much of the vertical board siding on the northeast and southwest sides of the barn is gone and some of the vertical posts on these two outer walls have been replaced. One sill has been replaced. Sheets of metal cover the double-leaf doors on the northwest elevation to compensate for the loss of the majority of the wood boards. The magnitude of the material degradation is relatively minor compared to the amount of original materials that remain in good or fair condition and are capable of conveying the significant architectural and construction features of the barn.

The most significant alterations to the barn are the replacement of the original horizontal siding with vertical siding and the replacement of the original roof cladding, which was probably wood shingles, with the current corrugated metal sheets. There are few surviving examples of early-nineteenth century barns in Southern Maryland, and of these, few have their original horizontal siding intact. The removal of horizontal siding and subsequent replacement with vertical siding was a common modification to these tobacco barns. The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn, however, retains the closely-spaced wall studs to signify the original cladding system. Thus, the absence of the cladding itself does not affect the ability of the barn to convey the historic design. Moreover, in accordance with the registration requirements in the MPDF, the

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integrity can be less dependent on retaining all the principal exterior materials because of the relative rarity and threatened status of early heavy timber braced frame barns.

The replacement of wooden roof cladding with a metal roof was also a common modification to tobacco barns in Southern Maryland. As discussed in the property type registration requirements in the MPDF, a new metal roof is an acceptable alteration in this case because the barn otherwise retains the majority of the attributes from its original architectural design. The barn possesses all other aspects of its integrity to the period of significance.

### Major Bibliographical References:

Hughes, Elizabeth. 1994. De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411). Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. MSS on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

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### Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the nominated property is shown by the red line on the accompanying satellite photograph labeled National Register Boundary and drawn to a scale of 1"  $\approx$  120'.

### Boundary Justification:

The boundary encompasses the tobacco barn and the adjacent field. Other than this small tilled field, the barn is surrounded by dense forest. Tobacco was likely grown in this field and cured, sorted, and stripped in the nominated barn. Thus, this field demonstrates the historic setting of the barn and its physical and functional context.

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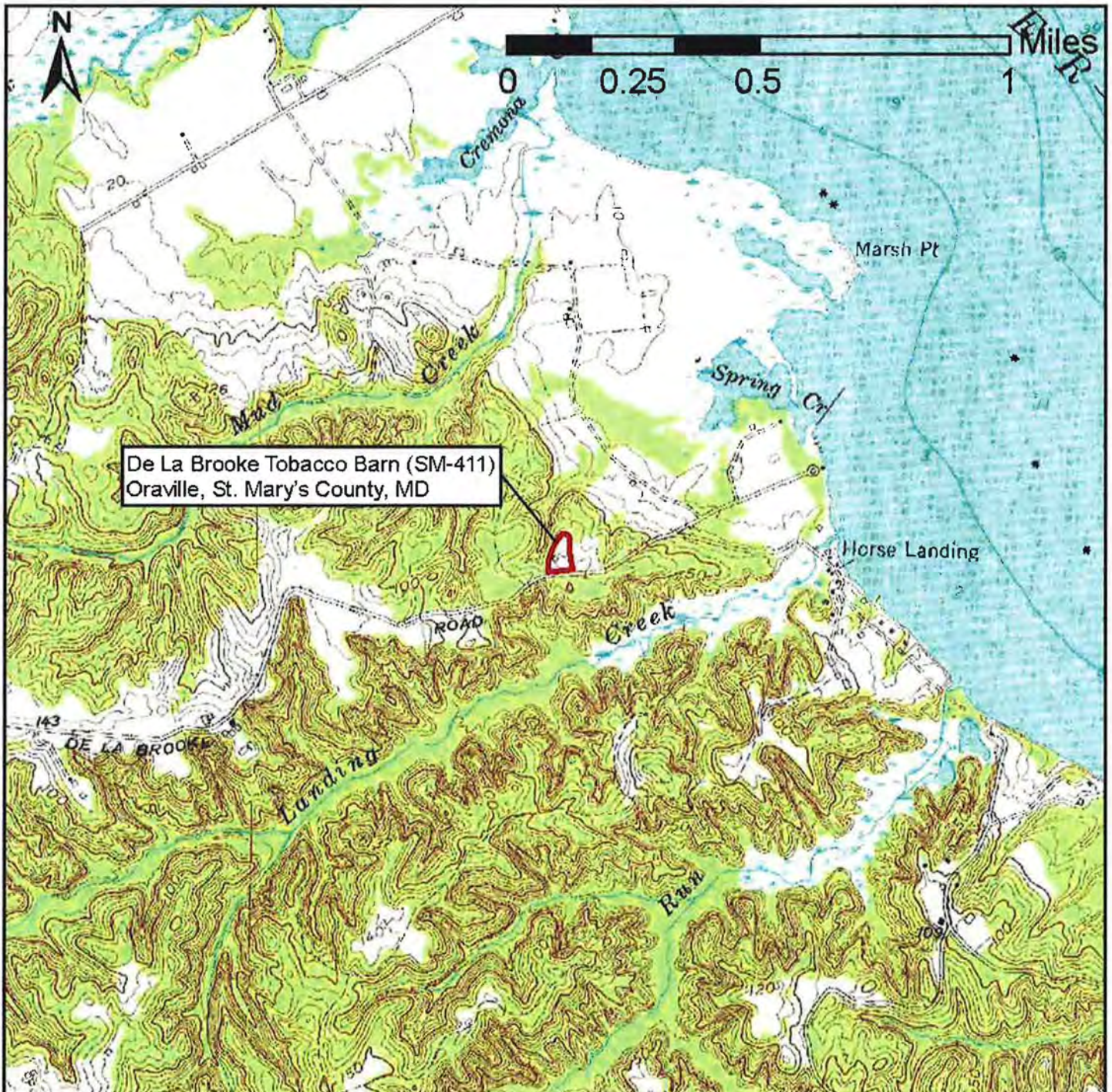
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USGS Map





De La Brooke Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, MD

National Register Boundary

(Scale: 1" ≈ 120')

Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Barn exterior, view from west, 4/5/2014

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Barn exterior, view from south, 4/5/2014. Siding repair in progress.

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Barn exterior, view from east, 4/5/2014

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Barn exterior, view from north, 4/5/2014. Siding repair in progress.

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Interior framing and foundation detail, view from southeast, 8/11/2014

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Interior framing, view from southwest, 8/11/2014

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Roof framing detail showing tilted false plate, 8/11/2014

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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Photographs

De La Brooke Tobacco Barn (SM-411), St. Mary's County, Maryland



Roof framing detail showing tilted false plate (from below), 8/11/2014

Photographer: Dennis Pogue

Location of digital image file: MD SHPO

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY De La Brooke Tobacco Barn  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Tobacco Barns of Southern Maryland MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MARYLAND, St. Mary's

DATE RECEIVED: 11/13/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/16/15  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/31/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/29/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000941

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 12-29-15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered In  
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RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Maryland Department of Planning  
Maryland Historical Trust

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

Anthony G. Brown  
Lt. Governor

Richard Eberhart Hall  
Secretary

Matthew J. Power  
Deputy Secretary

September 17, 2010

Mr. and Mrs. Norton Dodge  
41000 Cremona Road  
Mechanicsville, Maryland 20659

RE: DE LA BROOKE TOBACCO BARN  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dodge:

The De La Brooke Tobacco Barn will be considered by the Governor's Consulting Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The National Register is the official list of historic properties recognized by the Federal Government as worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. In Maryland, the nomination process is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. Enclosed you will find a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated for listing. The meeting will be held at the People's Resource Center, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland, beginning at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend this meeting.

Listing in the National Register results in the following for historic properties.

1. Consideration in planning for Federal, federally or state funded, licensed and assisted projects. Federal and state legislation requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and state agencies, including the Maryland Historical Trust, opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information please refer to Section 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800 and Annotated Code of Maryland, State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 5A-323 et seq. or call the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7630.
2. Eligibility for Federal tax provisions. If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and the Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 15 percent and 20 percent Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitation of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936.

The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 67 or the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7630.

3. Eligibility for a Maryland income tax benefit for the rehabilitation of historic property. For further information on the Heritage Preservation Tax Credit, contact the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7628.

4. Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. In accord with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700 et seq.

5. Eligibility to apply for federal and state grants and state low interest loans for historic preservation projects. To determine the present status of such grants and loans, contact the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7632.

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what portion of the property that party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed; however, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. If the property is determined to be eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and state agencies, including the Maryland Historical Trust, an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, the notarized objection must be submitted to J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer, ATTN: Peter Kurtze, Maryland Historical Trust, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023 by the date of the meeting given above.

Listing in the National Register does NOT mean that the Federal Government or the State of Maryland wants to acquire the property, place restrictions on the property, or dictate the color or materials used on individual buildings. Local ordinances or laws establishing restrictive zoning, special design review committees, or review of exterior alterations are not a part of the National Register program. Listing also does NOT require the owner to preserve or maintain the property or seek approval of the Federal Government or the State of Maryland to alter the property. Unless the owner applies for and accepts special Federal or state tax, licensing, or funding benefits, the owner can do anything with his property he wishes so long as it is permitted by state or local law.



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If you wish to comment on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register, please send your comments to J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer, ATTN: Peter E. Kurtze, before the Governor's Consulting Committee considers the nomination. Copies of the nomination, regulations and information on the National Register and Federal and State tax provisions are available from the Trust. If you have questions about this nomination, please contact Peter E. Kurtze, Administrator of Evaluation and Registration, Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,



J. Rodney Little  
Director-State Historic  
Preservation Officer

JRL/jmg

cc: State Clearinghouse \$20100806-0794  
Hon. Francis J. Russell  
Dr. Ralph Eshelman  
TEC, Inc.

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September 21, 2010

Mr. Rodney Little, Director  
Maryland Historical Trust  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION**

**State Application Identifier:** MD20100806-0794

**Applicant:** Maryland Historical Trust

**Project Description:** Historic Nomination: DE LA Brooke Tobacco Barn St. Mary's County

**Project Location:** County(ies) of St. Mary's

**Approving Authority:** U.S. Department of the Interior DOI/NPS

**CFDA Number:** 15.914

**Recommendation:** Consistent Including General Comment(s)

Dear Mr. Little:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 34.02.01.04-.06, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Department(s) of Natural Resources, Transportation, St. Mary's County, and the Maryland Department of Planning.

The Maryland Department(s) of Natural Resources, and Transportation; St. Mary's County; and the Maryland Department of Planning found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Department of Transportation stated that "as far as can be determined at this time, the subject has no unacceptable impacts on plans or programs."

The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at mbarnes@mdp.state.md.us. **Also please complete the attached form and return it to the State Clearinghouse as soon as the status of the project is known. Any substitutions of this form must include the State Application Identifier Number. This will ensure that our files are complete.**

Mr. Rodney Little  
September 21, 2010  
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Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,



Linda C. Janey, J.D., Assistant Secretary  
for Clearinghouse and Communications

LCJ:MB

Enclosure(s)

cc: National Register\*\*  
Jan Gowing - MHT  
Roland Limpert - DNR  
Cindy Johnson - MDOT

John Savich - STMA  
Mike Paone - MDPL

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National Park Service

November 10, 2015

Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1201 I (eye) St., NW  
Mail Stop 2280  
Washington, DC 20005

RE: TOBACCO BARNs IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND MPDF  
DE LA BROOKE TOBACCO BARN  
St. Mary's County, Maryland

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed is documentation for nominating the De La Brooke Tobacco Barn, St. Mary's County, Maryland to the National Register of Historic Places. The state review board and the owners concur in my recommendation for listing. Should you have questions in this matter, please contact Peter Kurtze at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hughes  
Director-State Historic  
Preservation Officer

cc: State Clearinghouse #MD20100806-0794  
Enclosures:

NR form and 17 continuation sheets  
1 USGS map  
1 - CD

Correspondence: letter, Little to Dodge, 17 September 2010  
letter, Janey to Little, 21 September 2010