

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. PG: 82A-027

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Duvall Barn Complex
other

2. Location

street and number North of Marlton Avenue, Rosaryville State Park ___ not for publication
city, town Upper Marlboro ___ vicinity
county Prince George's

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

name State of Maryland, John Westerfield
street and number Route 4, Box 106A telephone
city, town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4615 folio 627
city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 109 tax parcel 46 tax ID number 15 1727841

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
X Other: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

6. Classification

Category Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count	
___ district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	___ agriculture	___ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	___ private	___ commerce/trade	___ recreation/culture	3	0 buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	___ both	___ defense	___ religion	3	___ sites
___ site		___ domestic	___ social	6	___ structures
___ object		___ education	___ transportation		___ objects
		___ funerary	___ work in progress		0 Total
		___ government	___ unknown		
		___ health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
		___ industry	___ other:	3	

7. Description

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Condition

<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

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Duvall Barn Complex is located within the Rosaryville State Park in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The barns are located in the northeastern part of the park, just west of Marlton Avenue. The site includes a dairy barn, two hay pens, a tobacco barn, a silo, and a shed. The structures date from the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries. The site is surrounded by mature trees and vegetation.

BARN (1)

Set on a rock-faced concrete-block foundation, this large one-and-a-half-story, three-bay barn has the form of a dairy barn. Late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century dairy barns are typically defined by a masonry ground level, with plenty of openings for light and ventilation, and a large gabled upper structure with open-peak ventilation, and large double-leaf doors to fit wagons and herds of cows.¹ The building, constructed in the early twentieth century, has a rectangular plan with an open aisle down the middle and stalls along the east and west (side) walls. The structure is constructed of vertical wood siding on the second story. A gambrel roof covered with standing-seam metal caps the structure. The roof features exposed rafters. A one-story shed-roofed extension, that appears to have been a livestock stall, is located on the west (side) elevation. Based on its form and materials, the wing also appears to date from the early eighteenth century. The wing has a concrete-block foundation and is constructed of vertical wood siding. The roof of the wing is covered in standing-seam metal and has exposed rafters.

The first stories of the façade (north elevation) and south (rear) elevation are fenestrated by centrally placed double-leaf wood doors on rollers. A three-light metal-sash hopper window flanks the entries. The half-story hay loft is fenestrated by a double-leaf strap-hinged wood door on both elevations.

The first story of the east (side) elevation features six symmetrically placed three-light metal-sash hopper windows.

The shed-roofed extension is fenestrated by a double-leaf entry opening on the façade (north elevation). Fenestration on the west (side) elevation was not visible due to mature vegetation.

HAY PEN (1)

A one-story hay pen is located directly west of Barn (1). Based on its form and materials, the hay pen appears to have been constructed c. 1920, soon after Barn (1). The one-story structure rests on a dirt foundation and is supported by wood posts with concrete piers. The structure is constructed of vertical wood siding. A side-gabled roof with an extended north-facing slope covers the building. The roof is covered in standing-seam metal. The hay pen is open on the façade (south elevation) and features three pens, separated by wood posts on the interior. Fenestration on the secondary elevations was not visible due to mature vegetation.

¹ *Barn Plans and Outbuildings*, New York: Orange Judd Company (1881), 59.

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HAY PEN (2)

A one-story hay pen is located southeast of Barn (1). Based on its form and materials, the hay pen appears to have been constructed c. 1920. The one-story structure rests on a dirt foundation and is supported by wood posts with concrete piers. The structure is constructed of vertical wood siding. A side-gabled roof with an extended east-facing slope covers the building. The roof is covered in standing-seam metal. The hay pen is open on the façade (west elevation) and features three pens, separated by wood posts on the interior. Three small square openings, devoid of windows, are located on the east (rear) elevation.

SILO

The cylindrical silo is located directly southeast of Barn (1). Based on its form and materials, the silo appears to have been constructed c. 1930. The silo is constructed of poured concrete blocks with circular metal belts. A standing-seam metal cylindrical roof caps the structure. No openings were visible in the concrete structure, so it appears to be a top loading silo.

SHED

A one-story shed is located to the north of Hay Pen (1). Based on its form and materials, the shed appears to have been constructed c. 1930. The structure is constructed of vertical wood siding. A front-gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal caps the structure. The shed is encircled by mature trees and vegetation, thus no openings were visible at the time of the survey. The interior of the shed was not accessible at the time of the 2007 on-site survey.

BARN (2)

A large barn is located to the southeast of the other structures, on the other side of a grove of mature trees. Based on its form and materials, the barn appears to have been constructed during the late nineteenth century. During the on-site survey in 1985, the barn was described as “a tobacco barn in deteriorating condition.” At the time, much of the vertical siding was missing.² During the 2007 on-site survey, the barn was clad in new vertical wood siding, spaced tightly together. The barn does not retain any hinged ventilators on any elevations or a roof vent, necessary in the tobacco drying process.³ The wood-frame structure is set on a concrete-block foundation. A high-pitched A-line gable roof caps the one-story, one-bay building. The roof is covered in standing-seam metal. A double-leaf strap-hinged wood door is located on the façade (north elevation) and rear

² Susan G. Pearl, “Duvall Barn Complex,” (PG: 82A-27) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites and Inventory Form (1985), 7:1.

³ Eric Sloane, *An Age of Barns*, Funk & Wagnalls Publishing Co. (1967), 120.

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(south) elevation. The interior of the barn was not accessible at the time of the 2007 on-site survey, thus final determination of its use as a tobacco barn could not be made.

INTEGRITY

Barn (1), the two hay pens, the silo, and the shed retain a high level of integrity for agricultural resources dating from the early twentieth century. Retaining their original materials and forms, the structures have integrity of design, workmanship, and materials. Located within the Rosaryville State Park, the buildings retain their integrity of location, setting, and association.

Barn (2), the tobacco barn constructed in the late nineteenth century, retains a moderate level of integrity. The workmanship and materials have been compromised with the new wood siding and the loss of its original doors and windows. The building retains its integrity of design, location, setting, and association.

The Duvall Barn Complex has lost its integrity of feeling due to vacancy. However, overall the Duvall Barn Complex retains a high level of integrity.

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 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/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local history</u>

Specific dates late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries **Architect/Builder** George T. Duvall

Construction dates late nineteenth century, c. 1920, c. 1930

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.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Duvall Barn Complex, located within the Rosaryville State Park, includes excellent examples of late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century agricultural structures. The barns were constructed for George T. Duvall; the property on which the barns are located was later deeded to the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the creation of Rosaryville State Park. The barns exhibit different types of traditional agricultural forms and materials. The buildings and structures retain sufficient integrity to convey the characteristics of late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century agricultural resources in Prince George's County.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Agricultural was essential to the development of Prince George's County in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The majority of the county's agricultural labor force was slave labor in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and tobacco provided a livelihood for many farmers throughout this time period. In the early nineteenth century, farmers began to experiment with growing new crops. In 1817, the Prince George's County Agricultural Society was founded. This was the first county agricultural society founded in the state of Maryland. After the Civil War (1861-1865), and the abolition of slavery, large tobacco plantations survived; however small farms growing tobacco and other crops played a larger role in the counties economic prosperity.⁴ Farming remains a way of life for much of the southern part of Prince George's County in the twentieth century, at a much smaller scale than before.

The Duvall Barn Complex is located within the Rosaryville State Park, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Rosaryville State Park is a 982-acre day-use park. The park includes hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, as

⁴ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan* (1992), 52.

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well as the historic Mount Airy Mansion (PG: 82A-016). Mount Airy is one of the oldest Calvert-family homes in the state of Maryland.⁵

The Duvall Barn Complex is located on a parcel of land originally known as "Brookfield." In 1650, Major Thomas Brooke patented the Brookfield tract, a large parcel encompassing land bounded by Mattaponi Creek on the north, the Patuxent River on the east, Deep Creek on the south, and a stone marked T.B. on the west. The Brookfield property remained in the Brooke family until 1856, when Benjamin Duvall purchased 450 acres of the parcel.⁶ The *1861 Martenet Map* shows B. F. Duvall residing in the Upper Marlboro area near the dwelling of Cecilius Calvert, or Mount Airy Mansion as it is known today.⁷ The *1878 Hopkins Map* shows B. Frank Duvall residing in the Upper Marlboro area just northeast of Cecilius B. Calvert's residence. Duvall's name is notated next to a residence.⁸ Benjamin Franklin Duvall was born February 21, 1831, in Upper Marlboro. He married Susan Sasscer, with whom he had eleven children, including George T., Benjamin Franklin, Alice Dorinda, and Percy Duvall, all of whom would later own the property.⁹

In 1881, trustees C.C. Magruder and Samuel B. Hance deeded 284 acres in the Marlboro District known as Mount Airy to Benjamin F. Duvall's sons George T. Duvall and Benjamin F. Duvall, Jr.¹⁰ Benjamin F. Duvall, Jr. and his wife sold their interest in the property to George T. Duvall in 1888.¹¹ Based on the barns forms and construction materials they appear to have been built by George T. Duvall in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. George T. Duvall resided in the Mellwood area at the time of the 1900 census, and although the outbuildings are extant there is no existing documentation on the Duvall's residence, the site of which is most likely included within the Rosaryville State Park. George Duvall was born around 1857 and worked as a farmer. In 1900, he resided with his wife Lilia, his sister-in-law Elsie, his cousin, and step-son.¹² The Duvalls do not appear in the census after 1900. However, it appears that by the time of George Duvall's death in 1928, he had married his sister-in-law Elise, because she is listed in his Will as his wife.¹³

⁵ Maryland Department of Natural Resources, "Rosaryville State Park," www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/rosaryville.html (accessed September 5, 2007).

⁶ Marina King, "Naylor Historic Survey Area," Maryland Historical Trust, State Historic Sites Inventory Form (December 1986), 8:1.

⁷ Simon J. Martenet, "Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1861," Adapted from *Martenet's Map of Prince George's County, Maryland* (Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet C.E., 1861).

⁸ G.M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, Including the County of Prince George Maryland* (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, C.E., 1878).

⁹ Ancestry.com, "Duvall Family Tree," trees.ancestry.com/owt/person.aspx?pid=29635442 (accessed September 5, 2007).

¹⁰ C.C. Magruder and Samuel B. Hance, trustees, to George T. and Benjamin F. Duvall, Jr., Prince George's County Land Records, WAJ 3:109.

¹¹ Benjamin F. and Elizabeth E. Duvall to George T. Duvall, Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 11:305.

¹² 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Mellwood, Prince George's County, Maryland, Series T623, Roll 626, Page 6A, Enumeration District 107, George T. Duvall.

¹³ Susan G. Pearl, "Duvall Barn Complex," (PG: 82A-27) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites and Inventory Form (1985), Chain of Title.

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Upon Elsie Duvall's death in 1934, George T. Duvall's younger sister Alice Duvall received the property. After Alice Duvall's death in 1936, the property was left to her heirs. Peter W. Duvall received an undivided half interest in the 274 acres, while William H. Duvall, Sr. and Susan Dorinda Duvall received an undivided one-quarter interest in the property.¹⁴ Three structures within the area of the Barns' location are identifiable on the 1938 United States Geological Survey map.¹⁵

In 1938, William H. and Susan Dorinda Duvall sold their interest in the land to Peter W. Duvall. Peter and his wife Esther D. Duvall owned the property until 1976, when they deeded their entire 341.038-acre property, including the 274 acres of Mount Airy, to the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The Rosaryville State Park was then established on this property. Today, the six Duvall structures remain within the park in an area restricted to the public. The buildings and structures appear to be vacant and not in use.

¹⁴ Alice D. Duvall et al, heirs at law of George T. Duvall, deceased, and Charles A. and Percy Duvall, trustees, to Peter W. Duvall et al., Prince George's County Land Records, 453:165.

¹⁵ USGS, "Upper Marlboro-East Washington, D.C. quadrangle," 1938, available at <http://historical.maptech.com/quad.cfm?quadname=Upper%20Marlboro-East%20Washington&state=DC&series=15>, (accessed December 12, 2007).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>341.038</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>341.038</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Upper Marlboro</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Duvall Barn Complex is located within the Rosaryville State Park, to the west of a paved road that spurs off of Marlton Avenue. The buildings have been associated with Parcel 46 as noted on Tax Map 109 since their construction in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and the establishment of the Rosaryville State Park in 1976.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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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CHAIN OF TITLE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LAND RECORDS

Deed WAJ 3:109 September 29, 1881	C.C. Magruder and Samuel B. Hance, trustees, to George T. and Benjamin F. Duvall, Jr. (284 acres in Marlboro District known as Mount Airy).
Deed JWB 11:305 September 26, 1888	Benjamin F. and Elizabeth E. Duvall to George T. Duvall (284 acres known as Mount Airy).
Admin #4259 1928	George T. Duvall died in 1928 in possession of 274 acres in Mellwood District; his widow, Elsie M. Duvall, agreed to renounce her right to one-half the deceased's estate and the right to act as administrator and to accept, in lieu, a life estate in the whole, with Marlboro Bank, Charles A. and Percy Duvall to act as administrators and trustees of the estate; agreement confirmed by Orphan's Court April 10, 1928.
Deed of Trust 323:228 June 24, 1928	Elsie M. Duvall, widow of George T. Duvall, and Alice Duvall et al, collateral heirs of George T. Duvall, to Marlboro Bank of Southern Maryland Trust Co. and Charles A. and Percy Duvall (274 acres on which George T. Duvall resided).
Deed 453:165 August 18, 1936	Alice D. Duvall et al, heirs at law of George T. Duvall, deceased, and Charles A. and Percy Duvall, trustees, to Peter W. Duvall et al.
Deed 498:483 September 6, 1938	William H. and Matilda Wood Duvall, Sr. and Susan Dorinda Duvall, unmarried, to Peter W. Duvall.
Deed NLP 4615:627 1976	Peter W. and Esther D. Duvall to the State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Natural Resources. (341.038 acres in the Mellwood District)

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Photo: Duvall Barn Complex, Barn (1) and Silo, north elevation, looking south. (August 2007)

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Photo: Duvall Barn Complex, Barn (1), south elevation, looking north. (August 2007)

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Photo: Duvall Barn Complex, Hay pen (1), east elevation, looking west. (August 2007)

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Photo: Duvall Barn Complex, Hay pen (2), south elevation, looking north. (August 2007)

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Photo: Duvall Barn Complex, Barn (2), southeast corner of building, looking northwest. (August 2007)

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Photo: Duvall Barn Complex, Shed, east elevation, looking west. (August 2007)

