

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: Oscar Young Barn
Address of Barn: 255 Oscar Young Road

GPS Location: N35 – 50.560 / W82 – 30.675
Elevation: 2160'
Township: Beech Glen
Vicinity: Middle Fork and Highway 19
Approx date/decade built: 1910 to 1920
Current Owner: Douglas Cooper

Historic Owner(s): Oscar Young, born 1891
son, Gerald Young, born 1930

Current Use: storage
Historic Use: livestock, general purpose
Permission to visit property by: current owner,
Douglas Cooper

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ORIGINAL BARN characteristics

Integrity

- High
- Medium
- Low

Condition

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Ruin

Add. Info.:

Function of original barn

- general purpose
- livestock/hay
- flue-cured tobacco
- burley tobacco
- bull face tobacco
- dairy
- other

Type Construction of original barn

- Post and Beam
- timber frame
- mortise and tenon
- sawn lumber
- hewn timbers
- notched logs
- stud frame

Add. Info.: Represents a relatively late use of hewn log cribs. V-notched logs

Original siding materials

- milled boards
 - lattice
 - exposed logs
 - board and batten
 - metal
 - shingles
 - other
- Add. Info.:

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
 - vertical
 - horizontal
- Add. Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 10/12

Roof type of original barn

- gable
- broken gable
- gambrel
- shed
- monitor
- cupola
- other

Add. Info.: It is assumed that the original roof was gable, and altered slightly to gambrel when metal roofing added, yet the second level angle is so slight as to be barely perceptible. No explanation has been learned to explain this.

Roofing materials of original barn

- split wood shingles
- 3-V metal
- 3-u metal
- 5-V metal
- stamped metal shingle
- tar paper
- unknown
- other

Add. Info.: could have been split oak shingles

Roof framing of original barn

- round pole rafters
- milled rafters
- gambrel shallow trusses

- gambrel with post and beam support
- round purlins
- Add. Info.:

Foundation of original barn

- Dry laid stone
- wood sills on rock piers
- mortared stone
- concrete
- concrete block
- columns/wood piers
- posts on concrete footings
- Add. Info.:

Flooring of original barn

- dirt floor
- wood flooring
- concrete slab
- Add. Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn

- chestnut
- other, list known species
- Add. Info.: misc. species of wood

Hinges

- leather
- wooden
- wrought iron
- commercial metal
- rubber
- other
- Add. Info.:

Fasteners

- wire nails
- cut nails
- wrought spikes
- wood pegs
- other
- Add. Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing

- +/- 2 feet
- +/- 3 feet
- +/- 4 feet

other, list
Add. Info.:

Additional traditional features, list:

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? Yes

Description of alterations and additions: A shed roof addition was built. This barn could have been altered with the addition of tobacco tier poles and a change in the roof from a gable roof to a slight gambrel profile, but this is not confirmed.

Condition of alterations

good
 fair
 poor
 ruin
Add. Info.:

Function of barn alterations and additions

general purpose
 livestock/hay
 flue-cured tobacco
 burley tobacco
 bull face tobacco
 dairy
 other: possible change in roof type

Type Construction alterations and additions

Post and Beam
 timber frame
 mortise and tenon
 sawn lumber
 hewn timbers
 notched logs
 stud frame
Add. Info.:

Siding materials of alterations and additions

milled boards
 lattice
 exposed logs
 board and batten
 metal
 shingles

other
Add. Info.:

Orientation of siding

angled on diagonal
 vertical
 horizontal
Add. Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of alterations and additions: possibly a very slight slope change in the upper roof level, and may have included a change to metal roofing from split oak shingles.

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

gable
 broken gable
 gambrel
 shed
 monitor
 cupola
 other
Add. Info.: pitch of 3/12

Roofing materials of alterations and additions

split wood shingles
 3-V metal
 3-u metal
 5-V metal
 stamped metal shingle
 tar paper
 unknown
 other
Add. Info.:

Roof framing of alterations and additions

round pole rafters
 milled rafters
 gambrel shallow trusses
 gambrel with post and beam support
 round purlins
Add. Info.:

Foundation of alterations and additions

Dry laid stone
 wood sills on rock piers
 mortared stone
 concrete

concrete block
 columns/wood piers
 posts on concrete footings
Add. Info.:

Flooring of alterations and additions

dirt floor
 wood flooring
 concrete slab
Add. Info.:

Species of wood used in alterations and additions

chestnut
 other, list known species
Add. Info.:

Hinges/ alterations and additions

leather
 wooden
 wrought iron
 commercial metal
 rubber
 other
Add. Info.:

Fasteners/ alterations and additions

wire nails
 cut nails
 wrought spikes
 wood pegs
 other
Add. Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing/ alterations and additions

+/- 2 feet
 +/- 3 feet
 +/- 4 feet
 other, list
Add. Info.:

Outbuildings: none surviving

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: This barn is part of the farmstead that included a relatively large cove of land, including a later dairy operation.

Historic Information: The barn was built by Oscar Young, born 1891. It was built just before he deconstructed and rebuilt a nearby house after being married in 1910. This was the primary utility barn and housed their mules (Bill and Mert), a milk cow, and later a draft horse. The gambrel roof is original according to Gerald Young, born 1930, son of Oscar Young. If that is accurate it is the earliest known gambrel roof among those bars documented to date. It also had a silo at one time, construction not known.

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