

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: D. Nelson Anderson livestock barn	Approx date/decade built: 1903
Address of Barn: 1229 Paint Fork Rd., Mars Hill, NC 28754	Current Owner: Evelyn Anderson
GPS Location: N35-49.855 / W82-28.392	Historic Owner(s): D. Nelson Anderson; Oscar Anderson, Sr. and Jr.
Elevation: 2220 ‘	Current Use: storage, hay, equipment
Township: Beech Glen	Historic Use: livestock, general purpose, burley tobacco
Vicinity: Paint Fork at Walker Branch	Permission to visit property by: Evelyn Anderson

ORIGINAL BARN characteristics

Integrity

- High
- Medium
- Low

Condition

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- 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.: this is an example of a well-crafted period barn in which the owner used two notches, a half dovetail and a V-notch, but it is unclear why.

Original siding materials

- milled boards
- lattice
- exposed logs
- board and batten
- metal
- shingles
- other

Add. Info.: this is an unusual example of siding being only lattice and lapped poplar siding.

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal: lattice
- vertical
- horizontal

Add. Info.: see note above

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 12/12

Roof type of original barn

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

Add. Info.:

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.: split oak shingles are assumed

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.: posts on rock footings; this is a bank barn with large rock retaining wall.

Flooring of original barn

- dirt floor
- wood flooring
- concrete slab

Add. Info.: wood flooring in loft and case room

Species of wood used in original barn

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Add. Info.: misc common species

Hinges

- leather
- wooden
- wrought iron
- commercial metal
- rubber
- other

Add. Info.: flat bar hinges, etc.

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: bank barn with large rock retaining wall

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes

Description of alterations and additions: loft area has been adapted to cure burley tobacco; metal roofing to replace wood shingle roofing; a case house/room may have been enclosed later, with added window sashes.

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: see note above

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: NA

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

gable

broken gable

gambrel

shed

monitor

cupola

other

Add. Info.:

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.: The 3-U metal is similar to the 3-V metal roofing but with an inverted “U” shape. A neighbor explained that he was told of a traveling crew from Alcoa Aluminum Co. that would site-press the metal roofing, and the “U” shape was the profile they used.

Roof framing of alterations and additions

round pole rafters

milled rafters

gambrel shallow trusses

gambrel with post and beam support

round purlins

Add. Info.: rafters could have been round poles originally

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: the farm has several outbuildings including a large corn crib, log Bull Face tobacco barn, smoke house, and an early log house now used as a barn. The large two story 1888 house is in good condition.

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: This farm is located within a large open valley with large amount of bottomland, and was part of an original purchase from the late 18th century, in the 1790's, and was part of a 600+ acre farm. The land included an active Indian path and the first family on this land was concerned about possible hostilities.

Historic Information: From an interview with Oscar Anderson, Sr. in 1985, he stated that the large barn was built as a livestock barn in 1903 and adapted to burley tobacco. It is currently used for general utility, and was for burley tobacco until 2004. See attached excerpt from family history. This property was part of the original land purchased by James Anderson from a land grant in 1797, according to family history. This house and barn were built by D. Nelson Anderson, (b. 1857-d. 1920), around 1888. It is not known by the family what name the initial "D" stands for. The log house next to the barn, was built by John Anderson, was where D. Nelson Anderson was born in 1857, and was earlier located up the hollow (Walker Branch). According to family members, it has notches cut in the log walls, reportedly for musket placement to defend against Indian attack, and a hollow cut into one log for hiding valuables and money.

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