

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Claude Wild barn  
Address of Barn: 9840 Big Pine Rd.  
GPS Location: N35 47.227 / W82 49.052  
Elevation: 2620 feet  
Township: Walnut  
Vicinity: upper Big Pine Creek valley

Approx date/decade built: 1918  
Current Owner: Kenneth Allen Payne  
Historic Owner(s): Claude Wild, son Herbert Wild  
Current Use: livestock, burley tobacco  
Historic Use: livestock  
Permission to visit property by: owner Alan Payne

### ORIGINAL BARN characteristics

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#### 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
- Add. Info.:

#### Type Construction of original barn

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

#### 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: 6 / 12

Roof type of original barn

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

Add. Info.: this barn is likely the first monitor roof barn introduced into the Big Pine valley by Claude Wild, and may have been built following a set of barn plans obtained by Wild, following oral tradition from the family.

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.:

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 – in loft
- concrete slab

Add. Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn

- chestnut
  - other, list known species
- Add. Info.: pine, oak, butternut, hemlock

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: Across the road from the front of the barn is a small concrete structure that Wild built as a spring box, receiving spring water piped from higher up the mountainside. It has his initials and date built, "C. J. W. 1919" etched into the top, and still flows into the horses' water tub.

The corn crib is an unusual attached structure that includes an area for receiving and drying the green, unshucked ears of corn. When dry, they are shucked there and the shucked ears are dropped below into the crib for storage.

#### ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

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Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes

Description of alterations and additions: large shed addition on the south side

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

Add. Info.:

Type Construction alterations and additions

Post and Beam

timber frame

mortise and tenon

sawn lumber

hewn timbers

notched logs

stud frame

Add. Info.: simple pole structure supported by locust posts, bark on.

Siding materials of alterations and additions

milled boards

lattice

exposed logs

board and batten

- metal
  - shingles
  - other
- Add. Info.: no siding

Orientation of siding

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

Roof pitch or slope of alterations and additions: 3 / 12

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.:

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.: posts in the ground

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.: oak, hemlock, locust

Hinges/ alterations and additions

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

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.:

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Outbuildings: several other more recent barns are in the area.

**Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use:** upper end of Big Pine Creek valley where it climbs suddenly into steep terrain with less tillable land.

**Historic Information:**

The Claude and Katie Wild barn is one of six distinctive monitor roof barns found only in the Walnut Township, with all but one in the Big Pine Creek valley. Being a unique and progressive barn design for 1918 in Madison County, it is speculated that the design, like the George Washington Wild barn, was built from a set of plans acquired in Tennessee by Claude Wild during his travels as a peddler. At the height of his travels, Wild drove a state-of-the-art peddler's truck, an REO "Speed Wagon", and typically made \$75 a circuit, driving from Big Pine to Newport, TN, to Asheville, and back to Big Pine. He did not believe in buying food while on the road, and his wife made him ham biscuits to eat while traveling. He was the first Big Pine resident to own a truck. Across the road from the front of the barn is a small concrete structure that Wild built as a spring box, receiving spring water piped from higher up the mountainside. It has his initials and year, "C. J. W. 1919" etched into the top, and still flows into the horses' water tub. He and his father, George Washington Wild also installed the first small hydro-electric generator, and thus had the first electric lights in the valley. The front of the corn crib is angled to follow the curve of the roadway which was upgraded in the 1980's. Claude Wild moved to the Brush Creek community in 1938.

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