

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: Alfred Huff barn
Address of Barn: between 111 & 245 Hickory Dr.
GPS Location: N35-49-46 / W82- 33-21
Elevation: 2215'
Township: Mars Hill
Vicinity: west Mars Hill
Approx date/decade built: 1930s

Current Owner: Ann Huff Toney, James Huff, and John Huff
Historic Owner(s): Alfred Huff
Current Use: storage
Historic Use: livestock and burley tobacco
Permission to visit property by: Ann Huff Toney
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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

Original siding materials

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

Add. Info.:

Add. Info.: built originally as a combination livestock and burley barn

Type Construction of original barn

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

Add. Info.: 2x6 stud framing; loft level studs on 48" centers, to support tier poles on 48" centers. Wall studs and interior loft posts have plate across 2x6 posts at 8'-4" high, not clear why this dimension. A few diagonal braces exist but are sparse considering the need to brace this light framing. This is also a bank barn.

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Add. Info.: vent doors appear to have cut into walls at a later time, perhaps as the need for venting was better understood.

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 7 / 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: assumed
- 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.: 2x4 sawn rafters

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.: poured concrete retaining wall on west end to support bank

Flooring of original barn

- dirt floor
- wood flooring
- concrete slab
- Add. Info.: dirt floor in livestock level, wood floor in tack room and loft.

Species of wood used in original barn

- chestnut
- other, list known species
- Add. Info.: oak, pine, 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: A casing room built into stall level, may or may not be original.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes

Description of alterations and additions:

Condition of alterations

- good
- fair
- poor
- ruin
- Add. Info.: lightly structured burley shed addition supported by locust posts

Function of barn alterations and additions

- general purpose

- livestock/hay
 - flue-cured tobacco
 - burley tobacco
 - bull face tobacco
 - dairy
 - other
- Add. Info.: used for livestock as needed.

- Post and Beam
 - timber frame
 - mortise and tenon
 - sawn lumber
 - hewn timbers
 - notched logs
 - stud frame
- Add. Info.: light structure supported by locust posts and tier poles.

Type Construction alterations and additions

Siding materials of alterations and additions

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

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.: 2x4 rafters

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
 - vertical
 - horizontal
- 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.: locust posts in the ground

Roof pitch or slope of alterations and additions: 3.5 / 12

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

- gable
 - broken gable
 - gambrel
 - shed
 - monitor
 - cupola
 - other
- Add. Info.:

Flooring of alterations and additions

- dirt floor
 - wood flooring
 - concrete slab
- 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

Species of wood used in alterations and additions

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

Hinges/ alterations and additions

- leather
- wooden
- wrought iron
- commercial metal

rubber
 other
Add. Info.:

other
Add. Info.:

Fasteners/ alterations and additions

wire nails
 cut nails
 wrought spikes
 wood pegs

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing/
alterations and additions

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

Outbuildings: concrete block building built into bank, may be a casing house, wood frame second floor, typical of many outbuildings used for casing house, can house, shop, tool shed, etc.

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: This farm is in the rolling hills of Mars Hill, in town on the edge of residential areas and on the edge of Mars Hill University campus.

Historic Information: This farm has been retained in the ownership of the Carter/Huff family for many generations. There is no deed found that lists Edward Carter as the grantee for this or associated tracts, but considering that he donated the four acres on which Mars Hill College was founded in 1856, it is evident that the land was obtained by the Carter family sometime prior. A search of the Yancey County deeds showed no transactions with the Carters from 1833 to 1851 (the years this area was part of Yancey County). However, a search of the Buncombe County records for years prior to 1833 did result in at least four separate deeds from 1815 to 1824, listing Daniel Carter (Edward's father) as the grantee. These deeds totaled over 660 acres in the Ivy River drainage and though without extensive additional research the link is not definitive, it can be deduced that a portion of these lands ended up with his son, Edward.

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