

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: Jervis / Ray flue-cured tobacco barn

Address of Barn: 92 Parkway View Dr.

GPS Location: 82 32' 57"W / 35 50' 15"E

Elevation: 2410'

Township: Mars Hill

Vicinity: north Main Street

Approx date/decade built: late 1800s

Current Owner: Elaine Ray Thomas

Historic Owner(s):

Current Use: abandoned

Historic Use: flue-cured tobacco

Permission to visit property by: Elaine Thomas

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

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.: lapped siding tightly fitted on gable ends, to keep in heat

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Add. Info.: gable siding is lapped to provide a seal to keep in the heat. Logs are mostly chestnut with mud chinking and wedge boards to fill as much of the gaps and hold the mud.

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 9 / 12

Roof type of original barn

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

Add. Info.:

Roofing materials of original barn

- split wood shingles: assumed
- 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.: rafters @ 24" OC +/-, lathe nailer strips for shingles 1x3+/-

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.: oak, pine

Hinges

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

Add. Info.:

Fasteners

- wire nails
- cut nails
- wrought spikes
- wood pegs
- other

Add. Info.: the small door frame is attached with wood pegs

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing

- +/- 2 feet
- +/- 3 feet
- +/- 4 feet
- other, list

Add. Info.: tier poles are predominately chestnut, bark-on

Additional traditional features, list: This is the only flue-cured tobacco barn found to date with the original small door opening, measuring approx. 43” wide by 40” high, framed in 2 ½ inch by 6 inch boards. No other doors have been made into the log walls of this barn. The lapped siding on the gable ends is also unique among those of this type barn, having originally been fairly tightly lapped to keep in the heat for curing.

Alterations and Additions

Has the original barn been altered or added to?

There were shed roof additions on all sides, for burley tobacco and storage, until approx. 2012 when a wind storm blew them off, exposing this intact flue-cured barn underneath.

Outbuildings: a modern equipment shed

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: The farm is part of an original landholding of 120+ acres of rolling land at the upper end of Parkway View Road, previously known as Jarvis Road, on Big Branch. The house is a 1960’s era brick ranch style house.

Historic Information: John “Rezi” Jervis was listed as a farmer in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 U.S. Census, and though passing away in 1874, his son William, born in 1841, was listed as either a farm laborer or farmer in 1870, 1880 and 1900 (records not available for 1890). This information, coupled with the general descriptions of the land deeds from the mid-to-late 1800’s, described above, strongly suggests that Rezi Jervis’ son(s) William, James and/ or J.M built the tobacco barn on the Elaine Ray Thomas property.

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