

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Jeter Prichard  
Robinson livestock barn  
Address of Barn: 7174 NC Highway 213  
GPS Location: N35 49.709 / W82 34.572  
Elevation: 2285'  
Township: Mars Hill  
Vicinity: west of Mars Hill

Approx date/decade built: 1933  
Current Owner: Joe Max Robinson  
Historic Owner(s): Jeter Robinson  
Current Use: livestock barn, storage  
Historic Use: same  
Permission to visit property by: owner

### 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.: loft floor also used for threshing wheat

#### 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.: this is a simple and straightforward barn construction

#### Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Add. Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 11/12; 7/12

#### Roof type of original barn

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

Add. Info.: with posts

#### Roofing materials of original barn

- split wood shingles
- 3-V metal
- 3-U metal
- 5-V metal
- stamped metal shingle
- tar paper
- unknown
- other – 6-V metal

Add. Info.: very rare 6-V roofing

#### Roof framing of original barn

- round pole rafters
- milled rafters
- gambrel shallow trusses
- gambrel with post and beam support
- round purlins

Add. Info.: 2x6 rafters

#### Foundation of original barn

- Dry laid stone
- wood sills on rock piers
- mortared stone
- concrete - formed
- concrete block
- columns/wood piers
- posts on concrete footings

Add. Info.: bank barn incl. concrete retaining wall; back area of barn has posts on rock piers

#### Flooring of original barn

- dirt floor
- wood flooring- loft
- concrete slab

Add. Info.:

#### Species of wood used in original barn

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Add. Info.: oak, pine, hemlock, poplar

#### Hinges

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

Add. Info.: unique use of wrought iron bar for hinges, may have been iron tires from wagon

#### 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.: NA

Additional traditional features, list: interesting wood framed hay chute;

#### ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

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Has the original barn been altered or added to? The addition on the rear of the main barn was added at the time of the original construction and is of similar construction.

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Outbuildings: The casing house, also a can house and/or granary, was built in the late 1930's, using hand-made pressed concrete block, made by Tom Willet, with the sand coming from Forks of Ivy River. The box forms are still in the possession of the owner. Grain bins were on the second level. This casing house replaced a log casing house. A log flue-cured tobacco barn was located at the driveway in the trees, until about ten years ago. There is also a hog pen. The produce shed was built in 2004.

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: This farm is located on the main highway NC 213, built in the late 1970s, and is approximately 1.5 miles from downtown Mars Hill. The old road was built in 1929 and was the main road between Mars Hill and Marshall.

Historic Information: Jeter Pritchard Robinson was born 1892 of a large and influential family in the Mars Hill area. He was named after Jeter Conley Pritchard\*, yet was not given a name until he was 7 years old.

This farmstead has good examples of many barns and outbuildings still in use today. The main livestock barn was built in 1933, was also used for threshing wheat, and was once painted red. It was built by Robinson before he built the house.

The burley tobacco barn was built in 1934, in the "Kentucky style", and always had a metal roof, had chestnut sills, and housed the milk cow.

The house, a classic bungalow style was built in 1935. The casing house, also a can house and/or granary, was built in the late 1930's, using hand-made pressed concrete block. The box forms are still in the possession of the owner. A log flue-cured tobacco barn was located at the driveway in the trees, until about ten years ago.

Robinson was an early user of barbed wire, known as "WWI barbed wire". Before barbed wire came into use, livestock often ranged free, while only the crops and gardens and yards were fenced to keep the animals out.

\*Jeter Conley Pritchard (12 July 1857-10 Apr. 1921) , senator and judge, was born in Jonesboro, Tenn., the son of William H. and Elizabeth Brown Pritchard. Although he was seven years above the top age for enlistment in the Confederate army, the elder Pritchard enlisted as the paid substitute for Herman Cone, father of Ceasar and Moses Cone; he served throughout the war and after the surrender of Vicksburg contracted a fatal illness from which he died in Mobile, Alabama.

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