

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Samuel Moore Barn  
Address of Barn: approx. 300 Hazel Brooke Rd.  
GPS Location: N35 – 48' 42" / W82 – 35'41"  
Elevation: 2150'  
Township: Mars Hill  
Vicinity: Bull Creek Community  
Approx date/decade built: 1930s

Current Owner: Eilene and Max Gibbs  
Historic Owner(s): Samuel Moore  
Current Use: storage / cattle shelter  
Historic Use: burley tobacco  
Permission to visit property by: Max Gibbs,  
Gordon Moore

### ORIGINAL BARN characteristics

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#### Integrity

- High
- Medium: deteriorating
- Low

#### Condition

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Add. Info.: wind damage, could be repaired

#### Function of original barn

- general purpose
- livestock/hay
- flue-cured tobacco
- burley tobacco
- bull face tobacco
- dairy
- other

Add. Info.: off-season hay storage

#### Type Construction of original barn

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

Add. Info.: typical post and beam burley barn pole construction

#### Original siding materials

- milled boards

- lattice
  - exposed logs
  - board and batten
  - metal
  - shingles
  - other
- Add. Info.: lattice is high on cupola ends

Orientation of siding

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

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 12 / 5 main roof; 12 / 6 cupola roof

Roof type of original barn

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

Add. Info.: Known by family members to be the earliest monitor roof barns in eastern Madison County, and was built exclusively for burley tobacco. Numerous monitor roof barns have been built in this township since this barn was built, up until recent years. The earliest known monitor roof barn is in the Big Pine community built by Claude Wild in 1918.

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.: rock piers are spaced to support center of wood sills that are lapped mid-way between piers. The rock piers were set by the builder according to the signs of Zodiac and/or moon phase so that they would not heave during freezing weather.

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, white pine, poplar, other

Hinges

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

Add. Info.: original large doors had partially wood hinges

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.: 42" OC ave. The height accommodates 7 tier levels, unusually high.

Additional traditional features, list: lattice work on cupola ends; original doors on hallway, one has survived, had mortise and tenon joinery.

#### ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

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Has the original barn been altered or added to? no

Outbuildings: none surviving

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: The farm is part of an original larger landholding now divided among descendants and is owned by Eilene Moore Gibbs, a granddaughter. It is part of the rolling hills of south-eastern Madison County, a less mountainous area and part of the earlier settlement period north of Asheville.

Historic Information: very little information is known (recalled by descendants). As reported by grandson Gordon Moore, "It was his creation, that type of barn (monitor), first one in the area of that roof type. His brother helped build it, asked him when they finished, 'Sam, is that what you had in mind for that barn?' Sam said, 'Well, if it wasn't I'd tear it down and start over.'"

It is said that the barn will hold 3 acres of tobacco. The homeplac house still stands but is on another property, down the hill to the west, out of view of the barn.

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