

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: Woods Ammons barn #2, south side
Address of Barn: 1876 Lower Gabriels Crk Rd
GPS Location: N35-47.994 / W82-34.045
Elevation: 2054'
Township: Mars Hill
Vicinity: Lower Gabriels Creek
Approx date/decade built: mid-1940s

Current Owner: Doris Gordon, Bob Lackey
Historic Owner(s): Woods Ammons, Roy Ammons, son
Current Use: storage, studio
Historic Use: burley tobacco, equipment storage
Permission to visit property by: owners Doris Gordon, Bob Lackey
404-310-7422

ORIGINAL BARN characteristics

Integrity

- High
- Medium
- Low

- bull face tobacco
- dairy
- other

Condition

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Add. Info.: also has a casing room on ground level, built of poured concrete walls

Type Construction of original barn

Add. Info.:

- Post and Beam
- timber frame
- mortise and tenon
- sawn lumber

Function of original barn

- general purpose
- livestock/hay
- flue-cured tobacco
- burley tobacco

- hewn timbers
 - notched logs
 - stud frame
- Add. Info.:

Original siding materials

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

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 3.7 / 12 upper roof; 6 / 12 lower roof slopes

Add. Info.:

Roof type of original barn

- gable
- broken gable
- gambrel
- shed

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

- monitor
- cupola
- other

Add. Info.:

Add. Info.: the slope changes from the larger roofs to the small vent roof, the reason is not known nor apparent

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.: monitor rafters are 2x4, main

roof uses 2x6

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.: long concrete footings and

poured short footings

Flooring of original barn

- dirt floor: lower level
 - wood flooring: loft
 - concrete slab
- Add. Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn

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

locust

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

Add. Info.: very unusual 5"-6" ave. spacing throughout, not found in other burley barns, and represents the owners recognition of post-war burley tobacco becoming much larger, needing more vertical space to hang.

Additional traditional features, list: not traditional but interior loft posts have U-brackets that are assumed to be for supporting temporary lower tier poles.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? Yes, but shed addition(s) has been removed.

Outbuildings: none survived

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: This farm is situated at the lower end of the long valley/watershed of Gabriels Creek and is close to Mars Hill. The original farm was large and owned by Woods Ammons who was known as a major burley tobacco grower who stayed abreast of improvements in cultivation and curing. His tier pole spacing is much greater than other barns.

Historic Information: Very little information has been revealed or is known by surviving family members, a son and granddaughter.

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