

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Woods Ammons barn  
#1, north 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  
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

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#### 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

Add. Info.:

Add. Info.: large doors on bank side were  
built around 2014 from lumber reused from old  
shed additions.

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 6 / 12 +/-, both  
sections

#### Roof type of original barn

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

Add. Info.:

#### Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

#### 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, list

Add. Info.:

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, it had shed additions but those have been removed.

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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.

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

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