

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: William Washington White livestock barn

Address of Barn: 3172 Windswept Ridge Rd.

GPS Location: N35 – 48.455 / W82 – 37.395

Elevation: 2081'

Township: Mars Hill

Vicinity: Laurel Branch area

Approx date/decade built: 1890-1900

Current Owner: Ms. Zane White Caldwell

Historic Owner(s): father of Ms. Caldwell

Current Use: abandoned, some shelter for horses

Historic Use: livestock, storage, burley tobacco

Permission to visit property by: Ms. Zane Caldwell

ORIGINAL BARN - characteristics

Integrity:

- High
- Medium
- Low

Condition:

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Addtl Info.:

Function of original barn:

- general purpose
- livestock/hay – original
- flue-cured tobacco
- burley tobacco – later adaption
- bull face tobacco
- dairy
- other

Addtl Info.:

Type of Construction of original barn:

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

Addtl Info: loft studs variable,
ave. 2'-5" O.C.

Original siding materials:

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

Addtl Info.:

Orientation of siding:

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtl Info.: less common vertical board siding on gable end, and uncommon angle of lattice at 17.5 / 12 angle.

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 12 / 12

Roof type of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.:

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

Addtnl Info.: Metal roofing replacement

Roofing materials of original barn:

Roof framing of original barn:

- round pole rafters
- milled rafters
- gambrel shallow trusses
- gambrel with post & beam supprt
- round purlins

Addtnl Info.: odd 2"X3" rafters, 36" O.C.

Foundation of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.: much of the foundation covered by soil

Flooring of original barn:

- dirt floor
- wood flooring: loft
- concrete slab

Addtnl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Addtnl Info.: oak, pine, poplar

Hinges:

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

Add. Info.:

Fasteners:

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

Addtnl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing:

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

Addtnl Info.:

Additional traditional features, list: four joined log cribs with V-notching

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes

Description of alterations and additions: metal replacement roofing, burley tier poles in loft and shed addition, shed addition on north side.

Condition of alterations

- good
- fair
- poor
- ruin

Addtnl Info.:

Function of barn alterations and additions

- general purpose
- livestock/hay – at ground level
- flue-cured tobacco
- burley tobacco – upper volume
- bull face tobacco
- dairy
- other

Addtnl Info.: Equipment storage

Type Construction alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Siding materials of alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtnl Info.:

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of alterations and additions:

8 / 12 +/-

Roofing materials of alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Roof framing of alterations and additions

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

round purlins

Addtnl Info.:

Foundation of alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.: posts in the ground

Flooring of alterations and additions

- dirt floor
- wood flooring
- concrete slab

Addtnl Info.:

Species of wood used in alterations and additions

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Addtnl Info.: pine, poplar, locust

Hinges/ alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.: NA

Fasteners/ alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing/ alterations and additions

- other, list

Addtnl Info. unknown

Outbuildings: corn crib; across road at large 19th house, a spring house, casing house/can house, and woodshed. The property also has a traditional “box-framed” house, up the hollow from the barn, and it is a rare surviving early 20th century house type.

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: The farm is on the rolling hills approx. 2 miles from the Petersburg community and the Silvers Grist Mill, and near the Sexton community near the Ivy River, and is approx. half way between Marshall and Mars Hill. Another White family relative, the Jacob Tilson property is nearby on Slivers Mill Road. Another prominent family, the John Grifus Roberts family, owned the farm over the ridge to the north. The well-known Flint Knob School was nearby.

Historic Information: A comparatively crudely built barn, especially since it was built by William Washington White, a prominent landowner and county leader. He likely joined the Confederate 64th NC, and at age 16. According to the Kirks Raiders Roster for the 2nd Mtd. Inf. However, William White is listed from Buncombe County and enlisted at the Cumberland Gap on 2/1/65. This means that he was given the option to turncoat or stay in prison. So basically he was only a Union soldier for 3-4 months. It is commonly understood that several of the 64th NC and other Confederate regiments were given this option while being prisoners in Cumberland

Gap. He is buried at the cemetery on the hill behind the house, see photo, but the stone has no dates.

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