

# MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Robert (Bob) Ramsey barn

Address of Barn: 64 Highland Creek Drive at 3023 Bear Creek Rd.

GPS Location: N35-44-05 / W82-41-48

Elevation: 1845'

Historic Owner(s): Robert Ramsey, Pauline  
Ditmore

Township: South Marshall

Current Use: entertainment and meeting venue

Vicinity: Rector Corner at Sandy Mush Creek

Historic Use: livestock barn

Approx date/decade built: 1910

Permission to visit property by: Representative of  
the Properties Owners Assoc., Tom Kurtz:  
828 206 0298

Current Owner: River Highlands Owner's  
Association

## ORIGINAL BARN

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**Note:** Information represented on this data form, and in the photographs, notes, articles, deed research, and correspondence with family and neighbors, seeks to provide as much information about this barn as was available at the time. Much information is based on oral tradition and availability of access to those family members, neighbors and others who were familiar with this barn and its history. New and more accurate information is welcomed.

**Outbuildings:** Springhouse across the creek; ruins of grist mill foundation;

**Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use:** This barn and farm are set along Sandy Mush Creek which forms the southern boundary of Madison County with Buncombe County. The site was once known as Trail Branch and was situated along a major wagon and stagecoach road that ran from Asheville to Marshall, and later became NC 20, the primary new highway in the new early 20<sup>th</sup> century automobile era. Trail Branch included the main house, a grist mill, a post office, blacksmith shop, and a general store. The farm is rolling hills, most of which are steep with only small bottomland areas for farming and is on the southern end of the Pleasant View community and the Rector Corner area of Madison County.

**Historic Information:** see attached history and deed history.

Integrity:

- High
- Medium
- Low

Condition:

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Addtnl Info.:

Some repairs have been made

Function of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.:

Type of Construction of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info: hewn timber sills on rock fndtn

Original siding materials:

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

Addtnl Info.: lattice at top of walls fro ventilation of hay loft.

Orientation of siding:

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtnl Info.: lattice is uncommon horizontal orientation

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 11/12 lower slope; 9/12

Roof type of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.: slight gambrel profile

Roofing materials of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.: 5-V as later replacement

Roof framing of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.: pole rafters on lower slope, 2x4 rafters on upper section of roof

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.: orig stone may have been unmortared, dry laid

Bank barn: this is a full bank barn with massive stone retaining wall, bank continues into loft level.

Flooring of original barn:

- dirt floor
- wood flooring
- concrete slab

Addtnl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Addtnl Info.: pine, oak, poplar

Hinges:

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

Add. Info.:

Fasteners:

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

Addtl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing: N/A

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

Addtl Info.: tier poles may have never been in this barn but evidence is unclear

Additional traditional features: Diamond shaped openings in board siding; full bank barn; lattice strips for ventilation, with uncommon horizontal orientation; feed troughs and feed bin present; large oak lattice loft doors.

## ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

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Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes

Description of alterations and additions: Shed addition built early after original barn, but date not known.

Renovations and repairs were made in early 2000's to replace damaged framing and foundation areas on south side of lower level.

A large deck for entertaining was built by the development company in early 2000's.

Condition of alterations

- good
- fair
- poor
- ruin

Addtl Info.:

Function of barn alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

See description above.

Type Construction alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.: see descript.

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 pitch or slope of alterations and additions:

12/4.5

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.: on early shed addit.

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.:unknown

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.: N/A

Flooring of alterations and additions

- dirt floor- below
- wood flooring- above
- concrete slab

Addtnl Info.:

Species of wood used in alterations and additions

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Addtnl Info.: pine, hemlock, oak

Hinges/ alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Fasteners/ alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing/ alterations and additions

\_\_\_ +/- 2 feet

\_\_\_ +/- 3 feet

\_\_\_ +/- 4 feet

\_\_\_ other, list

Addtnl Info. NA

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