

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: Maude Boone / Gene Rogers barn (at the time of this survey)

Address of Barn: 675 Fisher Branch Rd.,
Marshall, NC 28753

GPS Location: N35 51.269 /W82 37.613

Elevation: 2200' +/-

Township: Grapevine

Vicinity: Fisher Branch valley

Approx date/decade built: 1880s

Other resources: March 12, 2019 Wayne Boone 828-776-0929/ 865-804-9006

Historic Information: from Wayne Boone, who grew up on the property: Built by Bascombe Silvers, owner, in the 1880s with local carpenters Bob Hylton and Dolph Coates. The metal roof replaced the split shingle roof around 1940, the added roof elevation extension was after WWII. The farm had a “worm fence”, of split chestnut rails, the bottom rail was laid off on new moon according to tradition, to avoid rotting.

Outbuildings: The can house was built in the 1960s. The spring house is up the branch on the south side of the farm.

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: This farm is typical of these narrow tributary valleys of the Grapevine / Bull Creek valley and watershed. The property had small areas of tillable land up a few narrow hollows, with branches fed by springs.

ORIGINAL BARN - characteristics

Integrity:

- High to Medium
- Medium
- Low

Condition:

- Good
- Fair to Deteriorated
- Ruin

Addtl Info.: Interior log pens have good corner notching.

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: log notching is half dovetail; no mortise and tenon but notched post and beam joints.

Original siding materials:

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

Addtnl Info.: framed stalls likely added later

Orientation of siding:

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtnl Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of original barn:
12/10.5

Roof type of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.:

Roofing materials of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.:

Roof framing of original barn:

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

round purlins
Addtnl Info.: not known, likely round pole rafters, original may have been replaced when metal roof added.

Foundation of original barn:

- Dry laid stone
- wood sills on rock piers
- mortared stone
- concrete
- concrete block

columns/wood piers

posts on concrete footings

Addnl Info.: foundation has remained relatively intact despite several water springs that keep the site wet.

Flooring of original barn:

- dirt floor
- wood flooring -loft
- concrete slab

Addnl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Addnl Info.: oak, pine, poplar

Hinges:

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

Add. Info.: may have had earlier wood hinges.

Fasteners:

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

Addnl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing:

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

Addnl Info.:

Additional traditional features, list:

Stall doors have varying door hinges. Hewn logs are large, with largest at 17.5 inches high. Extensive lattice work, yet it has only one layer of lattice unlike most barns of this era with opposing double lattice strips. This barn is a type of separate bank barn with a bridge from the south bank to the loft level.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? Yes

Description of alterations and additions:

The original roof was replaced by a higher, 6'-4" extension roof of the roof structure, retaining the outline of the original roofline.

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.:

Type Construction alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

Siding materials of alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtl Info.:

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of alterations and additions:

Roofing materials of alterations and additions

- split wood shingles
- 3-u metal
- 5-V meta

3-V metal

- stamped metal shingle
- tar paper

unknown
 other
Addtnl Info.: 12/7 pitch

Roof framing of alterations and additions
 round pole rafters
 milled rafters
 gambrel shallow trusses
 gambrel with post & beam support
 round purlins
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:

Date Photos Taken: Sept. 1 2013

Submitted By:

Name: Taylor Barnhill
Address: 226 Beech Glen Rd., Mars Hill, NC 28754
Cell: 828-380-9336
Email: taylor.barnhill@yahoo.com

