

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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<b>Common Identity of Barn:</b> Claude Rainey barn	<b>Address of Barn:</b> 4756 Meadow Fork Rd.
<b>GPS Location:</b> 35-48.074E / W82-54.591W	<b>Current Owner:</b> Christina and Alex Johnson
<b>Elevation:</b> 2621'	<b>Historic Owner(s):</b> Claude Rainey
<b>Township:</b> Spring Creek	<b>Current Use:</b> storage
<b>Vicinity:</b> Meadow Fork	<b>Historic Use:</b> livestock
<b>Approx. date/decade built:</b> 1954, as etched into concrete water trough.	<b>Permission to visit property by:</b> owner, Christina and Alex Johnson: 828-622-9666

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**Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use:** This farm is a typical small mountain farm in a remote valley and watershed of Meadow Fork Creek of the greater Spring Creek valley, in the far southwest corner of Madison County.

**Historic Information:** The Claude Rainey barn is a thoughtfully constructed mid-20<sup>th</sup> century livestock barn that proudly exhibits the Dutch gambrel roof with flared eaves, sometimes known as Flemish eaves. A true gambrel roof structure, the original had no interior support posts, allowing for an unobstructed hay loft. This roof style, along with the distinctive diagonal siding, is a good example of a Spring Creek style trend of this period that is not found as strongly expressed in other townships. Like most barns built for livestock, this barn was later adapted for air-curing burley tobacco. Claude Rainey was known as a good farmer who took pride in maintaining an orderly farmstead and his barn represents the best building methods of the post WWII era, with sawn lumber throughout and a poured concrete foundation, while retaining the traditional concrete spring-fed water trough and loft-level access bank. The construction date of 1954 is etched into the concrete.

Claude Rainey: 1904 to 1994. Father was William Rainey, mother Hester Haynes, spouse was Ruth Balding.

**Outbuildings:** miscellaneous small modern sheds and a spring house

**Date Photos Taken:** August 11, 2014

## ORIGINAL BARN - characteristics

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### Integrity:

- High
- Medium
- Low

### Condition:

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Addtnl Info.:

### 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:

### Original siding materials:

- 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 original barn:12/40;  
12/4.25

### Roof type of original barn:

- gable
- gambrel
- shed
- other

Addtnl Info.: very steep Dutch gambrel  
with bell-cast eaves, with shed side addition

### Roofing materials of original barn:

- 5-V metal
- stamped metal shingle
- other

Addtnl Info.:

Roof framing of original barn:

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

Addtl Info.: very steep gambrel with 2x6 rafters

Foundation of original barn:

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

Addtl Info.: poured conc. footing with conc. block above

Flooring of original barn:

- dirt floor
- wood flooring (loft)
- concrete slab

Addtl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

- chestnut
- other, list known species

Addtl Info.: oak, pine, poplar, hemlock

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:

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

Addtl Info.:

Additional traditional features, list:  
poured concrete watering trough

## **ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics**

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**Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes**

**Description of alterations and additions:**

Tier poles added for burley tobacco in loft level and side shed.

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