

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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**Common Identity of Barn:** Hal Burton Woody Barn

**Address of Barn:** 960 Poplar Gap Rd.

**GPS Location:** N35-47.690 / W82-55.543

**Historic Owner(s):** Hal Burton Woody (1889-1966) W. T. Moore

**Elevation:** 3326'

**Current Use:** storage

**Vicinity:** Meadow Fork/Poplar Gap area

**Historic Use:** livestock, general purpose, burley

**Approx date/decade built:** 1915 to 1935

**Permission to visit property by:** F. N. Willet, owner

**Current Owner:** F.N. and Ann Willet, 828-622-7344

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

**Historic Information:** The Hal Burton Woody barn represents the most common type of small, general purpose livestock log barn of the early 1900's. More recently known as the farm of W. T. Moore, a county political leader, it is thought that this barn may have been built by a neighbor, Landon Gregory. It was purchased by W. T. Moore in the late 1950s to early 1960s. It was adapted for hanging burley tobacco even though the loft area is small. Log notching is of the later saddle notch type with several V-notch corners. The rafters are round poles, an uncommon feature for this period, especially with the tightly spaced roof sheathing, originally installed for tarpaper roofing. The farmstead is at an elevation of over 3300 feet, in a steep valley in a remote corner of the county.

**Outbuildings:** small contemporary storage shed

**Date Photos Taken:** August 26, 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.: later adapted to burley tobacco

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

Addtnl Info: scarring from the Chestnut blight (post-1920) is present on some logs. This is also a bank barn.

Type of Construction of original barn:

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:12/8.5

Roof type of original barn:

- gable
- 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.: assumed tar paper on board sheathing because of closeness of sheathing, later replaced with 5-V metal

Roof framing of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.:

Foundation of original barn:

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

Addtnl Info.: includes a rock retaining wall making this a bank barn

Flooring of original barn:

dirt floor

wood flooring in 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.: NA, only one level of tier poles

Additional traditional features, list:

## **ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics**

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**Has the original barn been altered or added to?** No, but altered

### **Description of alterations and additions:**

To hang burley tobacco, and newer 5-V metal roof

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