

MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Common Identity of Barn: Allen E. and Herman Roberts Burley Tobacco Barn

Address of Barn: 224 Allen Drive, Marshall NC 28754

GPS Location: 82.743 /35.757

Current Owner: Rachel and Travis Boswell

Elevation: 1958 feet elevation

Historic Owner(s): Janice Roberts

Township: Marshall

Current Use: storage

Vicinity: Little Pine Creek valley

Historic Use: hewn log home, relocated, with burley tobacco adaptations

Approx date/decade built:

Permission to visit property by: Janice Roberts

Historic Information: see Ownership History. The original building was a hewn log cabin home located downstream from its current location, then relocated, so much of its original construction is unknown.

Outbuildings: none

Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use: Allen Drive, named for Allen Roberts, is a typical small stream valley that once accommodated many family owned, subsistence farms. Many of these farms are now subdivided and transitioning to ownership by buyers from across the southeast. The Little Pine Creek Valley is closer to the county seat of Marshall and so is appealing to those buyers who do not want to be so remote. The landscape retains much of the pasture and woodlot forest, although much of the forest is returning due to a decline in tobacco and other agriculture.

ORIGINAL BARN

Integrity:

High

Medium

Low

Condition:

Good

- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Addtl Info.: hewn log cabin was relocated, added to with shed addition, and adapted to air cure burley tobacco

Function of original barn:

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

Addtl Info.: equipment storage

Type of Construction of original barn:

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

Addtl Info.: relocated hewn log cabin home

Original siding materials:

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

Addtl Info.:

Orientation of siding: N/A

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtl Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: unknown – see old photo of original cabin and location

Roof type of original barn:

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

Addtl 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

Addtl Info.:

Roof framing of original barn: unknown

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

Addtl Info.:

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.:

Flooring of original barn: unknown

dirt floor

wood flooring

concrete slab

Addtl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

chestnut

other, list known species: pine, oak, poplar, locust

Addtl Info.:

Hinges: unknown

leather

wooden

wrought iron

commercial metal

rubber

other

Add. Info.:

Fasteners: unknown

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.:

Additional traditional features, list: square seats cut into logs for placement of original floor joists are present.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics

Has the original barn been altered or added to? yes

Description of alterations and additions: The cabin was relocated and adapted to hang and air cure burley tobacco, and later had a shed roof addition for burley.

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
Addtnl Info.:

Orientation of siding

- angled on diagonal
- vertical
- horizontal

Addtnl Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of alterations and additions: 12/9.5 and 12/2

Roof type of barn alterations and additions

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

Addtnl Info.:

Roofing materials of alterations and additions

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- unknown
- other

Addtnl Info.:

Roof framing of alterations and additions

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Addtnl Info:

Foundation of alterations and additions

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- concrete
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- columns/wood piers
- posts on concrete footings

Addtnl Info.:

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: pine, poplar, oak

Addtnl Info:

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
Addtl Info:

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