

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Farmer/Sluder Barn

Address of Barn: 1655 Upper Paw Paw Creek Rd.

GPS Location: 82.760 / 35.792

Elevation: 2005 feet

Historic Owner(s): Mont Farmer,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sluder

Township: South Marshall

Current Use: storage, livestock, equipment

Vicinity: Upper Paw Paw valley

Historic Use: livestock, adapted to cure burley tobacco

Approx date/decade built: 1920-30

Permission to visit property by: Reita Wells

Current Owner: Reita Sluder Wells

**Historic Information:** Family descendants believe this barn was built by their great grandfather, Monteville (Mont) Whitson Farmer, sometime during the 1920's to the 1930's. It is a classic log crib livestock barn, with four log cribs for animal stalls, separated by hallways running in both directions. A feature that is not classic is the gambrel roof, used here instead of the more typical gable roof of the period. Introduction of the gambrel roof likely coincided with the availability of a new roofing material, metal sheet roofing, which began to replace the standard roofing material of split oak wood shingles, after WWI. The barn is also a quasi-bank barn with a high bank behind connected by a log bridge to the road above. The log cribs are set upon large square-hewn wood sills on field stone piers. Two additions were added at different times on the south side, as additional hanging sheds were needed for air-curing burley tobacco.

**Outbuildings:** exceptional hewn log smokehouse

**Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use:** Upper Paw Paw Creek Road is in a relatively remote valley west of Little Pine Creek Valley, and consists of small family farms that are usually multi-generational. Most farmland is steep with small acreages of more level crop land. The ridges are typically forested. The ownership of farms and land is quickly shifting to people from outside the region, especially as the older farming generation is dying and younger generations are more mobile.

**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.

## Original Barn

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### Integrity:

- High
- Medium
- Low

### Condition:

- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin

Addtl Info.:

### Function of original barn:

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

Addtl Info.:

### Type of Construction of original barn:

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

Addtl Info: corner notches are saddle notches

### 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: loer slope 12/9.5: upper slope 12/3

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.:

Roof framing of original barn:

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

- dirt floor
- wood flooring - loft
- concrete slab

Addtl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

- chestnut
- other, list known species: oak, pine poplar, misc other

Addtl Info.:

Hinges: unknown

- 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.: 3'- 8" ave.

Additional traditional features, list:

## ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics

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Has the original barn been altered or added to? Yes, two shed additions

Description of alterations and additions:

Two shed additions have been added during the burley tobacco era for air-curing burley tobacco, and for equipment storage.

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.: Storage

Type Construction alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.: simple and typical round posts and sawn beams.

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 pitch or slope of alterations and additions: 12/2.5

#### Roof type of barn alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

#### 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

Addtl Info.:

#### Roof framing of alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info:

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

Addtl Info.: posts in ground

Flooring of alterations and additions

- dirt floor
- wood flooring
- concrete slab

Addttnl Info.:

Species of wood used in alterations and additions

- chestnut
- other, list known species: typical oak, pine, poplar, misc other

Addtl Info.

Hinges/ alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

Fasteners/ alterations and additions

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

Addtl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing/ alterations and additions

+/- 2 feet

+/- 3 feet

+/- 4 feet: 3'-8" ave.

other, list

Addtl Info:

## MISCELLANEOUS

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