



Landmarks Nomination Report Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

Boidestone's Barn

(On Boidestone's Place)
Shepherd Grade Rd
Shepherdstown, WV, 25443

Physical Description:

Boidestone's Barn is located on what is today referred to as Boidestone's Place, off Shepherd Grade Road and Vandalia Lane outside of Shepherdstown. Other contributing structures on the property include a frame house, a log cottage, a tenant house, a stone dairy, a garage, a machine shed, a spray shed, and a cemetery.

Historic Description:

The history of Boidestone's Barn begins in 1766 when Thomas Boydston built a farmhouse on the land. Over 30 years, Boydston built his home and accompanying farm complex. After the addition of 110 acres on Terrapin Neck and 24 acres on its south boundary, Boidestone's Place reached 330 acres. On this land, he built two log dwellings with outside log kitchens, two large log barns, and an outside kitchen to the main house. However, none of these outbuildings survive today.

In 1798, Boydston was evicted from his land due to a dispute over the Terrapin Neck land grant between Joist Hite and Lord Fairfax. Abraham Shepherd took ownership of Hite assignee's claims, which then passed through several generations of Shepherd sons. The Shepherd family continued to acquire land in the area and used the land primarily for racing stables.

The bank barn dates to 1835. Unlike other Shepherd barns in the area, the new Boidestone's Barn lacked any ornamentation and sat on a massive stone foundation. The unique roof framing construction, called "*Liegender Stuhl*," with the log cribs, makes Boidestone's Barn noteworthy.

R.D. Shepherd Jr died in 1862, and the onset of the Civil War greatly impacted the control of the property. The property was sold out of the family when Elizabeth Boteler Shepherd died. Since then, the property has passed into several different hands, but it has maintained its agricultural and/or orchard use since the 1760s.

Historic Resource:

Boidestone's main barn, built ca. ca. 1835, is a two ½ story bank barn with wooden vertical board siding and log construction. The bank barn measures 78 feet long and 40 feet wide with a massive stone foundation/under story. The barn has four stables and a large hay loft. The upper story presents a threshing floor and vent dormer, which was used for threshing wheat before it was converted into hay storage. Two log cribs flank the threshing floor. It has an asymmetrical metal gable roof with a small gable dormer. Boidestone's Barn is believed to be the only extant log construction barn in Jefferson County. The barn's original construction reused pieces of an 18th century log house.

Nomination Criteria:

The JCHLC nominates this property under the following designations: *a property, structure or site the character of which is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, such as a barn or commercial structure, with a high level of architectural significance;* and *a property, structure or site representative of an architectural and/or landscape type which exemplifies a period, style, craftsmanship, method of construction or use of local materials and retains a high degree of integrity.* The property owner, John Allen, has agreed to have the property listed as a Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

Nomination Action:

The JCHLC voted unanimously to add Boidestone's Barn, to the rolls of registered Jefferson County Historic Landmarks on July 8, 2020.



Internal Rating: _____

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address	Common/Historic Name/Both	Field Survey #	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community	County	Negative No.	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction	Style	
Exterior Siding/Materials	Roofing Material	Foundation	
Property Use or Function Residence <input type="radio"/> Commercial <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/>	UTM#	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date	Quadrangle Name		
	Part of What Survey/FR#		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

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Present Owners	Owners Mailing Address
Phone #	
Describe Setting	
	_____ Acres
	_____ Archaeological Artifacts Present
Description of Building or Site (Original and Present)	
	_____ Stories _____ Front Bays
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Alterations	If yes, describe
Yes No	
Additions	If yes, describe
Yes No	
Describe All Outbuildings	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Statement of Significance	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Bibliographical References	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Form Prepared By:	Date:
Name/Organization:	
Address:	
Phone #:	



West Virginia Division of Culture and History
State Historic Preservation Office

Barn Survey Form



PROPERTY NAME: Boidestone's Barn

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Shepherd Grade R, Shepherdstown WV, 25443

OWNERS NAME: John Allen

CONTACT INFORMATION: PO Box 2006, Shepherdstown, WV, 25443
(304) – 582 – 2032

COUNTY: Jefferson

TOWN: Shepherdstown

UTM #:

NATIONAL REGISTER: Yes, as a part of Boidestone's Place

COUNTY LANDMARK: No

PHOTOS #: Exterior 5 Interior 4

TYPE: Bank Barn

ESTIMATED DATE RANGE: 1835

MAIN CONSTRUCTION TYPE: Stone foundation, double log cribs

CONDITION: Good condition, renovated to retain historical integrity.

MEASUREMENTS: Ext Width 40' Length 78'

Interior Lower Level 8' Upper Level 27'

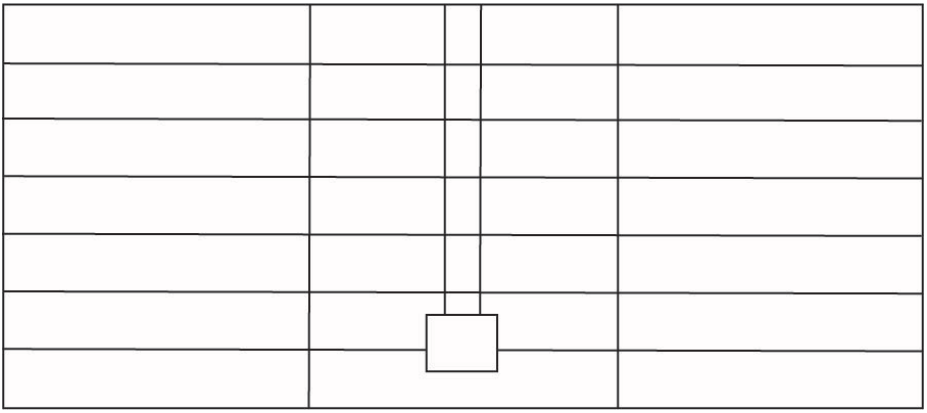
BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Unusual 3 compartment stone foundation with two log cribs above, forming 2 haymows separated by threshing floor. Rare post supported forebay. Four stables are located under the forebay.

ROOF FRAMING TYPE:

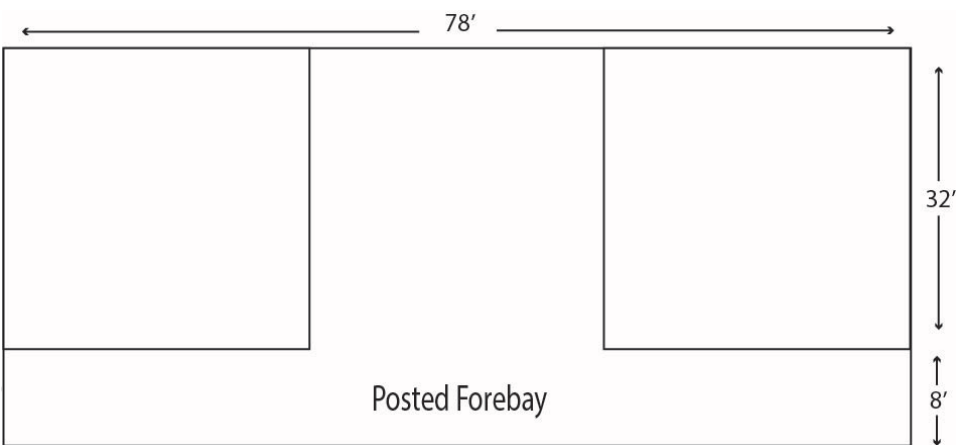
Originally principle rafter system, most removed or lost in storm, reformed with queen post trusses, modified with addition of hay fork late 19th century.

FOUNDATION SKETCH:

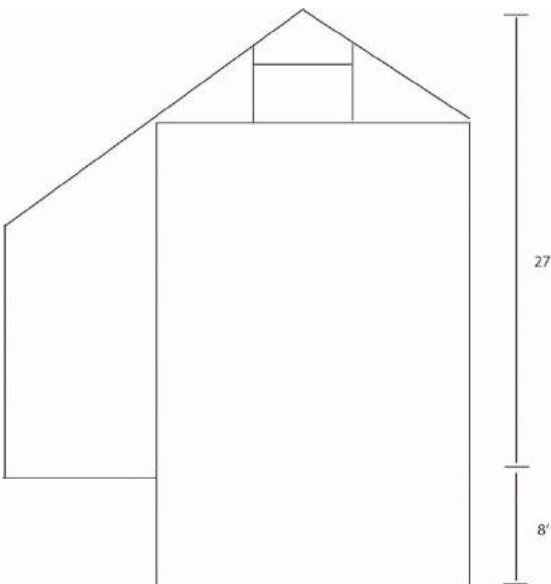


3 Compartment stone foundation
Floor joists run gable to gable
Double runners under threshing floor

UPPER LEVEL SKETCH:



GABLE SKETCH:





View to north west, showing east elevation and south gable elevation



View to north east, showing south gable elevation and west elevation



View to north, showing south gable elevation



View to east, showing west elevation



View to north gable, showing timber detailing



Detail of roofing structure



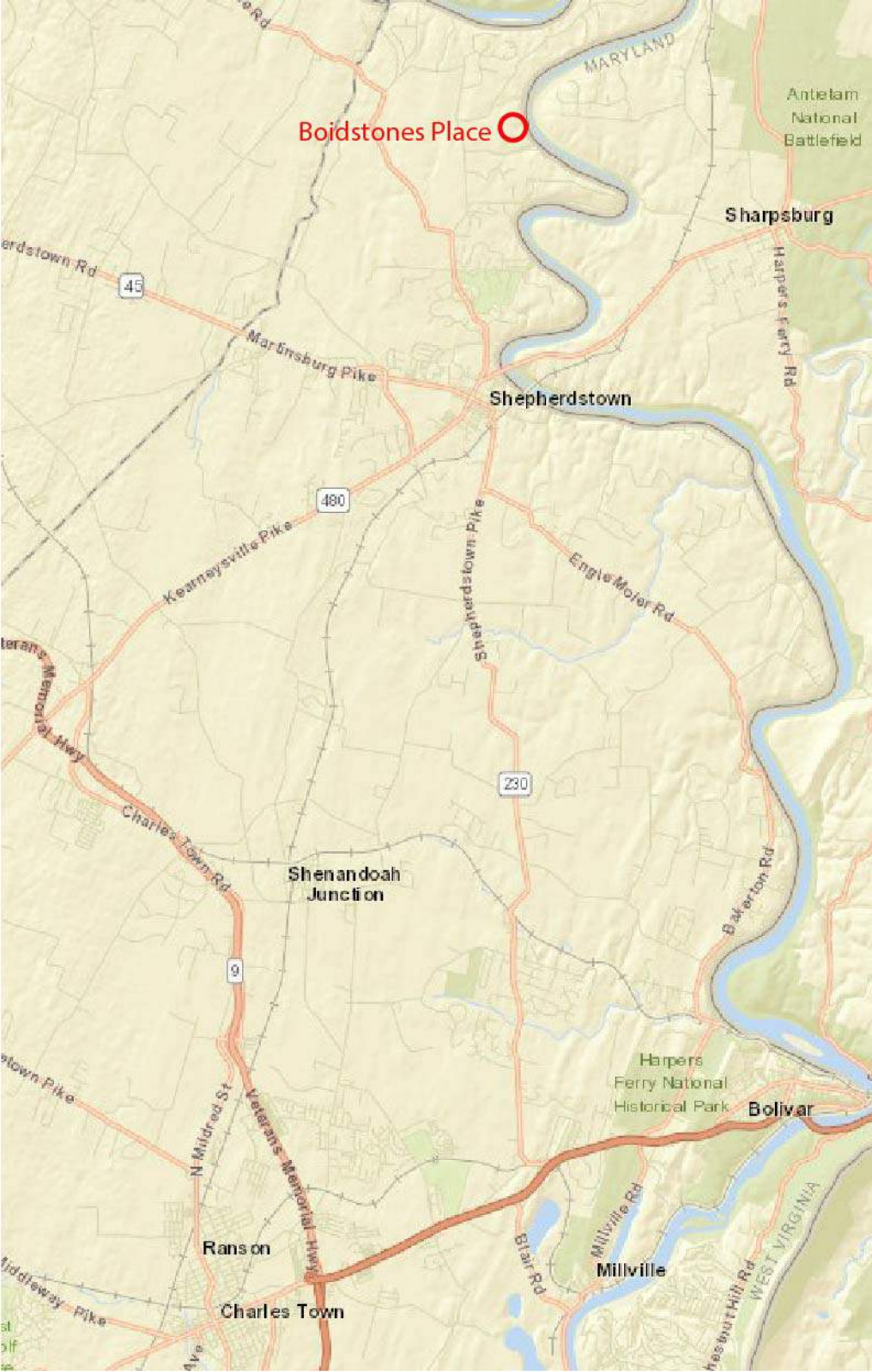
Detail of timber construction



Detail of timber construction



View to south, showing east elevation stable doors and forebay



Boidstones Place



MARYLAND

Antietam National Battlefield

Sharpsburg

Harpers Ferry Rd

Shepherdstown

45

Marlinsburg Pike

480

Kearneysville Pike

Shepherdstown Pike

Engle Moier Rd

230

Marlinsburg Pike

Charles Town Rd

Shenandoah Junction

9

Bakerston Rd

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Bolivar

Marlinsburg Pike

N Mildred St

Veterans Memorial Hwy

Ranson

Charles Town

Millville

Blair Rd

Millville Rd

WEST VIRGINIA

Middleway Pike

Ave

Wesley Hill Rd

