

IDENTIFICATION	STATUS
Historic name: <u>N/A</u>	Open to public: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Common name: <u>Feezell Barn</u>	Visible from road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Address: <u>Highway 58 North</u> <u>Decatur, Tennessee</u>	Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Owner's name: <u>Sam Feezell</u>	Present use: <u>Agriculture</u>
Owner's address: <u>110 Washington Ave., N.W.</u> <u>Athens, Tennessee 37303</u>	Current condition: <u>Fair</u>
Classification: <u>Building-private</u>	Alterations: <u>A frame shell(early twentieth century) now covers log barn. A shed ca. 1930 addition is attached to east elevation.</u>
Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 4, Map 15, Parcel 31</u>	Site features: <u>A dairy barn (ca. 1950) is adjacent to barn.</u>
Acreage: <u>.5 acres</u>	
UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3946580</u> <u>E 709290</u>	
HISTORY	SOURCES
Date of construction: <u>Mid to late 1800's</u>	Bibliographical data: <u>Glassie, Henry. The Old Barns of Appalachia, Mountain Life and Work Vol. 40 No. 2 p. 21-30, 1965.</u>
Architect/builder: <u>Unknown</u>	Riedl, Ball, and Cavendar. <u>A Summary of Traditional Architecture and Related Folk Culture Patterns in the Normandy Reservoir.</u>
Original or previous owners: <u>Unknown</u>	Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
Original use: <u>Agriculture</u>	Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u>
Theme/s: Primary <u>Architecture</u>	Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u>
Secondary <u>Agriculture</u>	Date: <u>8/20/81</u>
Other <u>N/A</u>	
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Feezell Barn is a 2-story log, parallel crib-exterior door barn. Surrounded by a frame barn shell with weatherboarded exterior and a stone pier foundation, the log portion of the barn consists of two handhewn log cribs with half-dovetailed notching. The two cribs are built side by side so that the doors open toward the east. A passageway extends through the structure's short axis. The barn is covered by a metal gable roof. The north elevation of the frame shell features two barn doors; the south elevation has one door. A shed addition with metal shed roof is attached to the east elevation.</p>
SIGNIFICANCE	<p>The Feezell Barn is an excellent example of the most common type of log barn construction in Meigs County. The parallel crib-exterior door log barn (defined by Glassie, 1965 and discussed by Riedl, et.al., 1976) was one of the most common barn forms of the southern mountains; many of these barns have disappeared or are badly deteriorated. The Feezell Barn is easily recognized as a log barn despite its protective frame shell, and is the best preserved example of this barn type in Meigs County. Meigs County has been predominately rural since its settlement, and agricultural products have provided the subsistence for most of its citizens.</p>

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: Ann Toplovich

Date: 2/8/79

Negatives on file: Tennessee Historical

Commission

Photographer facing: N&E elevation-facing SW

Photograph number 12 of 55.

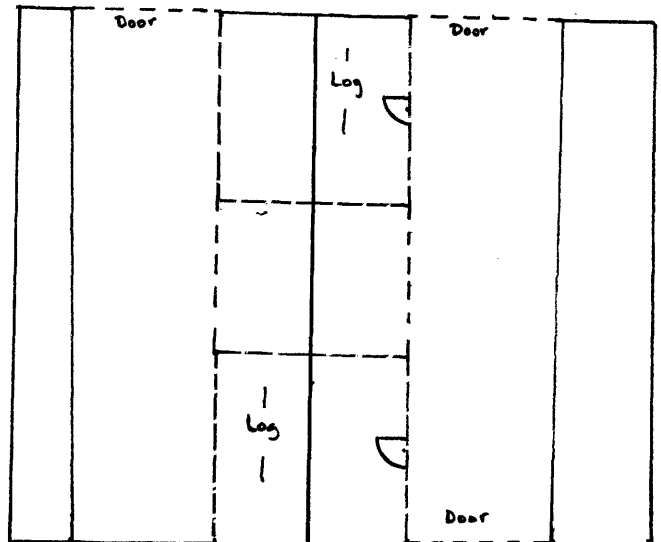
13 of 55 interior facing SE

CONTINUATION

Significance:

Farm buildings were necessary for the protection of livestock and equipment, and the storage of produce such as corn, hay and tobacco. The Feezell Barn is an excellent example of the barns that were built in Meigs County to serve these purposes. The barn is currently used for livestock.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



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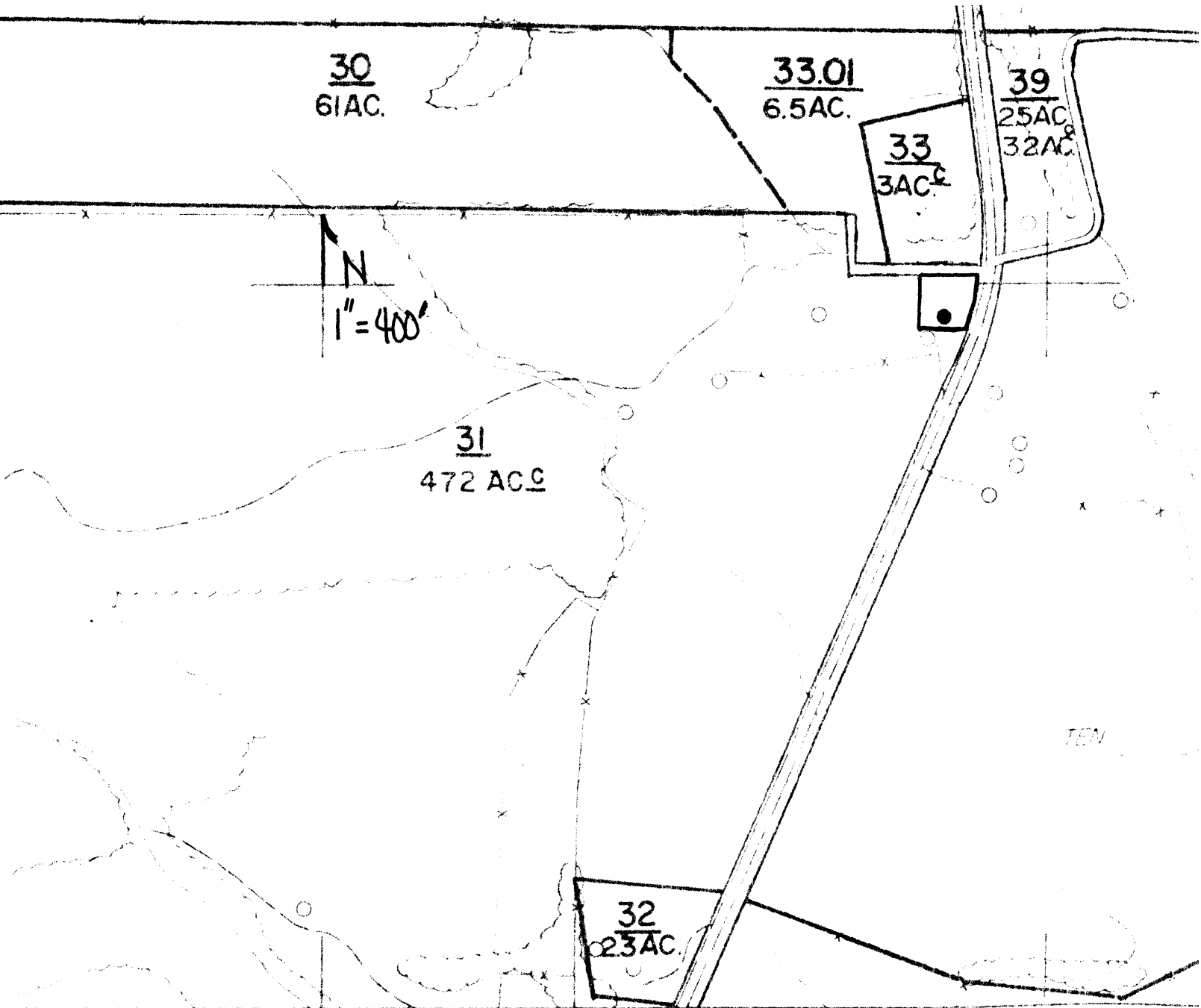
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

11. The boundaries begin at the northeast corner of the property at the intersection of a gravel road with Highway 58 continuing south on Highway 58 150 feet, thence west 125 feet, thence north 150 feet to the gravel road, thence east down the gravel road 150 feet to the beginning. This boundary takes the form of a rectangle which encompasses the barn. Due to the lack of property lines or visual boundaries on the south and west sides, imaginary boundary lines were established to include the barn and approximately one half an acre of land on which it sits.

Historic Resources of Meigs County,
Tennessee
(Partial Inventory: Historic and
Architectural Resources)

FEEZELL BARN (#11)



— REVISIONS —

1	1-1-75	6	11
2	1-1-76	7	12
3	6/79	8	13
4	12-81	9	14
5		10	15

MEIGS

SCALE 1" = 400'

DATE OF FLYING: MAY, 1975

DATE COMPLETED: DEC. 75

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