

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bowerman Barn

AND/OR COMMON

Bowerman Barn

2 LOCATION

Approximately one mile south on Guy Covington Drive from its junction with California State Hwy. 3. Guy Covington Drive is also County Road 160 and was known historically as the Weaverville to Trinity Center Stage Road (via Minersville). *SW of Trinity Center*

STREET & NUMBER

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NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Covington Mill

Trinity Center vic. VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Trinity

CODE

105

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER See Cont. Sheet

4 AGENCY

United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

STREET & NUMBER

2400 Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Redding

VICINITY OF

STATE

California 96001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Trinity County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Weaverville

STATE

California 96093

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

U.S.D.A. Forest Service, General Forest Inventory, ASSR #05-14-56-4

DATE

May 5, 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

State No.

TRI-281

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Supervisor's Office

CITY, TOWN

2400 Washington Ave., Redding, California 96001

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

January 11, 1974, the U.S.D.A. Forest Service acquired 155 acres of land within the National Recreation Area adjacent to Trinity Reservoir at the East Fork of Stuart's Fork arm. The Bowerman barn stands on this property.

The two-story rectangular wood structure is hand-constructed of whipsawn lumber and hand-hewn beams. The foundation is of hand-placed native stone. The outside dimensions are forty feet wide by sixty feet in length. It is approximately forty-six feet to the peak at the east or front side and approximately fifty-five feet to the peak at the west or back side. The barn's frame is almost entirely of pine, and some of the flooring beams are a full sixty feet long. Frame construction is mortise and tenon secured with hardwood pegs. Square nails secure the flooring and siding. The rare whipsawn siding (pg. 31, Klamkin) of board and batten construction is in good to excellent condition with remnants of the original red ochre and oil paint still visible.

There have been relatively minor alterations. Part of the covered feeding/milking area on the south side of the structure was removed at an unknown date. A cattle chute was added to that side about 20-30 years ago (Scott). The opening to the covered area at the front of the barn has been closed with boards cut to fit the opening. The original wood shake roof was replaced with tin sheeting circa 1940. Jacob Bowerman's grandson-in-law built a tack room on the main floor near the front doors sometime between the years 1917 and 1931 (Scott, 6-75). There were floored loft areas at the front and back of the barn above the main floor, but only the beams remain. Formerly a pulley system assisted the lifting of hay to these areas, but very little of it remains.

The bottom story of the barn is accessible from the rear. It is partitioned along a north-south axis. The western section has stalls for horses and the eastern has a feeding/bedding area for milk cows and calves. The eastern section is bi-level so that the calves could be separated from the milk cows at night. A narrow, steep staircase provides access between the bottom and top floors. At the time of purchase in 1974, it was badly rotted and several steps were missing.

In 1975, partial restoration of the barn was undertaken in an attempt to slow the rot brought on by exposure to rain falling through holes in the roof. The southwest corner of the barn had lost about 30 sheets of tin roofing; a few were gone on the north side, too. The underlying beams and rafters were replaced with beams finished with draw knives and broadaxes to retain the hand-hewn integrity. The rotten 2x12 inch whipsawn flooring was partially replaced with 2x12 inch rough-sawn lumber. Matching old tin sheeting was procured to replace that blown off over the years.

Vandals had pushed out some of the foundation stones to gain access to the bottom story from the front of the barn. These stones were cemented back in place. Vandals were also responsible for breaking out the front ventilation louvers. Replacement copies were hand-whittled by an elderly local craftsman. The rotten staircase between floors was used as a pattern for a replacement and a safety rail was added at the top. Some of the barn's interior lumber was scavenged over the years and used for outside fencing. The fencing has at least one hand-forged hinge. A metal-edged sled runner is incorporated into the fence near the back entrance to the barn. Two hand-hewn log watering troughs are in the meadow near the barn. A family cemetery is located southeast of the barn about 216 feet. Jacob Bowerman and his brother John are buried there with Jacob and Anna's second son and a still-born grandchild.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Construction date is 1878. BUILDER/ARCHITECT
 Actively used as barn until 1974. Jacob Bowerman, et al.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bowerman barn, built in 1878, is significant not only as an increasingly rare example of such hand-crafted construction, but also for its historic association with the growth of local commerce.

Jacob Bowerman, born in Ohio in 1833, came west in 1856 to try his hand at gold mining. Like most miners he made a living but no fortune. In 1861, he and his brother John purchased 160 acres and relegated mining to a part-time occupation. They planted hay and timothy, and began to build a herd of beef cattle and dairy stock.

In 1872, Jacob married Anna F. Tourtellotte Hall. Anna's genealogy includes Abraham Tourtellot, the French sea Captain who established a Huguenot colony of 60 at Oxford, Mass. in 1662. He married Marie Bernon, daughter to the Duke of Burgundy. Anna's great-great grandfathers, Isaac and Abraham Tourtellot, fought in the American Revolutionary War (Flora Heath). Anna's father was an inn-keeper by trade and had run the Tower House Inn in Shasta Co. (on National Register of Historic Places) in the late 1850s. Her father had a store and inn in Minersville when she met Jacob.

The main stage road from Weaverville to Trinity Center passed through the Bowerman Ranch, and, after their marriage, Anna began her own small-scale inn business. A five bed capacity room, called "The Bull Pen" (Barrett interview) was set aside above the kitchen of the main house for teamsters and male travelers. A wagon shed stood near the barn to shelter the wagons and goods being transported. It was destroyed by fire at an unknown date.

Beef cattle were sold directly to the Minersville businesses into the mines via wholesalers like John Stoddard who butchered the beef and sold it at 10¢ a pound, delivered, in the late 1890s (Messner interview). The dairy stock provided another source of income. Butter was sold by the "whiskey barrellfull" (Goetze interview) to local businesses and miners. A two-story milk house stood across from the barn and south of the house. Fire took this building and the main house in the 1920s.

Jacob Bowerman died in 1917. His only surviving child, Frank Leslie, survived him only three years. Guy Goodrich, married to Elsie Bowerman Goodrich Barrett, was no farmer, and the ranch was lost in 1931 through a loan default. A sheep man, Eugene Scharr, from the Sacramento Valley purchased the ranch and ran sheep in Bowerman Meadows up the East Fork of Stuart's Fork. In 1936 the Kersch family acquired the property and by 1974 the barn was being used only for storage.

The pasture and cattle chute are under a current Forest Service Use Permit to a local packer and guide.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Baxter, JoAnn M. "The Bowermans," Trinity 1976, Official Yearbook of the Trinity County Historical Society, Weaverville, California.
- Heath, Flora Unpublished Tourtelotte family history, Weaverville, California.
- Klamkin, Charles "Barns, Their History, Preservation and Restoration" Hawthorne Books, Inc. New York (1973)

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY two + acres.

UTM REFERENCES Barn location is printed on the USGS quadrangle map - Trinity Dam, CA.

A	1, 0	5, 1, 9, 6, 5, 0	4, 6, 2, 7, 5, 2, 5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot with a north-south dimension of 289' by an east-west dimension of 310'. Boundary lines run due north and due west from the southwest corner of the family cemetery.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Dr. Winfield Henn, Forest Archaeologist, and JoAnn M. Baxter, Archaeological Technician (B.A. Anthropology)

ORGANIZATION U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, DATE July 1, 1980

STREET & NUMBER 2400 Washington Avenue TELEPHONE (916) 246-5222

CITY OR TOWN Redding STATE California 96001

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

JAN 5 1981

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local (see phone report)

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE BARRY R. FLANN

TITLE Office of Environmental Quality DATE SEP 5 1981

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: Patrick Anders
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 3/20/80
 DATE 3/20/81

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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3. Other: The surrounding field, fencing and attached cattle chute is used seasonally by a grazing permittee.

7. Description: Also in the meadow, but not in the area nominated here, are two pre-historic sites recorded by A. E. Treganza in 1952. They were recorded during the survey published by University of California Archaeological Survey under the title "Salvage Archaeology in the Trinity Reservoir Area, Northern California," report #43 and report #46. The California State designations for these sites are TRI-43 and TRI-44. The Forest Service numbers are 05-14-56-103 and 05-14-56-104.

8. The Bowermans were early settlers in Trinity County and gave their name to several places including: Bowerman Peak, Bowerman Ridge, Bowerman Gulch, Bowerman Meadows and Lake Anna, so named because Anna Bowerman was the first white woman to visit the lake.

Following the construction of Trinity Dam and the filling of Trinity Reservoir, no other hand-crafted barn survives in Trinity County to rival the Bowerman barn's age or state of preservation. It remains in situ and retains exceptional integrity.

9. Scott Edwin. California to Oregon by Trail, Steamboat, Stagecoach and Train, 1850-1887. Printed at Pasadena City College, CA (1976)

Trinity County Official Records - 1853-1974, Weaverville, CA

Interviews - conducted by JoAnn M. Baxter

Anderline, George - June 1975

Barrett, Elsie Bowerman Goodrich (now deceased) - May and June 1975

Goetze, Clara Boyce - July 1975

Grant, Evelyn Heath - July 1975, November 1977

McDonald, Elmer - May 1975

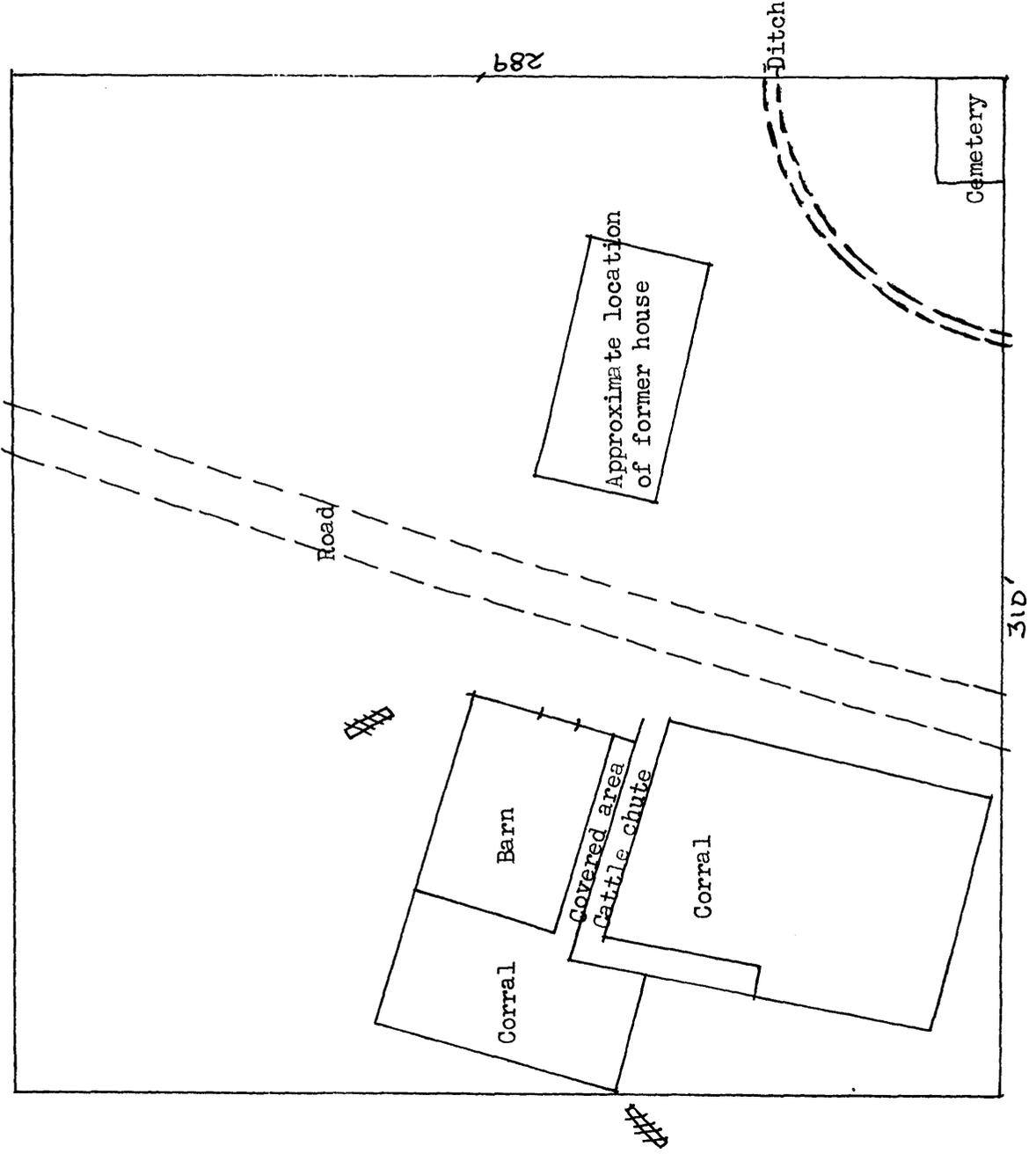
Massner, Warren (now deceased) - August 1976

Scott, Edwin - June, July and August 1975

Van Matre, Peter - June 1975

USFS Site 05-14-56-4
CA-TRI-281
BOWERMAN BARN and CEMETERY

SITE SKETCH MAP

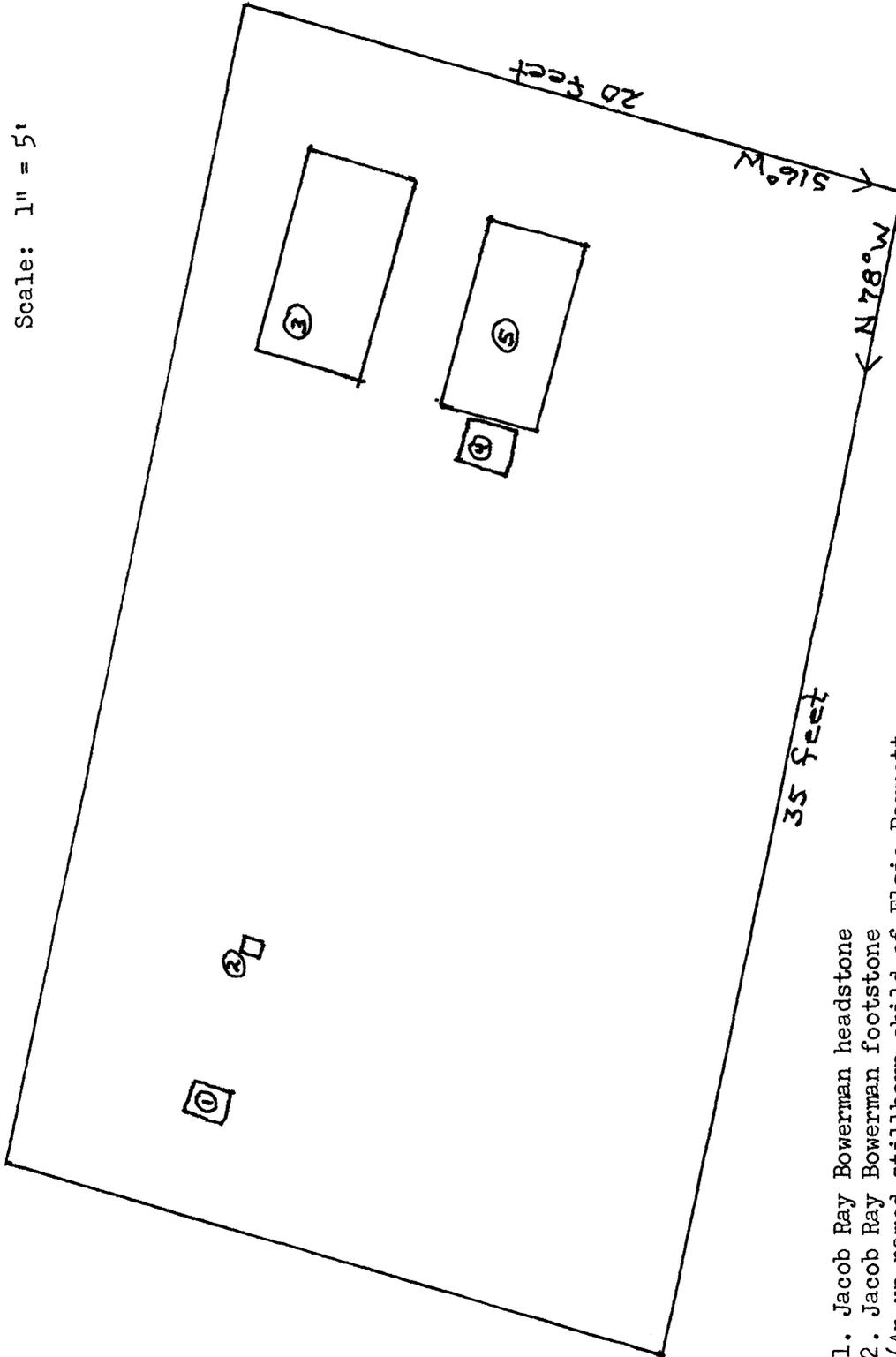


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January 17, 1979
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Scale Drawing of Bowerman Family Cemetery

Scale: 1" = 5'

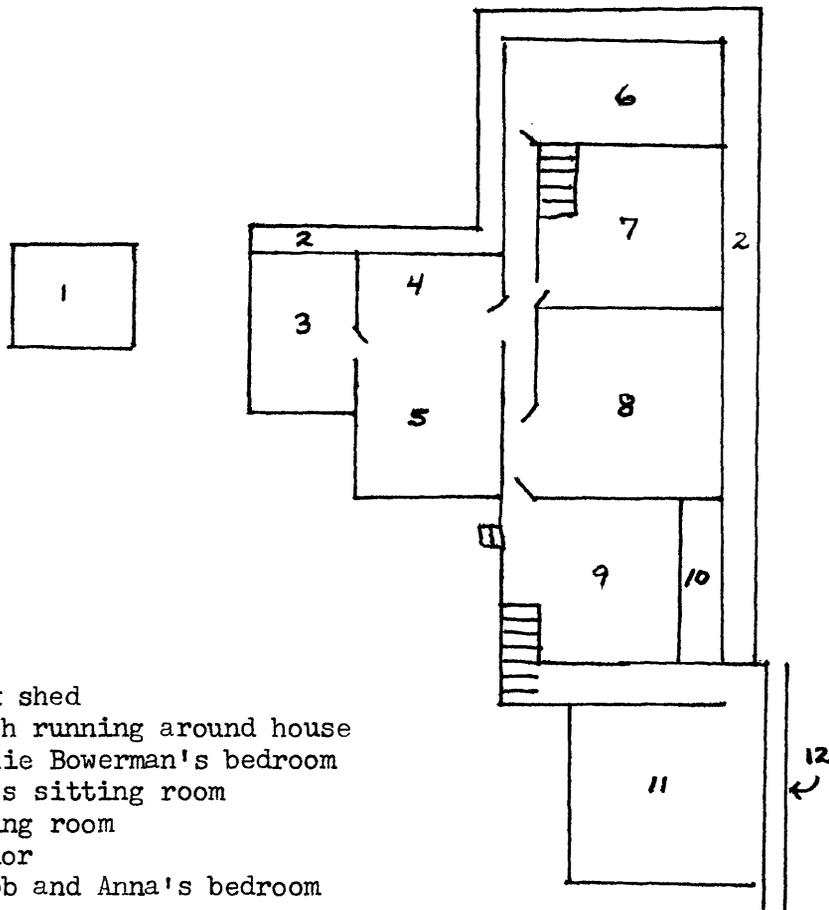


1. Jacob Ray Bowerman headstone
2. Jacob Ray Bowerman footstone
(An un-named stillborn child of Elsie Barrett is also buried here.)
3. Unmarked grave of John Bowerman
4. Plain white marble slab
5. Grave of Jacob Bowerman

← 215' ± to
cattle chute

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Schematic Drawing of Bowerman House
- burned, no portion still extant



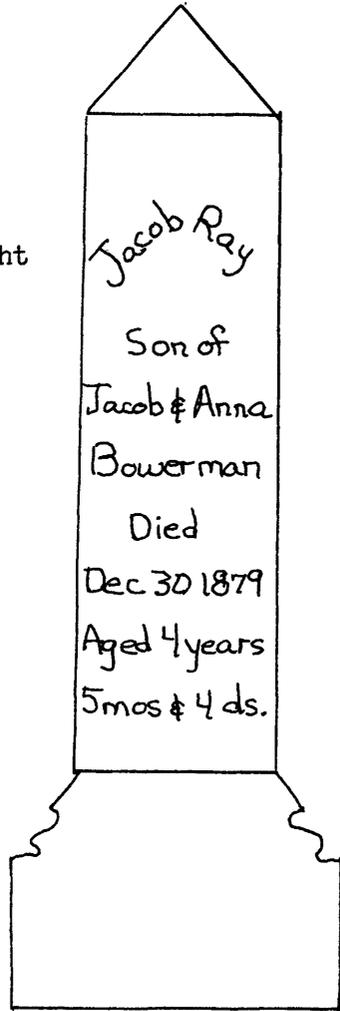
1. Milk shed
 2. Porch running around house
 3. Leslie Bowerman's bedroom
 4. Men's sitting room
 5. Living room
 6. Parlor
 7. Jacob and Anna's bedroom
 8. Dining room
 9. Kitchen
 10. Pantry
 11. Wood shed
 12. Wooden water trough
-  Stairs

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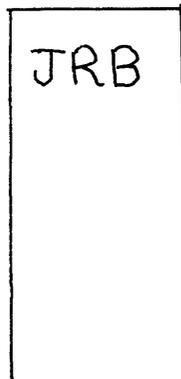
Scale Drawing of Child's Grave Markers

Scale: 1" = 8"

White marble headstone -
standing and tilting to right



White marble footstone,
lying flat on ground



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