

GEORGE SPANGERBERGER FARMSTEAD, PRIVY
2012 W. Illinois Ave.
South Hutchinson Vicinity
Reno County
Kansas

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Location: The Privy is located at 2012 W. Illinois Ave., west of the Spangerberger Farmstead residence, south of chicken house, and southwest of claim house, South Hutchinson Vicinity, Reno County, Kansas.

Present Owners: Kansas Department of Transportation

Present Occupant: None

Present Use: Abandoned

Significance: The privy contributes to the historic character of the George Spangerberger Farmstead. Its use into the 20th century attests to the unimproved conditions of rural life in Kansas.

Description: The George Spangerberger Farmstead privy is located approximately 20' west of the main residence and 28' south of the chicken house. The privy location was changed several times in the memory the last private owner, George Harold Walters. Previously it was situated north of the two tool sheds. Even though a room in the residence was converted into a bathroom in the 1930s and the farm was connected to the rural water system sometime between 1948 and 1950, the outdoor privy continued in use. The privy was moved ca. 1940 to a site near its present location west of the residence. A replacement outhouse may have been constructed at that time. More recently, the privy was moved a short distance to the west, away from a now filled previous privy pit location.

This small wood building is situated within a thick cluster of trees and shrub growth. The privy, which measures approximately 4' x 4', is constructed with plywood walls, a board floor, and a gable roof covered with roll roofing. It has a single entrance on the east facade with a plywood door. The building rests on wood sills resting directly on the ground surface. A single hole is centered in a 1'-6" wide raised bench against the west wall of the privy.

The privy structure is in deteriorated condition.

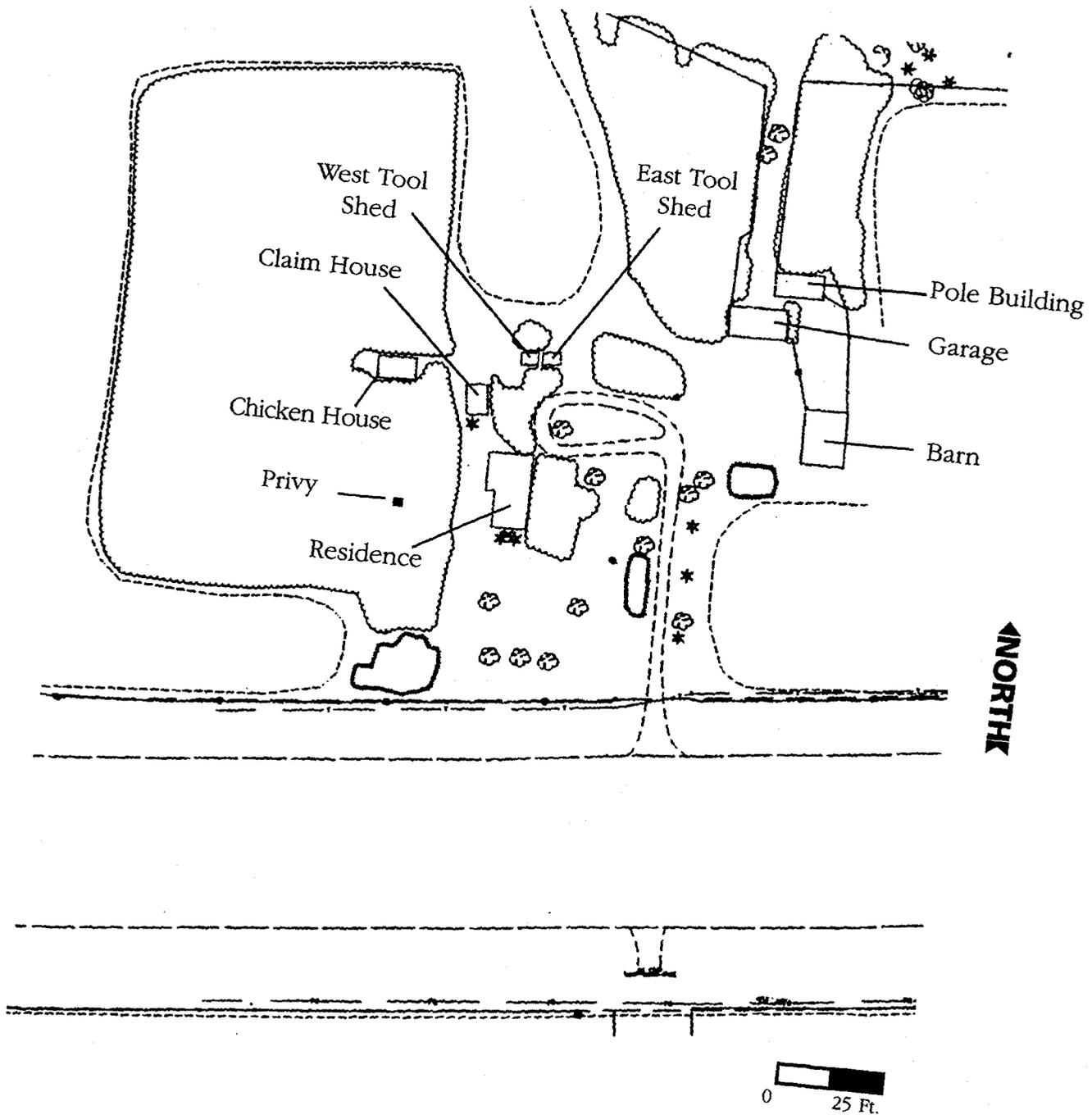
Sources: Interview with George Harold Walters (now deceased), interviewed by Sheryll L. White, notes on file in Archeology Office, Kansas State Historical Society

Interview with Naomi Stiggins, interviewed by Sheryll L. White, notes on file in Archeology Office, Kansas State Historical Society

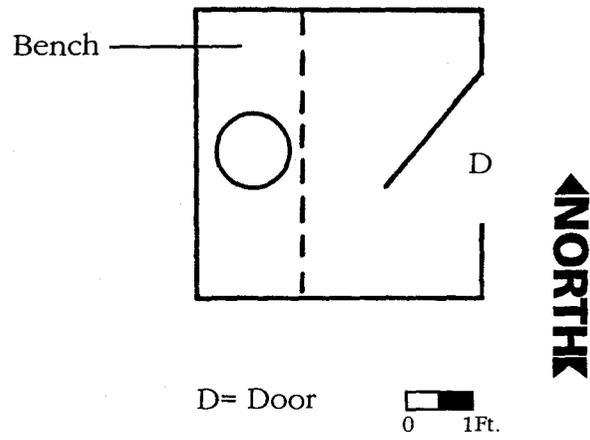
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Historian:

Sheryll L. White was the historian for the Spangerberger Farmstead project. White conducted the basic research and interviews and prepared the reports from which the historical information was taken. Marsha K. King conducted limited additional research, drafted the HABS documentation, and compiled and prepared the HABS document.



SITE PLAN SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE GEORGE SPANGERBERGER FARMSTEAD, PRIVY.



FLOOR PLAN OF THE GEORGE SPANGERBERGER FARMSTEAD, PRIVY.