

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

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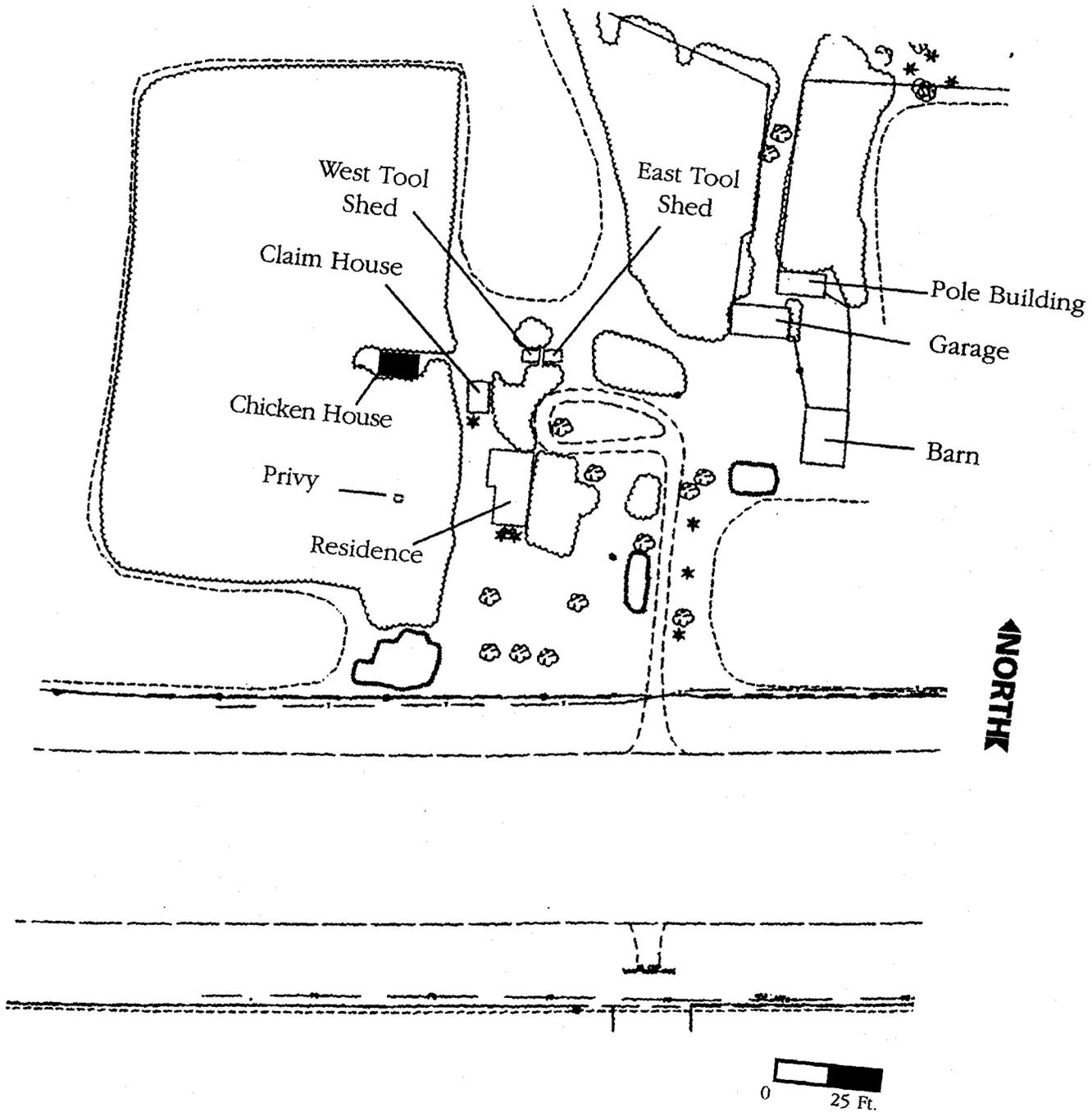
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- Location: The Chicken House is located at 2012 W. Illinois Ave., northwest of the Spangerberger Farmstead residence, north of the privy, and west of the claim house, South Hutchinson Vicinity, Reno County, Kansas.
- Present Owners: Kansas Department of Transportation
- Present Occupant: None
- Present Use: Vacant Outbuilding
- Significance: The chicken house contributes to the historic and agrarian character of the George Spangerberger Farmstead.
- Description: The George Spangerberger Farmstead chicken house is located 73' northwest of the residence, 34' northwest of the claim house, 28' north of the privy, and 74' southwest of the west tool shed. This rectangular wood building measures approximately 16' x 28', and features an asphalt shingle, asymmetrical gable roof. The walls are constructed of horizontal boards. The exterior of the north wall has been covered with plywood and battens. The building appears to rest directly on the ground surface. The chicken coop has a Z-brace vertical board access door on the east wall near the southeast corner. Two six-light fixed windows remain in the deteriorating south facade. The south side of the chicken house consisted of five bays, one of which was probably a doorway. There are no other doors or windows in the exterior walls. A fenced yard or pen extends south from the chicken house. A picket gate opening is located along the east side of this fenced area adjacent to the southeast corner of the chicken house.
- The interior of the chicken house is divided into two rooms of approximately equal size by a north-south interior wall. A door way connecting the two rooms is situated near the south end of this interior wall. In the west room two slanted wood roosts are attached to the interior of the north wall and four frame and metal nesting boxes are attached to the west wall in this room. A slanted wood shelf on the north wall of the east room supports a line of wood frame and chicken wire cages. The floors of both rooms are dirt.
- The George Spangerberger Farmstead, Chicken House was constructed ca. 1930. This structure may have been relocated, but the last private owner was somewhat unclear on this matter (personal communication, Sheryll White with G.H. Walters, 1994). The chicken house 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

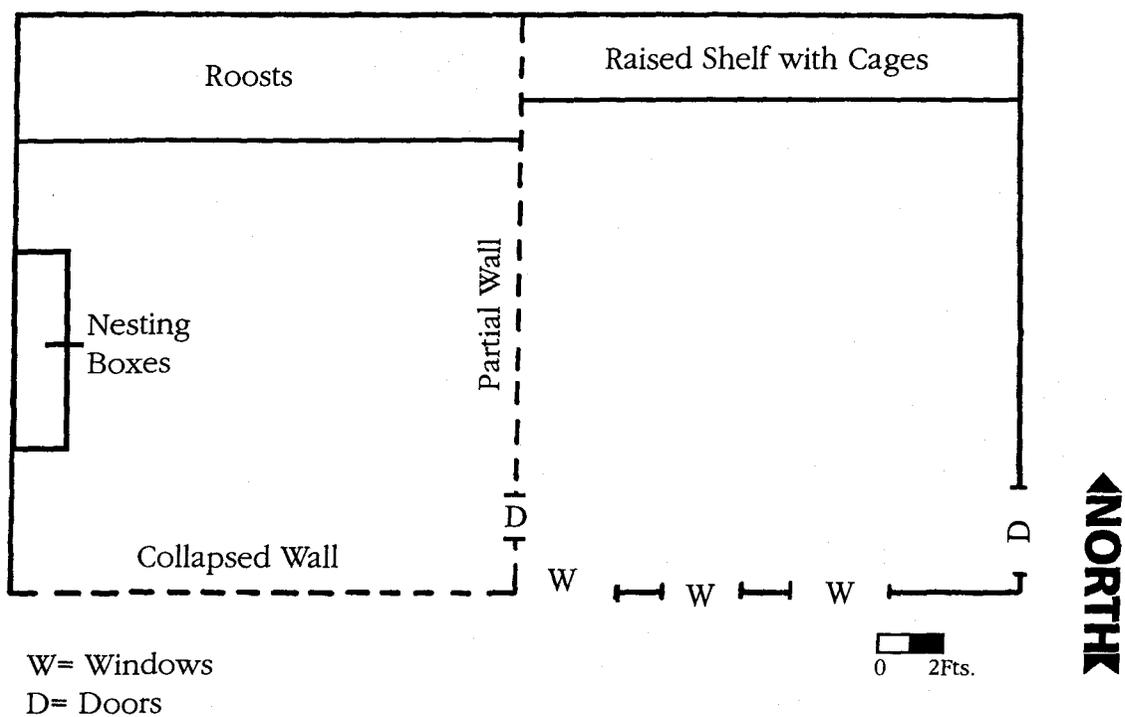
White, Sheryll, "Eberle Thomson, George Spangerberger Farmstead, A1 Site, Activity III Report," Contract 96-78 K-5046-01, Reno County, Hutchinson Bypass Alignment A. Ms on file, Archeology Office, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka.

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
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FLOOR PLAN OF THE GEORGE SPANGERBERGER FARMSTEAD, CHICKEN HOUSE.