

EDGEWOOD FARM, TOBACCO BARN
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.8 mile north of State Route 778
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LOCATION: West Side of State Route 600, .8 mile North of State Route 778, Clover Vicinity, Halifax County, Virginia

SIGNIFICANCE: A typical example of a flue-cure tobacco barn, this building contributes to the significance of Edgewood Farm.

DESCRIPTION: This 16' X 16' flue-cure tobacco barn is of rough-hewn, diamond-notched log construction with wood chinking and mud daubing. It rests on stone footings and is roofed with seamed metal. Board and batten siding covers the north, east and south walls, and the gable peaks are sheathed with weatherboard. Low openings are centered in the northeast and southwest walls of the structure and in the southeast gable peak. Projected through the northwest wall are two flues, one of stone and concrete, the other, partly dismantled, of brick. Originally the interior of the structure was fitted with five rows of poles, five tiers high, for curing tobacco. All the poles except those against the outer walls have been sawed off.

The tobacco barn was converted to a small livestock shed with the addition of a lean-to on the south end and a wire and wood fence forming a pen along the east side of the shed. A wooden trough is located in the lean-to, which has pole rafters, rough board and batten siding, and a seamed metal roof.

HISTORY: The date of this tobacco barn is unknown. The materials and methods of construction suggest that it was built in the late 19th or early 20th century, and subsequently used as an animal shed.

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