

EDGEWOOD FARM, TOBACCO BARN
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.8 mile north of State Route 778
Clover Vicinity
Halifax County
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- LOCATION: West Side of State Route 600, .8 mile North of State Route 778, Clover Vicinity, Halifax County, Virginia
- SIGNIFICANCE: As a largely intact example of a flue-cure tobacco barn, this building is a contributing element of Edgewood Farm.
- DESCRIPTION: This flue-cure tobacco barn is about 16' square, with open-sided lean-tos extending from the northeast and northwest sides. The barn walls are laid up with a combination of unpeeled white oak and hewn logs, joined at the corners with diamond notching. The exterior is clad on all sides but the lower portion of the northeast wall with board-and-batten siding and with rolled asphalt siding in the gable peaks. The structure rests on mud-daubed stone footings interspaced with cinder blocks for ventilation. Seamed metal roofing covers pole rafters. A vent runs along the central two-thirds of the ridge, and the apexes of the gable ends are left open for ventilation as well, above the weatherboard sheathing. The lean-tos are supported on peeled and unpeeled posts set on the ground. Dimensioned lumber rafters are laid across lumber plates placed across the tops of the posts, and rest on a ledger nailed to the outer wall of the barn. The lean-to on the northeast side shelters the openings, now filled with brick and cinder block, through which furnace flues were once inserted. The lean-to on the northwest covers a loading and unloading area and one of the low entrances to the barn. The second entrance is located directly opposite, in the southeast wall. Within the barn, poles for hanging tobacco leaves extend five rows across, with the two outer rows right up against the walls, and four tiers high plus one pole along the lower of two rafter collars. Visual evidence suggests that there were originally five tiers of poles.

HISTORY:

The construction date of this tobacco barn is unknown. However, the materials and method of construction suggest that it was erected in the late 19th or early 20th century.

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