

Boone ~~Truly~~ Ranch, *Root Cellar*
11119 NE 185th Street
Bothell
King County
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THE BOONE/TRUELY RANCH ROOT CELLAR

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Location: 11119 NE 185th Street
Bothell, King County, Washington 98011

U.S.G.S. Bothell, Wash. 15' Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 10.560698.5289805

Present Owner: Multiple Owners - The University of Washington and Richard Truly

Present Occupant: Richard Truly

Present Use: Storage

Significance:

The Boone/Truly Ranch, located near the city of Bothell, Washington, approximately 31 miles north of Seattle, is associated with early settlement in the Sammamish Slough area, and with the general pattern of economic development in King County, Washington. The ranch property has been owned since 1916 by the Benjamin Boone and Richard Truly families. The buildings, which were constructed in 1924, embody the physical features that characterize a family-operated cattle ranch.

Several generations of the Boone/Truly family have resided on the property since the early 1920s, operating the ranch until the mid-1980s. Before the general availability of mechanical refrigeration, root cellars, such as this building, made possible the storage of vegetables and fruits for extended periods of time, and minimized losses from spoilage. The Boone and Truly families also used the Root Cellar building for drying and storing fruits, vegetables and home-canned goods.

- Significant Features:**
- Gable roof with wood shake roofing
 - Partially underground with concrete floor, foundation
 - Brick masonry walls

Date of Construction: 1924

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Architectural Description:

The Root Cellar is a small, rectangular, gabled, one story building situated on the same ridge 35 yards north of the main house, set partially into the grade. The long axis of the building is east-west. Entry is through a low, full length door on the east side. The east facade is red brick veneer on a combination brick/concrete foundation. The mortared brick joints are flush; the lower half of all the exterior walls need repointing. The gable portion of the facade is painted wood siding.

Purlins are visible in the eaves of this facade. The single door consists of vertical board, and has no surround and no embrasure. The two hinges are simple strap iron fixed to the door by screws. The hinges are mounted on straight iron straps, hooked at the end to form a pin, projecting at right angles to the door opening and mortared in place.

The south and north facades are identical. Red brick veneer exterior walls rise to a medium pitched roof shingled with wood shakes. The ridge is capped with brown metal flashing. The west facade is clad with brick veneer up to a gable of painted wood siding. Centered in the brick wall and three feet above ground level is a 3' x 2' opening covered by a wood, vertical board hatch-like door. The door, which is hinged at the upper edge of the opening was used to facilitate ventilation and light into the cellar. Above and centered in the gable is a plain vertical board door with no embrasure.

The plan of the Root Cellar is separated into two spaces by a partition constructed of vertical boards. A centered opening in the wall has no door or surround. The eastern space is open, with shelves along both walls. Floor-to-ceiling slatted wood racks, with 2x4 verticals, encompass most of the western space. The west end of the building was probably used for storage of fresh vegetables, as its setting into the grade may have kept the temperature relatively constant.

Figure 1. Plan of the domestic assembly of buildings -- the Main House (WA-218-A), Wash House (WA-218-B), Garage/Wood Shed (WA-218-C) and Root Cellar (WA-218-D), Boone/Truly Ranch.
Source: Boyle • Wagoner Architects, January 1997.

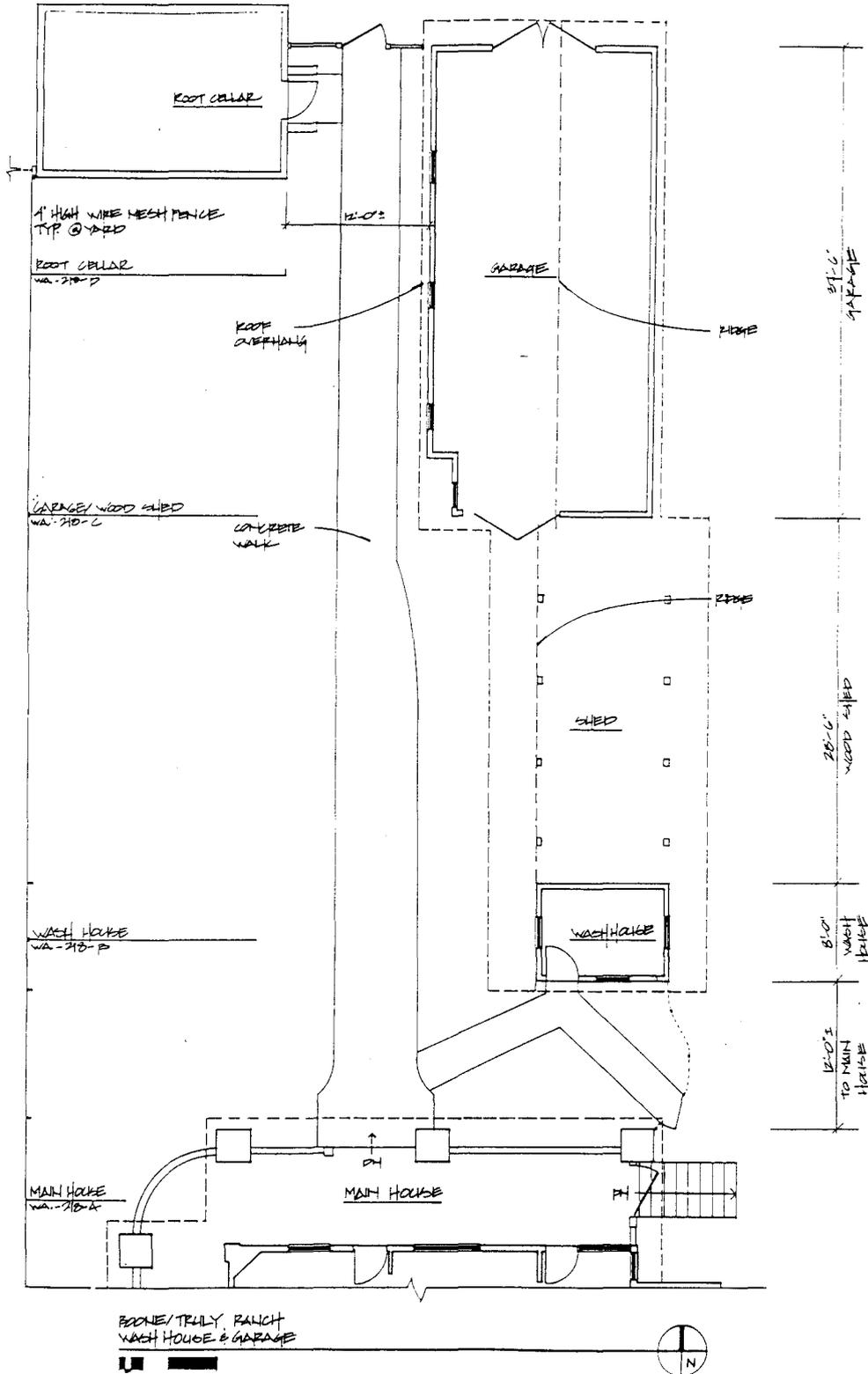


Figure 2. WA-218-D, the Root Cellar, Plan. Source: Boyle • Wagoner Architects, January 1997.

