

3240 CYRUS ROAD, TOOL ROOM SHED  
About 25 feet directly behind the house  
Cyrus  
Wayne County  
West Virginia

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Location:

About 25 feet directly behind the House, Cyrus, Wayne County, West Virginia.

Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 17. 362490 4241045.  
USGS Quadrangle: Burnaugh, West Virginia/ Kentucky

Significance:

The shed is a minor structure associated with the residential site at 3240 Cyrus Road, which was established between 1892 and 1901. The property is considered eligible to the National Register of Historic Places in terms of its association with community history. The shed is a utilitarian building formerly connected with the railroad. However, its presence on this residential lot is a typical instance of the widespread rural practice of recycling of small outbuildings for secondary purposes.

Description:

The tool shed is sided with bevel-edged tongue-and-groove boards 5-1/4-inch wide. The shed sits on planks, one run beneath each side edge, with rough concrete blocks under their ends. Its shed roof is a separate unit, made of plywood and finished 2x4s, and is fastened to the remaining two old rafters. The pitch of its roof is 12-1/2°. The shed's four walls are prefabricated units made of vertical tongue-and-groove siding, finished two-by-fours, and wire nails. Opposing walls are identical in basic construction. Side walls consist of vertical boards crossed by bottom, center, and top wales; each top wale is also a rafter. The back wall is edged by top and bottom wales serving as false sill and plate. Four 2x4 posts extend between sill and plate, and two of these edge the wall and serve as corner posts. The front wall is identical save for the absence of tongue-and-groove siding around the doorway. The 32-1/2 inch wide door is offset to the left on the side facing the house. The door is of plain boards with narrow lath battens. Its hinge stile is on the right. The shed's floor is made of plain-faced tongue-and-groove boards 5-3/8 inches wide. Along interior walls are a cabinet with three shelves, a single shelf, a four shelf case, and a large two-shelf work table. These shelves are built against posts or wales for support. The work table spans the northeast end of the shed. Attached behind the tool room is a shed-roofed rack 95-1/2 inches wide and 34-1/2 inches deep. The rack is made

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principally of modern 2x4s and plywood fastened with wire nails, but is supported by posts approximately 3-1/2 inches square. The rack is open at the sides for storing wood, pipe, etc. Its roof is of green aggregate siding laid over boards 5-1/2 to 8-1/2 inches wide. Pitch of the roof is 26°.

History:

Around 1962 Eustace A. "Buck" Chadwick got this unused maintenance shed from the N. & W. railroad yards at Kenova, West Virginia, about 6 miles downriver. Chadwick broke the shed into sections, and trucked it to his lot. He re-roofed it and built the exterior rack and various shelves inside, to adapt the shed for use in tool storage and as a work area.

Sources:

Eustace A. "Buck" Chadwick  
Interview with Douglas L. Bailey, 1-2 P.M., August 10, 1992

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