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Cheat Neck vicinity
Monongalia County
West Virginia

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USGS Lake Lynn, PA-WV Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
17.598660.4392690

Significance: Note: Since the Norris Farm is not located within the boundaries of a city or town, the farm location is being identified with the nearest town—"Cheat Neck"—with the word "vicinity" after the name. However, the township name "Union District" is often used as a local standard for the address, and for this reason often appears as the location in many reference materials.

The tractor shed/combine barn is an example of an early-twentieth century agricultural outbuilding that contributed to the operation of a large farm in the region. With changes in agricultural practices, older tractor sheds are becoming rare as they are being replaced by more modern facilities or left to deteriorate. Modern development is also contributing to the disappearance of older agricultural outbuildings. As this development takes over agricultural lands, existing agricultural outbuildings are quickly disappearing.

Description: The tractor shed is located on the north side of the gravel drive and northeast of the house (HABS No. WV-298-A). It is situated on the edge of the large pasture on the northeast portion of the property. The remains of a wood and wire fence line portions of the road. Small groups of trees lie to the south of the tractor shed along the north edge of the road. The building is three bays wide with plank walls that support a standing-seam tin gable roof. The dimensions are approximately 54' by 30' 6".

The first floor has a large open space on the south and west sides with a small set of stalls near the northeast corner. Another stall is located at the southeast corner. A roofed over opening is located at the northeast corner. Wooden beams support the wood floor of the second floor and the overhang at the northeast corner. Six-over-six, double-hung sash and six-pane fixed windows pierce the north and south walls of the structure. Window openings pierce the north and west elevations of the structure. An approximately 12' wide opening pierces the center of the south elevation. Two smaller openings on the west end of the south elevation have been covered with boards.

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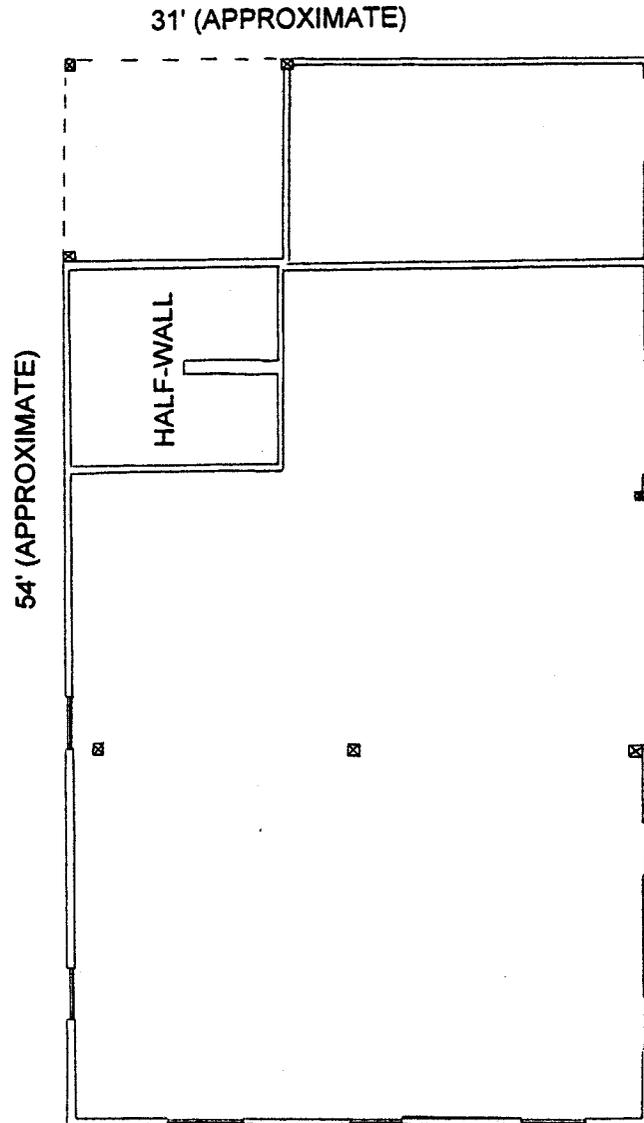
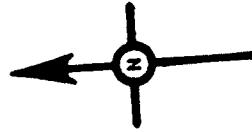
The second floor consists of two lofts that are reached by wooden ladders. The larger loft is comprised of the western third of the building. The second loft is comprised of the southeastern quarter of the building. The remaining space is open. A pair of six-light casement windows pierces the western gable while a pair of barn doors pierces the eastern gable.

The tractor shed is no longer in use as with the other outbuildings on the complex. The condition of the tractor shed is poor. Many of the planks are warped while most of the openings are either broken or are boarded.

History: The specific history of the tractor shed is unknown. Plans for the Mon/Fayette Transportation Project demonstrate that the proposed road will be constructed through the property of the Norris Farm. However, none of the building on the property will be physically removed.

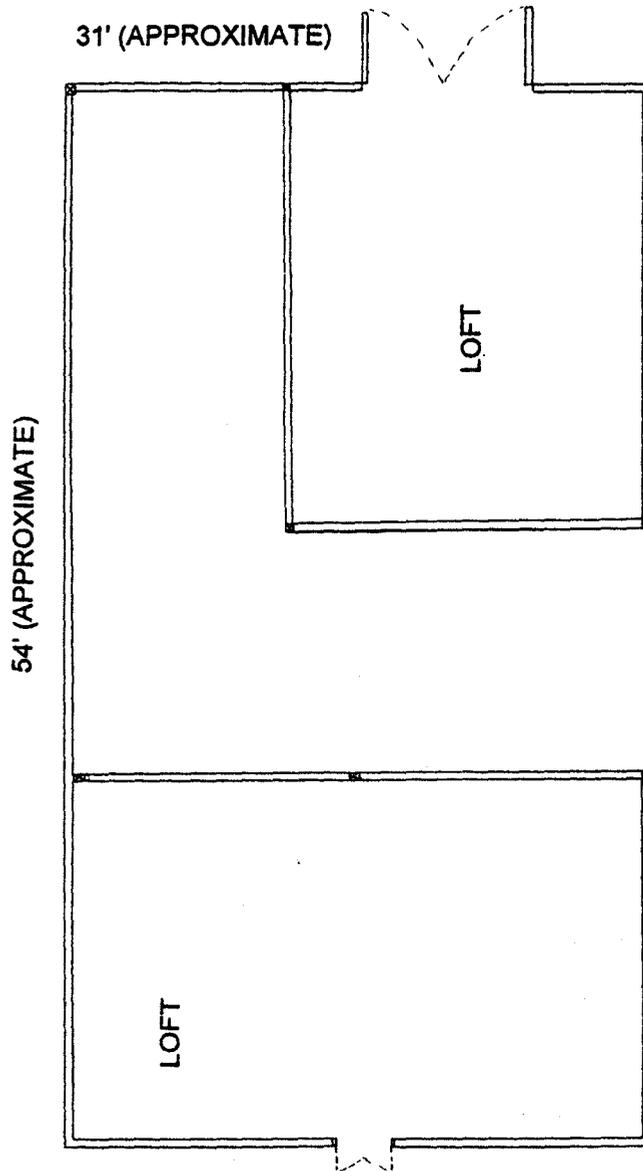
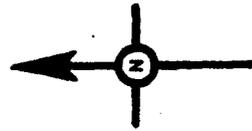
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TRACTOR SHED-MAIN FLOOR PLAN

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TRACTOR SHED-SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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