

ABRAHAM CYRUS FARMSTEAD, EQUIPMENT SHED
About 320 feet south-southwest of the farmhouse at
3271 Cyrus Road (County Road 1/6)
Cyrus
Wayne County
West Virginia

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- Location: About 320 feet south-southwest of the farmhouse at 3271 Cyrus Road (County Road 1/6), Cyrus, Wayne County, West Virginia.
- Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 17. 362360. 4240840.
USGS Quadrangle: Burnaugh, West Virginia/ Kentucky
- Significance: The Equipment Shed is a minor contributing structure associated with the Abraham Cyrus Farmstead. The farmstead derives its significance from associations with events of local history, and members of the Chapman and Cyrus families.
- Description: The equipment shed has three open bays, a dirt floor, and a shed roof. Its walls are coarse cinder blocks laid seven blocks high atop a concrete footer poured in a trench. The upper sides of the end walls are clad by vertical variable width boards nailed to end rafters and to sills atop the end walls. The shed is 39 feet 11 inches wide and 15 feet 11 inches deep. The roof's pitch is 10°, and its dip is 319° (magnetic). Tar-covered standing seam metal sheets lay directly on purlin boards atop 16 rafters with exposed ends. The ends of 14 rafters are notched onto a plate laid atop the back wall; at the front, rafters rest partly on four plank posts; two plank posts are bolted to the east ends of the side walls; two are nailed to two square support posts seated atop low concrete piers. The space inside the shed is divided nominally into three bays by the middle two support posts. The three bays are barred by means of removable planks and pipes run through notches built up on the faces of the four plank posts. Braces run from the middle two posts to the front plate and to adjacent rafters. At the side, braces run to end rafters and are nailed onto the siding. Modern wire nails were used to build the shed.
- History: The Equipment Shed was built in the late 1960s by Abraham Cyrus, Jr. about the time that the drive-through corn crib east of the Barn was removed. On occasion, the Equipment Shed was used to shelter cattle pastured on the lot.

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Sources:

Abraham Jackson Cyrus

Interview with D. Bailey, 2-5 P.M., February 3, 1993

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Interview with D. Bailey, 9-10 A.M., February 13, 1993

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GROUND PLAN

(Based on field data collected by D. Bailey, 1992.)

