

Rockefeller Barn Corral Fence Project (123391)

George Washington Birthplace National Monument proposes to install additional sections of metal corral fencing in the north side corral area of the Rockefeller Barn to improve safety. The Rockefeller Barn (FMSS location #59349) is in the working farm area of the Memorial Grounds. Approximately 300 linear feet of fence sections with swing gates are needed to safely direct livestock into the north side corral. Currently, temporary metal corral fence sections are placed along the west side of the Barn to direct the livestock into the existing north side corral. These sections of fence have been proven to be inadequate and is creating a safety hazard for the workers to move the livestock. Over the past few years, the livestock have pushed through the metal fence sections nearly injuring the animals and compromised the worker's safety. These sections on the west side of the barn will be removed.

The new proposed metal fencing will be placed within the north side corral area of the barn. This will improve the safety for the maintenance workers and the livestock in the corral area of the Rockefeller Barn. The proposed fencing will be placed on top of the ground, no digging is required. The new fence will be constructed of sections of metal corral fence and braced using pressure treat lumber.

Abbreviated History of the Rockefeller Barn and Description

In July of 1937, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., donated three retired carriage horses to George Washington Birthplace National Monument. Superintendent Hough gladly accepted them and formulated a plan to breed Morgan stallions for other parks in the National Park System. Hough's plan required the construction of a horse bam, paddock, and fencing. However, continued concern over disturbing archeological resources in the vicinity of the Memorial House prompted Park Service staff to advocate waiting on the project. In fact, correspondence from 1937 indicated that Regional Director Roy E. Appleman wanted all utility buildings removed from the historic core. Perhaps because of Rockefeller's involvement, however, construction of the bam and its adjacent paddock occurred from 1938 to 1939.

The Rockefeller Barn (LCS No. 080336, contributing building} is a one-story wood-frame building with a U-shaped plan, constructed in 1938-1939 to stable horses. The central section, measuring 78 feet long by approximately 13 feet wide, is oriented along the same northeast-southwest axis as most of the other buildings .in the historic core and has a side-gable roof. Perpendicular wings measuring approximately 25 feet long by 14 feet wide are attached to the east and west end walls, with open passages cut laterally through each wing to the interior paddock. The building has wood-shingled roofs, weatherboard walls, and concrete-strip footings. Multiple board and- batten doors, single and paired, line the interior walls. Small six-paned casement windows on the exterior walls provide light and air to the twelve stables.

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Figure 1. Overview of southern portion of George Washington Birthplace National Monument showing placement of Rockefeller Barn.

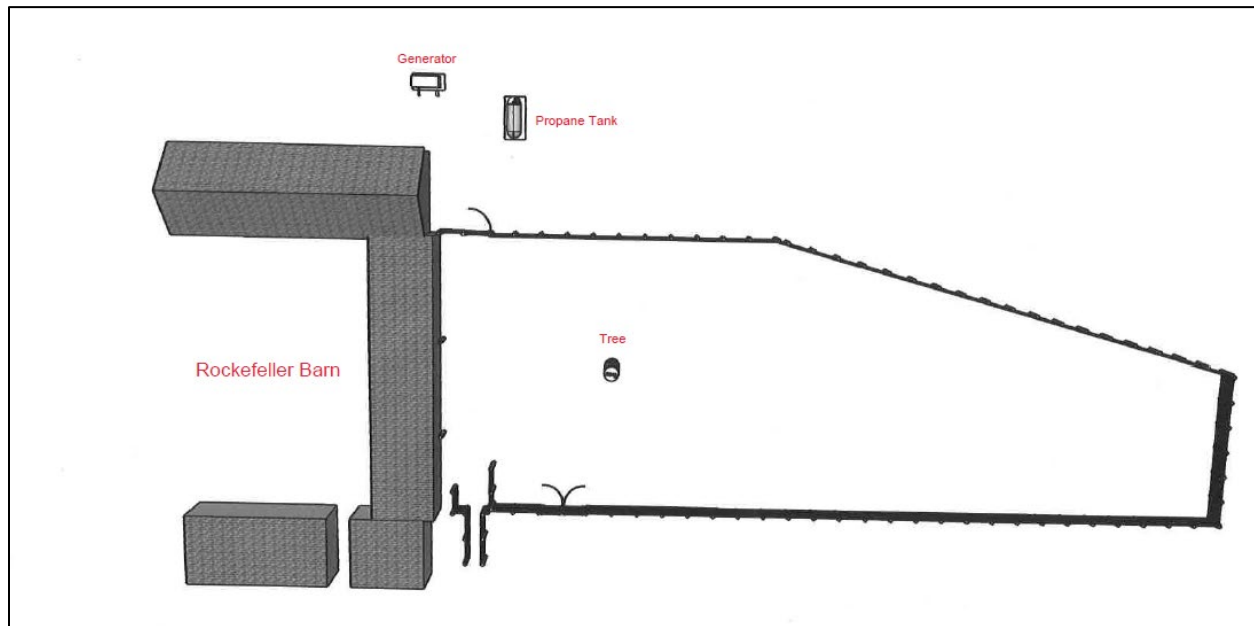


Figure 2. Current fence layout at Rockefeller Barn.



Figure 3. Existing north side of the corral fence.

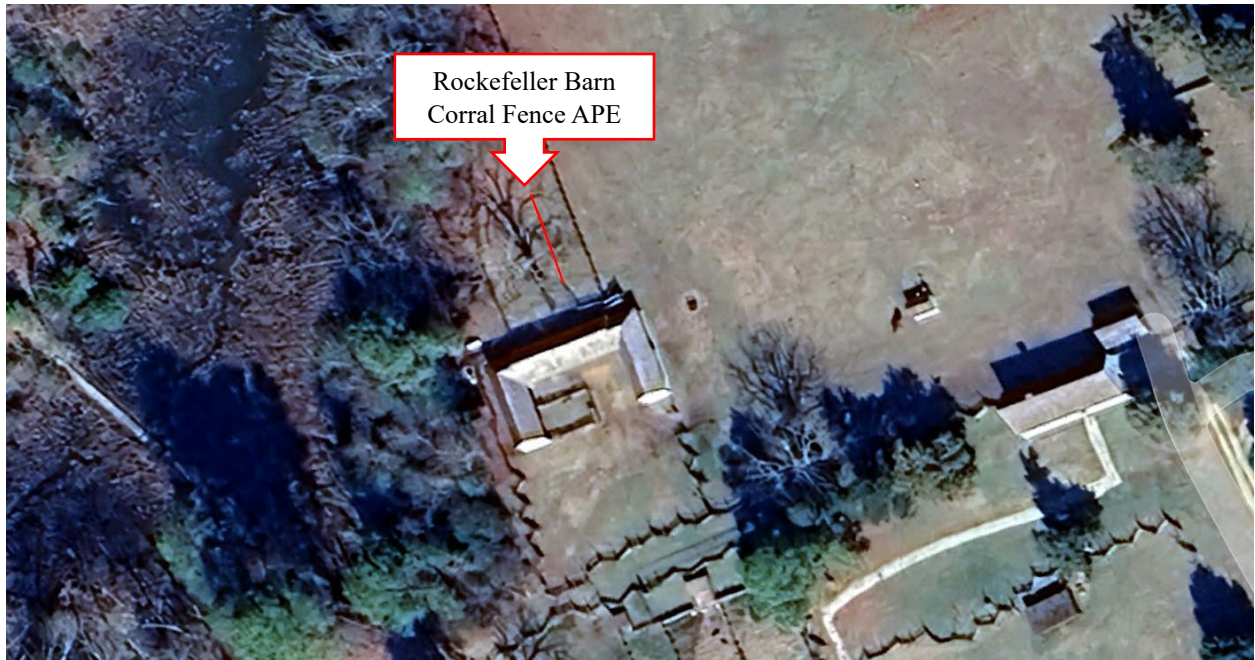


Figure 4. Detail of Rockefeller Barn showing APE for proposed corral fence project.

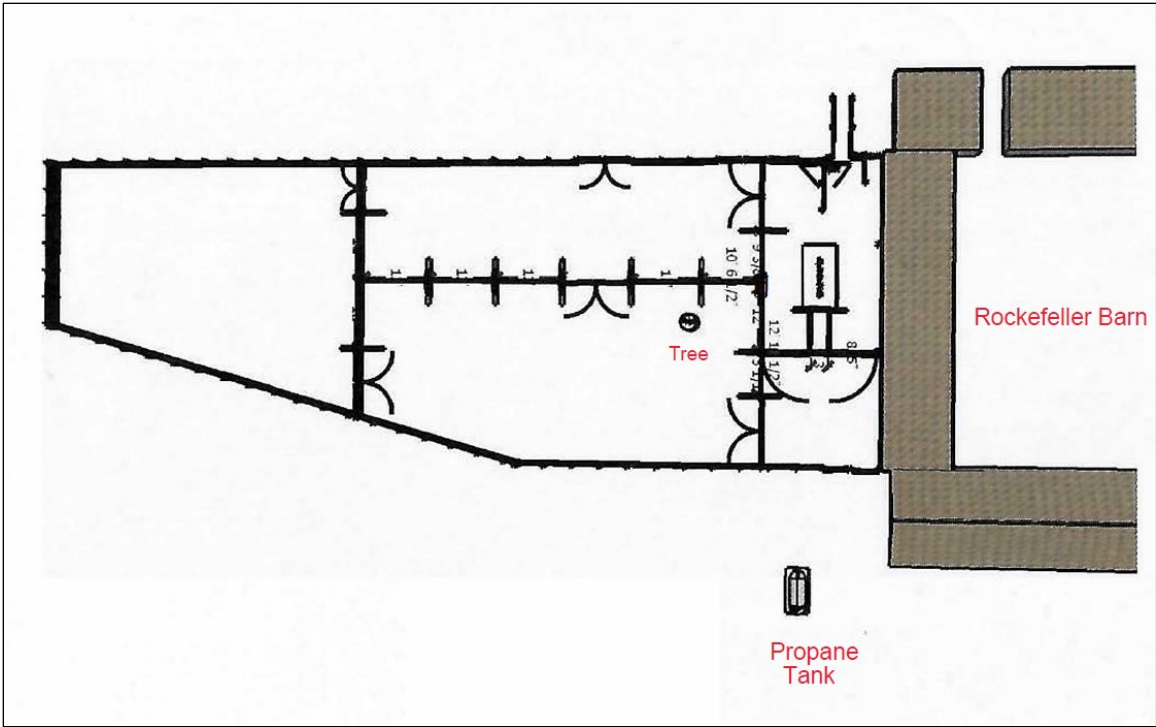


Figure 5. Proposed corral fence layout.

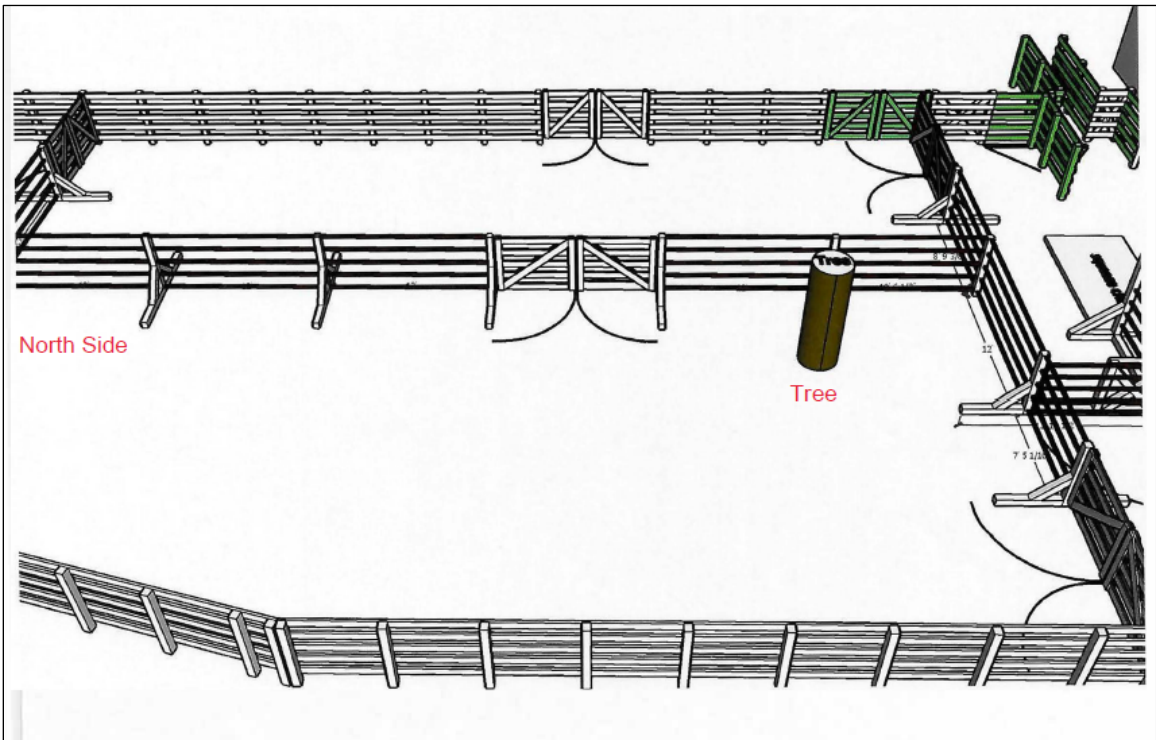


Figure 6. Detail of proposed north side fence section.