

U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, STORAGE
(U.S. Naval Air Station, Building No. 807-A)
Pensacola
Escambia County
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Location: U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida (at Saufley Field).

Significance: Building No. 807-A is located within the Saufley Field Historic District, which has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1942 at Saufley Field, Building No. 807-A was initially utilized for ammunition storage for aircraft kept and maintained at Building No. 807, an associated hangar. Later, the small building functioned as general storage. Building No. 807-A is one of a number of buildings constructed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola's Saufley Field, an auxiliary station to the main base established in 1940. Although it did not directly support NAS Pensacola's primary training mission, Building No. 807-A provided a necessary support function to Building No. 807's daily operations. Despite an addition, which is compatible to the building's original fabric, Building No. 807-A remains recognizable to its historic appearance. Building No. 807-A is a contributing property to the Saufley Field Historic District.

Description: Located in the western portion of NAS Pensacola, Saufley Field, Building No. 807-A is a one-story, irregular-plan, load-bearing masonry building. The resource, which is oriented to the north, sits on a grassy lot directly west of Building No. 807. A large, paved apron/parking lot is directly north of the building. The resource has a concrete continuous raised perimeter foundation and a flat, cast concrete slab roof with overhanging eaves. The exterior walls are red brick. Exterior entrances, located on Building No. 807-A's north facade, are paired and single, flush-panel, metal doors. In keeping with the majority of permanent buildings constructed contemporaneously with Building No. 807-A at the installation, the building's quoins display a slight Georgian Revival stylistic influence. A large, rectangular-plan addition was built adjacent to the original building prior to 1960. This addition uses similar building materials and structural systems, but does not feature the quoins seen on the original structure. Additional alterations to the building include the application of plywood panels over the building's north, west, and south facade vents. A package air-conditioning unit has also been added to the building's south facade.

History: In 1938, the Navy received appropriations from Congress to expand its naval bases and aviation training program. Officials in the Navy and NAS Pensacola planned for a massive expansion and, in August 1939, purchased land near NAS Pensacola for construction of an outlying field whose operations would augment training efforts at the main station. Saufley Field, one of the outlying fields, contributed to the success of NAS Pensacola's aviation training program during World War II and throughout the Cold War. The field contained four, steel-framed hangars, including Building No. 807 and its associated ammunition storage facility, as well as other infrastructure. Completed in 1942, Building No. 807-A has always served as a storage facility and in a supporting role for operations at Building No. 807.

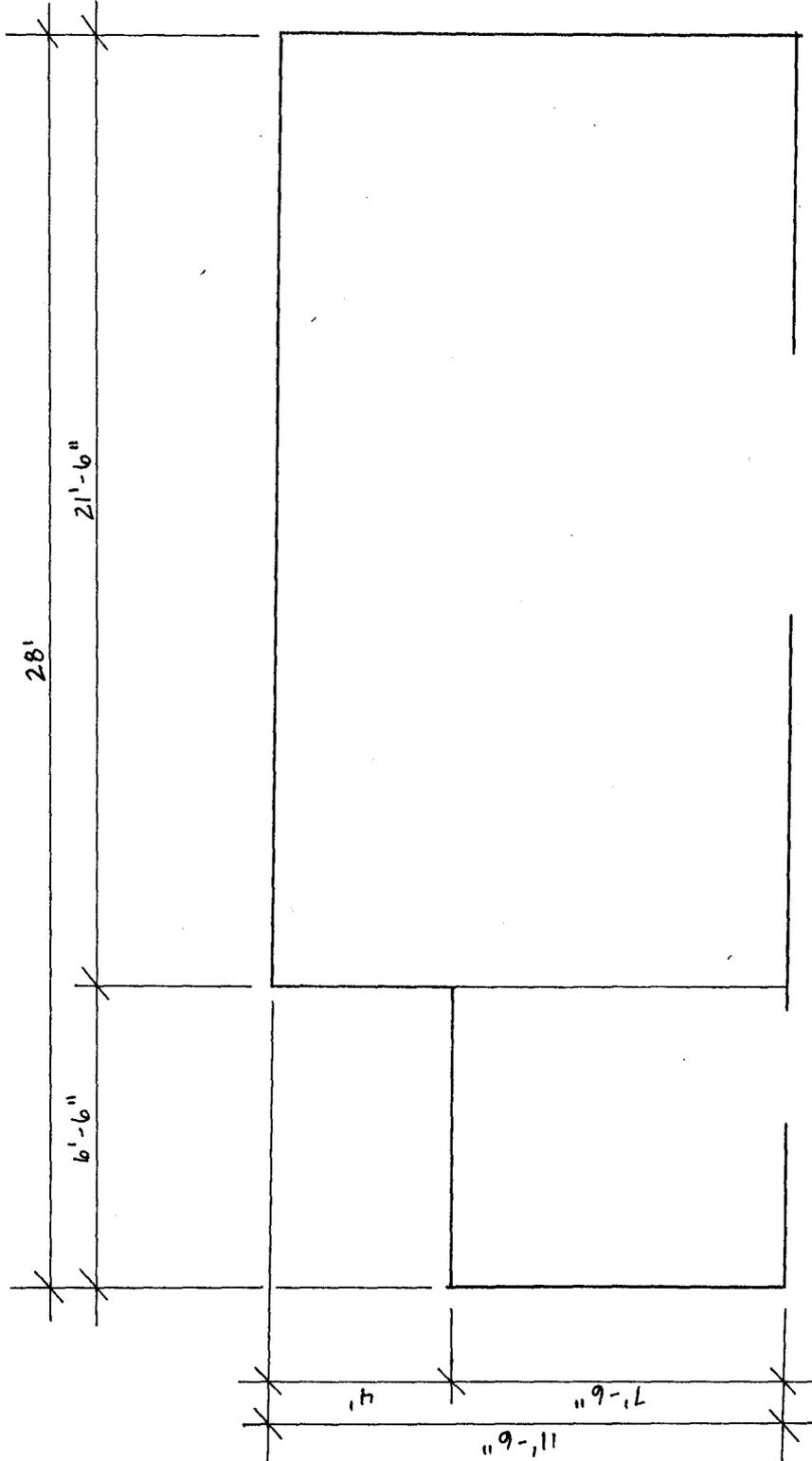
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