

JACOB TOME INSTITUTE, MADISON HALL  
(Bainbridge Naval Training Center, Building No. 5)  
Tome School for Boys Historic District  
Tome Road  
Port Deposit vicinity  
Cecil County  
Maryland

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Significance: This finely-scaled Georgian Revival dormitory was one of the original Tome School buildings and was the first completed dormitory, designed by Boring and Tilton.

Description: The two-and-one-half-story stone building has a fourteen-bay front and three-bay depth. It is built of Port Deposit granite, as were most early formal buildings at Tome, with limestone ashlar quoins at the corners, lintels, and sills. The granite is random ashlar, with accents in slightly projecting rock-face blocks. The primary architectural feature is a handsome, four-bay-long and one-bay deep portico in frame, with columns of smooth wood and molded bases and scamozzi capitals. At the wall are rectangular sunk-panel pilasters. Five steps rise to the platform. The entablature and pediment have a modillion cornice in sheet metal, as does the balance of the building. In the pediment tympanum is a bull's-eye window surrounded by a wreath and set on garlands and ribbons. The tympanum is in stucco set with accent chips of stone. The windows and doors have been boarded in. The front door is a double door with a round-arch transom surrounded by a plain limestone lintel. A photo published in 1902 shows the doors to be three panels for each leaf, and six-over-six-light, double-hung wood sash with louvered shutters/ the ends originally had a door and two windows in the first and second floor. The roof is hipped, covered in slate. There are six pedimented dormers with pilasters in the front and rear, and one on each end. The dormer cheeks and roof are slate. They originally had louvered shutters. There is an octagonal ventilator on the gable ridge at the center of the building.

There were originally porches on each end of the building, one bay wide and three deep, with plain Tuscan columns with a balustrade and deck. These have been removed and replaced with modern, now deteriorated, three-story stall stairs with modern doors, now covered over. An attic dormer has been converted to a door. To a modern steel fire escape Modern exhaust fans have also been installed on both floors.

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There were originally false balconies on the second-floor front with a slight projection and railings. These extended over the middle three windows on the left and right sides of the portico and over the center window within the portico. The stone walls show where the outriggers were located, also the end porch beams.

On the west end of the building, a modern metal stack rises above the roof at the northwest corner. Modern spotlights are mounted around the building at the roof line.

The interior was not accessible. The building is in fair condition.

History: Madison House was one of the buildings that were part of the original campus plan of 1900 by architects Boring and Tilton, with landscape architect Charles W. Leavitt, Jr. It is one of the early buildings designed by Boring and Tilton and was erected in 1900-02 as a dormitory for younger boys. Like most major Tome buildings except Memorial Hall, it was named for an American president--a gesture intended to inspire and motivate students. The contractor was Herman Probst. The final cost was \$29,076.73, including an architectural fee of \$1,600. It continued to be used as a dormitory by the Navy. Now unoccupied, it is owned by the Bainbridge Development Corporation.

Sources: Tome Institute Board of Trustees Minutes  
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