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Significance One of the second group of three faculty residences (masters' cottages) built for the Tome School for Boys in a linear grouping of six houses along Cottage Row (now Tome Road), as set out in the master plan of 1900. All six of these small houses show the skilled hand of talented architects.

Description Designed by architects Newman and Harris and built 1903-04, the house has some Colonial Revival detailing but overall suggests an American Foursquare house, a style popular at the time for smaller residences. With the windows and doors boarded up and the entire structure painted white, the quality of the design has been somewhat obscured. The main block of the house facing Tome Road is basically a Four-Square, with an almost pyramidal roof; along the left and right sides are one-story hip-roofed wings. The front is an irregular three-bays wide, plus a bay on each end for the wings. It is two bays deep.

The principal architectural interest is in the recessed entry porch, set in a flat plain pediment on the front wall, with half-round Tuscan columns flanking the porch opening, which is at the right side. There is one Tuscan column on the porch, and railing to its right. There is no railing on the left. Cottage 3 (Navy Quarters C) has no columns, or railing, while Cottage No. 6 (Quarters F), the third Newman and Harris-designed house has two columns with railings to the sides. It is not known whether these are three variations on a single theme, or whether vandalism may have altered the appearance of the other two from that of Cottage 6.

The front door in the porch recess is flanked by half sidelights. The left side of the first floor the facade has two regular-sized windows; there is a larger center window midway between the first and second stories, and two second-story windows. The foundation is rubble stonework, and the two floors are in weatherboards with a ribbon of vertical tongue-in-groove boards from midway on the second-floor windows to the roof line. The right side has one window on the first floor and a rear corner porch built under the hipped roof line of the wing. The right side second floor has two windows; the left side has an open porch at the front under the hipped roof, a two-window closed section, and a rear corner glazed porch. There

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are double gabled dormer windows on the front and rear sides. There are wood shingles over the window. The rear of the house has two double windows on the first floor and three single windows on the second floor. The ground slopes down to the rear, making the basement a full story at the back, with the corner porches supported by rubble-stone piers at the corners. There are two brick interior chimneys. The only visible windows are the dormers, which are twelve-over-one-light double-hung sash. This suggests a variation on the usual Tome six-over-six-light pattern on the lower windows, perhaps small panes over a single light or two lights, which was a fashionable pattern in 1903. The roof is in asphalt shingles; the original roofing material is not known, but the presence of shingles over the dormer windows suggests that the original was wood shingles. The interior is not accessible. The house is in poor condition.

History

Erected in 190<sup>3/1904</sup>, this is one of the second set of three masters' cottages erected, this group by Newman and Harris, who replaced Boring and Tilton. The three cottages in this group share a basic design, almost without variations. The others in this group are cottages 4 and 6 (Navy Quarters D and F). Designed and built in 1902, they form part of Cottage Row with Boring and Tilton's houses of the previous year. Now unoccupied, the house is presently owned by the Bainbridge Development Corporation.

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