

JACOB TOME INSTITUTE, MASTER'S COTTAGE
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Tome School for Boys Historic District
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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 Tome Road, as set out in the master plan of 1900. All six of these small house designs show the skilled hand of talented architects.

Description: Designed by architects Newman and Harris and built 1903-04 in an uncomplicated manner, the house has some Colonial Revival detailing but overall suggests an American Four-Square 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 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 of the front facade. Quarters F has two columns with railing on both sides, while Quarters D has one column and railing to the right. It is not known whether these were original variations or the result of vandalism. The front door in the porch recess is flanked by half sidelights. The left side of the facade has two regular-size windows. There is a larger window center, midway between the first and second stories, and two second-floor windows.

The foundation is rubble stonework, and the two floors are in weatherboards, with a ribbon of vertical tongue-and-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 second floor has two windows; the left side has an open porch at the front corner under the hipped roof, two-window closed section, and a

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rear-corner glazed porch. There are double gabled dormer windows set under a gable roof, with wood shingles over the windows on the front and right sides. The rear has two double windows on the first floor and three single windows on the second floor.

The ground slopes down to the rear, and the basement is a full story at the back, with two 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 wood sash. This suggests a variation on the usual Tome pattern of six-over-six-lights on the lower windows, perhaps small panes over a single light, or two lights, a pattern that was current in 1902. 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 were wood shingles. The interior is not accessible. The house is in poor condition.

History

This is one of the second set of three masters' cottages erected in this group by Newman and Harris, who replaced Boring and Tilton. The three cottages in this group share a basic design, with individual variations, as did the first set of three. The others in this group are Navy Quarters D and F. They form part of Cottage Row with Boring and Tilton's houses of the previous year. Now unoccupied, the cottage is presently owned by the Bainbridge Development Corporation.

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