

TOOL HOUSE-GARAGE
Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
3005 Circle Drive
Green Park Vicinity
St. Louis County
Missouri

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- Location: 3005 Circle Drive, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Green Park Vicinity, St. Louis County, Missouri
- Present Owner: Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration
- Present Use: Storage
- Significance: The Tool House-Garage is one of three historical contributing properties in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, a historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Erected in 1872 for a total cost of \$1,800, it was altered in 1935 with the addition of a 707 square foot three-bay garage.
- Description: The Tool House-Garage is located 15'-8" to the west of the adjacent Administration Building-Lodge (HABS MO-1939). The architecture of the building is considered Late Victorian and is of the same era as the Administrative Building-Lodge. Originally called the Utility Building, the structure had brick walls, concrete floors and a slate roof.
- A brick and concrete addition measuring 33' x 22' was constructed to the west of the Utility Building in May of 1935. The building was then designated as the "Tool House-Garage." The addition cost \$1,246 and the overall building size increased to 68' x 22'. The building has a stone and concrete foundation under the original building; the addition's foundation is concrete. The addition is not apparent from the exterior of the building, however, from the interior of the garage, one can see that the original roof is still intact. The new roof was installed over the existing roof.
- There is one row of soldier-coursed bricks that runs continuously around the perimeter of the building above the window and door line visible from both the exterior and interior of the building. The large, six-panel wood entrance door was replaced with a 3' x 7' wood door and plywood filler pieces at a date unknown. The current building contains one lavatory and one toilet in the southeastern corner.

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History:

The Utility Building was constructed in 1872 to store tools for the grounds-keeping staff. In 1935 the garage was added to house vehicles that served the cemetery grounds. A basement with a concrete foundation measuring 10' x 34' was also added at this time.

In 1951 more remodeling and alterations to the original building occurred, the extent of the construction is not documented. An oil burner was installed at the end of June 1952.

Cabinets to store equipment and supplies were built and installed in the two eastern storage rooms in 1955 and 1956. Large cabinets were constructed for storage of janitorial supplies in the garage in 1957. In 1962 all exterior windows were replaced or repaired as needed by laborers of the cemetery. The roof of the Tool House-Garage was replaced in 1963 with asphalt felt and self-sealing composition shingles. Three overhead metal garage doors were replaced in 1965.

This building is currently owned by the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration and is used for storage of ground material such as fertilizer, grass seed, and salt. It will be demolished in the near future because it is in need of many repairs. A new permanent committal shelter is scheduled for construction in the near future on the site of the Administration Building-Lodge and the Tool House-Garage. This shelter will be of more use to the cemetery during the many interments conducted each day. It will also contain space for grounds storage.

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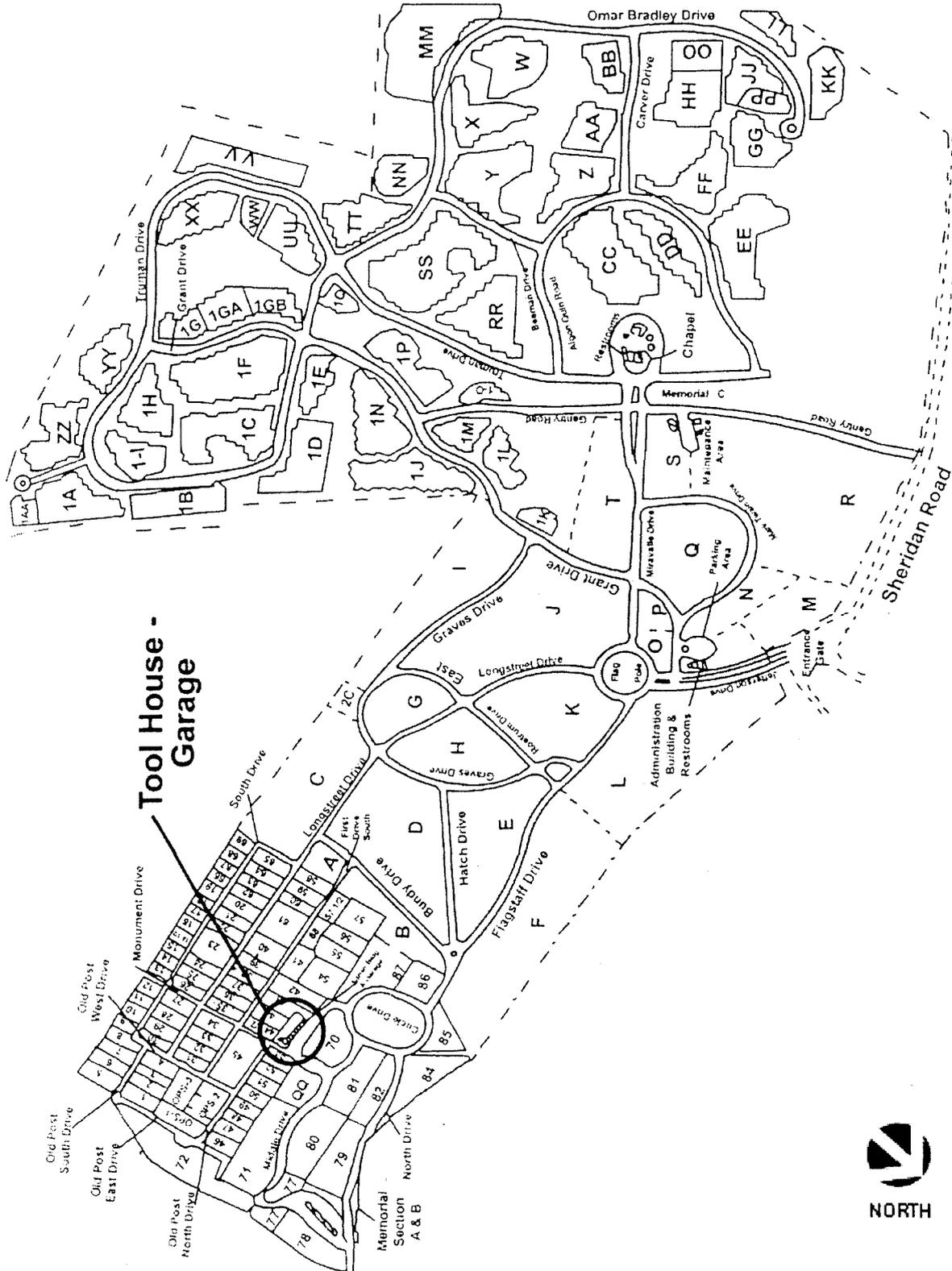
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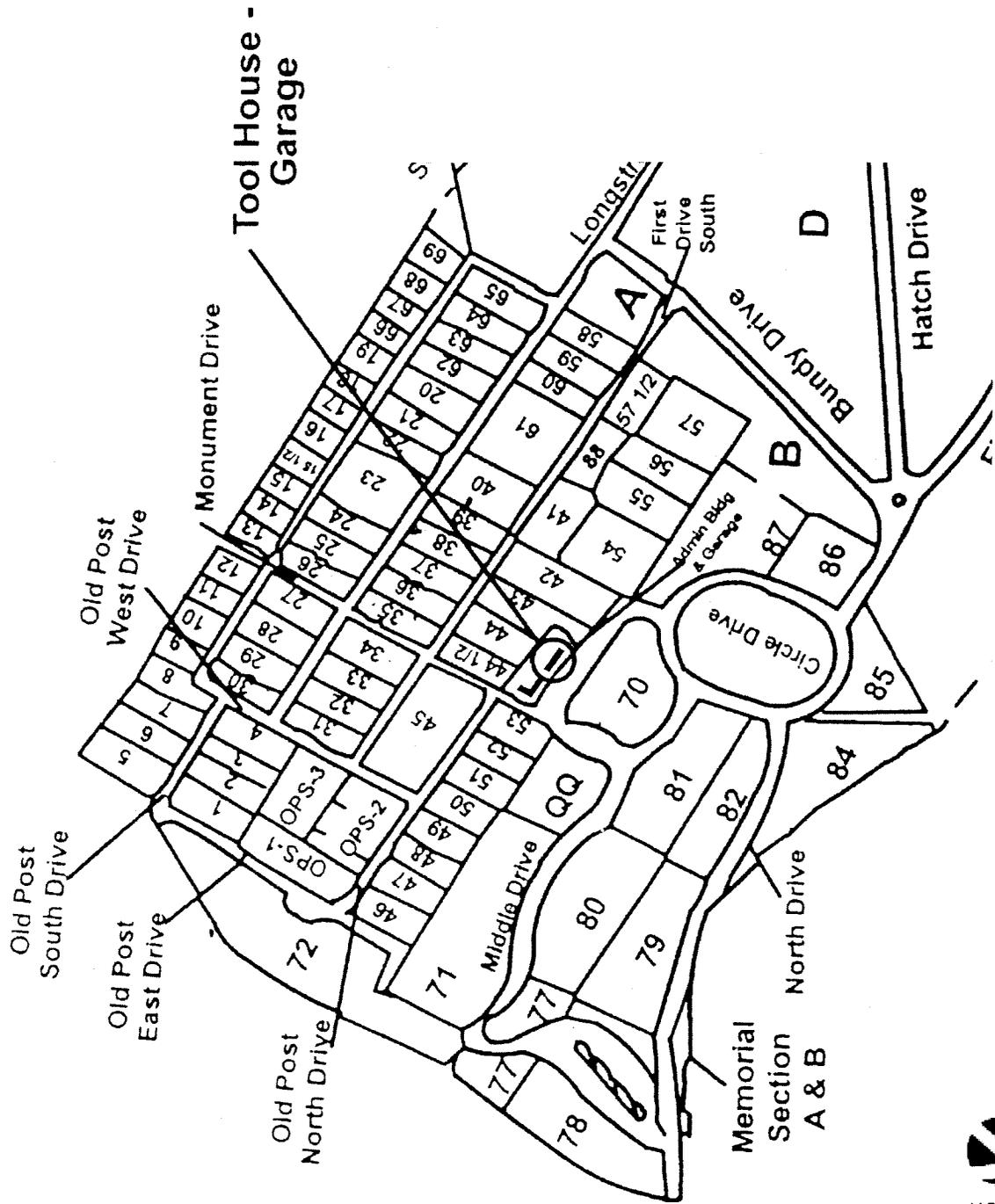
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