

OVERHILLS, FUEL STORAGE SHED  
(Building No. 29)  
Overhills Historic District  
West of Railroad ROW & South of Overhills Lake  
Fort Bragg  
Harnett County  
North Carolina

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- Location: West of railroad ROW & south of Overhills Lake, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina  
USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3899304.678961
- Present Owner: Department of Defense  
Department of the Army  
Fort Bragg
- Original Use: Storage shed
- Present Use: Vacant
- Significance: The Fuel Storage Shed in the Shops Complex portion of the Overhills area at Fort Bragg is a contributing part of an eligible Fort Bragg historic district for the National Register of Historic Places. The Fuel Storage Shed was constructed ca. 1935 for the maintenance area of the compound and golf course. The Shops Complex area is at the center of the Overhills historic district as identified in the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report, Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, May 2000.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of Erection: Ca. 1935.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and Subsequent Owners: Rockefeller Family, Fort Bragg.
4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown.
5. Original plans and construction: None could be located.
6. Alterations and additions: Unknown.

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: Built on an east-west orientation, the Fuel Storage Shed is a one-story rectangular wood frame building with a gable roof. The north, south, and west elevations are blind while the east elevation has a large opening with wooden panel doors.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The foundation, overall building structure, and roof are in excellent condition. The weatherboards are generally in good condition except for some bending at the corners. There is also overgrown vegetation surrounding the building.

### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Fuel Storage Shed is a one-story, rectangular mass, measuring 20'-9"x 15'-11". The peak of the roof is located 12'-3" above grade. The lack of windows produces similar elevations for three of the facades.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-P-1) has no openings. Weatherboards run horizontally from the ground up to the exposed rafters.

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-P-1) is a gable wall that has one doorway for double doors. Weatherboards run horizontally up to the rafter tails and above this vertical boards continue to the peak.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-P-2) has no openings. Weatherboards run horizontally from the ground up to the exposed rafters.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-P-2) is the other gable wall. It has no openings and weatherboards run horizontally up to the rafter tails where vertical boards continue to the roof.

2. Foundations: The foundation is undetermined.
3. Wall Construction: Walls are constructed out of 2"x 4" wood studs, 4"x 8" top plates, and a 4"x 4" sill plate. There are 4"x 4" braces in the shape of a "Y" interspersed with 2"x 4" diagonal bracing at the corners. The weatherboards are 1" thick with a 5" reveal and are nailed to the wood studs. The east and west facades have 8" vertical v-groove boards in the gable. The 1"x 6" and 1"x 4" end caps are butt jointed at each of the corners.
4. Structural System, Framing: The roof structure is composed of 2"x 4" wood rafters and 2"x 4" wood roof ties spanning east-west. The top of the king post attaches to the rafters at the bottom of the roof ties. The peak of the roof is 12'-3" above grade. The 1"x 4" wood decking is spaced at 1'-4" on center and is covered

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by metal seam roofing. The rafters are attached to the top plates of the wood stud framing and extend beyond the exterior walls of the building.

5. Porches, Balconies: There are none.
6. Chimney: There are none.
7. Openings:
  - a. Openings: There are none.
  - b. Doorways and Doors: There is only one entrance to the building, which is located on the east facade, 5'-2" from the north corner. The doorway retains its original set of 2'-10" x 6'-8" double doors. Both doors are composed of eight 4¼" x 6'-8" vertical wood panels with three 1" x 6" horizontal supports and two 1" x 3" vertical supports. The 5'-8" x 6'-10" opening is framed by 2" x 4" wood studs and has a 1" x 3½" miter joint door trim.
  - c. Windows: There are none.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, Covering: The roof is a gable roof orientated east-west and the covering is metal seam roofing.
  - b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves extend 1'-8" on all four facades and are located 9'-8½" above grade. The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails and no trim. Rake boards are 1½" x 3½".
  - c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There are none.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is a 20'-1" x 15'-3" rectangle with the long side running east-west.
2. Stairways and Ladders: There are none.
3. Flooring: The floor is bare concrete.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The inside of the walls are not covered by any structure or material, the wood structure and the weatherboards are exposed.

There is no ceiling; the main elements of the wood structure and wood decking are exposed.

5. Openings:
    - a. Openings: There are none.
    - b. Doorways and Doors: There are none.
    - c. Windows: There are none.
  6. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features.
  7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for the doors in the Fuel Storage Shed. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.
  8. Mechanical Equipment:
    - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There is none.
    - b. Lighting: There is no original lighting.
    - c. Plumbing: There is none.
    - d. Fixtures: There are none.
  9. Original Furnishings: There are no original furnishings.
- D. Site:
1. General Setting: The Fuel Storage Shed is sited to the east of the golf course and west of the Shop (No.31). It is south of the Equipment Shed (No.33) and north of the creek which runs from the northwest to the southeast of the site. The dirt road from the main Overhills road curves around the shop complex and leads toward the golf course.
  2. Landscaping, Enclosures: The building is situated on an area of red clay soil overgrown with weeds and grass. There is no overall planting scheme for the Fuel Storage.

The north facade faces an open, grassy area with no landscaping. The south elevation faces a wooded area of pine trees and other types of trees. There is a small volunteer oak tree located in the southeast corner 10'-0" from the building. The east side faces an open area with a large loblolly pine tree located 14'-0" from the building near the northeast corner. A volunteer oak tree is also located near the northwest corner next to the building. The west side faces a grassy area with no landscaping.

### PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Architectural Drawings: There are none.

B. Historic Views: There are none.

C. Interviews: None

D. Bibliography:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

2. Secondary and published sources:

Alexander, Frances and Richard Mattson. "Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report: Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, Harnett and Cumberland Counties, North Carolina, Final Report." Charlotte, NC: Mattson, Alexander and Associates prepared for US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, May 2000.

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E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

#### PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Cultural Resources Management Program in the Directorate Public Works at Fort Bragg, North Carolina sponsored this project. The project was completed at the Land and Heritage Conservation Branch of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). The project historian was Adam Smith (CERL). Adam Smith, with assistance from Christella Lai and Jennifer Feucht, produced the architectural description section of the report. Martin Stupich produced the large-format photographs contained in the report. Documentation was coordinated with the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program through preservation planner Cris Armstrong and architectural historian Michelle Michael. The documentation was completed October 2003.

