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(Building No. 37)
Overhills Historic District
West of Railroad ROW & South of Overhills Lake
Fort Bragg
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USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3899320.679060

Present Owner: Department of Defense
Department of the Army
Fort Bragg

Original Use: Garage

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Worker House No.1 Garage 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 Worker House No.1 Garage was constructed ca. 1935 and was utilized by the residents of the Worker House No.1. 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 Worker House No.1 Garage is a one-story wood frame building with a rectangular plan and a front gable roof. The north, south, and west elevations are blind while the east elevation has a large opening.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The foundation, structure, and roof are in good condition although the roof is covered in pine needles. The condition of the weatherboard siding is fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Worker House No.1 Garage is a rectangular building with a front gable roof, weatherboard siding, and concrete block foundation. It measures 24'-3½"x 20'-3'. The building is orientated east-west with the large opening at the east elevation. The lack of windows and the consistent use of materials produce similar elevations for all the facades.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-U-1) has no openings with weatherboard running up to the rafters.

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-U-1) is a gable wall with weatherboard siding and a large opening for the entrance.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-U-2) has no openings with weatherboard running up to the rafters.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-U-2) is a gable wall with no openings and weatherboard siding with corner boards.
2. Foundations: The foundation is composed of concrete blocks. The foundation blocks on the north elevation are exposed a full course above ground and the south foundation is exposed two courses above ground to account for the slope of the site.
3. Wall Construction: The walls are constructed out of 2"x 4" wood studs, double 2"x 6" top plates, and a single sill plate that rests on top of the concrete block foundation. There is 2"x 4" diagonal bracing in all four corners. The exterior side of the wall is composed of 6¾"x ¾" weatherboards nailed to the wood studs. 3¾"x 1¾" corner boards are located on the east and west elevations.
4. Structural System, Framing: The roof support is composed of seven 2"x 6" wood trusses and 2"x 6" rafters covered by 2"x 6" wood decking running east-west. The center truss has diagonal bracing.

5. Porches, Balconies: There are none.
6. Chimney: There is none
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: The building has a single opening which serves as an entrance. The opening is located on the east facade, 1'-5½" from the south corner. The opening measures 17'-4" wide, has a height of 8'-7", and is surrounded by trim.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: There are none.
 - c. Windows: There are none.
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The roof is a front gable roof orientated east-west. Grey three-tab asphalt roofing shingles cover the wood decking which is nailed to the top of the 2"x 6" rafters. The decking is 2"x 6" boards with ¼" spacing between each board.
 - b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves are open and extend 1'-1" beyond the north and south walls. Rafter tails are exposed and there is no fascia on the north and south elevations. The rake overhang is 1'-9" on the east and west facades.
 - c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There are none

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is a 24'-3½"x 20'-3" rectangle with the long side running east-west.
2. Stairways and Ladders: There are none.
3. Flooring: The floor is dirt.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The interior sides of the walls are not covered by any structure or material; the wood structure and weatherboards are exposed.

There is no ceiling; the roof trusses and the 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: There is none.
- 8. Mechanical Equipment:
 - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There is none.
 - b. Lighting: The original lighting is two porcelain fixtures which are hung from the underside of a roof truss. An electric conduit runs up the north facade of the building.
 - c. Plumbing: There is no plumbing.
 - d. Fixtures: There are none.
- 9. Original Furnishings: There are no original furnishings.
- D. Site:
 - 1. General Setting: The building is located to the southwest of the Worker House No. 1 (No.36). An unpaved driveway exits the garage on the east side and continues around the Worker House No. 1 (No.36).
 - 2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is no apparent overall planting scheme for the Worker House No. 1.

The east facade (front) faces an expanse of overgrown grass and weeds which includes dog fennel, among others. One large loblolly pine tree is located on the southeast corner 7'-6" east of the building and 4' south. Overgrown mimosa is found along the west elevation. The south elevation faces a wooded area in the distance, but has two loblolly pine trees near the building. One pine tree is near the southeast corner, 1'-9" from the building, the other is near the middle of the elevation 4'-0" from the building. The north elevation faces an open grassy area with two large loblolly pine trees on the northeast corner approximately 3'-0" from the building. There is a large mimosa on the northwest corner and smaller ones around the foundation.

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:

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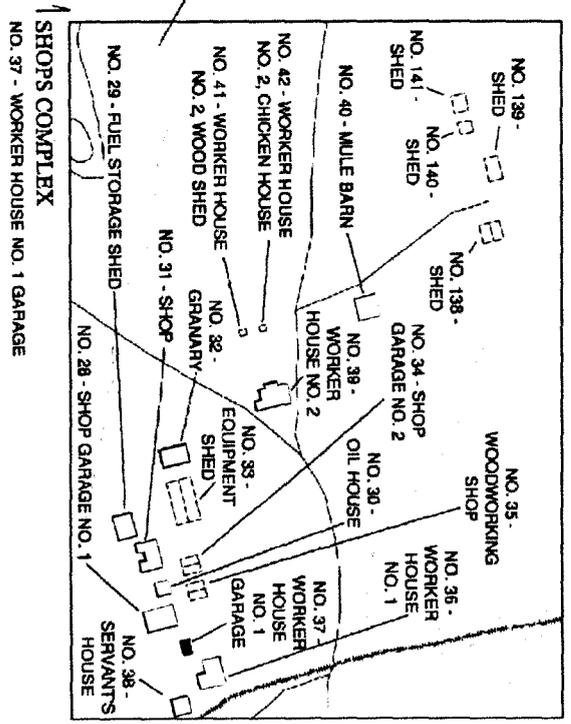
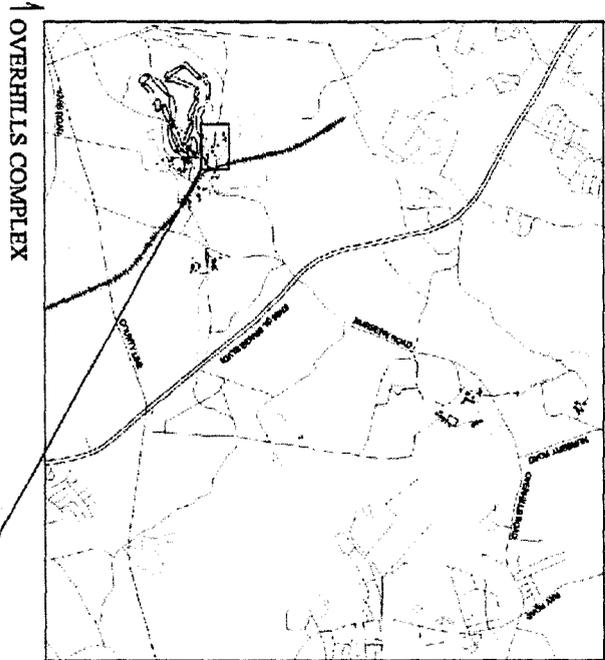
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E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

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.

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