

OVERHILLS, HARRIMAN COTTAGE GARAGE  
(Building No. 47)  
Overhills Historic District  
West of Thurman Road & East of Overhills golf course  
Fort Bragg  
Harnett County  
North Carolina

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- Location: West of Thurman Road & east of Overhills golf course, Fort Bragg,  
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USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 17.3898883.679053
- Present Owner: Department of Defense  
Department of the Army  
Fort Bragg
- Original Use: Garage
- Present Use: Vacant
- Significance: The Harriman Cottage Garage on the Hill 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 Harriman Cottage Garage was constructed ca. 1935. The Hill area is at the southwest portion 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: William Averill Harriman, Rockefeller Family, Fort Bragg.
4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown.
5. Original plans and construction: None could be located.
6. Alterations and additions: A 19'-5" x 11'-9" addition was added to the back of the original garage. The date for this is unknown. The addition has the same details and construction methods as the original part of the garage.

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 Harriman Cottage Garage is a simple, two-car garage that was extended at an unknown date. The original garage door is missing and there are two six-over-six double-hung windows on the rear elevation. The roof is a front gable covered with diamond shaped asbestos tiles and the siding consists of weatherboards. The siding, trim, rafters, and concrete block are all painted white.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The garage is in good condition except for the paint.

### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Harriman Cottage Garage is a simple, rectangular, one-story building, built on an east-west orientation. The garage measures 40'-2" long by 20'-3" wide. The non-gable walls are 8'-6" tall and the total height of the gable from the finished floor is 14'-½".

The west (front) elevation (Photo NC-407-AB-1) is composed of the garage doorway and weatherboard siding. The doorway is located 1'-9" from each end of the facade.

The north (Photo NC-407-AB-2) and south elevations consist of weatherboard siding and no openings.

The east (back) elevation (Photo NC-407-AB-2) has two windows, weatherboard siding, and a concrete block wall foundation. The window openings are located 2'-10½" above the top of the foundation and 6'-7½" above grade. Each window is 3'-10½" from its respective garage corner. Openings are 3' wide and 4'-9" tall.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a concrete block wall. The concrete block measures 1'-3¾" x 7" with a ½" mortar joint. The height of the foundation is at grade at the entrance to the garage, but varies between 3'-5½" to 4'-2½" on the rear elevation.
3. Wall Construction: The walls consist of ¾" thick weatherboards that have a 6¼" reveal. The ends of the weatherboards are butt-jointed at 2" x 4" corner boards on all four corners of the garage. There is a 2" wide board, located 28'-5" away from the front facade, which originally served as the rear corner board. The weatherboards on the original structure and the addition are butt-jointed here as well.
4. Structural System, Framing: The garage wall structural system has a 3½" x 7¾" sill plate, 1¾" x 3¾" studs, and double 1½" x 3¾" top plates. There are 1¾" x 3¾"

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studs used as diagonal bracing at each of the corners and at the break between the original structure and the addition.

The garage roof structural system consists of 2"x 6" rafters, 2"x 6" ceiling joists, 1"x 8" ridge posts, and ¾"x 7½" diagonals. The king posts connects from the ceiling joists to the ridge of the roof, and the diagonals connect from the where the ridge posts and ceiling joists join to the midpoint of the rafter. There is no ridge beam.

5. Porches, Balconies: There are none.
6. Chimney: There is none.
7. Openings:
  - a. Openings: There are none.
  - b. Doorways and Doors: The west elevation has one garage doorway; however, no garage door is extant. The doorway measures 16'-8¼"x 7'-9½" and is centered on the elevation, 1'-9" from each end of the facade.
  - c. Windows: The two window openings on the west elevation are 3'-0"x 4'-9". The windows are six-over-six, double-hung with ½" muntins. The window openings are located 2'-10½" above the top of the foundation and each window is 3'-10½" from its respective garage corner.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, Covering: The roof of the garage is a gable with a moderate slope. The roof deck is composed of 1"x 7½" boards, with ¼" spacing between the boards. It could not be determined if tarpaper was laid across the decking. Asbestos shingles, laid in a "honeycomb" pattern, are utilized for the roof covering. There is an 11" reveal for each shingle. Half shingles are used at the bottom and sides of the roof.
  - b. Cornice, Eaves: The garage roof has overhanging rakes and eaves. The rakes overhang the front and rear elevations by 1'-2". The eaves overhang the north and south elevations by 1'-7". The fascia on the rake is composed of a 2"x 6" with a 1"x 3" trim nailed to the top edge of the fascia. The eaves have exposed rafter tails.
  - c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There are none.

### C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is one large 40'-2"x 20'-3" parking bay.

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2. Stairways and Ladders: There is one ladder on the rear wall located between the two windows. It is 1'-10" wide, the rails are 1¾"x 3¾" studs, and the rungs are 1"x 3¾", spaced at 1'-6" on center. The ladder allows access to the top of the ceiling joists.
3. Flooring: The floor is compacted soil.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The interior side of the walls are not covered by any structure or material; the main elements of the structure and the weatherboards are exposed.  
  
There is no ceiling; the main elements of the structure and the roof 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: No original hardware exists.
8. Mechanical Equipment:
  - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There are none.
  - b. Lighting: No original lighting is extant.
  - c. Plumbing: There are none.
  - d. Fixtures: There are none.
9. Original Furnishings: There is one built in cabinet in the southeastern corner of the garage. The cabinet is 3'-9½" wide by 1'-10" deep and is 6'-10" tall. It has two doors that are each 1'-6¼" wide by 6'-7½" high. Each door has two half-strap hinges, with a 2"x 4½" square and a 6" strap. The doors are held shut by a 4½"x 2" piece of wood. The two knobs are 1½" diameter metal.

D. Site:

1. General Setting: The Harriman Cottage Garage is located to the northeast of Harriman Cottage (No.46) between two unpaved roads.

2. Landscaping, Enclosures: The garage is set in an area surrounded by trees. To the north of the building there are loblolly pine, southern magnolia, and eastern red cedar trees. The west and south elevations are surrounded by southern magnolia and loblolly pine trees. To the east of the building is a grassy yard with maple and southern magnolia trees.

### 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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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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