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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: Zone 17.3898953.679050
- Present Owner: Department of Defense
Department of the Army
Fort Bragg
- Original Use: Pump house
- Present Use: Vacant
- Significance: The Pump House 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 Pump House 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: 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: The Pump House is a small, single-story building that housed the pump for the Hill area. This simple building has weatherboard siding, a front gable roof, two windows, and a single entrance. The pump, although in pieces, is still extant in the building.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The Pump House is in excellent condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Pump House is a small, 10'-4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x 12'-5", single-story building. It is a front gable building that faces southwest with a ridge height of 11'-11" above grade.

The northeast elevation (Photo NC-407-AC-1) is the rear facade. It is a gable wall with one window centered on the facade.

The southeast elevation (Photo NC-407-AC-2) is blind with weatherboard siding.

The southwest elevation (Photo NC-407-AC-2), the front elevation, has a single door centered on the facade.

The northwest elevation (Photo NC-407-AC-1) has one window centered on the facade, 4'-10" from each end. The weatherboard siding is painted white, and the eaves have a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fascia board.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a 3" concrete block wall with no mortar joints.
3. Wall Construction: The wall framing consists of 2"x 4" studs and $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick weatherboard with a 5" to 6" reveal siding nailed to the wood studs.
4. Structural System, Framing: The pump house is a wood frame building that consists of 2"x 4" actual dimension wall studs and double top plates. The roof structure consists of 2"x 4" rafters with various width planks as decking.
5. Porches, Balconies: None.
6. Chimney: None.
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: None.

- b. **Doorways and Doors:** There is one entrance to the building, located on the southwest facade. The doorway is 3'-2" wide, 7'-0" tall, and has a 2"x 4" trim with 1"x 1" drip edge. The door for this opening measures 3'-1½"x 6'-11" and is composed of various width planks and 1"x 4" trim on the top and sides; trim in the center forms a cross. The back of the door is supported by 1"x 6" wood forming a Z. The hardware for the door consists of 7½" double strap hinges and a 3"x 4" lockset that is missing its knob.
- c. **Windows:** Both windows are double-hung windows, but they are not matching. The northwest facade window is a six-over-six, double-hung window with 9"x 12" glass panes. The opening measures 2'-7½"x 4'-9" and has 2"x 4" trim with a 1"x 1" drip edge and a 1½" thick sill. The window is located 2'-8" above the foundation wall.

The northeast facade window is a six-over-six, double-hung window. The top sash has two rows of three lights, each pane measures 7¾"x 1'-2"; the bottom sash has three rows of two lights, each pane measures 12"x 10". The northeast window is framed in a 2'-2¼"x 5'-8" opening and has 1"x 4½" trim with drip edge and 1½" sill. The window is located 2'-7½" above the foundation wall.

8. Roof:

- a. **Shape, Covering:** The roof is a front gable roof with grey three tab asphalt shingles. The ridge is 11'-11" above grade.
- b. **Cornice, Eaves:** The eaves have a 1"x 5½" fascia board with a short return on the gable end. Rake boards are 2"x 4" with a 1"x 1" trim piece along the rake. Overhang is 10" on the front facade.
- c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers:** None.

C. Description of Interior:

- 1. Floor Plan: The plan of the Pump House is a single room that measures 9'-4½"x 11'-5½".
- 2. Stairways and Ladders: None.
- 3. Flooring: The floor is a dirt floor.
- 4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The interior wall and ceiling covering is oriented strand board, which is not original.
- 5. Openings:

- a. Openings: None.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: None.
 - c. Windows: None.
6. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features.
7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for all of the windows and doors in the Pump House. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.
8. Mechanical Equipment:
- a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: None.
 - b. Lighting: There is no original lighting. There is an electrical pipe on the front facade to the right of the door. It is 5'-0" tall by 3" wide, and is located 1'-7" from the south corner. There is no date on the box. There are three holes in the weatherboards above the electrical pipe, where the original electricity may have entered the building.
 - c. Plumbing: The pump (Photo NC-407-AC-3) is 5'-8" long and 1'-11½" wide and sits on two concrete pads. The pump manufacturer is A.D. Cook, Lawrenceburg, IN. The stamp also indicates that the pump is No. 1687, and size IT.

There is a pump pressure level indicator on the rear wall. It is 6" in diameter, and located 2'-6" above the floor and 1'-4" from the southeast wall. No manufacturer could be found.
 - d. Fixtures: None.
9. Original Furnishings: There are no original furnishings.

D. Site:

1. General Setting: The pump house is situated to the northwest of the Overhills Manager's House (No.50) and east of Harriman Cottage (No.46) and the Harriman Cottage Garage (No.47).
2. Landscaping, Enclosures:

There is no designed landscaping scheme in the area surrounding the Pump House.

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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