

FORT MYER , QUARTERMASTER WORKSHOPS
(Building 209)
Arlington Boulevard and Second Street
Fort Myer
Arlington County
Virginia

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Location: The Quartermaster Workshops Building is located at Fort Myer in a hollow approximately 230 feet west of the south end of Bloxon Street. Fort Albert J. Myer is located at Arlington Boulevard and Second Street, Fort Myer, Arlington County, Virginia.

USGS West Washington, D.C., MD., VA. Quadrangle
Universe Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.319340.4305930

Significance: Constructed in 1907, the Quartermaster Workshops building is associated with Fort Myer's development during the twentieth century and specifically the installation's expansion of Quartermaster Corps facilities in this area during the first quarter of the twentieth century.

Description: The Quartermaster Workshops building is a one-and-one-half-story, rectangular plan building measuring approximately twenty-eight feet by seventy feet and includes a trussed-rafter gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The roof structure includes exposed wood rafter ends with ogee profiles. A brick ridge chimney is located at the building's east gable end. The building is constructed of brick and includes a rubble-stone foundation with a granite water table. The building has a poured concrete floor with an open trough cast in the floor. East and west approach ramps include concrete curbing. Segmentally-arched window openings consisting of an arched double course of rowlock brick-work and stone sills (interior sills consist of rowlock bricks) includes six-over-six double-hung wood sash with exterior iron-rod grilles. A arched opening with a fixed six-light sash and similar sill, lintel, and grille details is centered in the west gable end. Two large raised former double doorway openings and a former single door opening located on the south elevation are brick infilled as are two former window openings on the east elevation. A wood dock has been removed from along the south elevation. Large metal overhead garage doors are centered on the east and west gable ends.

History: Fort Myer began in 1863 as Fort Whipple (changed in 1880 to Fort Myer) and in 1872 the fort received designation as a permanent military reservation. This designation initiated a campaign for the construction of permanent buildings at the fort. Recommendations for retaining Fort Myer as a permanent military post to provide accommodation, instruction, and training to Army personnel occurred circa 1902. Following this recommendation considerable building programs developed steadily enlarging and improving Fort Myer's building stock. Building 209 was constructed in 1907 to house Quartermaster Workshops. The Workshops building was constructed in a hollow below an existing Quartermaster Office and Store House (Building 202). A Quartermaster Barracks (Building 203) was constructed next to the Office and Store House in 1915. The area within the hollow west of Buildings 202 and 203 continued to serve the Quartermaster Corps and following increased automobile use during the 1920s, developed into a motor pool area.

Construction of the Quartermaster Workshops began in March 1906 and was

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completed by June 1907 at a cost of \$4,737. Plans, dated April 1906 and approved by the Quartermaster General, showed the building's interior divided into three sections housing a blacksmith shop, a carpenter's shop and a painter's, plumber's, and tinner's shop. The Workshops building continued to be listed as a shop until 1983 when it was converted into a car wash and included installation of an automatic car washer. Renovation work required demolition and replacement of the floor slab as well as replacement and construction of new gable end openings and the removal of interior partitions. Subsequent alterations included the infill of door and window openings on both the south and east sides as well as the removal of a wood dock on the south elevation. Building 209 currently stands vacant.

A core area of Fort Myer gained National Historic Landmark District status in 1972. In July 1993 the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office determined that Building 207 contributes to an eligible National Historic Landmark District expansion at Fort Myer.

Sources: Building Completion Reports, Building 209. On file at the Headquarters Command, Building 59, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia.

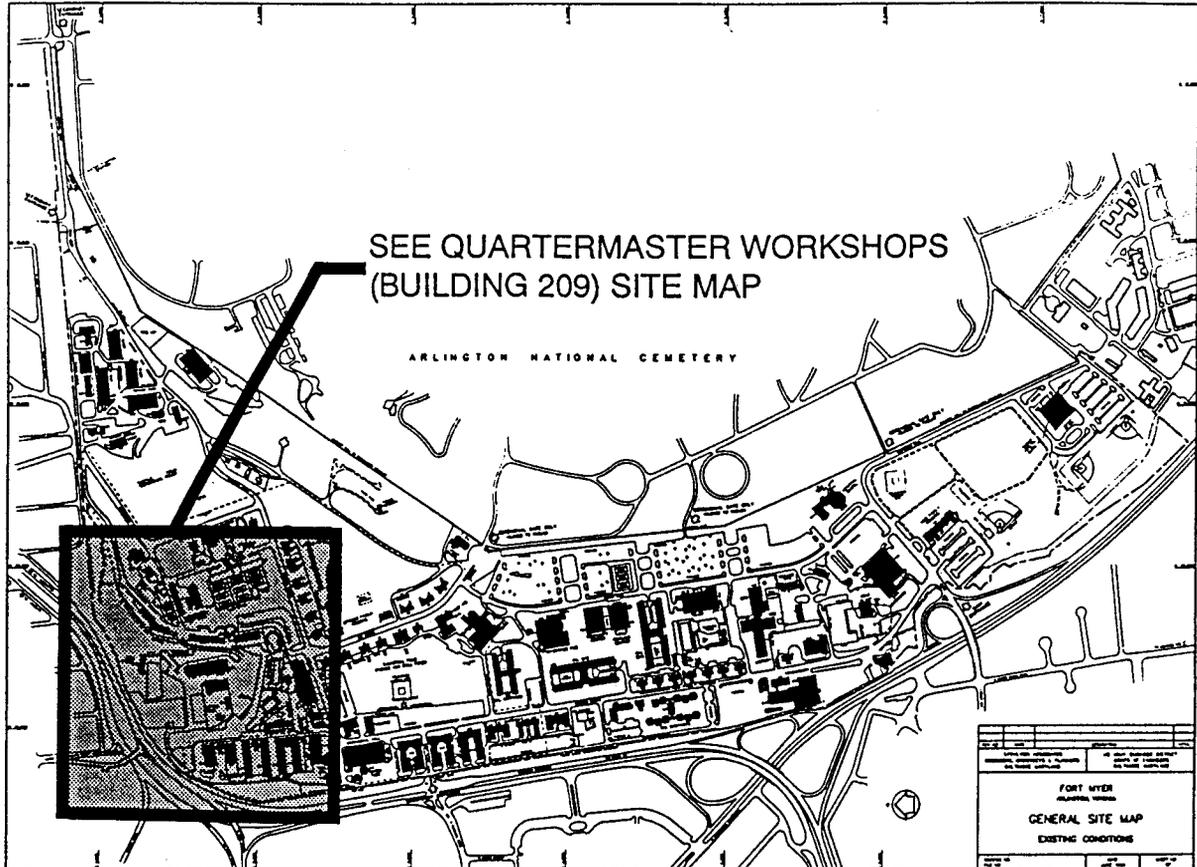
Fort Myer National Landmark Historic District. National Register of Historic Places nomination form and amendments, 1972, 1992.

Original Construction Drawings, Quartermaster Work Shops. On file at Engineering Services, Building 203, Custer Road, Fort Myer, Arlington County, Virginia.

Real Property Cards, Building 209. On file at the Office of Real Property, Building 313, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia.

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Fort Myer General Site Map
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Source: *Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia, General Site Map: Existing Conditions*. Prepared by STV/LYON Associates, June 1991. On file at Engineering Branch, Building 203, Fort Myer, Arlington County, Virginia.

