

FORT MONROE, CHAMBERLIN HOTEL GARAGE
McNair Drive
Hampton Vicinity
~~Hampton County~~
Virginia

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Location: Fort Monroe National Historic Landmark,
off McNair Drive, Fort Monroe, Virginia.
Vicinity of Hampton, Virginia.

USGS Hampton, Virginia Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.383190.4095570

Significance: Garage was built by owners of the New Chamberlin
Hotel, Fort Monroe, to serve guests and visitors.

Description: The garage faces McNair Road, which runs along the
Phoebus Channel where it debouches into Hampton
Roads. It is a one-story brick building with a
flat roof, steel windows, and a wooden built-out
cornice over the doors, and gas pumps out front.

History: Since the garage, although constructed on Army
property, is not an Army building, there is little
information in Army files, and the Chamberlin
Hotel has no historical data on the building.
Plans dated 1926 and signed by Marcellus Wright,
the architect for the New Chamberlin Hotel, exist,
but there are some differences between those plans
and the actual building. Since there were no
known or apparent alterations to the building, it
would seem that the differences are due to changes
made at the time of construction. Our best
information is that the garage was completed in
1950. The hotel leased the operation of the
garage to several private entrepreneurs. It was
used by Chamberlin Hotel guests and Fort Monroe
employees and visitors for gasoline purchases and
car repairs until about 1987, when it was closed
because of its badly deteriorated condition.

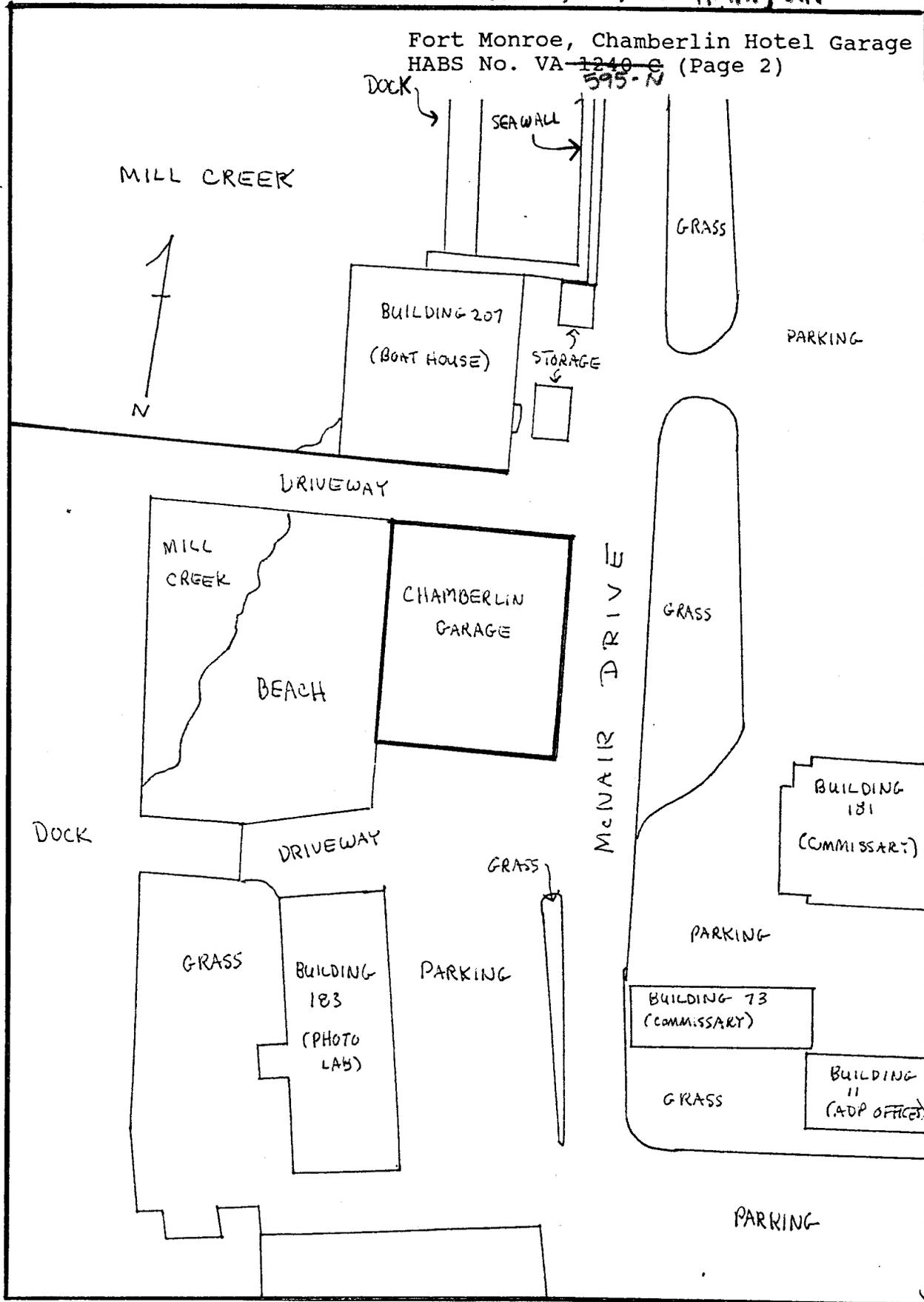
The Chamberlin Hotel is the latest in a series of
private hotels on Army land at Fort Monroe. While
unusual, such arrangements were not unique. The
hotel was and is open to the general public, and
has been a popular resort since its founding. The
present hotel was completed in 1920 to replace the
first Chamberlin Hotel, which had burned in 1920.

Source: Plans and records on file in Building 28, Fort
Monroe.

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Fort Monroe, Virginia
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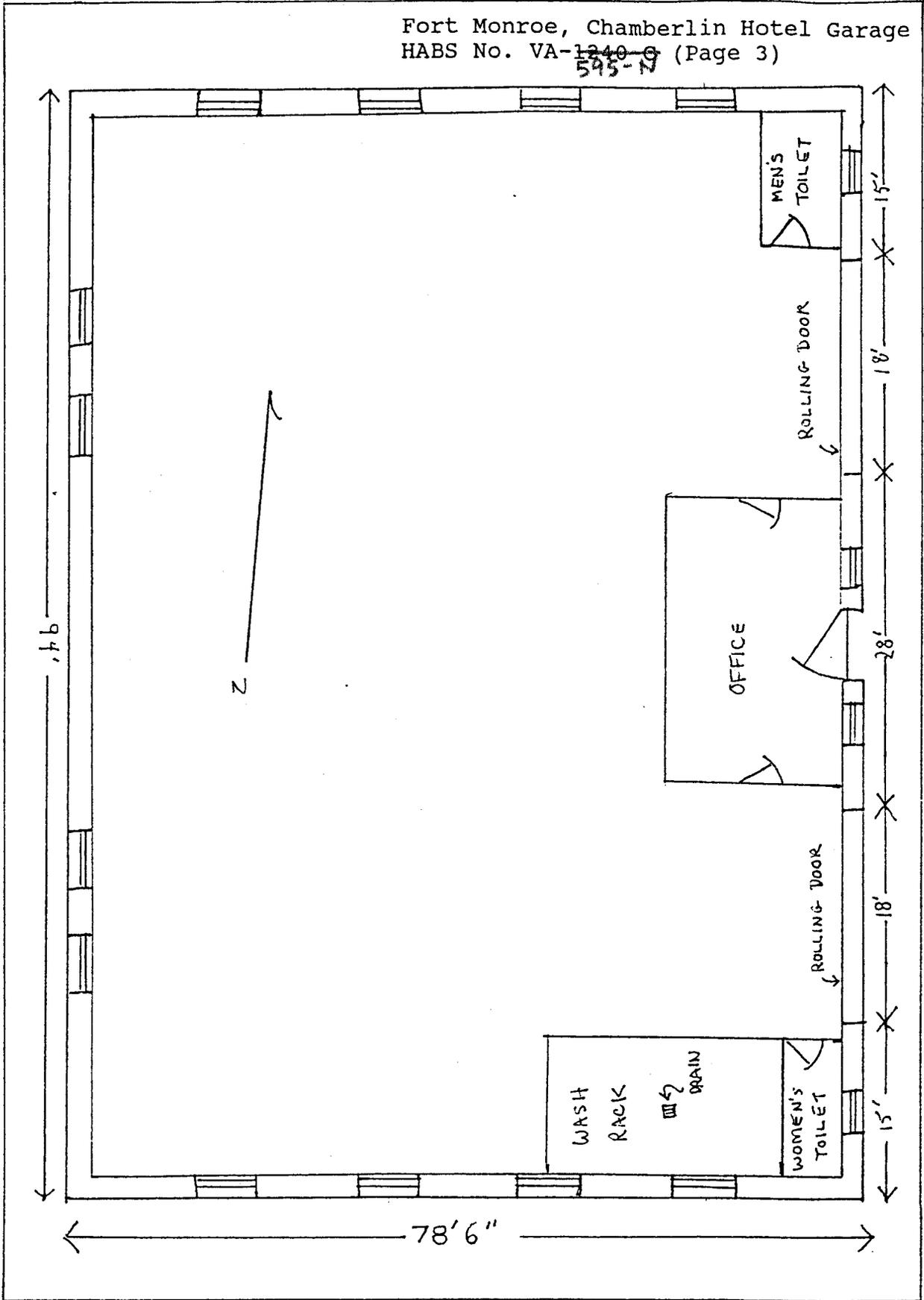
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Master Plan - General Site Map

