

SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED
VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, BUILDING 72

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(Southern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer
Soldiers, Mess Hall and Kitchen)

(Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center, Dining Hall)

(Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center, Mess Hall)

(Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Medical Research)

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Hampton

Virginia

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Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Significance: This building was erected after the completion of a facility master plan by John Calvin Stevens in 1906. Stevens received the contract for the completion of the master plan the subsequent contract to design buildings at the facility in an open patch of land that served as a garden at the northwest end of the facility. Increased need for residential facilities and dining facilities prompted this building's construction for the growing member population during the early 20th century. Constructed in 1908, it served as a barracks for members through 1997.

Description: Constructed in 1908, this building is situated among buildings dating to the same period that exhibit similar architectural characteristics. Sited with Buildings 69, 70 and 71, these buildings were originally connected with walkways, which allowed patients to move between them. The building is brick construction laid in 5-course American bond and is one story. Topped by a prominent hipped roof with oversized hipped roof monitors, it has symmetrical facades with a prominent one-story Colonial Revival porch on the main façade with a closed gable, and square brick columns articulated with stone bases and capitals. Similar porches are found on the north and south facades of the building. The monitors have boarded window openings divided by stylized fluted pilasters. Oversized window openings have been filled with metal fixed and awning windows that are smaller than the openings. The windows are articulated with soldier course brick flat arches accentuated by stone keystones and springers. There is a massive chimney on the ell at the northwest end of the building. The ell features a gable roof and gable roof monitor with wood cornice and cornice returns.

The interior of the building has been largely modified. Original comprising a dining hall, the open space has been subdivided into offices connected by a double-loaded corridor. The metal roof truss system is extant, but obscured by a false ceiling. The kitchen that was situated within the ell has also been subdivided into research offices and facilities.

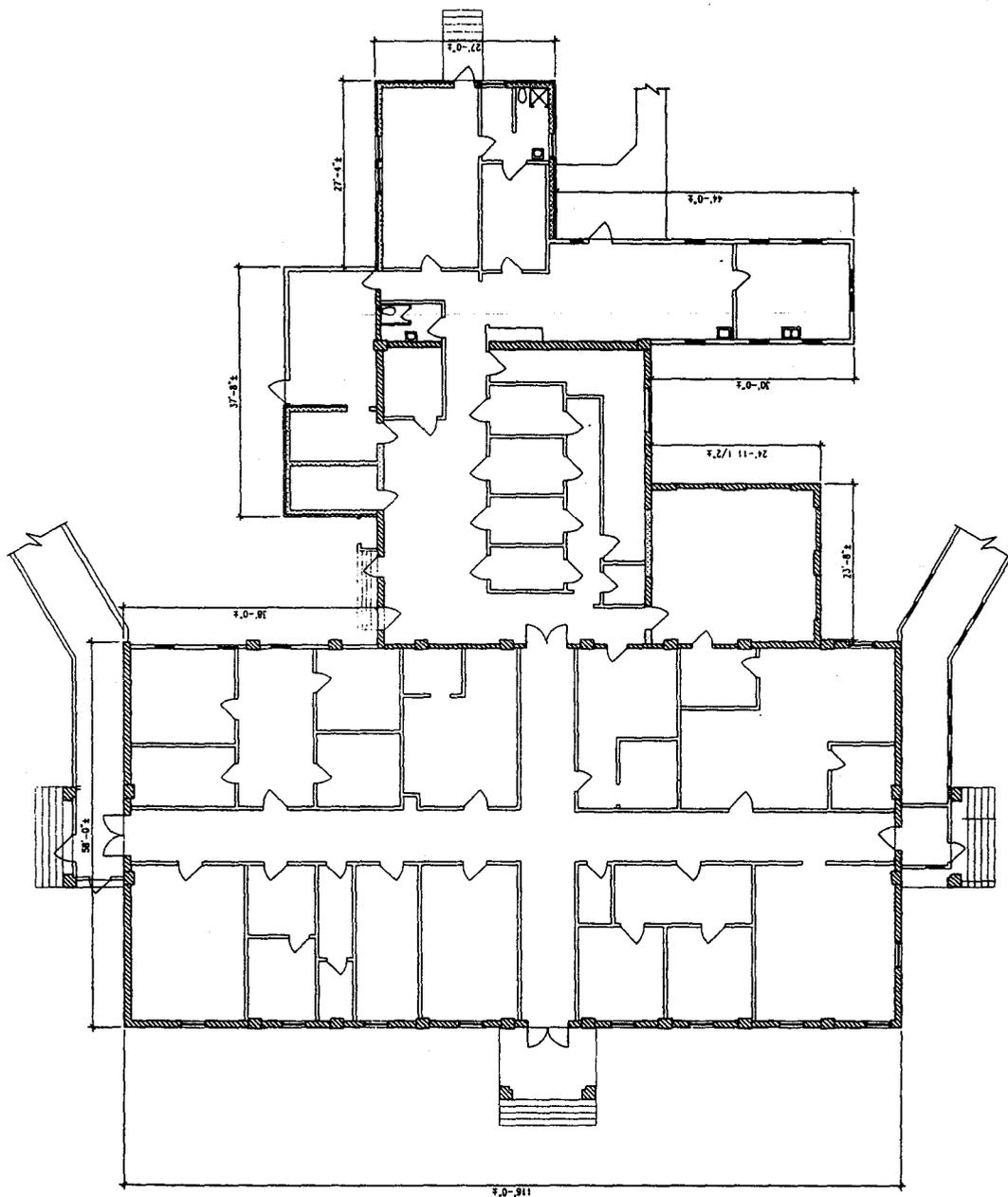
History: Building 72 was constructed as a dining hall in 1908 and was designed by John Calvin Stevens, of Portland, ME. This was one a number of buildings erected during this period, including a chapel, dining hall and barracks within Stevens' plan, which used "Garden City Movement" plans, which provided for more connection among the buildings. Stevens designed

the buildings in the Colonial Revival style, which was prevalent during this period, echoing the heritage of the United States.

The building's use remained constant until 1979, when it was converted for use a research facility.

Sources: Elizabeth Jo Lampl and Kristin M. Fetter, Robinson & Associates, Inc., "National Register of Historic Places nomination: Southern Branch-National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers," National Park Service, 1994. The historic district has been determined for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the determination is located in the History Division, National Park Service.

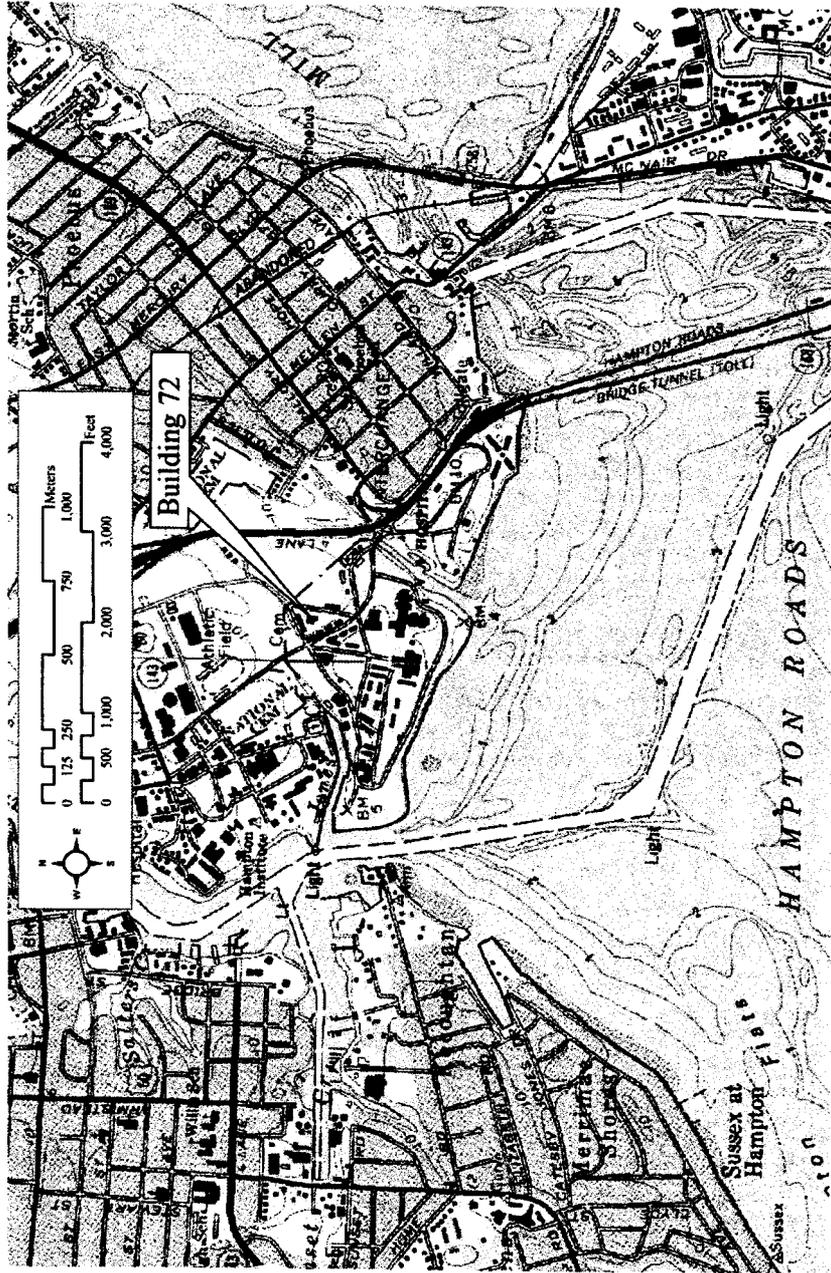
Historian: Kimble A. David, Architectural Historian, 2008.



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FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"



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