

Vancouver Barracks, Storage Building
(Building 785)
East 5th Street near McLoughlin Road
Vancouver
Clark County
Washington

HABS No. WA-206-B

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY
VANCOUVER BARRACKS, STORAGE BUILDING
(Building 785)

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Location: Vancouver Barracks
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U.S.G.S.. Vancouver Quadrangle 1:2400
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Significance: Building 785 is considered a contributing (Category III) historic property to the Vancouver Barracks Historic District. Vancouver Barracks is significant for its role in the defense of the Pacific Northwest and its place in Army administrative history. The buildings within the historic district form the administrative core of the post and reflect a range of architectural styles used by the military between 1881 and 1919.

Description: Building 785 is a modest one story storage building with a side gable roof form [per HABS Photo WA-206-B-1-2-3-4]. The rectangular floor plan is 20'x 34'-4". The foundation is a combination of brick piers and wood posts on concrete footings. The 2x4 wood frame structure is clad with 1x6 shiplap siding. A large sliding door and concrete loading platform are centered on the northwest elevation. Windows are six-light wooden sash. The roof is covered by asphalt composition shingles. Roof rafters are exposed and trimmed with fascia board. The building is situated immediately adjacent to and within four feet of Building 786, a two story wood frame utilitarian structure. The interior is unfinished with exposed wall and roof structural members and diagonal plank flooring. Several other storehouses and utilitarian structures are located within this southern portion of the military post.

Historical Context: Vancouver Barracks has been in almost continuous service since its establishment as a military post in 1849. The historic district includes thirty-two contributing properties constructed between 1881 and 1936. Although some of the structures are modest in size and architectural detailing, they collectively convey the late nineteenth and early twentieth century development of the post. Building 785 was constructed in 1906 during a period of

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active construction and expansion of the post. In 1903 the Army began to expand the post in order to accommodate additional infantry and artillery troops. Other extant structures constructed during this period include the Post Hospital [1903-4], four barracks buildings [1904-1907], a gymnasium [1904-5], Post Headquarters [1905-6], Quartermaster Storehouse [1905-6] and Work Shops (Building 786) [1905-6]. While Building 785 is a small utilitarian building, it conforms stylistically to the classical revival architectural character of the buildings added to the post during the 1903 to 1907 expansion period. It reportedly was moved to the present location between 1935 and 1945. Typical military post site planning is reflected in the location of this and other utilitarian structures behind [and below] the soldiers barracks and a distance from the parade ground and the Officers' residences. With the exception of new composition roofing, Building 785 exhibits intact historic building fabric including loading platform door, windows and shiplap siding.

Sources:

HABS/HAER Inventory card, November 1985

Historic Properties Report - Fort Lewis and Vancouver Barracks, June 1986

Vancouver Barracks Maintenance and Repair Manual, n.d.

Vancouver Barracks National Register Nomination, June 1986

Vancouver Barracks Real Estate Books, Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

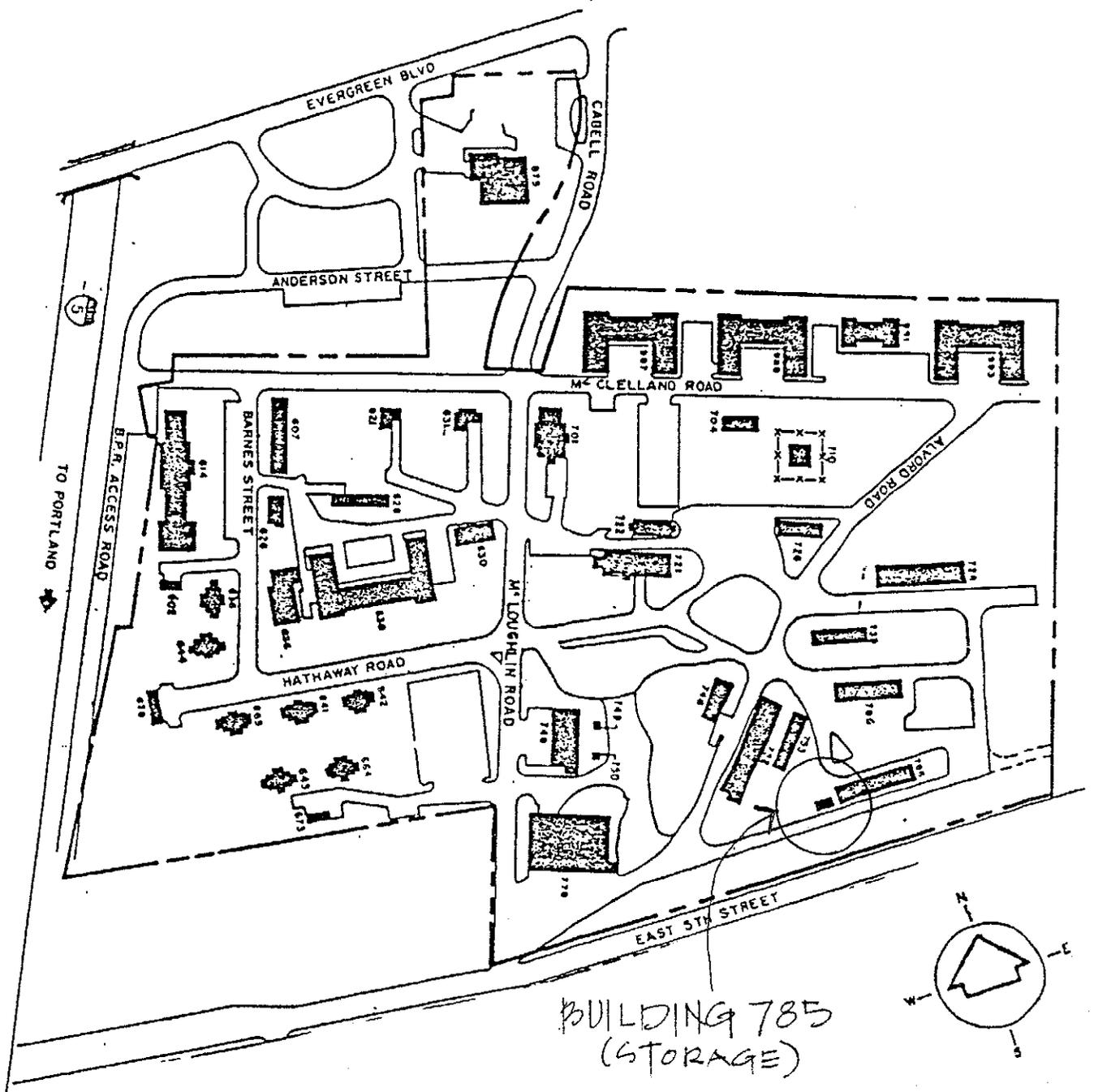
Project Information: The U.S. Army, I Corps and Fort Lewis, WA (Army) are considering a proposal to relocate or remove Building 785. It has been determined that such a project, if or when undertaken, will have an effect and that the subject property is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the Washington State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement was entered into by the interested parties on September 9, 1991. The Agreement stipulated that prior to the relocation or removal of Building 785, the U.S. Army, I Corps and Fort Lewis contact HABS/HAER at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, to determine

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the appropriate level of recordation for the subject property. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet that stipulation.

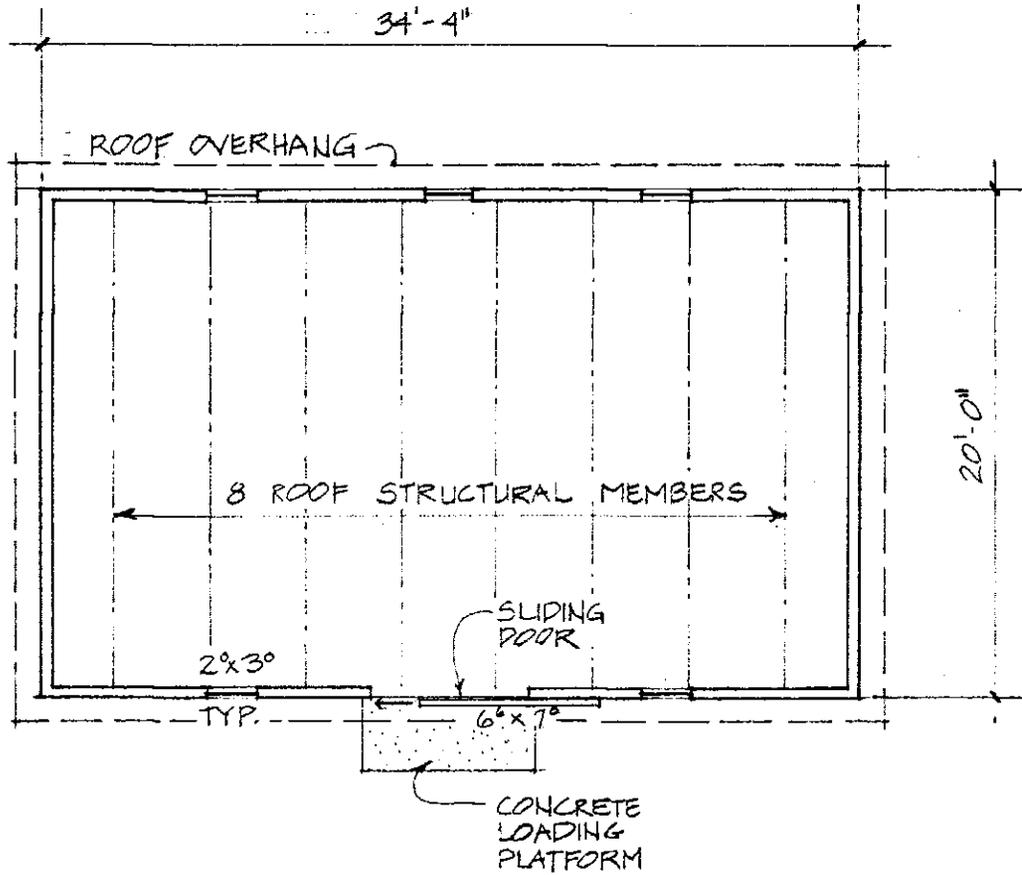
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VANCOUVER BARRACKS HISTORIC DISTRICT
NO SCALE

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BUILDING # 785

STORAGE BUILDING

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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