

Pensacola Naval Air Station
Buildings 144 and 238
Pensacola
Escambia County
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Buildings 144 & 238

Location: Building 144: On South Seawall
Building 238: On North side of
Mustin Street, Pensacola Naval
Air Station, Escambia County,
Pensacola, Florida.

Date of Construction: Building 144: 1917
Building 238: 1918

Present Owner: U.S. Navy

Present Use: Demolished, 1978-1979. Building
144 originally used to house repair
facilities for small boats; Building
238 used primarily for administrative
purposes and storage.

Significance: The buildings were contributing
elements of the Pensacola Naval
Air Station Historic District,
built during a period of rapid
expansion at the base during
WWI.

History

Buildings 144 and 238 were part of the Pensacola Naval Air Station. They were built in 1917-1918 during a period of rapid expansion at the Navy Yard shortly after the United States entered World War I. Because the buildings were contributing elements of the Pensacola Naval Air Station Historic District, record photographs were made before their demolition in 1978-1979.

Building 144 was used throughout its existence as a repair facility for small boats and Building 238 as an administrative and storage building.

Architectural Information

Building 144:

a rectangular, one-story, gable-roofed, gray-painted, corrugated steel boat shop with irregular fenestration and two small shed-roofed additions. Interior space used as a workshop area for tool storage, workbenches, and equipment. Before demolition, the building was badly deteriorated, with metal wall fabric rusting over entire surface.

dimensions: 126' long, 41' wide, 24' in height (1-story), with total area of 3,690 square feet.

Building 238:

a cross-shaped, one- and two-story administration and storage facility. The central two-story section had a gabled roof with jerkinhead; the one-story cross wings had gabled roofs. Before demolition, the building was in an advanced state of deterioration.

dimensions: 185' long, 99' wide, 25' in height (two stories).
total area, 4,606 square feet.