

U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, PUMPHOUSE  
(U.S. Naval Air Station, Building No. 636-A)  
Center Avenue  
Pensacola  
Escambia County  
Florida

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Center Avenue, U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida.

Significance: Building No. 636-A is situated within the boundaries of the Pensacola Naval Air Station Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has also been designated as a National Historic Landmark. The one-story facility was built in 1940 as a pumphouse for Building No. 636 and was later converted to an electrical substation. Building No. 636-A is one of a number of buildings constructed from 1937 to 1940 to support the expansion of NAS Pensacola's aviation training program. Building No. 636-A indirectly contributed to the installation's mission by providing necessary support for normal day-to-day operations. Building No. 636-A is one of many buildings at the station that sustained damage by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004.

Description: Located within the old navy yard gates in the southwestern portion of NAS Pensacola, Building No. 636-A is a one-story, load-bearing masonry building. The rectangular-plan resource, which is oriented to the west, sits on a grassy lot north of Building No. 636. Building No. 636-A has a concrete-slab foundation and a flat, cast, concrete-slab roof with a brick parapet. A concrete coping tops the parapet. Exterior walls are clad with red brick. Access to the building's interior space is through a single, three-panel, wood door with a single vision panel. Windows are non-historic, single-hung, one-over-one, aluminum-sash units with brick sills. Additional exterior wall openings include louvered wood vents on the building's west facade. A single vent on the building's east facade has been covered with a plywood panel.

History: From 1937 to 1940, the Navy undertook a massive building expansion at NAS Pensacola due to increased training and facility needs. The increased number of personnel stationed at the installation required improved infrastructure. In 1940, the Hardaway Construction Co. of Columbus, Georgia, built nearby Building No. 636 as the base's primary laundry facility. Building No. 636-A was constructed simultaneously and served as Building No. 636's pumphouse. Although Building No. 636's use changed over time, Building No. 636-A continues to support the facility as an electrical substation.

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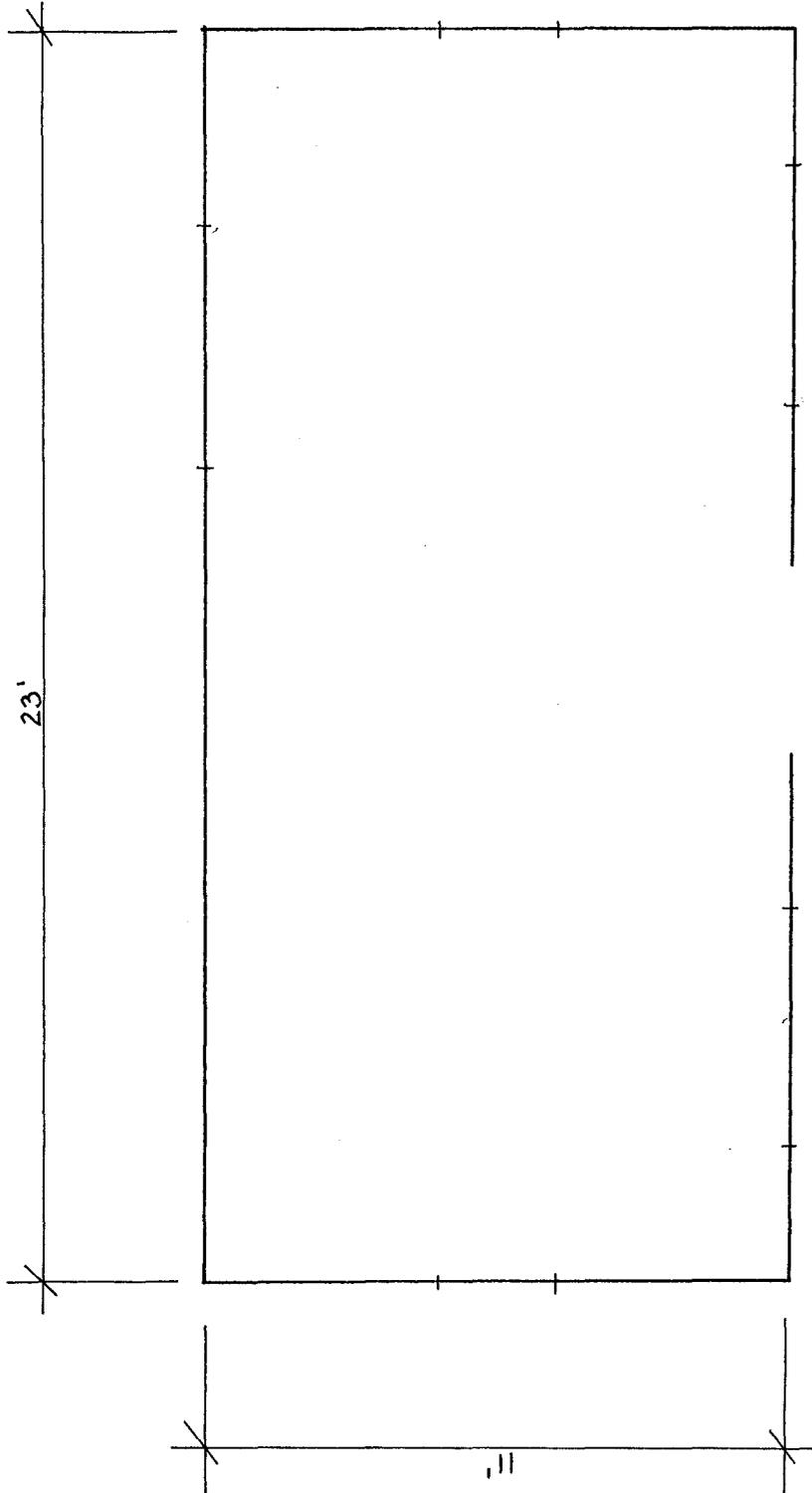
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