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(Bainbridge Naval Training Center, Building No. E)
Tome School for Boys Historic District
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Significance: One of the first three faculty residences (masters' cottages) built for the Tome School for Boys in a linear grouping of six houses along Tome Road, as set out in the master plan of 1900. All six of the small house designs show the skilled hand of talented architects.

Description: Designed by architects Boring and Tilton in an uncomplicated manner, Colonial Revival in massing, but with some Arts and Crafts detailing, this two-and-one-half-story house has some fine architectural elements not expected on lower-cost residences of the period.

With the original windows and doors boarded up and the entire structure painted, the quality of the design can be overlooked. There is a main block facing the road, a rear two-story, and a one-story projecting wing at the left. Overall, the house has a three-bay front, one-bay sides, and a one-bay-by-one-bay rear wing.

The front facade, which is below street level, faces the street. At the center is a hipped-roof entrance porch one bay wide and one bay deep, with paired Tuscan columns at the corners and a full entablature with pulvinated frieze and a very small modillion cornice. The front door at the right is flanked by side lights and, at the left, a small, high window. There is one window right and one left of the porch. There is a stringcourse at the second-floor level. On the right side is a projecting two-story bay window and, behind it, projecting out over the slope, is a screened porch with square posts, basket-weave railings, and a deck-on-hip roof.

The porch has a door to the side yard. On the rear is a one-bay by one-bay, two-story wing. On the left side there is a one-story hip-roofed projecting wing with one window. The second-floor front has four windows: two normal-sized ones at the left and right, two small higher windows over the porch.

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The left side has two windows over the first extension, the right a bay window, and the rear wing, one window.

The left-side hip-roofed, one-story wing has a closed-in room at the front and a service porch to the rear. The roofs are hipped and flare outward in a curve to the open, projecting eaves. There are front and rear hip-roofed dormers with double windows and open eaves. The regular-size windows are believed to be six-over-six-light double-hung sash.

There is a brick interior chimney and, on the rear, a modern exterior chimney of cast masonry units. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles; the original roofing material is not known but probably was wood shingles. At the rear the basement story is full-height due to the slope of the ground, and there is a garage under the corner porch. The interior was not accessible.

The house is in fair to poor condition.

History:

This was one of the first three masters' cottages erected, all designed by Boring and Tilton in a single design with individual variations. The others are Cottages 1 and 2 (Navy Quarters B and L). All are in line with the Boring and Tilton master plan of 1900. Built in 1902, they were designed and redesigned in 1901, before construction was authorized. The contractor was Levi Patterson, and the contract price was \$4,250. The houses were intended to house several students as well as the masters and their families. This cottage continued in residential use during the Navy period. Now owned by the Bainbridge Development Corporation, it is unoccupied.

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