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(Building No. 5)  
Overhills Historic District  
East of Nursery Road  
Fort Bragg  
Harnett County  
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Location: East of Nursery Road, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina  
USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17. 3899230. 680406

Present Owner: Department of Defense  
Department of the Army  
Fort Bragg

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Hunt Stable portion of the Overhills area at Fort Bragg is a contributing part of an eligible Fort Bragg historic district for the National Register of Historic Places. The Hunt Stable Residence No.1 was constructed in the 1920s for the resident huntsman. The Hunt Stable area is at the eastern edge of the Overhills historic district as identified in the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report, Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, May 2000.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of Erection: Ca. 1920.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and Subsequent Owners: Rockefeller Family, Fort Bragg.
4. Builder, contractor, suppliers: Unknown.
5. Original plans and construction: None could be located.
6. Alterations and additions: Several additions have been made to the Hunt Stable Residence No.1. The north bedroom, west bedroom, breakfast room, and rear porch are all additions. A window on the west facade was covered to allow for a bathroom addition.

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: Built on a north-south orientation, the Hunt Stable Residence No.1 is a single-story house that has seen numerous alterations, all of which are evident in the present condition of the house. The original part of the house has a gable roof and most of the added rooms have shed roofs, with the exception of the gable roofed north bedroom. Weatherboard siding covers all facades, but several different sizes of weatherboard give further evidence of additions and alterations to the residence.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The house has a sound foundation. The roof is in good condition, and there are no missing windows, doors, or paint.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The house is 60'-1" long from the south porch to the end of the north room addition and 41'-0" wide from the west bedroom to the front wall of the living room alcove. All sides are covered with weatherboards of various widths, and the ridge height varies for all roofs.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-B-2) shows the gable wall of the north bedroom addition and a rear enclosed porch. The north end of the bedroom has two windows and weatherboard siding. The difference in the weatherboard width gives evidence that all additions were not built at the same time.

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-B-1) is a long elevation with four windows, weatherboard siding, and a deck. The north bedroom addition, living room facade, and front enclosed porch are also visible on the east elevation; weatherboards on the bedroom addition differ from the weatherboards on the rest of the elevation. A gable dormer with a large vent in the center is prominent above the living room alcove and enclosed front porch areas.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-B-3) is a gable wall with two windows and weatherboard siding. There is a small porch on the east end of the south elevation. The south facade of the west bedroom addition is visible in the background and has one window.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-B-2, NC-407-B-3) is a long elevation with three windows and an enclosed rear porch. Window trim on this facade is painted white, unlike the red trim on all other facades.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a concrete masonry unit wall. There is a crawl space under the north bedroom addition.

3. Wall Construction: The main perimeter walls are wood framing with weatherboard siding. Weatherboards on the breakfast room addition are 6¼" and the rear porch has 4¾" weatherboards.

4. Structural System, Framing: The Hunt Stable Residence has a wood frame structural system. The size of wall studs and floor framing is undetermined.

The roof framing for the original house consists of 2"x 6" rafters with 5" tongue-and-groove decking. Rafters in the breakfast room are doubled 2"x 4" rafters. Porch rafters are 2"x 4" for the front porch, and 2"x 6" for the rear porch with plywood decking.

5. Porches, Balconies: There are two enclosed porches and one deck. The rear porch is located off the kitchen to the north. It measures 12'-10½" along the north side, and 7'-10" on the west. The porch is enclosed by a 2'-6" tall half wall that has a wall of screens above it.

The front porch is located on the east wall of the house. The porch measures 7'-4½"x 9'-7" and is enclosed. The east (front) porch screen door is located on the south side of the porch and measures 2'-8½"x 6'-9½". A half wall, 2'-6" tall covered in weatherboard, has a screen wall above it. A deck is located to the south of the front porch. The deck has no roof and measures 7'-4½"x 8'-5".

6. Chimney: There is one chimney located on the ridge of the original roof, slightly off center to the south. The chimney is composed of ten courses of brick above the ridge; a 2" mortar course is located below the top course.

7. Openings:

a. Openings: None.

b. Doorways and Doors: There are two entrances to the building, located on the front and rear porches. The rear porch screen door is located on the north wall and measures 2'-8"x 6'-8". The entry to the front porch is located on the south wall. Both doors have two screen panels with wood trim.

The entrance door to the living room from the front porch, located on the west wall of the porch, is a six-panel door (Photo NC-407-B-4) that is not original to the house. It has two square panels at the top and four coupled vertical panels below. Although the door is not original, the hinges appear to be original to the doorway.

c. Windows: Windows original to the house are six-over-six double-hung windows with 8"x 10" glass panes, each window measures 2'-5"x 3'-10½". The window on the east living room alcove facade is a coupled window with a 7½" mullion between windows. These windows are original to the

house. The window on the north facade of the living room alcove measures 2'-5"x 3'-11", and is located 2'-8" above the floor. Another living room window identical to the east living room alcove windows is located on the east living room facade (north of the alcove). This window is also original to the house.

The south bedrooms each have two windows original to the house measuring 2'-5"x 3'-10½", which are identical to those in the living room. The west bedroom has one window located on the south wall and the other on the west. The east bedroom has one window located on the south wall and the other on the east.

The two windows located in the west bedroom addition are identical to the south bedroom windows in size and configuration. One window is located on the west wall and the other is on the south. These windows are not original to the house but rather to the addition.

The north bedroom addition has two windows original to the addition in 2'-5"x 3'-11" openings. These windows are located on the north and east facades. The north window is located 6'-7½" from the northeast corner and the east window is 6'-0" from the same corner.

The bathroom window, located on the west facade, is also an original window which measures 2'-6"x 3'-0".

The two windows on the front porch are original six-over-six double-hung windows with 8"x 10" glass panes. The windows measure 2'-5"x 3'-11" and are located 2'-8" above the floor on the north and west walls of the porch.

The two six-over-six double-hung windows on the rear porch are not original to the house; instead they were added during the breakfast room addition. They measure 2'-8"x 3'-9", have 7¾"x 9" glass panes, and are located 2'-5" above the kitchen floor on the south wall of the rear porch.

A window opening on the west facade was covered with weatherboard. The opening is located 1'-10" from the south wall of the west bedroom.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, Covering: The original roof is a gable roof with red standing seam metal roofing. The north bedroom addition has a gable roof with red and grey three tab asphalt shingle roofing. The breakfast room has a shed roof with red standing seam roofing. The rear porch has a shed roof with grey rolled asphalt roofing. The front porch is enclosed by the original gable roof.

- b. Cornice, Eaves: The roof of the residence has open eaves with exposed rafter tails. A 1'-8" overhang is uniform on all roofs.
- c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There is a blind dormer on the front facade, centered above the living room alcove and front porch.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The plan of the Hunt Stable reflects the various changes made to the residence. The plan is divided into nine unequal rooms including an 11'-7"x 10'-1½" kitchen, a 25'-11½"x 12'-8½" living room, four bedrooms, a 8'-3"x 5'-9½" bathroom, and a storage room. A front screened porch, located on the southeast corner of the building, provides entry to the 9'-7" x 7'-¾" living room alcove and the living room beyond, from which the north bedroom, the kitchen to the west, and hallway to the south are accessed. The north bedroom has one closet and a bathroom. The hallway provides access to two bedrooms that occupy the south end of the house and a bathroom and storage room on the west side of the house. The southeast bedroom measures 9'-2"x 10'-8½" and the southwest bedroom measures 9'-2" x 10'-1½" Another bedroom, which measures 12'-0"x 10'-10", is located to the northwest and accessed through the kitchen. The rear porch is located on the northwest corner of the house and provides entry to the 6'-5½" x 16'-9½" breakfast room, which leads into the kitchen.

The south bedrooms each have a closet in the southwest corner of the room. The closets are not original to the house, but are within the period of significance. The closets are identical, with a pentagonal plan and a front wall that is oblique to the east and west bedroom walls. The closet has a shelf that is located 5'-6½" above the ground and above the closet is a smaller storage area. A 2" trim piece separates the upper storage areas from the lower closets at 7'-½" above the floor.

2. Stairways and Ladders: None.
3. Flooring: The flooring throughout the house is not original. The floor of the rear porch is concrete, and the floor of the front porch is tongue-and-groove plank flooring.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The walls are plaster.

The south bedrooms and hallway have 1¼" battens forming a grid pattern on the ceiling; this grid pattern is original to the house. The battens are spaced 2'-0" on center north to south, and 3'-11" on center east to west. The finish of the storage compartments above the closets in the south bedrooms is v-channel tongue-and-groove boards. The west bedroom addition has a rough textured blown ceiling finish. The kitchen and both porch ceiling finishes are ¾" beadboard.

5. Openings:

- a. Openings: None.
- b. Doorways and Doors: The original interior doors are six-panel doors with 1'-9"x 7" horizontal panels. Only the south bedrooms retain original doors. The door for the bathroom and the door between the living room and kitchen have the same six-panel configuration, but are not original to the house.

A doorway between the living room and hallway has no door, but the original hinges remain on the jamb. The west bedroom door is a five-panel door with top and bottom coupled vertical panels and a horizontal middle panel.

Doors in the north bedroom are hollow core doors.

The south bedrooms each have a closet in the southwest corner of the room. The closet doors are five-panel doors that measure 2'-6"x 6'-4½". The top two panels of the door are vertical and measure 8½"x 2'-9", the middle panel is horizontal and measures 1'-9"x 7", and the bottom panels are vertical and measure 8½" x 1'-6". Above the main closet is a smaller storage compartment. The opening to this space measures 2'-6"x 1'-5" and contains double doors made of v-channel tongue-and-groove boards. The lockset, knob, and hinges are original to the doors.

- c. Windows: None.
6. Decorative Features and Trim: Trim in the west and north bedrooms, storage room, and bathrooms is not original. The west, south, and east walls of the hallway have original 4½" trim, as do the south bedrooms, living room, and kitchen.

A fireplace (Photo NC-407-B-5) is located on the west wall of the living room. The fireplace is composed of 8"x 2½" brick with ½" mortar joints, measures 5'-2½"x 4'-4", and projects 3" from the wall. The firebox dimensions are undetermined, as a cast iron stove now sits in front of the fireplace. The hearth is brick and measures 5'-2¾" wide, 2'-2" deep, and 3¾" thick. The bricks used in the hearth are 8"x 3" with ½" mortar joints and are not original to the house. The mantle is concrete, has rounded corners, and measures 5'-2½" wide and 5½" thick.

7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for all of the windows and doors in the Hunt Stable Residence. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.
8. Mechanical Equipment:
  - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There is a cast iron stove in front of the living room fire place.

- b. Lighting: There is no original lighting in the residence.
  - c. Plumbing: The plumbing network was inaccessible and its type is unknown.
  - d. Fixtures: There are no original fixtures.
9. Original Furnishings: There are no original furnishings.
- D. Site:
- 1. General Setting: The Hunt Stable Residence No. 1 is located north of the Hunt Stable (No.2) and east of the Hunt Stable Residence No. 2 Garage (No.7) and the Hunt Stable Residence No. 2 Shed (No.8). The Hunt Stable Residence No. 2 (No.6) is beyond those buildings to the west.
  - 2. Landscaping, Enclosures: No designed landscaping scheme could be identified in the area surrounding the Hunt Stable Residence No. 1.

### PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- A. Architectural Drawings: There are none.
- B. Historic Views: There are none.
- C. Interviews: None
- D. Bibliography:
  - 1. Primary and unpublished sources:
  - 2. Secondary and published sources:
    - Alexander, Frances and Richard Mattson. "Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report: Overhills Tract, Fort Bragg, Harnett and Cumberland Counties, North Carolina, Final Report." Charlotte, NC: Mattson, Alexander and Associates prepared for US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, May 2000.
    - Hood, Davyd Foard. *Overhills Historic District*. Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places (draft), 1992. On file at the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh.
- E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Cultural Resources Management Program in the Directorate Public Works at Fort Bragg, North Carolina sponsored this project. The project was completed at the Land and Heritage Conservation Branch of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). The project historian was Adam Smith (CERL). Adam Smith, with assistance from Christella Lai and Jennifer Feucht, produced the architectural description section of the report. Martin Stupich produced the large-format photographs contained in the report. Documentation was coordinated with the Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Management Program through preservation planner Cris Armstrong and architectural historian Michelle Michael. The documentation was completed May 2007.

