

OVERHILLS, HAY SHED
(Building No. 137)
Overhills Historic District
East of Nursery Road
Fort Bragg
Harnett County
North Carolina

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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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 17.3898988.680360

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

Original Use: Shed

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Hay Shed in 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. Constructed ca. 1935; the Hay Shed served as an auxiliary storage area for the Hunt Stable. 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. 1935.
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: Unknown

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The Hay Shed is a simple one-story building with a shallow shed roof and a single opening on the south facade. This small rectangular building has a hay bin on the entrance facade. The siding is horizontal wooden planks with 1¼" spaces for ventilation.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The Hay Shed is weathered and the paint has completely delaminated. The metal roof is pitted, rusted, dented, and warped. The metal roof has also come unbolted in some places, but the bolts themselves are not rusted.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Hay Shed is a small building. The long side of the building is oriented north-south and measures 8'-4". The shorter sides of the building differ by 3"; the south wall is 7'-4" long and the north wall is 7'-1". This building has a single slope shed roof that is 5'-4" at its peak and 4'-11" at its lowest point.

All four facades of the shed are sided with horizontal plank boards and three of the sides are very similar. The fourth, south facade differs because of a feed bin and an opening used for entry.

The north elevation is a blank facade of plank boards.

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-D-1) is blind with plank boards abutted to the planks of the north facade.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-D-1) is also sided with plank boards and contains the only entrance to the shed. A metal feed bin is attached to the siding to the left of the entrance.

The west elevation is a blank facade with plank boards abutted to the planks of the north and south facades.

2. Foundations: Undetermined.
3. Wall Construction: The walls of the hay shed are composed of corner framing posts and 1"x 6" exterior planks spaced at 1¼" on average. However, the spacing is not even and not deliberate. There is also partial interior diagonal bracing.
4. Structural System, Framing: The framing system is composed of the corner framing posts and partial interior diagonal bracing. The corner posts are 5" in diameter and the diagonal bracing consists of 2"x 4" braces and 2"x 4" studs.

The roof structure is composed of a 2"x 4"rafter at the east, west, and north walls. A 2"x 4" fascia is nailed to the corner framing post.

5. Porches, Balconies: None.
6. Chimney: None.
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: The south facade contains the only opening on the shed. It is located to the east end of the facade and serves as the entrance to the shed.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: None.
 - c. Windows: None.
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The roof of the hay shed is a shed roof with a slight slope from south to north. The covering is standing seam metal.
 - b. Cornice, Eaves: The roof of the hay shed has close rakes with little overhang. The south and north sides have 2"x 4" fascia boards.
 - c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan of the hay shed is a simple rectangle.
2. Stairways and Ladders: None.
3. Flooring: The floor of the shed is wood plank. The depth of the supporting beam is undetermined.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The inside of the walls are not covered by any structure or material. The elements of the structure and siding planks are exposed.

There is no ceiling; the elements of the roof structure are not covered by any structure or material.

5. Openings:
 - a. Openings: None.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: None.

- c. Windows: None.
 - 6. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features.
 - 7. Hardware: None.
 - 8. Mechanical Equipment:
 - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: None.
 - b. Lighting: None.
 - c. Plumbing: None.
 - d. Fixtures: None.
 - 9. Original Furnishings: There is a metal feed bin on the south facade located 1'-7" above grade. The bin is 3'-10³/₄" wide and extends 11" from the facade at the top and 2" at the bottom. The height of the bin is 2'-6". The side panels of the bin are 1/16" solid sheet metal and are bolted to the planks. The front grill is composed of 1/2" diameter vertical bars connected to 1" wide upper and lower bars.
- D. Site:
- 1. General Setting: The hay shed is located to the west of the Hunt Stable (No.2). The Hunt Stable Garage (No.4) is beyond the Hunt Stable to the southeast and the Great Circus (No.1) is to the northeast.
 - 2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is no designed landscaping scheme in the area surrounding the Hay Shed.

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:

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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 October 2003.

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