

OVERHILLS, RIDING STABLE GARAGE  
(Building No. 16)  
Overhills Historic District  
West of Nursery Road & North of Thurman Road  
Fort Bragg  
Harnett County  
North Carolina

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- Location: West of Nursery Road & north of Thurman Road, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina  
USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3899011.679455
- Present Owner: Department of Defense  
Department of the Army  
Fort Bragg
- Original Use: Garage
- Present Use: Vacant
- Significance: The Riding Stable Garage in the Entrance Compound 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 Riding Stable Garage was constructed ca. 1935 for use by the riding stable manager. The Entrance Compound area is at the center 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: Built on an axis that runs northeast to southwest, the shop garage is a one-story wood frame building with a rectangular plan and a gable roof.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The condition of the garage is poor. The entire structure leans to the northwest. The weatherboards are rotten and some are missing.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Riding Stable Garage is a rectangular building with a gabled roof, weatherboard siding, and a concrete wall foundation. The garage measures 19'-7" x 12'-5¼". The building's main axis runs northeast to southwest, with the large opening on the southwest elevation. The ridge of the roof is 11'-8½" above grade.

The northeast elevation (Photo NC-407-I-2) is a blind gable wall with horizontal weatherboard siding.

The southeast elevation (Photo NC-407-I-1) has one window. Weatherboards run horizontally up to exposed rafter tails.

The southwest elevation (Photo NC-407-I-1) has a large opening for the entrance with weatherboard and trim on each side.

The northwest elevation (Photo NC-407-I-2) has one window and weatherboards that run horizontally up to exposed rafter tails. There is a 7'-3½" x 12'-5½" open pole shed located at the northeast end of this facade. The shed has a half gable roof that is 6'-11½" at its peak, and 5'-2" above grade at the rafter tails.

2. Foundations: The foundation is concrete wall with a brick floor. The garage walls meet the foundation walls at 8½" above grade. Depth of the foundation walls is undetermined.
3. Wall Construction: Walls are constructed out of 7½" x 2½" wood studs, a single 2½" x 7½" top plate, and a single sill plate resting on top of the concrete foundation. The exterior side of the wall is composed of 6½" x ¾" weatherboards, which are nailed to the wood studs with 1½" x 3" end caps at the corners.

The open pole shed has 4" x 4" posts at the two outside corners. The posts are 4'-6½" tall.

4. Structural System, Framing: The roof support is composed of 2½" x 6½" wood rafters and 2" x 6" wood roof ties. Crimped metal roofing is attached to 1" x 7½"

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wood decking with 6" spacing. The rafters are attached to the top plates of the wood stud framing and extend past the walls of the garage. The ridge of the roof is 11'-8½" above grade.

The roof of the open pole shed is a half-gable roof with 2"x 6" rafters and 1"x 5" wood decking placed at 1'-6" on center. The rafters rest on double 2"x 6" beams that span the posts.

5. Porches, Balconies: None.

6. Chimney: None.

7. Openings:

a. Openings: There is one entrance to the building. The opening is on the southwest facade and has 2½"x 7½" trim on the sides and top. The opening is 1'-7" from the northwest exterior wall and measures 9'-8½" with a height of 8'-4".

b. Doorways and Doors: None.

c. Windows: Both windows have 6, 10"x 10" glass panes separated by 1½" wood mullions. The openings measure 3'x 2'-4½" and are framed by a ¾" trim and 2" sill. The windows are 3'-6" above the foundation wall.

8. Roof:

a. Shape, Covering: The roof is a gable roof orientated northeast and southwest. Crimped metal roofing covers the 1"x 7½" wood decking.

The roof of the open pole shed is composed of 2"x 6" rafters and 1"x 5" wood decking spaced at 1'-6" on center. Crimped metal roofing covers the wood decking.

b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves are open with no trim.

The rafter tails for the open pole shed extend 5" beyond the support beam.

c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There are none.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is one rectangular room with the long side running northeast to southwest. The area measures 19'-7"x 12'-5¼".

2. Stairways and Ladders: None.

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3. Flooring: The floors are 2½"x 7½" running bond brick with ¼" mortar joints.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The interior of the garage is not finished and all main elements of the structure and the siding are exposed.

The main elements of the wood structure and decking are exposed for both the main roof and the pole shed roof.

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: Original hardware appears to be extant for both windows in the Stable Garage. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.
8. Mechanical Equipment:
  - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: None.
  - b. Lighting: There is no original lighting.
  - c. Plumbing: None.
  - d. Fixtures: None.
9. Original Furnishings: There are no original furnishings.

D. Site:

1. General Setting: The Riding Stable Garage is located to the northwest of the Riding Stable Feed Room (No.17) and east of the Riding Stable (No.15).
2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is no overall planting scheme for the Riding Stable Garage. The southwest elevation faces a grassy area that is shared with the Riding Stable. A wooden post-and-rail fence runs southeast from the south corner of the building to the north corner of the feed room. The northeast elevation faces a grassy area with a wooded area beyond; a weed tree is next to the building and the fence turns to the northeast on this elevation. The southeast elevation faces the small grassy yard between the garage and the feed room.

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.

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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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