

OVERHILLS, RIDING STABLE FEED ROOM
(Building No. 17)
Overhills Historic District
West of Nursery Road & North of Thurman Road
Fort Bragg
Harnett County
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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 17.3899001.679475

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

Original Use: Feed storage for riding stable.

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Riding Stable Feed Room 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 Feed Room was constructed ca. 1935 for the use of feed storage for the horses in the riding stable. 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: Two room shed addition on the southeast side.

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The Riding Stable Feed Room is a simple one-story, wood frame building. The building is comprised of the original, rectangular, two room structure and a smaller, rectangular, two room addition on the southeast side of the original structure. The main structure has a gable roof and the addition has a shed roof which meets the gable roof at the southeast wall of the original structure. The entrances to the building are located on the northeast and southwest facades and both the original structure and addition have weatherboard siding.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The condition of the structure is poor. The entire building leans to the southeast and the weatherboard is rotten.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Riding Stable Feed Room is a single-story building that faces southwest. The longer side of the building runs northwest to southeast and is 24'-1" long; the shorter side is 20'-4" long. The gable roof on the original section is 12'-6" above grade at the ridge. Differences in door/window placement as well as roof heights create distinct facades for all elevations.

The northeast elevation (Photo NC-407-J-2) shows a gable wall and the shed addition. A door is located to the southeast of the facade on the addition and a small four paned, fixed window is located in the gable of the original wall. Weatherboards make up the rest of the facade.

The southeast elevation (Photo NC-407-J-1) has weatherboard siding and low, open eaves. An opening has been cut through the weatherboards.

The southwest elevation (Photo NC-407-J-1) shows the other gable wall and the shed addition. This facade has two doors, on one the addition and one on the original facade, and a small four paned, fixed window in the original gable wall under the eaves. Weatherboards make up the rest of the facade.

The northwest elevation (Photo NC-407-J-2) shows the facade of the original structure, which is blind with weatherboard siding and open eaves.

2. Foundations: The foundation of the original structure is a pier foundation with 10"x 13" piers in the corners and center of each exterior wall. A 6"x 8" beam sits atop the piers and runs the entire length of the building. There does not appear to be a foundation for the addition.

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3. Wall Construction: The main perimeter walls are constructed of 2"x 4" studs and weatherboard sheathing on the exterior.
4. Structural System, Framing: The wall structure is composed of 2"x 4" studs, a sill plate, and double headers. The main roof structure is composed of 2"x 6" rafters with a 1"x 6" ridge beam and 2"x 4" roof tie located 7'-7" from the floor. Various widths of decking are spaced 4" apart. The side stall addition has 1"x 6" decking.
5. Porches, Balconies: None.
6. Chimney: None.
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: An opening has been cut through the wall on the southeast facade.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: There are three entrances to the building. The southwest facade has two entrances. The northwest door is located 5'-7½" from the northwest wall and has a 2'-11"x 7'-½" opening with a 2'-10¾"x 7'-0" five-panel door; each panel measures 1'-0"x 2'-3½". The doorway is trimmed with 4½" trim on the top and 3½" trim on the sides. The other door is located 3'-6" from the southeast facade with an opening 3'-6" wide and 5'-10" high. The original door for this opening is missing.

The northeast facade has one door to the addition. Located 3'-6" from the southeast facade, this door is framed in a 3'-6" wide and 5'-10" tall opening. The door is 4'-0" tall.
 - c. Windows: There are two windows, both of which are located in the gables on the northeast and southwest elevations. The window on the southwest elevation is centered under the ridge of the roof, 9'-7" above grade. The opening measures 2'-0"x 1'-11" and has 3½" trim on all sides with a 2" sill. The window is divided into four panes. The window on the northeast elevation has the same location and dimensions as the one on the southwest elevation.
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The roof on the original structure is a gable roof which connects to the shed roof of the addition at the southeast wall of the original structure. The ridge of the gable roof runs northeast to southwest. A crimp metal roof covers the decking.
 - b. Cornice, Eaves: The roof has open eaves with exposed chamfered rafter tails.

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c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is divided into four unequal stalls. Three of these stalls can be accessed only from the exterior. The fourth stall, located on the north corner, is accessed through the stall on the west corner. The north stall measures 7'-5¼"x 13'-2½"; the west stall measures 11'-0"x 13'-2½". The east stall measures 11'-5"x 9'-5¼" and the south stall measures 7'-3"x 9'-5¼".

2. Stairways and Ladders: None.

3. Flooring: The floors are covered with 3½" tongue-and-groove floor boards.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The walls are covered with 3½" tongue-and-groove boards.

The rafters and decking of the interior roof structure are not covered by any material.

5. Openings:

a. Openings: There are none.

b. Doorways and Doors: There is a doorway between the north and west rooms. The doorway is located 5'-7" from the interior side of the northwest facade.

c. Windows: There are none.

6. Decorative Features and Trim: There is a 1" quarter round strip of trim in each corner and along the floor in all rooms.

7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for all of the windows and doors in the Riding Stable Feed Room. 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.

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9. Original Furnishings: There is a shelf in the west corner of the west room. The 6'-1" long, 8" deep shelf extends along the northwest wall and is located 2'-11" above the floor.

D. Site:

1. General Setting: The Riding Stable Feed room is located to the east of the Riding Stable (No.15) and southeast of the Riding Stable Garage (No.16).
2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is no overall planting scheme for the Riding Stable Feed Room. The southwest elevation faces a grassy area with two southern magnolia trees. A wooden post-and-rail fence runs southwest from the south corner of the building and continues along a road around the riding stable. The northwest side of the building has a similar fence that extends northwest from the north corner of the building toward the Riding Stable Garage. There is a small grassy yard between the buildings. The northeast elevation faces a grassy area with a wooded area beyond; two weed trees are next to the building. The same is true of the southeast elevation. There is a large weed tree next to the building in the middle of the southeast elevation; the tree has penetrated the roof overhang.

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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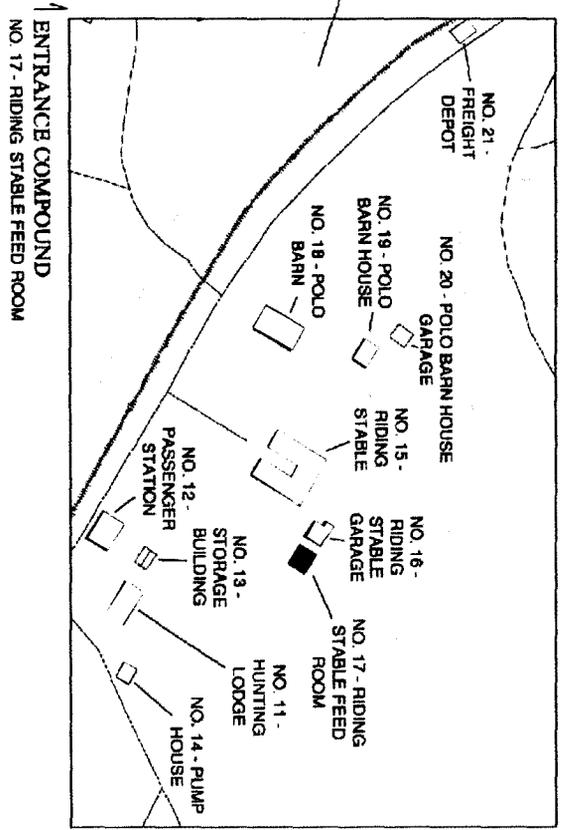
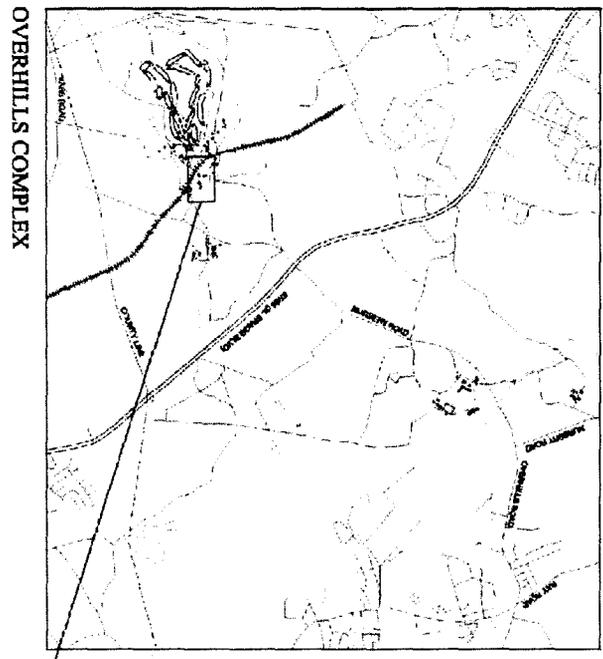
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E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

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 May 2007.

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