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- Location: West of railroad ROW & south of Overhills Lake, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina  
USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3899312.679018
- Present Owner: Department of Defense  
Department of the Army  
Fort Bragg
- Original Use: Garage
- Present Use: Vacant
- Significance: The Shop Garage No.1 in the Shops Complex 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 Shop Garage No.1 was constructed ca. 1935 for the maintenance area of the compound and golf course. The Shops Complex 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 a north-south orientation, the shop garage is a one-story wood frame building with a rectangular plan and a front gabled roof. The east, west, and south elevations are blind while the north elevation has a large opening. A back porch extends from the south wall to six stripped tree trunk posts. The interior of the building has built-in shelving along the west wall and a built-in desk at the northwest corner.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The foundation, structure, and roof are in good condition. There is overgrown vegetation at the east, west, and south elevations.

### B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Shop Garage is a rectangular building with a front gable, weatherboard siding and a concrete block foundation. It measures 37'-9" x 46'-4". The building is orientated north-south with the large opening at the north elevation and an open pole shed at the south elevation. The roof has exposed rafters and bracketed eaves. The lack of windows and the use of materials produce similar elevation for all the facades.

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

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-O-1) has no openings and an electrical box penetrating the wall toward the north side. The weatherboards run along the wall up to the rafters.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-O-2 and Photo NC-407-O-3) has an open pole shed spanning the same width as the south facade.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-O-2) has no openings with weatherboards running up to the rafter but not enclosing the rafters.

2. Foundations: Foundation is composed of concrete blocks with a dirt floor. The north foundation is underground while the south foundation is exposed three courses from ground, accounting for the slope of the site.
3. Wall Construction: The wall is constructed out of 2" x 4" wood studs between double 4" x 7" top plates and a single sill plate resting on top of the concrete block foundation. There are 2" x 4" diagonal braces at all four corners. The exterior side of the wall is composed of 6½" to 7½" x ¾" weatherboards which are nailed to the wood studs with 1" x 4" end caps at the corners of the north and south elevations.

4. Structural System, Framing: The roof support is composed of 2"x 6" wood rafters and 2"x 6" wood roof ties spanning north-south. The king post attaches to the rafters at the top and the roof tie at the bottom. The 2"x 6" hangers are attached to the rafter at its midpoint and the roof ties on either side. The 2"x 6" diagonal braces are connected to the rafters next to the hangers at the top and connected to the roof ties next to the king post at the bottom. There is 1"x 8" wood decking nailed on top of the roof supports. The rafters are attached to the top plates of the wood stud framing.
5. Porches, Balconies: The open pole shed (Photo NC-407-O-4) at the south elevation of the building is a 17'-7"x 37'-9" rectangle, with a height of 4'-3" at the lower end of the roof. The roof is supported by six 5" diameter striped tree trunk posts with 8"x 4" beams on top supporting the roof.
6. Chimney: There is none.
7. Openings:
  - a. Openings: There is one entrance to the building. The opening is at the north facade and is 1'-7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" from the east exterior wall. The opening measures 34'-9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" with a height of 9'-8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>".
  - b. Doorways and Doors: There are none.
  - c. Windows: There are none.
8. Roof:
  - a. Shape, Covering: The roof is a gable roof orientated north-south. The metal seam roofing is covering the 1"x 8" wood decking nailed on top of the rafters.

The roof for the open pole shed is a half-gable roof composed of 2"x 6" rafters with 1"x 8" wood decking nailed on top. The metal seam roofing is covering the wood decking.

The inside of the ceilings are not covered by any structure or material for the main roof. The main elements of the wood structure and the wood decking for the roof are displayed for both roofs.
  - b. Cornice, Eaves: The rake boards on the roof are constructed out of 2"x 6"s. Fastened to the top edge of the 2"x 6" is a 1"x 3" rake trim. The eaves extend 1'-6" on all four facades. The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails.

The rafter tails for the open pole shed extend 3'-1" from the beam support.

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

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is a rectangle with the long side running north-south. The area measures 37'-1"x 45'-8".

2. Stairways and Ladders: There are none.

3. Flooring: The floor is a dirt floor.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The inside of the walls are not covered by any structure or material. The wood structure and the weatherboards are exposed.

The inside of the ceiling is not covered by any structure or material. The wood structure and the metal seam roofing are displayed.

5. Openings:

a. Openings: There are none.

b. Doorways and Doors: There are none.

c. Windows: There are none.

6. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features.

7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for all of the windows and doors in the garage. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.

8. Mechanical Equipment:

a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There is none.

b. Lighting: The original lighting is two porcelain lights hanging from the underside of the roof deck. The 3"x 9" electrical conduit box with a 2" diameter pipe leading to the ground is 1'-0" from the north side of the building on the west facade.

c. Plumbing: There is no plumbing.

d. Fixtures: There are none.

9. Original Furnishings: There are built-in shelves along the west wall. The shelves are 3'-½" from the north wall and 7'-9½" in height. The shelves rest on double 2"x 4" shelf supports which rest on concrete blocks. There is a built-in table that

measures 4'-6" x 2'-0" and 1'-9" off the dirt floor, with a grinder, unknown manufacturer, resting on top at the northwest corner of the building.

D. Site:

1. **General Setting:** The Shop Garage No. 1 is sited to the east of the Oil House (No.30) and west of the Worker House No. 1 Garage (No.37). It is southeast of the Woodworking Shop (No.35) and north of the creek which runs from the northwest to the southeast of the site. The dirt road from the main Overhills road curves around the shop complex leading towards the golf course.
2. **Landscaping, Enclosures:** The building is situated to the south of the unpaved access road to the Shops Complex. There is an overall planting scheme for the Shop Garage No. 1 as apparent on the east (side) elevation.

The north elevation faces an open area of dirt and grass with a single trumpet vine growing up the southeast corner. The south elevation faces a wooded area that contains several pine trees and maple trees. The west elevation faces a less dense wooded area of maple trees. A privet bush is located in the southwest corner of the elevation and an unidentified volunteer plant is located near the northwest corner. The east elevation faces an overgrown grass area with dog fennel and other species of weeds. A holly hedge runs the length of the elevation approximately two feet from the building.

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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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 2004.

