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USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3899363.678878

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

Original Use: Residence

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Worker House No.2 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 Worker House No.2 was constructed ca. 1918, and was utilized originally as a house for one of the Overhills Country Club investors. For most of its history, estate employees used it as a residence. 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. 1918.
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: A bathroom, laundry room, storage room, and rear porch were added in the 1980s.

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: This one-story, wood framed house has a long, rectangular plan, side gable roof, weatherboard siding, and brick pier foundation. An engaged, screened porch to the east is supported by skinned-pole columns. The porch has an enclosed west end bay, a small side wing, and a rear shed to which a modern deck has been added. The windows are six-over-six and all horizontal paneled doors are original. The interior plan is three rooms wide and two rooms deep. Despite the rear deck addition, the house retains its original architectural integrity.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The foundation and structure of the house are good and paint is in fair condition. Windows and doors are in good condition, as are the chimney and porch. The roof is in fair condition although it is covered in pine needles.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The original part of the Worker House No.2 was a simple rectangle measuring 34'-4" on the north and south sides and 36'-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the east and west sides. An addition on the south side measures 8'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x 12'-3". Another addition on the west side measures 6'- $\frac{1}{2}$ "x 13'-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". A new porch, which measures 10'-0"x 14'-6", is located on the southwest corner. The gable height is 12'-11" above grade.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-W-2) is a gable wall with two windows and the siding is weatherboard.

The east elevation (Photo NC-407-W-1) is the primary entrance facade. The east facade has two windows, a screened porch, and weatherboard siding.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-W-4) is a gable wall with two windows and weatherboard siding. The south elevation also shows a deck on the southwest corner, which was added in the 1980's, and a small gabled addition.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-W-3) is the rear facade. The west facade has two windows and weatherboard siding. There is a rear deck added onto the southwest corner and a small shed addition in the center.

2. Foundations: The foundation is composed of poured concrete piers measuring 1'-0"x 1'-0". No crawl space is extant.
3. Wall Construction: Inaccessible.
4. Structural System, Framing: Inaccessible

5. Porches, Balconies: The front screened porch (Photo NC-407-W-5) on the east facade is 23'-2"x 6'-1". The decking is 2½" tongue-and-groove wood strips. There are three wooden steps leading up to it, which measure 5'-0"x 9" and 1¼" thick; they are located 16'-5" from the northeast corner of the porch. The screen is composed of 3½"x 1" vertical wood framing with 3½"x 1" horizontal lateral supports located 2'-11" above the decking. A 9" diameter skinned pine tree column is located at the northeast corner of the porch, and a second one is located 10'-10" to the south. A screen door is located 16'-5" from the northeast corner and measures 2'-8"x 6'-5".

A 14'-6"x 10'-0" rear porch is located on the west facade. This porch is a later addition.

6. Chimney: A concrete masonry unit chimney is located on the southern half of the building behind the northwest wall of the hallway. The chimney measures 1'-3"x 1'-4" with a ½" mortar joint and is located slightly to the west of the ridgeline. The total height of the chimney is 15'-7".

A second chimney is composed of eleven courses of brick and is located slightly to the west of the ridgeline.

7. Openings:

- a. Openings: There are none.
- b. Doorways and Doors: There are three entrances to the building. Two entrances are located on the front porch, 7'-6¼" and 16'-5¾" from the north end of the facade. The north door is framed in a 2'-8½"x 6'-8" opening and measures 2'-8" x 6'-6¾". The south door measures 3'-0"x 6'-6¼" and is framed in a 3'-¼"x 6'-8" opening. Both doors have six upper glass panes that measure 1'-½"x 11¾" and three lower wood panels measuring 2'-3¾"x 7¾".

The rear door provides access to the laundry room and is located on the rear porch, where it connects to the northwest wall. The opening measures 3'-0"x 6'-7½" and has a combination screen door.

- c. Windows: The original windows for the building are six-over-six double-hung windows (Photo NC-407-W-6). However, not all of the six-over-six double-hung windows are original and the windows in the additions are simple double-hung windows with single panes of glass in each sash.

The north facade has two windows, both of which retain their original sashes, but have new trim. These windows measure 2'-7¾" x 4'-5¼" with glass panes that measure 9"x 12". Both windows are located 2'-2" above the floor.

The east facade has three windows. One is located on the porch, 2'-2½" from the north corner of the house. The other two windows are located on the rest of the east facade. The north window is a six-over-six window that measures 2'-7¾"x 4'-5½" with glass panes that measure 9"x12". It is located 1'-10" above the floor and is not original to the house. The south window opening measures 1'-8"x 3'-2", is located 3'-2½" above the floor, and is original to the addition.

The south facade has two six-over-six double-hung windows, both of which are not original to the house. The west window is 3'-2¼" wide and 3'-3" tall; glass panes are stretched horizontally. The original opening for this window has been filled to allow for the new, smaller window. The east window measures 3'-0"x 4'-5½" and is located 2'-10" above the floor. Glass panes measure 10¼"x 12".

The west facade also has two windows. The north window (Photo NC-407-W-6) is an original six-over-six double-hung window. The opening measures 3'-0"x 4'-3" and is located 1'-8" above the finished floor. The south window is original to the laundry room shed addition, but not original to the house. This window is 5'-5" wide and 3'-9½" tall and has two double-hung sashes placed side-by-side. The glass panes measure 2'-4"x 9½" in each sash.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, Covering: The roof of the house is a gable roof with standing seam metal roofing that has been extended to the west to cover the laundry and storage room shed addition. The south addition has a separate gable roof with asphalt shingle roofing.
- b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails for all roofs of the Worker House No.2. It is undetermined whether the rafter tails on the front screened porch are also the tails of the house roof rafters.
- c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There are none.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is irregular with a screened porch to the east, a centralized living room, two bedrooms on the north, a diagonal hallway and bedroom to the south, and a bathroom and added laundry room to the west. The living room can be accessed from the east porch and measures 11'-1½"x 15'-3½". The first bedroom to the north of the living room measures 11'-1½"x 15'-3½", which includes a 2'-5"x 5'-7" closet located in the northwest corner of the room. A second bedroom is located to the west of the first bedroom and measures 12'-9"x 11'-6", which includes a 1'-9¾"x 4'-11½" closet located in the southeast corner of

the room. The first bathroom is located to the south of the second bedroom and measures 6'-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x 11'-6"; it can be accessed through both the living room and second bedroom. The diagonal hallway is 3'-2" wide and leads from the living room to the kitchen; it also provides access to the south bedroom. The northwest corner of the third bedroom is clipped by the diagonal hallway. The width of the room is 12'-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; the shorter side at the north measures 13'-4" and the longer side at the south measures 21'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". A 3'- $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep closet is located along the west wall of the bedroom. The second bathroom, a later addition measuring 7'-9"x 11'-4", is located to the southeast of this bedroom and is accessed through the south wall of the bedroom. The kitchen is located to the south of the first bathroom and measures 15'-5"x 11'-6"; the kitchen connects to the laundry room on the west measuring 5'-7"x 6'-6" and a storage room measuring 5'-7"x 5'-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

2. Stairways and Ladders: There are none.
3. Flooring: All floors are carpeted except for the kitchen and the bathrooms, which have vinyl sheet flooring.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The interior walls are painted and wallpapered. The ceilings are finished with ceiling tiles.
5. Openings:
 - a. Openings: There are two openings, measuring 3'-0"x 6'-9", at each end of the hallway.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: The kitchen doorway is 3'- $\frac{1}{4}$ "x 6'-9" with an original door measuring 3'-0"x 6'-8". Six glass panes measure 1'- $\frac{1}{2}$ "x 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and the three lower, wood panels measure 2'-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". All other doors in the house match this style, except for the closet and storage room doorways, which are 2'-0"x 6'-4" and do not have original doors. The door on the north wall of the east central room measures 3'-0"x 6'-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and has no original hardware. The door on the west wall of the northeast room measures 2'-8"x 6'-6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
 - c. Windows: There are none.
6. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features and interior trim is not original.
7. Hardware: Original hardware appears to be extant for all of the windows and doors in the house. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.
8. Mechanical Equipment:
 - a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There is none.

- b. Lighting: The original porcelain lighting fixtures are still extant in several rooms. The fixtures are hung from the ceiling.
- 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 Worker House No.2 is sited to the east of the Worker House No.2 Chicken House (No.42) and west of the railroad. It is southeast of the Mule Barn (No.40) and northwest of the Granary (No.32). The house is north of the creek that runs northwest to the southeast across the site. The dirt road from the main Overhills road curves around the Shop Complex and leads toward the golf course.
2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is an overall planting scheme for the Worker House No.2. The east facade faces an expanse of grass with five large loblolly pine trees spread across the area; two planting beds flank the porch steps. The north planting bed is 14'-6"x 16'-11" and is lined with diagonal bricks. It contains one holly located next to the steps 2'-0" from the building and several day lilies located along the wall continuing around the corner to the north. The south bed is 17'-0"x 16'-6" and lined with diagonal brick. This bed contains three holly bushes; each located approximately 1'-6" from the building.

The west elevation faces an open grassy area. There is a planting bed lined with diagonal brick located on the north side of the deck that ends 1'-0" from the wall of the rear addition. There are no plant remnants in this bed. Two azaleas and a camellia are located outside of the planting bed near the northwest corner. A straight pathway leads from the deck stairs to a barely visible driveway. Two wooden posts, 4'-10" in height and 3'-11" apart, mark the beginning of the pathway at the driveway.

The south elevation faces an expanse of several trees with three loblolly pine trees located close to the building. These trees are located near the east corner of the elevation, 9'-0", 10'-0" and 18'-10" from the building. Three yuccas are located in the southeast corner approximately 6'-0" from the building. A dogwood tree is located in the southwest corner next to the deck.

The north elevation has five azalea approximately 4'-0" from the building spread across the length of the elevation; parts of a day lily border remain in front of the azaleas. A dogwood tree is located 7'-5" from the building, near the center of the elevation, and a pine tree stump is next to the dogwood tree. Three large loblolly

pine trees are located near the northeast corner of the building 5'-6", 7'-2", and 12'-10" from the building. Two holly bushes are located in the northeast corner approximately 3'-0" 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:

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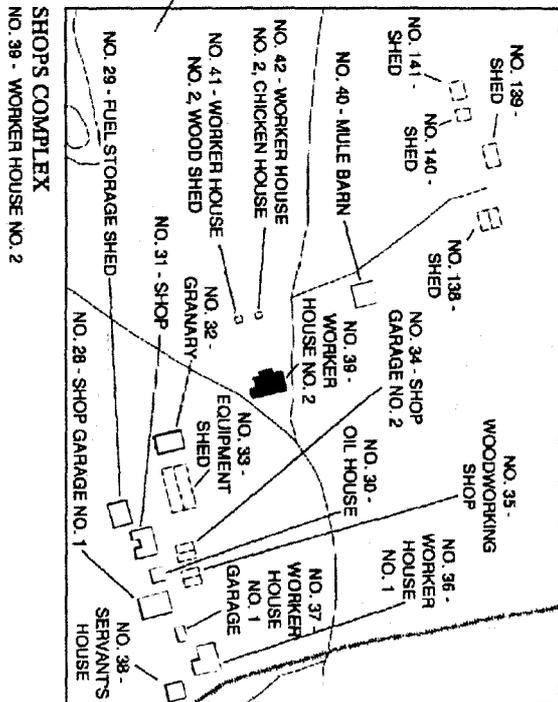
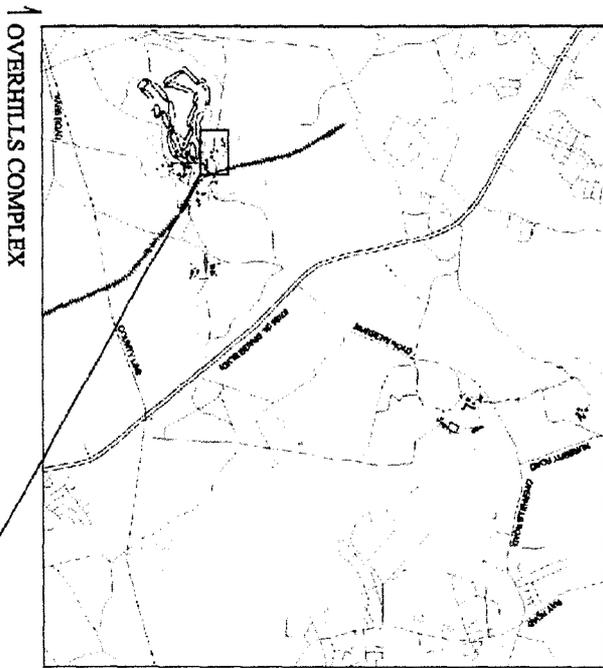
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E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

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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