

OVERHILLS, EQUIPMENT SHED
(Building No. 76)
Overhills Historic District
West & North of Nursery Road
Fort Bragg
Harnett County
North Carolina

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: West & north of Nursery Road, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina
USGS Olivia, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3903342.681921

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

Original Use: Shed

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Equipment Shed in the Lindley Nursery 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 Equipment Shed was constructed ca. 1930. The Lindley Nursery area is in the eastern portion 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. 1930.
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 Equipment Shed is a simple, one-story barn with red weatherboard siding and large double batten doors on the front gable. On the interior, the wall and roof framing is exposed, including large, trussed rafters.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The condition of the shed is poor. The structure and foundation are in bad shape and the entire building leans to one side.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Equipment Shed is a single-story gable building with a large opening on the front facade. The building is oriented north-south and measures 25'-5" x 33'-3½". The ridge is located 20'-10" above grade. Weatherboard siding for all facades is ¾" with a 6¾" reveal, stained red.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-AK-1) is a gable end containing the only entrance to the building. The opening is centered under the gable and has large double batten doors.

The east and west elevations are blind, with red weatherboard and a 2"x 6" fascia board.

The south elevation is a gable end with a window centered under the gable. The window has a small batten door.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a brick wall.
3. Wall Construction: ¾" weatherboards with 6¾" reveals are nailed directly to the stud frame.
4. Structural System, Framing: The shed is a wood frame building with 4"x 5" and 2"x 5" studs, 8"x 6" sill plates, double 1½"x 6" top plates, and 2"x 5" diagonal bracing at the corners. The roof framing is composed of 2"x 6" trussed rafters with 2"x 6" rafter ties, 1"x 6" diagonal webs, and a 1"x 3" king post.
5. Porches, Balconies: There are none.
6. Chimney: There is none.
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: There are none.

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- b. **Doorways and Doors:** The entrance to the building is centered on the south facade under the gable, and is located 5'-8" from the ends of the facade. The opening is 14'-1" wide and 12'-5" tall and has double batten doors that are 7'-0" wide and 11'-10½" tall. The doors are composed of 1"x 8" planks with 1"x 5" horizontal battens and diagonal braces. Each door has three 9" strap hinges and a 7¼"x 2" lockset.
- c. **Windows:** There is a window at the north facade. The window, located 11'-3½" from the southeast corner of the building, is framed in a 2'-9"x 5'-11" opening. The opening has a door composed of ½"x 5½" vertical planks with three ½"x 3½" horizontal battens. The hinges for the door are original double strap hinges with 6" straps.

8. Roof:

- a. **Shape, Covering:** The roof is a gable roof with crimp metal roofing.
- b. **Cornice, Eaves:** The eaves are open with a 2"x 6" fascia board and a 1'-4" overhang. Rake boards are 2"x 6" with a 1"x 2" trim and 1'-4" overhang.
- c. **Dormers, Cupolas, Towers:** There are none.

C. Description of Interior:

- 1. **Floor Plan:** The floor plan is a rectangle measuring 24'-5"x 32'-3½".
- 2. **Stairways and Ladders:** There are none.
- 3. **Flooring:** The floor is dirt.
- 4. **Wall and Ceiling Finish:** The inside of the walls are not covered by any structure or material; the main wood elements of the structure and siding are exposed on the interior (Photo NC-407-AK-2). There are no ceilings; the wood decking and roofing material are exposed.
- 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:** The single strap hinges on the doors are 7"x 2½" with a 9" strap. There are three hinges per door. No manufacturer for the hardware could be found.

8. Mechanical Equipment:

- a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There are none.
- b. Lighting: There is none.
- c. Plumbing: There is none.
- d. Fixtures: There are none.

9. Original Furnishings: There is a cabinet in the northeast corner of the shed. The cabinet is 6'-6" long, 2'-10" deep, and 4'-8" tall. The cabinet has a door in the center, 2'-2" from each end that is 2'-1½" wide and 4'-5" tall; the door is composed of two 1" thick vertical planks with two 1"x 4" horizontal supports. The door's hinges are 8" strap hinges.

D. Site:

1. General Setting: The Equipment Shed is located between the two main portions of the Lindley Nursery. To the south is a group of buildings containing the Nursery Manager's House (No.77) and shop buildings; the Lindley House (No.69) and The Nursery Worker House No. 1 (No.70) and No. 2 (No.71) are part of a group of buildings to the north. The Jumping Run Creek Bridge is to the east of the shed.

2. Landscaping, Enclosures:

There is no designed landscaping scheme in the area surrounding the Equipment 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:

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,

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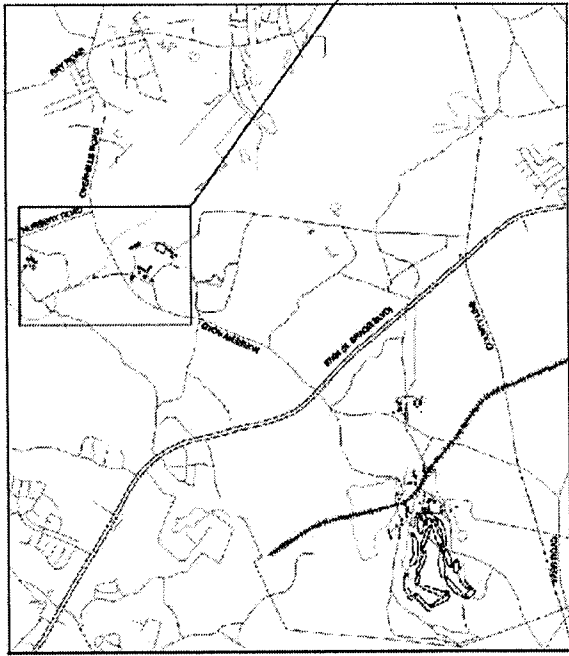
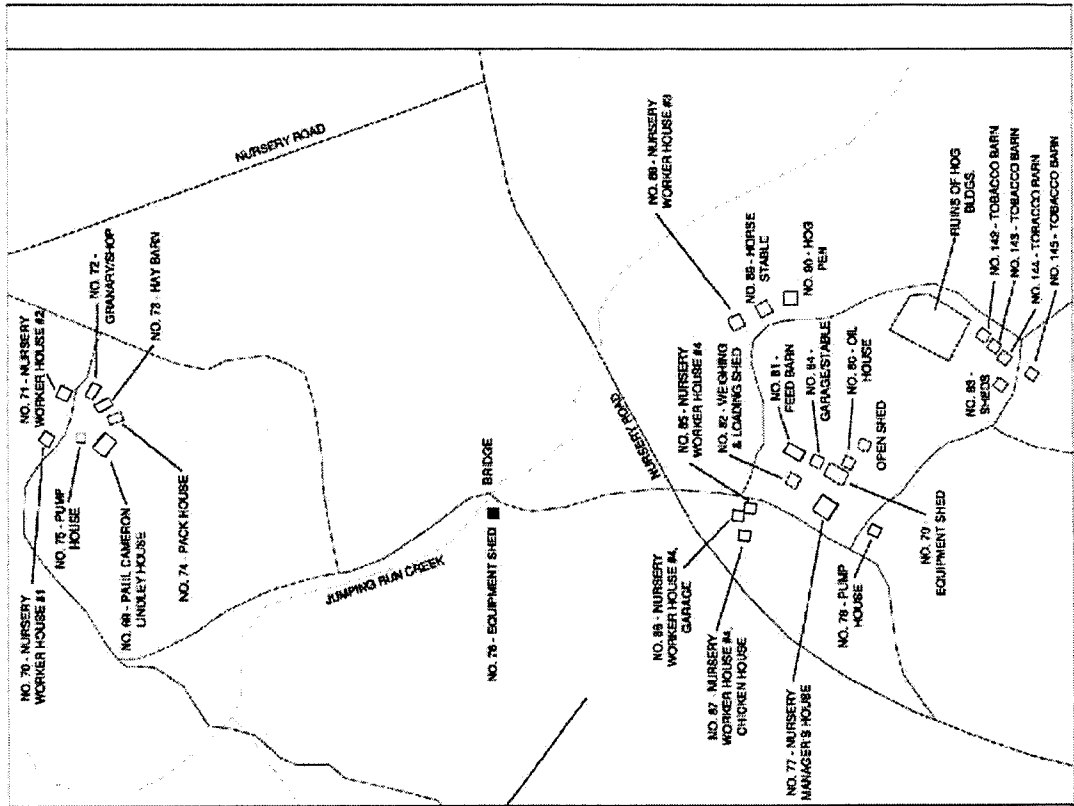
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Register of Historic Places" (draft), 1992. On file at the North Carolina
State Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh.

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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MAPS NOT TO SCALE