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USGS Olivia, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3903930.682079

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

Original Use: Garage

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Garage/Stable 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 Garage/Stable was constructed ca. 1920. 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. 1920.
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 garage door opening on the northwest wall and a window on the southeast facade have been filled with weatherboards.

B. Historical Context:

See HABS No. NC-407 for Overhills context.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The Garage/Stable is a simple, one-story, wood frame building with a gable roof. There are two stalls in the stable that may have been added when the garage was converted to a stable. A garage door opening was filled with weatherboards during the conversion, but the iron door track still remains above the former opening.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The structure of the building is in moderate condition and the foundation is poor. The roof is rusted, but otherwise in fairly good condition. Weatherboards, where still extant, are in poor condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Garage/Stable is a single story building with a gable roof; the ridge runs northeast to southwest. The exterior dimensions of the building are 18'-5"x 20'-3". Weatherboard siding for all elevations has a 6¼" reveal and is stained red.

The northwest elevation (Photo NC-407-AO-1) has an opening, 3'-1¼" from the north corner, with mismatched trim. A garage door opening has been filled with weatherboards, but the iron track for the door still remains 8'-11" above the foundation wall.

The northeast elevation (Photo NC-407-AO-1) is a gable wall with no windows. A louvered vent is located in the gable, 1'-3" below the ridge.

The southeast elevation (Photo NC-407-AO-2) has one opening with no trim. A window opening to the left of the door has been filled with weatherboards.

The southwest elevation (Photo NC-407-AO-2) is a gable wall with no windows. A louvered vent is located in the gable, 1'-3" below the ridge.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a brick wall composed of 8"x 2¼" bricks with ¾" mortar joints. The foundation wall is 1'-11" tall on the northeast elevation. The site slopes to the southwest and the foundation wall on the southwest elevation is 1'-4" tall.
3. Wall Construction: Weatherboards with a 6¼" reveal are nailed directly to the wood frame. Corner boards are located on the side elevations; they are 1½"x 3¾" double laminated end caps.
4. Structural System, Framing: The garage is a wood frame building with 2"x 4" wood studs and corner braces. Rafters and rafter ties are 2"x 6".

5. Porches, Balconies: None.
6. Chimney: There are none.
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: There are two entrances to the building. One is located on the northwest facade, 3'-1¼" from the north corner of the building. The opening is 4'-5¾" wide and 8'-5" tall. Another opening of the same dimensions is located on the southeast facade, 3'-1¼" from the east corner.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: A garage door opening has been filled with weatherboards. The opening was originally 7'-11¾" wide and 8'-1" tall. An iron door track is mounted above the opening.
 - c. Windows: A window opening on the southeast facade has been filled with weatherboards.
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal roofing. The roof decking is 3¾" tongue-and-groove.
 - b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails. Rake boards are 1"x 6" with a 1"x 4" trim.
 - c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: There are none.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: There are two stalls in the garage. The stalls are divided with a partition wall.
2. Stairways and Ladders: None.
3. Flooring: The floor is dirt.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The inside of the perimeter walls is not covered by any structure or material. The main elements of the structure and sheathing are exposed. The interior partition walls for the stalls are finished with horizontal tongue-and-groove planks. These partition walls are shorter than the exterior walls.

There are no ceilings; the main elements of the structure and the roofing material are exposed.

5. Openings:

- a. Openings: None.
- b. Doorways and Doors: The stall door is a batten door with various width vertical planks supported by three horizontal battens and a diagonal support. Every other vertical plank is missing above the middle batten.
- c. Windows: There are none.

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

7. Hardware: A 15'-11" long garage door track is located 8'-1" above the foundation wall on the northwest facade. The track is iron and mounted with eighteen brackets.

8. Mechanical Equipment:

- a. Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation: There is a louvered vent in each gable, 1'-3" below the ridge. The vents are 2'-3"x 2'-10".
- 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 building is situated west of the unpaved road leading to the Nursery Manager's House (No.77). The Feed Barn (No.81) is to the north in the distance.

2. Landscaping, Enclosures: There is an overall planting scheme for the Garage/Stable Garage as evident on the south elevation which faces an open area consisting largely of sand and a few clumps of grass; two privet bushes are located approximately 1'-0" from the building on the southeast corner. In the southwest corner, there is a 4'-8" tall wood post, located 9" from the corner; two dead trees are next to the wood post. The north elevation faces an expanse of grass and sand with no landscaping. The west yard has grass and weeds including dog fennel with a wooded area located in the distance. The east elevation faces an open sandy yard with little grass. There is an erosion ditch that runs the length of the elevation and a group of young volunteer pine trees near the middle of the elevation approximately 8'-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:

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 2003.

