

OVERHILLS, HUNT STABLE GARAGE
(Building No. 4)
Overhills Historic District
East of Nursery Road
Fort Bragg
Harnett County
North Carolina

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Location: East of Nursery Road, Fort Bragg, Harnett County, North Carolina
USGS Overhills, North Carolina, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3898960.680415

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

Original Use: Garage and storage.

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: The Hunt Stable 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. Constructed ca. 1930; the garage was utilized by the hunt stable manager for his car and storage, in addition hay and grain were stored on the second level. The Hunt Stable area is at the eastern edge 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: The Hunt Stable Garage is a two-story, gabled garage, which was built around 1930 and originally used as a storage area for the stable manager. The garage, with its weatherboard siding, six-over-six double-hung windows, paneled doors, and simple plan, exhibits many of the same characteristics shared by most other buildings in the Hunt Stable area.
2. Condition of the Fabric: The foundation shows minor deterioration; the mortar is poorly applied and shows signs of deterioration, but is structurally sound. The garage doors and frames are weathered, and only one glass pane remains intact on each door. The concrete floor slab is cracking in the west room and is spalling and cracking near the garage doors. There is graffiti on the walls of the west room, but the feed room walls are in good condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The Hunt Stable Garage is a two-story, rectangular building with an east-west orientation; the building measures 34'-1"x 19'-5". The foundation wall, which is masonry, becomes apparent at the northeast corner of the structure as the ground slopes to the east. All facades have 7" shiplap siding with 1"x 4" end caps.

The north elevation (Photo NC-407-AS-1) is an asymmetrical facade with three windows and shiplap siding. The foundation wall can be seen where the ground slopes to the east.

The east elevation is a gable wall with shiplap siding and a window at the north end of the facade on the first level.

The south elevation (Photo NC-407-AS-2) is an asymmetrical facade with three large openings for garage doors, only one of which still retains its set of double doors. The doors each have an eight light window over two vertical, wood panels; only one pane of glass remains in each door.

The west elevation (Photo NC-407-AS-1, Photo NC-407-AS-2) is a symmetrical gabled facade with shiplap siding, two windows on the first floor, and a five-panel door on the second level.

2. Foundations: The foundation is a 7½" thick brick and terra cotta wall. The walls of the garage are supported on a 3"x 8" sill plate that is mortared to the foundation wall.

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3. Wall Construction: The main perimeter walls are wood frame walls with 2"x 4" studs spaced inconsistently from 1'-2" to 1'-7" on center. 7" wide shiplap weatherboards are nailed to the studs as an exterior sheathing.
4. Structural System, Framing: The Hunt Stable Garage is a wood frame building on a brick wall foundation. The 2"x 4" studs are inconsistently spaced and have 2"x 4" double top plates. Second level floor joists are composed of three 2"x 10" beams nailed together and placed 1'-5" on center. The roof framing is composed of 5¼" purlins and 2"x 6" rafters spaced evenly at 2'-0" on center.
5. Porches, Balconies: None.
6. Chimney: None.
7. Openings:
 - a. Openings: None.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: The south facade has three large doorways; two of these are located in the west room and the third is located in the east. The openings are 8'-0" wide and 7'-11" tall. The west doorway is located 1'-0" from the southwest corner and the middle doorway is 1'-¼" east of this. The middle doorway has been shortened to fit a set of double garage doors; these doors are hinged on the outside and swing away from the garage to open. The doors have eight lights above two vertical panels, the glass panes are arranged in two rows of four and measure 8"x 13". The doors are contemporary to the time period of the garage, but are not the original doors. The doorway in the east room is identical to the west doorway.

There is a five-panel wood door on the second level of the west facade.
 - c. Windows: There are three windows on the north facade, two on the west facade, and one on the east facade. All windows are six-over-six double-hung windows with wooden sashes. Lights are 8½"x 11½" and window frames are 3'-5" wide and 5'-4" tall. The window sill is 2¾" thick and 3'-6½" wide and the apron is 4½".

The window located on the north end of the east facade has no sashes remaining in the opening.
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, Covering: The roof is a gable roof with a standing seam metal roof nailed to the purlins.

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- b. Cornice, Eaves: The eaves are open with exposed rafter tails. The rafter tails are beveled and there is no fascia board.
- c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan is divided into two unequal rooms on the first floor. The west room of the garage measures 17'-11"x 18'-9" and has a 2'-2"x 7'-5" closet in the northeast corner. The east room is 13'-2"x 18'-9" and has two closets located on the west wall. The north closet measures 2'-2"x 7'-5" and the south closet is 4'-7" deep and 11'-1" wide. The ceiling height on the first floor is 8'-9" above the concrete floor.

A ladder leads from the northwest corner of the west room directly into a 20'-4" x 18'-9" room above. From this room, a door leads into a feed room that measures 10'-9" x 18'-9".

2. Stairways and Ladders: There is a ladder to the second story in the northwest corner of the west room. The fourth rung is missing.
3. Flooring: The floors on the first level consist of a 1" thick concrete slab. The flooring on the second level is wood.
4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The walls and ceilings of both first floor rooms are finished in beadboard sheathing. The second story feed room is finished in standing seam metal. The metal is stamped with Blue Ridge Old Style Redipped Open Hearth. The shape of the room follows the slope of the rafters and bracing beam.
5. Openings:
 - a. Openings: There is an opening in the second floor above the ladder in the west room which allows access to the room above.
 - b. Doorways and Doors: The door between the second floor rooms is a five-panel door with three metal locks on the west side. The east side of the door is covered in sheet metal.
 - c. Windows: None.
6. Decorative Features and Trim: There are no decorative features. Wood trim is original.
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: None.
- b. Lighting: There is no original lighting. Two fluorescent lights are located in the west room, and two metal incandescent fixtures are in the east room on the first floor.
- c. Plumbing: None.
- d. Fixtures: A circuit box is located on the west wall of the west room, 4" to the north of the south window. The circuit box measures 8½"x 5".

9. Original Furnishings: A work table is located in the east room of the garage. The table is 5'-10" wide, 1'-9¾" deep, and 1" thick. The table is hung on the wall with a 2"x 6" wood support. A 1"x 5" diagonal supports the front of the table and is nailed to the baseboard. Three 1"x 3" wood strips support the tabletop.

A vertical grain distributor is located in the south closet of the east room. The feed box is abutted to the east wall and is 1'-7" long, 1'-6¾" wide, 1'-4" deep, and located 1'-8½" above the ground. The distributor name is Higbee Patent Oats Cleaner, and the hardware distributor is Higbee Oat Cleaner, Chicago.

D. Site:

1. General Setting: The Hunt Stable Garage is located in the Hunt Stable complex, southeast of the Hunt Stable (#2). The Great Circus (#1) is also located to the northwest of the garage.
2. Landscaping, Enclosures: The Hunt Stable Garage is set on the edge of a wooded area. There is a southern magnolia centered next to the north facade.

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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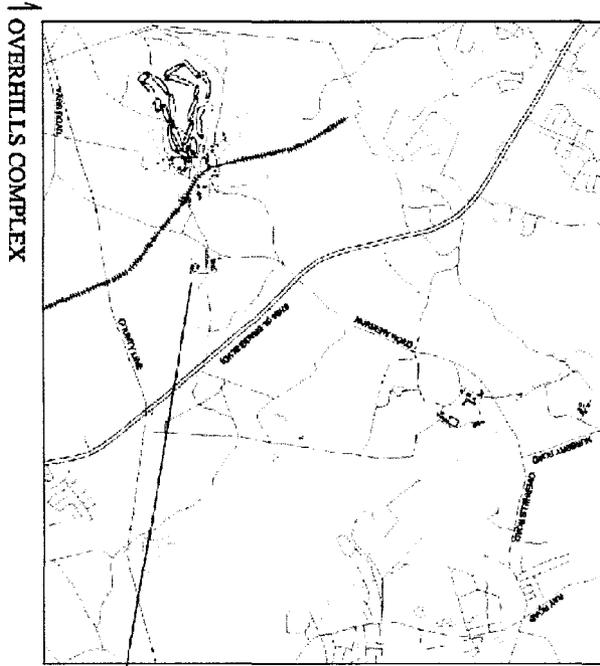
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E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

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 architectural historian and Michelle Michael. The documentation was completed May 2007.



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