

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,  
STORAGE BUILDING  
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3586)  
Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area  
Plattsburgh  
Clinton County  
New York

HAER No. NY-326-AV

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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UTM: 18.620020.4945960  
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

**Date of Construction:** 1980

**Architect:** Unknown

**Present Owner:** United States Air Force

**Present Use:** Vacant

**Significance:** Building No. 3586 is identical in construction and appearance to Building No. 3001, Alert Fire Team Facility. It originally housed the static reaction security personnel required of all installations with nuclear weapons on site.

**Project Information:** Building 3586 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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**Summary Description of Storage Building (Building No. 3586)**

**Layout**

Located within the Weapons Storage Area 9WSA), Building No. 3586 is approximately 1,500 square feet in mass, single story, reinforced concrete building with a concrete foundation and a flat roof with no fenestration. The building is double bay in plan, with each bay being essentially rectangular. The left bay is slightly recessed and has two overhead garage-style doors, thus creating a slightly L-shaped footprint; the right bay is plain excluding three louvered vents beneath the roofline. Armored security vehicles and weapons could be brought into the building via the large garage-style doors.

Gun ports puncture all facades of the building. Centered between the bays on the right façade is a recessed metal personnel entrance door. The rear façade also houses a metal personnel door. The exterior of the building is painted beige. The interior of Building 3586 contains a day room for recreation and on-the-job training, an efficiency kitchen, toilet, storeroom and a garage once used to house armored security vehicles and weapons. Auxiliary radio and communications equipment were also housed inside the building.

**Alterations/Additions**

There have been no alterations or additions to the building since its construction in 1980.

**Function**

Building No. 3586 was designed to provide 24 hour a day accommodations for elements of Plattsburgh AFB's ground security forces and their weaponry, as well as a secured base from which the WSA could be defended in the event of ground assault.

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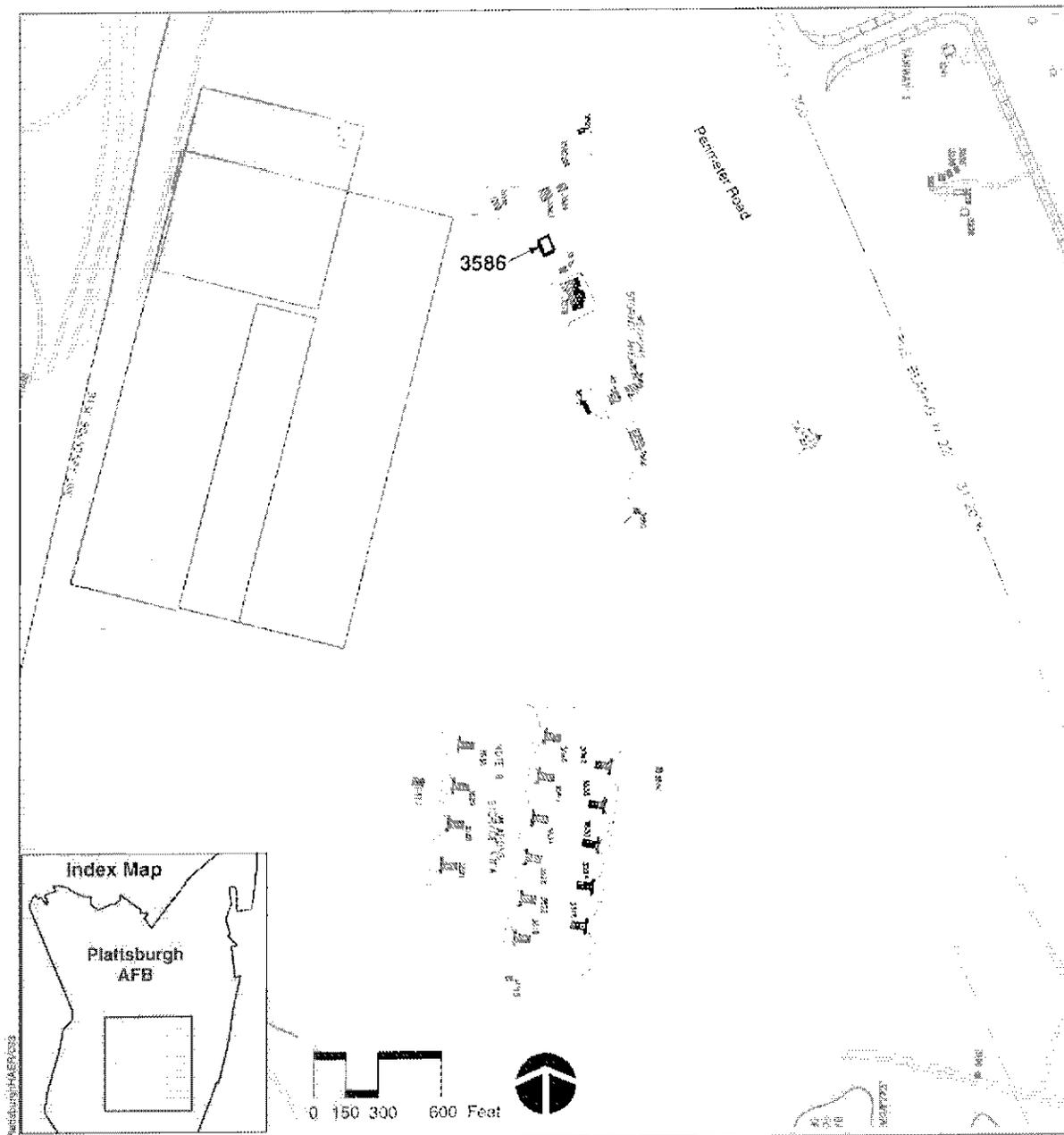
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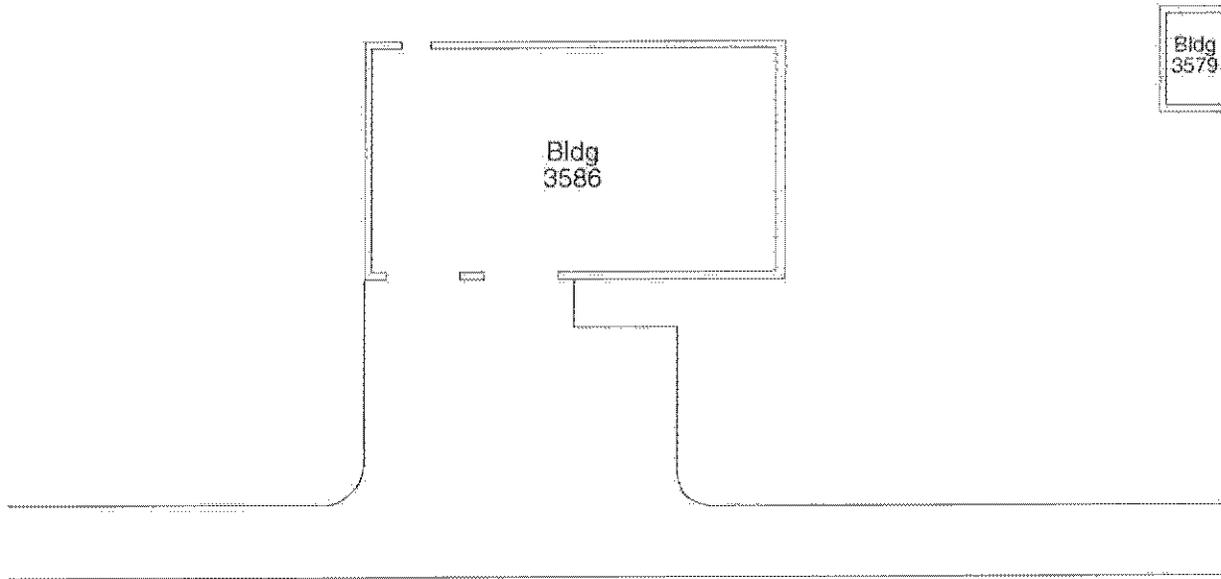
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