

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL HOSPITAL, JUNIOR OFFICER'S QUARTERS E
Williamson Drive
Portsmouth *Independent City*
~~Portsmouth County~~
Virginia

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Location: Williamson Drive, Portsmouth Naval Hospital,
Portsmouth, ~~Portsmouth County~~, Virginia
UTM: 18.383380.4078030
QUAD: Norfolk South, VA

Significance: A representative example of Colonial Revival-style residential architecture of the early twentieth century, Junior Officer's Quarters E is significant as part of a row of five similar residences built to house U.S. Naval officers and their families.

Description: Junior Officer's Quarters E is a mirror image of the adjacent Junior Officer's Quarters D on the east. Junior Officer's Quarters E is located facing north onto Williamson Drive in the southern portion of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital complex.

Junior Officer's Quarters E is a 2-1/2 story, double-pile residence with a side-gabled roof. The residence, which extends three bays on the north and south elevations and two on the east and west, features a one-story front porch with a balustrade, two one-story, flat-roofed, enclosed side porches on the east and west elevations, and a later, one-story, attached, brick utility shed on the south (rear) elevation. The six-course American bond, red brick residence sits on a raised poured-concrete water table topped by a stretcher-bond belt course. Most of the windows are six-over-six wood sash with flat brick arches, and precast-concrete sills. There is a belt course of header-bond brick at the second floor window-sill level. The roof has asphalt shingles, end gables, and wood cornices with returns. The three gabled dormers which occur on the north elevation, and the one central hip-roofed dormer on the south elevation, are clad in weatherboard siding. The residence has an interior end chimney on the west, as well as a brick flue on the south elevation.

The front facade (north elevation) features a central one-story, one-bay, wood porch with coupled Tuscan columns at each front corner, Tuscan-pilaster corner boards, an entablature with a two-fascia architrave, plain frieze, denticulated cornice, four concrete steps, and black wrought-iron stair rails. A wood balustrade with rectangular balusters and rails, and coupled, paneled, square baluster posts rises above the flat roof. The six-paneled, wood entrance door in the central bay features an arched, boarded-up transom opening, and altered, fixed, single-pane sidelights. The windows in the outer bays of the first floor are recessed within brick arches with contrasting, precast-concrete keystones. The

large, tripartite window in the second floor central bay includes both six-over-six, and two-over-two sash windows. The third-floor, traceried sash windows in the dormers have round-arched wood surrounds with keystones, flanked by Tuscan pilasters, and raking wood cornices with returns.

The east elevation features a one-bay deep, one-bay wide, enclosed, wood porch in the south bay. The porch has engaged, square Tuscan columns marking the corners, an entablature with a two-fascia architrave, plain frieze, and projecting cornice. The porch enclosure consists of a wood wainscot with recessed metal panels, and altered one-over-one, aluminum sash storm windows above. The porch has an entrance door on the north with four lights over two wood panels, a rectangular, four-light transom, projecting wood cornice, a landing with two concrete steps, and black, galvanized pipe stair railings. The two windows at the second floor are arranged symmetrically; the single window at the third-floor end gable is set in a brick arch with a contrasting keystone, and features a traceried, double-hung sash.

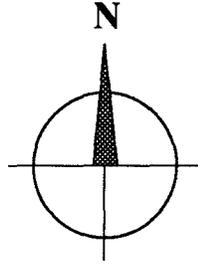
The south elevation is arranged symmetrically with a central pair of four-light casement windows and two outer windows on the first floor, and three windows on the second floor, with the middle window somewhat smaller than the other two. The dormer has a large, altered, tripartite window with a boarded-up central section, and one-over-one sash sidelights. A later one-story, one-bay, brick utility shed with a gabled roof has been added near the southeast corner of the building to accommodate a water heater. A small wood-paneled, hinged entry hatch to the crawl space is located just west of the utility shed.

The west elevation features an enclosed one-story, flat-roofed, wood porch, three bays wide by one bay deep. The porch has engaged, square Tuscan columns between each bay and at the corners, and an entablature with a two-fascia architrave, plain frieze, and altered flat cornice. An altered half-paneled wood entrance door on the south wall opens to a small landing with three concrete steps. The remaining porch enclosure consists of a wood wainscot with recessed metal panels, and altered one-over-one, aluminum sash storm windows above. The two second-floor windows are arranged symmetrically, and the third-floor, end-gable window is identical to the one on the east elevation.

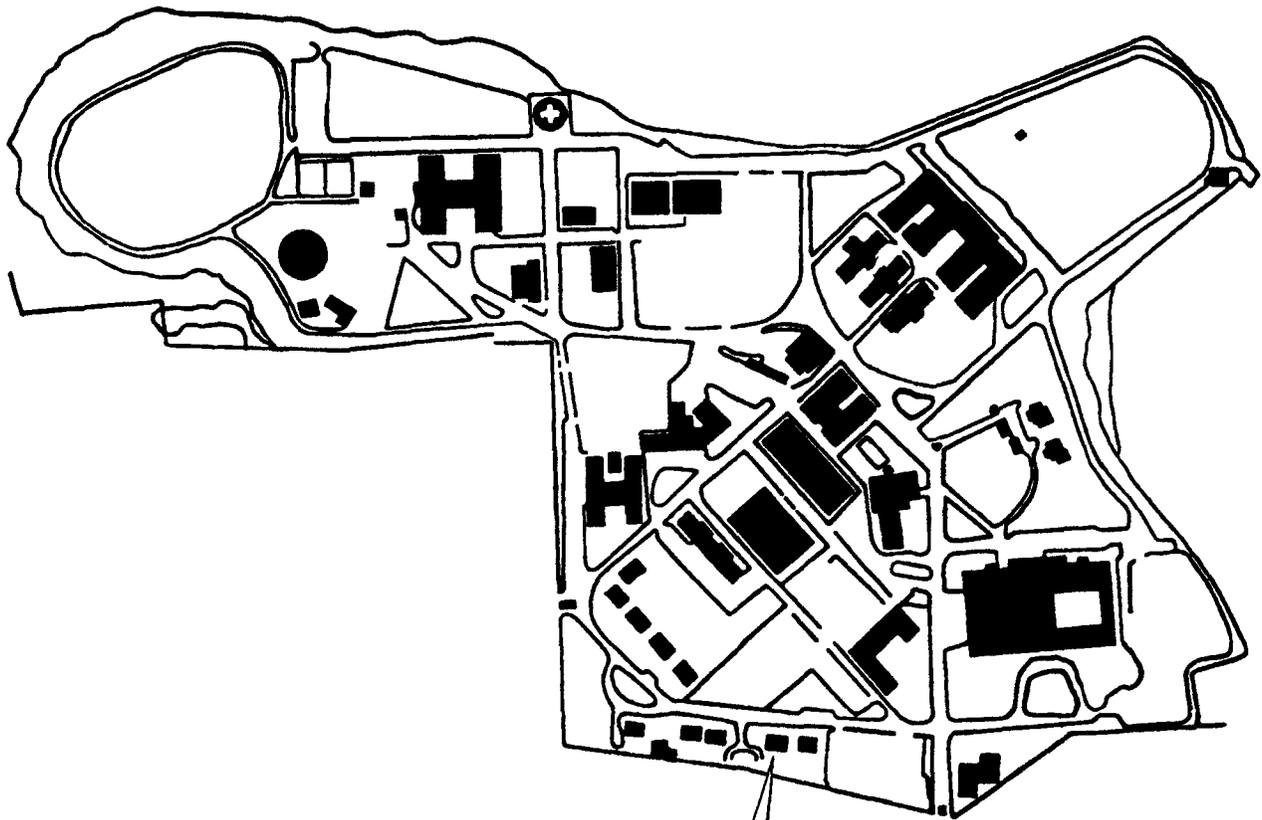
Views of typical interiors for this structure are included in the documentation for Junior Officer's Quarters D, HABS No. VA-

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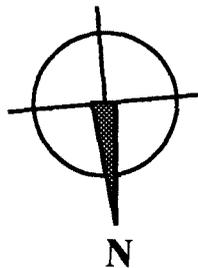
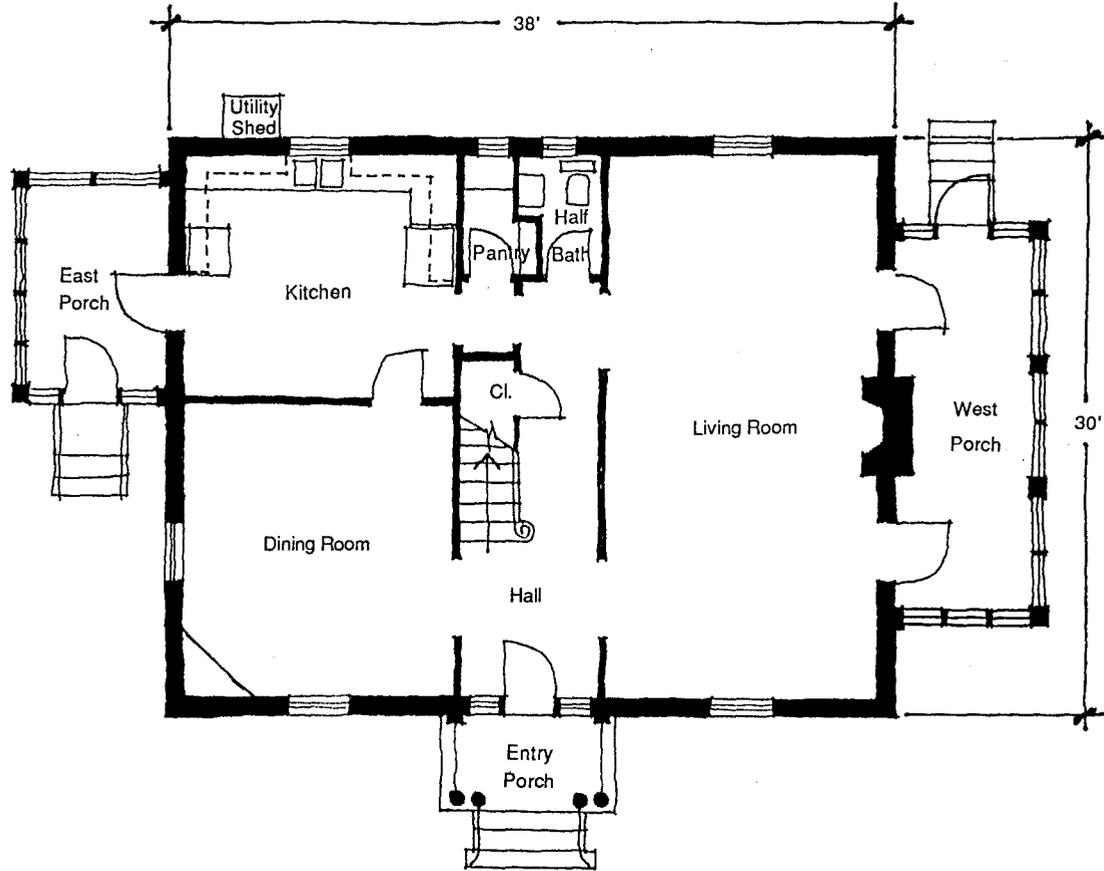


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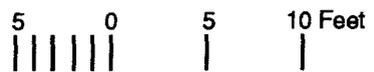


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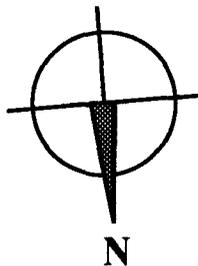
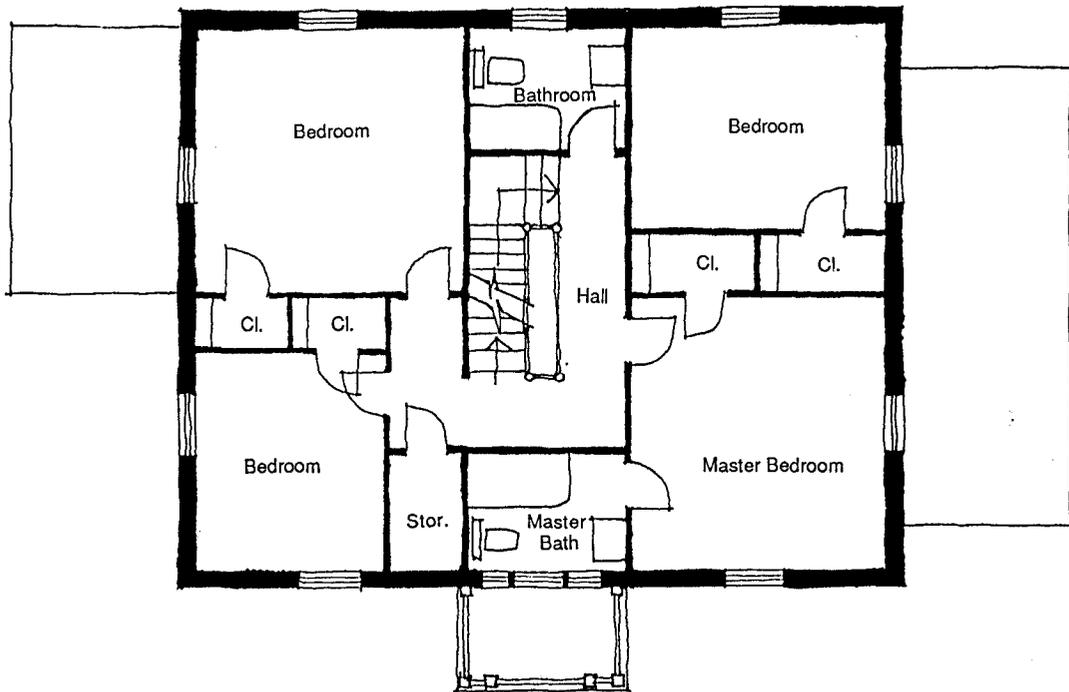


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN**

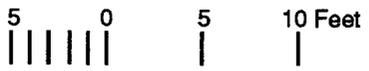


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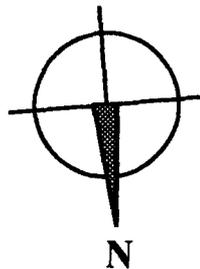
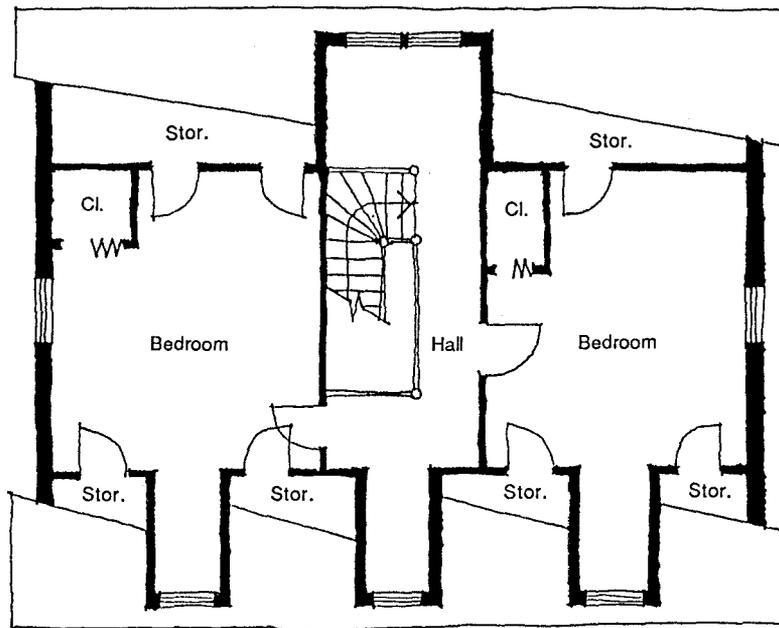


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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

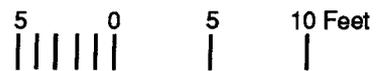


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THIRD FLOOR PLAN



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