

SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED  
VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, BUILDING 16

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Soldiers, Fire Department)

(Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Research Laboratory)

(Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Chaplans Office/Fire  
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(Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Grounds Building)

Harris Avenue at its intersection with Black Avenue and Woodfin  
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### SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, BUILDING 16

(Southern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Gas House)  
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(Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center, Research Laboratory)  
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(Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Building 16)

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Location: Harris Avenue

Significance: This building was erected as a part of the improvement of facilities at the Home during a building campaign of the 1880s. The growing member population at the Home prompted the expansion of the facility during this period to accommodate the increase among its resident population. Constructed in 1887, it has changed functions over time, ceasing use in 1997.

Description: Located on the west side of the facility, Building 16 is situated on the north side of Harris Avenue at its intersection with Black Avenue and Woodfin Street. The building sited among buildings dating to same period that serve a utilitarian purpose. It is one story topped by a side-gable roof. The building is brick construction laid in 5-course American bond. There is an ell situated on the north elevation. Modifications to the building include the installation of an overhead roll-up door on the projecting bay at the west end of the south façade. Window openings punctuate the walls on the ell and feature original wood six-over-six double-hung sashes. The windows are topped by brick rowlock-course jack arches.

The interior exhibits an open bay at the west end with an office and lavatories on the west end. The ell comprises a center passage flanked by small offices. Interior materials have been updated with modern wallboard and composite tile flooring applied to the original concrete slab. The heating comprises a radiator system powered by steam that circulates through the Home.

History: Building 16 was constructed as a gas house in 1887 and is attributed to architect, Charles Taylor Holtzclaw, of Hampton, Virginia. The building was erected during a building campaign at the Home during the 1880s to improve the services to the disabled veterans. The construction of the remaining service facilities dating to this period are attributed to Holtzclaw, who operated a firm, "Holtzclaw Brothers, Builders," with his brother, William Holtzclaw.

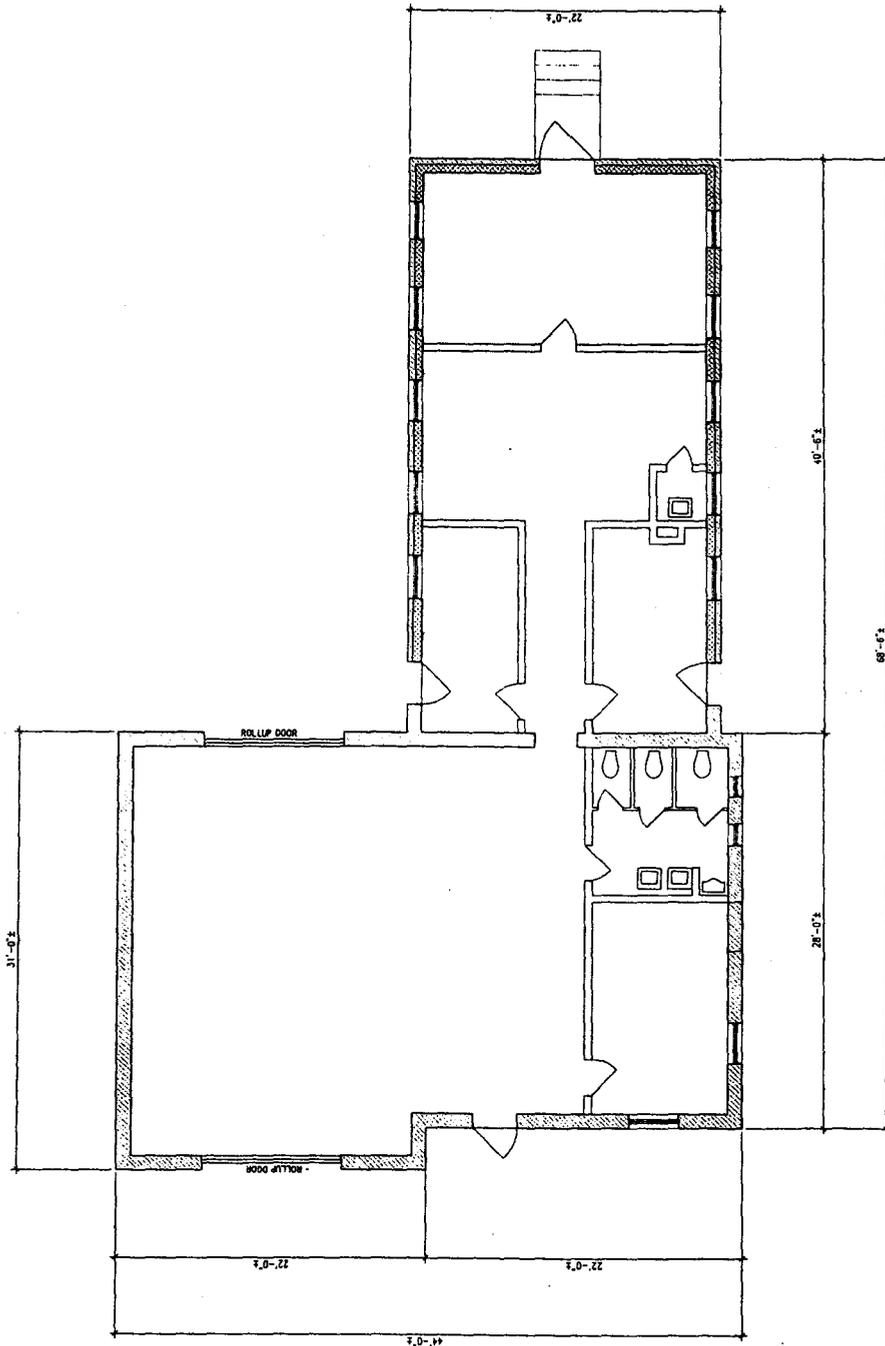
The building's use has changed over time to include the fire department, research laboratory, chaplain's office, and grounds building.

Sources: Elizabeth Jo Lampl and Kristin M. Fetter, Robinson & Associates, Inc., "National Register of Historic Places nomination: Southern Branch-National Home for Disabled Volunteer

Soldiers," National Park Service, 1994. The historic district has been determined for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the determination is located in the History Division, National Park Service.

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Historian: Kimble A. David, Architectural Historian, 2008.



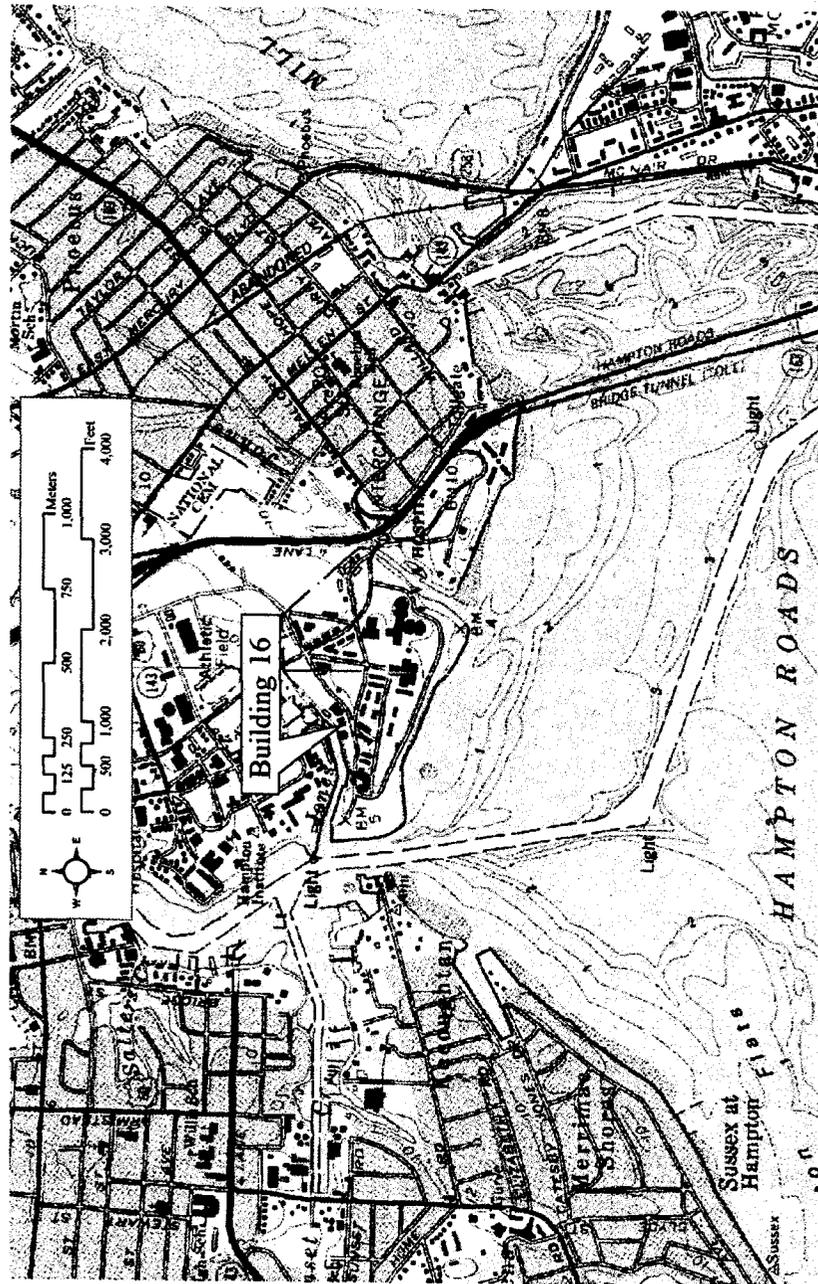
SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, BUILDING 16  
FLOOR PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"



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