

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0049

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-007 - Property and Supply Building
{Current}
Property Date: 1946
Address(s): Bond Street and Wormhoudt Street
{Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Shed	Steel	Roof - Corrugated
Structural System	Structural System - Not Visible		
Windows	Windows - Casement	Vinyl	Windows - 1-light

Site Description: The structure is set in an industrial area, bounded by woods and vegetation to the southeast and industrial buildings to the north and west.

WUZIT Count:		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Laboratory	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Laboratory

Est. Date of Construction: 1946 {Owner/written data} Accessed? No Not accessible
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: Other Condition: Excellent
Interior Plan Type: Irregular Threats to Resource: None Known

Description: The building has had several additions and other alterations. The original, center portion is a long, one story rectangular building with a flat roof, flanked on both ends by tall, two-story additions with shallow pitch gable roofs. A one and a half-story shed roof addition was built along the backside of the original portion, extending above the rear wall of the flat roof section. The entire building, both sidewalls and roof, is clad with modern corrugated metal panels. All of the original windows have been replaced with single and paired square casement windows. The entire building sits on a poured concrete slab. All of the doors have been replaced with modern steel doors, many of which contain a narrow, fixed pane window. A modern, glass entry vestibule with curved corrugated metal roof has been added to the north (front) elevation, within an area of applied panelized concrete. Modern roll top doors of varying heights are found on the two story additions.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

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Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This building, originally constructed in 1946, was used for electronics research as part of the Chincoteague Naval Air Auxiliary Station (CNAAS). The building was identified as "F-7" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was designated as the "Offices and Storage" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "F-7" in the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. It is located on the corner of Bond and Wormhoudt Streets, across from the Plating Shop (001-0027-0050, WFF # F-008) in a level area of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base, grouped with other industrial-focused buildings. There is an area of woods and vegetation to the south. A parking lot immediately fronts the buildings, between the north elevation and Bond Street.

This building is an example of a Military/Defense property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1945 – present) period and was one of several buildings constructed on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily research-based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has been altered considerably since its original construction. The Property and Supply Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity, and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C, or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have the potential for providing additional information in history or prehistory.

The Property and Supply Building has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of materials, design, and workmanship has been adversely affected by replacement of the building's doors and windows, the introduction of a modern addition to the north elevation and the introduction of modern corrugated metal panels that cover the walls and roof. Although remaining in its historic location, the building's integrity of setting, feeling, and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004, the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the building's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: Giffels and Valet
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: U.S. Navy
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map
Author: U.S. Navy
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

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