

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0050

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-008 - Plating Shop {Current}
 Property Date: 1946
 Address(s): Bond 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 - Interior stove flue | Aluminum | |
| Foundation | Foundation - Slab | Concrete | Foundation - Poured |
| Porch | Porch - None | | |
| Roof | Roof - Flat | other | |
| Structural System | Structural System - Masonry | Brick | Structural System - Stretcher Bond |
| Windows | Windows - Sash, double-hung | Wood | Windows - 2/2 |

Site Description: The structure is set in an industrial area on the north side of Bond Street, is surrounded by grass on the north and east sides, and adjacent to F-7 (001-0027-0049) to the south and F-19 to the west.

WUZIT Count:

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Wuzit Types</u> | <u>Historic?</u> |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Shop | Historic |

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Shop

Est. Date of Construction: 1946 {Owner/written data} Accessed? No Not accessible
Primary Resource? Yes Number of Stories: 1.0
Architectural Style: Other Condition: Deteriorated
Interior Plan Type: Irregular Threats to Resource: Demolition

Description: The roughly L-shaped building is made of brick laid in stretcher bond. It sits on a poured concrete slab foundation and has a flat roof; the roof materials are not visible. The building retains many of its original two-over-two double hung wood sash windows with concrete sills, some of which have been replaced with one-over-one vinyl sash on the north elevation. There have been alterations and repair replacements throughout the building in doors and windows and there are areas where openings have been filled-in with brick. Five tall aluminum exhaust vents with conical caps project from the roof of the south arm of the L.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

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

Significance Statement: This one-story structure was built in 1946 and served as an ordnance machine shop for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS). The building was identified as “F-8” 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 “Machine Shop” 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-8” in the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by U.S. Navy. It is located on Bond Street, across from the Property and Supply Building (001-0027-0049, WFF # F-007) in a level area of the Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) main base, grouped with other industrial-focused buildings. Open, lawn-covered area surrounds the north and east side of the building. A parking lot immediately fronts the buildings, between the south elevation and Bond Street. The structure had until recently served as the Plating Shop for the Wallops Flight Facility; it is scheduled to be demolished in 2004.

This building is an example of a government-related property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built 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 Plating Shop 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 any archaeological potential.

Although some windows and the doors have been replaced, the Plating Shop retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and feeling. While remaining in its historic location, the structure’s integrity of setting 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 structure’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.

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

Reference #: 3

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Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

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