

PRESIDIO PHYSICAL HISTORY REPORT
BUILDING INVENTORY

BUILDING NUMBER: 1205 (former Fort Winfield Scott number P-5)

O.Q.M.G. PLAN NUMBER: 257

NAME: Barracks, Coast Artillery Company (current use: female barracks)

PLAN TYPE: Two-and-one half story concrete barracks, mission revival design, tile roof.

BUILDING CHRONOLOGY:

- 1912 Building constructed for \$36,724.00, completed in May. Door and window and screens were installed three months after the completion date. In August of that year, the following equipment was installed: one oil burning plant with an electric motor, blower with meter, burner tip on each furnace; a Tobasco heater with associated wiring; 104 electric lights.
- 1930 An electric meter for the furnace was installed.
- 1931 Five wall-type urinals were installed.
- 1932 One electric meter installed in the building.
- 1938 Five electric fixtures were replaced in the building. Total additional expenditures on the building through June of that year amounted to \$17,079.51.
- 1939 Maintenance and repairs for fiscal year 1939 came to \$2,294.41.
- 19-- Exterior color changed to tan.
- 1940 Maintenance and repairs for this fiscal year amounted to \$8,443.20.
- 1941 Maintenance and repairs for this fiscal year were \$8,406.86.
- 1942 Sixteen new electrical fixtures were added to the building.
- 1943 The following equipment was added to the building: one spray rinse cabinet; three wire dish racks; one gas refrigerator.
- 19-- Steel fire escapes constructed at the rear gable

- ends of the building.
- 19-- Mess hall refurbished with quarry tile floors.
 - 19-- Vent hood constructed over stove area in kitchen.
 - 19-- Many of the building's original six-over-six double hung windows were replaced (first and second floor).
 - 19-- Interior remodelled with double-loaded corridors, metal door frames, wood doors.
 - 19-- Fluorescent lights added throughout interior.
 - 19-- Windows replaced on first and second stories of structure.
 - 19-- Urinals removed from latrines.
 - 19-- Mess hall function removed.
 - 19-- One section of basement sectioned off as arms room.

CHARACTER-DEFINING/SIGNIFICANT FEATURES:

EXTERIOR:

- HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:
- building form, shape, materials, configuration, symmetry
 - curved gable end walls, end wings, decorative parapets
 - seven-bay recessed arcade, front elevation
 - segmental arches in arcade
 - iron porch railing
 - intersecting gable roofs with shingle tile finishes
 - three dormers, front and rear elevations with shingle tile wall and roof finishes
 - fenestration pattern
 - original windows, third floor: three-over-three double hung in dormers; Palladian format windows in gable ends with four-light casements flanking six-over-six double hung arched window
 - lug sills
 - louvered vents at gable ends, main block
 - wide eaves with decorative rafter tails, supported by decorative brackets and paired joists
 - stucco-covered chimney, kitchen wing of barracks
 - original transoms over doors (replacement)
 - some original doors (gable ends and wings) with six-lights and single inset panel
 - cast-iron bootscraper on edge of concrete entrance steps
 - concrete entrance steps
 - original door, north end, first floor, with six-lights above and single panel below with diagonal-patterned

tongue-and-groove wood

LESS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

-exterior paint colors (stucco and wood trim)

INTERIOR:

HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

-remnants of original room configuration in north kitchen end
-five-light transom above door opening into mess (doors no longer there)
-exposed structure: cast-iron columns, banded and flanged at the top, supporting 8x10 timber beams; third floor 6x6 columns capped with bolsters that support 8x8 notched timbers
-original plaster finish on interior side of all exterior walls
-original ceiling height, central hall areas
-chair rail, central hallway and immediate areas of corridors off central hall
-interior staircases
-wood and concrete floors, first floor, wood second floor, and wide wood planks, third floor
-baseboards, window trim and picture moldings
-porcelain tile wainscots in kitchen and latrine areas
-wainscot in hallway to mess of v-channel tongue-and-groove wood

LESS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

-new partitions
-cosmetic finishes

OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL: The building is part of the group of mission revival structures built at Fort Winfield Scott. The use of this architectural style was an evolution from the more staid and traditional colonial and neoclassical revival styles used by the army. Also, the placement of this group of structures--in a horseshoe shape gently following the topography--is a radical departure from the typical placement of structures around a rectilinear parade ground.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The attic area of this building is used for storage only--not classrooms and meeting rooms as most of the others are. The attic has linoleum floors, sheetrock (or equivalent) ceilings and walls.

DATE OF SITE VISIT: 7/27/92

SOURCES:

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