

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-2132

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Shipways Transformer House

and/or common Bldg. No. 13

## 2. Location

street & number U.S. Coast Guard Yard  not for publicationcity, town Curtis Bay  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S. Coast Guard

street &amp; number 2401 Hawkins Point Road telephone no.: 410-636-7871

city, town Baltimore state and zip code: MD 21226-1797

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber GW-47

street &amp; number folio 224

city, town Annapolis state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title U.S. Coast Guard Yard National Register Nomination

year 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town 100 Community Place, Crownsville state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-2132

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Building No. 13 is located near Curtis Creek on the west side of Building No. 11. The structure is an electrical transformer bank measuring about 15 x 15 feet (5 x 5 meters), its 8-foot (2-meter) tall base is poured concrete and built in two sections. A door in the south side allows entry into this space. A small louvered ventilator window is also located in this wall. The transformer units sit on top of the base and are enclosed by a chain fence.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-2132

Period	Areas of Significance---Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	Unknown
Check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This property is associated with the development of the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay. The Yard was first established on this site in 1899 as a boat repair and construction facility for the Revenue Cutter Service, the forerunner of the present-day Coast Guard. At that time, the facility was known as the Revenue Cutter Service Depot, and generally served vessels stationed in the mid-Atlantic area.

The establishment of the Depot was related to the emphasis on Naval preparedness that took place following the Spanish American war. Prior to the establishment of the Depot, vessel repair and construction were handled by private concerns. Starting as a collection of a few frame buildings, the Depot, after 1940 known as the Yard, expanded as its mission and capabilities increased. The Yard was at its productive peak and greatest size during World War II, with most surviving historic structures dating to that time.

The base of this structure was poured in 1943, however, all the electrical equipment is modern.

This structure is not a contributing element to the proposed National Register Historic District.

For reasons of practicality this resource is included in the proposed historic district, but is not considered a contributing element to the proposed historic district due to its minor support role and minimalistic form. In addition, the integrity of the structure has been compromised by the removal of original equipment.

### Criterion A—Historical Association

This power supply structure was constructed as part of the World War II-era rebuild, expansion, and modernization of the U.S. Coast Guard Yard.

### Criterion C—Design Significance

This small utilitarian structure is devoid of any design quality not related to function.

### Integrity

The transformer house is in fair condition, but contains recent electrical equipment.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No AA-2132

- Facilities and Engineering Records, U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay
- United States Coast Guard Yard: A History of Service to the Fleet, U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD 1995
- . National Archives, Record Group 26

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .005 acres (225 square feet)

Quadrangle name Curtis Bay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References Do NOT complete UTM references

A     
Zone Easting Northing

B     
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The proposed boundaries coincide with the building footprint of this resource. It is a utilitarian structure within the larger Curtis Bay District. No surrounding lands are significantly associated with the resource to constitute its setting.

### L all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title Sherri Marsh, Architectural Historian

organization Greenhome & O'Mara, Inc. date May 7, 1996

street & number 9001 Edmonston Road telephone 301-982-2800

city or town Greenbelt state MD 20770

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930) and Modern Period (A.D. 1930-present)

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Economic, Military

Resource Type:

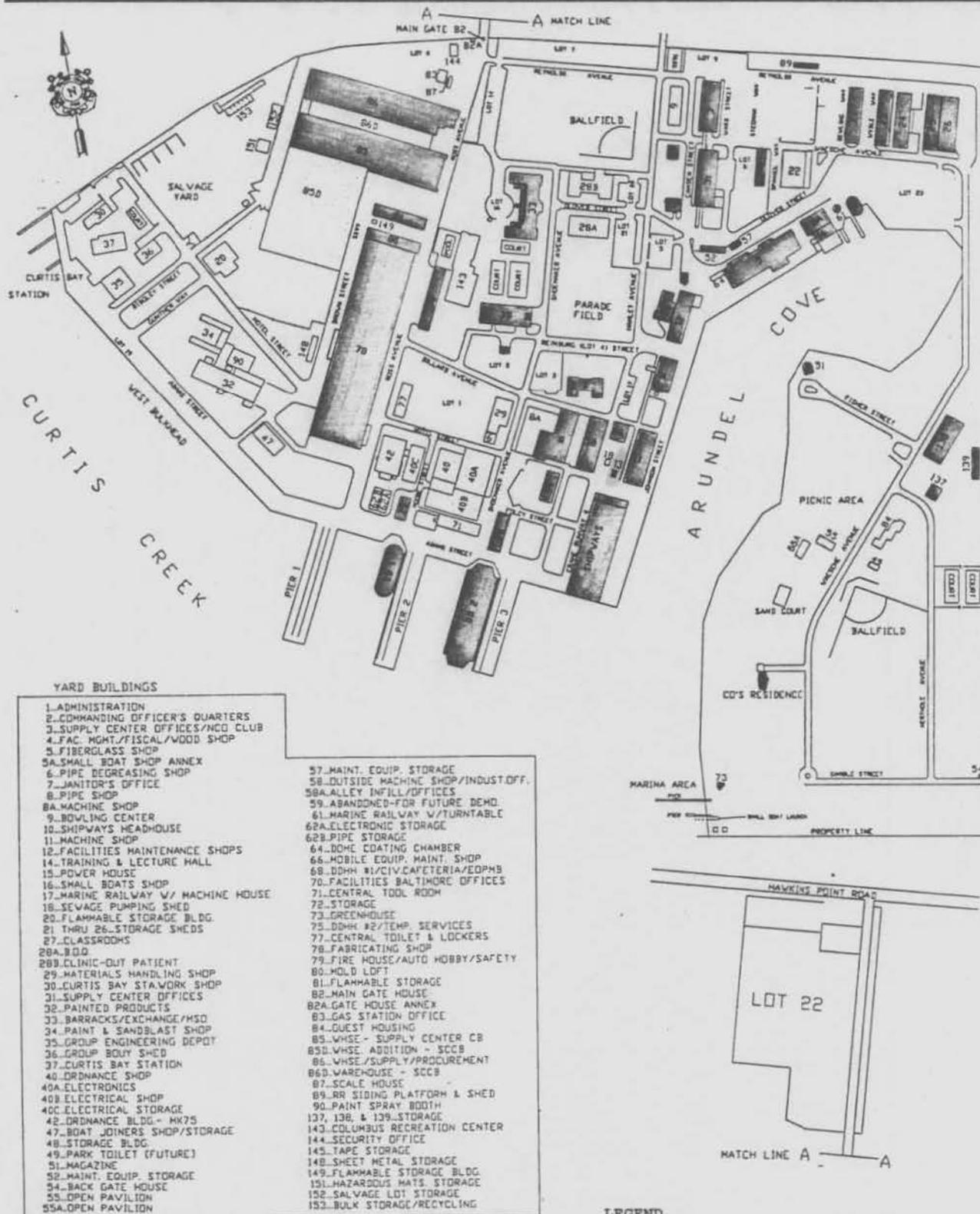
Category: District

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Defense/Coast Guard Facility/Shipyard

Known Design Source: None

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay



YARD BUILDINGS

- 1. ADMINISTRATION
- 2. COMMANDING OFFICER'S QUARTERS
- 3. SUPPLY CENTER OFFICES/NCO CLUB
- 4. FAC. MGMT./FISCAL/WOOD SHOP
- 5. FIBERGLASS SHOP
- 5A. SMALL BOAT SHOP ANNEX
- 6. PIPE DEGREASING SHOP
- 7. JANITOR'S OFFICE
- 8. PIPE SHOP
- 8A. MACHINE SHOP
- 9. BOWLING CENTER
- 10. SHIPWAY'S HEADHOUSE
- 11. MACHINE SHOP
- 12. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SHOPS
- 14. TRAINING & LECTURE HALL
- 15. POWER HOUSE
- 16. SMALL BOATS SHOP
- 17. MARINE RAILWAY V/ MACHINE HOUSE
- 18. SEWAGE PUMPING SHED
- 20. FLAMMABLE STORAGE BLDG.
- 21 THRU 26. STORAGE SHEDS
- 27. CLASSROOMS
- 28A. BLDG.
- 29. CLINIC-OUT PATIENT
- 29. MATERIALS HANDLING SHOP
- 30. CURTIS BAY STA. WORK SHOP
- 31. SUPPLY CENTER OFFICES
- 32. PAINTED PRODUCTS
- 33. BARRACKS/EXCHANGE/HSD
- 34. PAINT & SANDBLAST SHOP
- 35. GROUP ENGINEERING DEPOT
- 36. GROUP BODY SHED
- 37. CURTIS BAY STATION
- 40. DRDNANCE SHOP
- 40A. ELECTRONICS
- 40B. ELECTRICAL SHOP
- 40C. ELECTRICAL STORAGE
- 42. DRDNANCE BLDG - MK75
- 47. BOAT JOINERS SHOP/STORAGE
- 48. STORAGE BLDG.
- 49. PARK TOILET (FUTURE)
- 51. MAGAZINE
- 52. MAINT. EQUIP. STORAGE
- 54. BACK GATE HOUSE
- 55. OPEN PAVILION
- 55A. OPEN PAVILION
- 57. MAINT. EQUIP. STORAGE
- 58. OUTSIDE MACHINE SHOP/INDUST.OFF.
- 58A. ALLEY INFILL/OFFICES
- 59. ABANDONED-FOR FUTURE DEMO.
- 61. MARINE RAILWAY V/TURNABLE
- 62A. ELECTRONIC STORAGE
- 62B. PIPE STORAGE
- 64. DOME COATING CHAMBER
- 66. MOBILE EQUIP. MAINT. SHOP
- 68. DDHH #1/CIV.CAFETERIA/EOPH5
- 70. FACILITIES BALTIMORE OFFICES
- 71. CENTRAL TOOL ROOM
- 72. STORAGE
- 73. GREENHOUSE
- 75. DDHH #2/TEMP. SERVICES
- 77. CENTRAL TOILET & LOCKERS
- 78. FABRICATING SHOP
- 79. FIRE HOUSE/AUTO HOBBY/SAFETY
- 80. HOLD LDFT
- 81. FLAMMABLE STORAGE
- 82. MAIN GATE HOUSE
- 82A. GATE HOUSE ANNEX
- 83. GAS STATION OFFICE
- 84. GUEST HOUSING
- 85. WHSE - SUPPLY CENTER CB
- 85B. WHSE. ADDITION - SCCB
- 86. WHSE/SUPPLY/PROCUREMENT
- 86B. WAREHOUSE - SCCB
- 87. SCALE HOUSE
- 89. RR SIDING PLATFORM & SHED
- 90. PAINT SPRAY BOOTH
- 137, 138, & 139. STORAGE
- 143. COLUMBUS RECREATION CENTER
- 144. SECURITY OFFICE
- 145. TAPE STORAGE
- 148. SHEET METAL STORAGE
- 149. FLAMMABLE STORAGE BLDG.
- 151. HAZARDOUS MATS. STORAGE
- 152. SALVAGE LDT STORAGE
- 153. BULK STORAGE/RECYCLING

SOURCE: U.S. Coast Guard Yard, Facilities Department.

LEGEND  
■ PRE-1946 RESOURCES EXAMINED IN THIS REPORT

U.S. Coast Guard Yard  
Site Plan, April 1996

Figure 2  
Page 3



**DANGER**  
HIGH VOLTAGE

**DANGER**  
HIGH VOLTAGE  
4160 VOLTS

13

**DANGER**  
KEEP OUT

AA - 2132

SHIPWAYS TRANSFORMER HOUSE

ANNE ARUNDEL, MD

SHERRI MARSH

APRIL 1996

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION

21 OF 75