

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-2153

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic  Scale House

and/or common  Bldg. No. 87

### 2. Location

street & number  U.S. Coast Guard Yard  not for publication

city, 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 & 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 & number   folio  224

city, town  Annapolis  state  MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  U.S. Coast Guard Yard National Register Nomination

1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records  Maryland Historical Trust

city, town  100 Community Place, Crownsville  state  MD

# 7. Description

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**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. 87 is located at the Yard's northern boundary, near the main gate. This small building is attached to the east side of Building No. 83, and its diminutive size gives it the appearance of an entry vestibule to Building No. 83. It is a small, one-story structure constructed of brick laid in American Bond, and rests on a poured concrete foundation. It is rectangular in shape, measuring about 7 x 10 feet (2 x 3 meters). The roof is hipped and covered with asphalt shingles. A pair of one-over-one windows are present on the east side and a metal door with multi-paned glazing in the upper half is present in the south wall. Directly east of Building No. 87 is the scale area for the weighing of trucks and cargo.

# 8. Significance

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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.

Building No. 87 was constructed in 1943. It is designed as a shelter for the scale attendant.

This building is not included in the proposed National Register Historic District.

Due to a loss of integrity this building is not included in the proposed historic district. Its historic feeling is further compromised by the lack of any other contributing resources in the immediate vicinity.

## Criterion A—Historical Association

The Scale House was constructed during World War II and is associated with the episode of rebuilding, expansion, and modernization that took place at the Yard during that time.

## Criterion C—Design Significance

This small brick building is lacks significant architectural embellishment, and changes in windows, doors, and roofing material cause the building to present a modern appearance.

## Integrity

Due to numerous alterations and isolation from other contributing resources, this building no longer communicates its historic associations or architectural significance.



## 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





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SCALE HOUSE

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SOUTHEAST PERSPECTIVE

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