

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-2156

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Machinists Mate Training School

and/or common Bldg. No. 139

### 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

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. 139 is located on the east side of Arundel Cove, opposite the main concentration of Yard buildings. This long, rectangular, frame building sits on a concrete block foundation. Walls are sheathed in aluminum siding and the asphalt shingle-covered gable roof is pierced at the peak by three vents. Louvered ventilator windows are present in the gable ends. Entrances include a metal pedestrian door in the south gable end, and a board-and-brace, sliding wooden track door. This structure is very similar in appearance to Building No. 138, but sits on a lower foundation.

# 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"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |  |  |  |  |

| Specific dates   | Builder/Architect | Cummings Construction Company |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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. 139 is one of only three buildings that survive from a complex of about forty buildings that were erected in this area of the Yard during the early years of World War II as a Coast Guard anti-aircraft and night vision training facility. It was constructed to house the Machinists Mates Training School, and is now used for storage purposes. The majority of the training center complex was built by Cummings Construction Company. The land where Building No. 139 is located was acquired in the early 1940s, and is not part of the original Yard property.

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

Due to its isolation, loss of historic context and issues of physical integrity, this building is not included in the proposed historic district.

### Criterion A—Historical Associations

Building #139 was part of an approximately 40 building complex erected on this side of Arundel Cove as an anti-aircraft and night vision training facility.

### Criterion C—Design Significance

Building, like most of the other buildings that were part of the training facility were built by a local construction company and use designs and materials typical of the mid-20th century.



## 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:

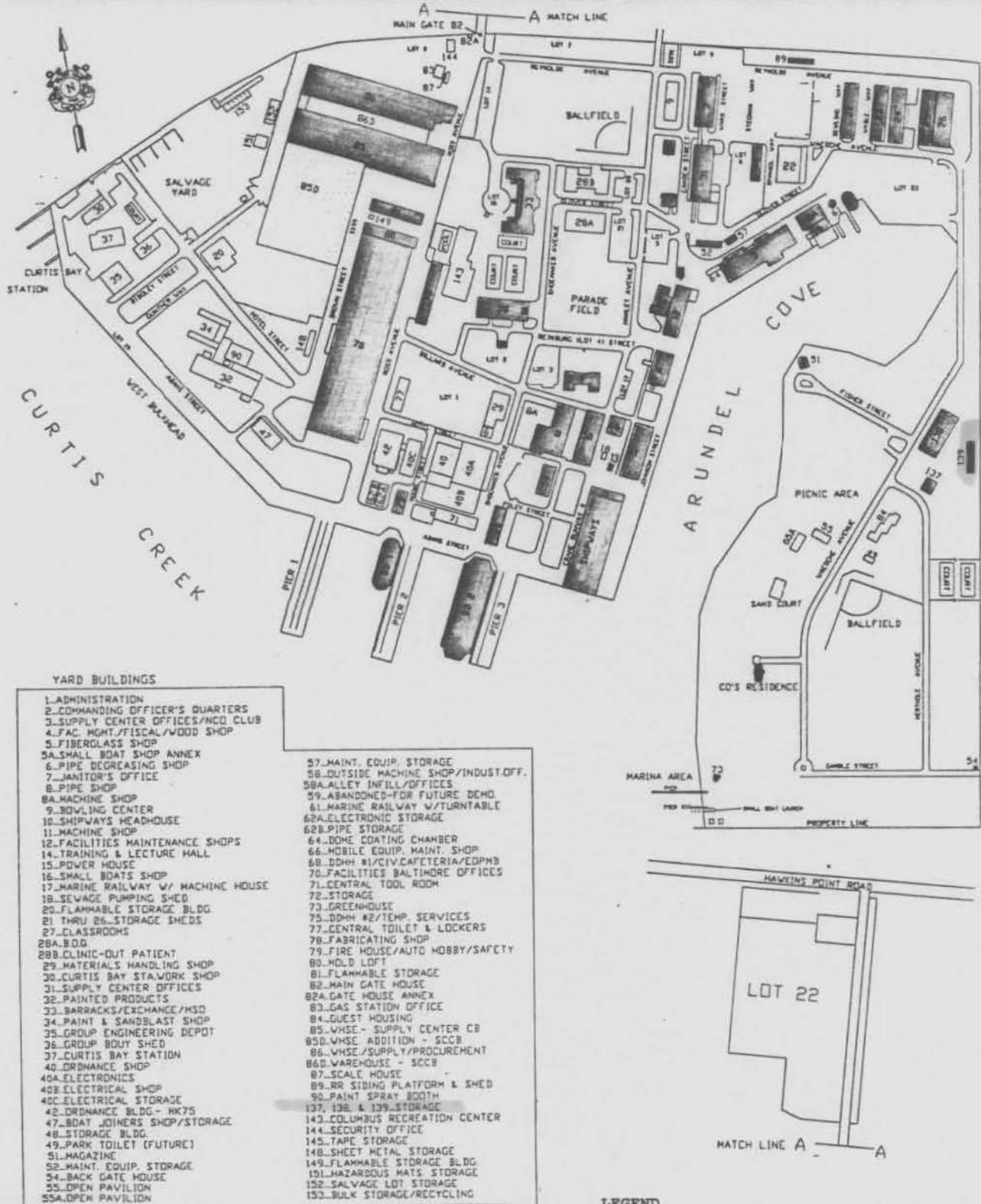
Category: District

Historic Environment: Suburban

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

Known Design Source: None

U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay



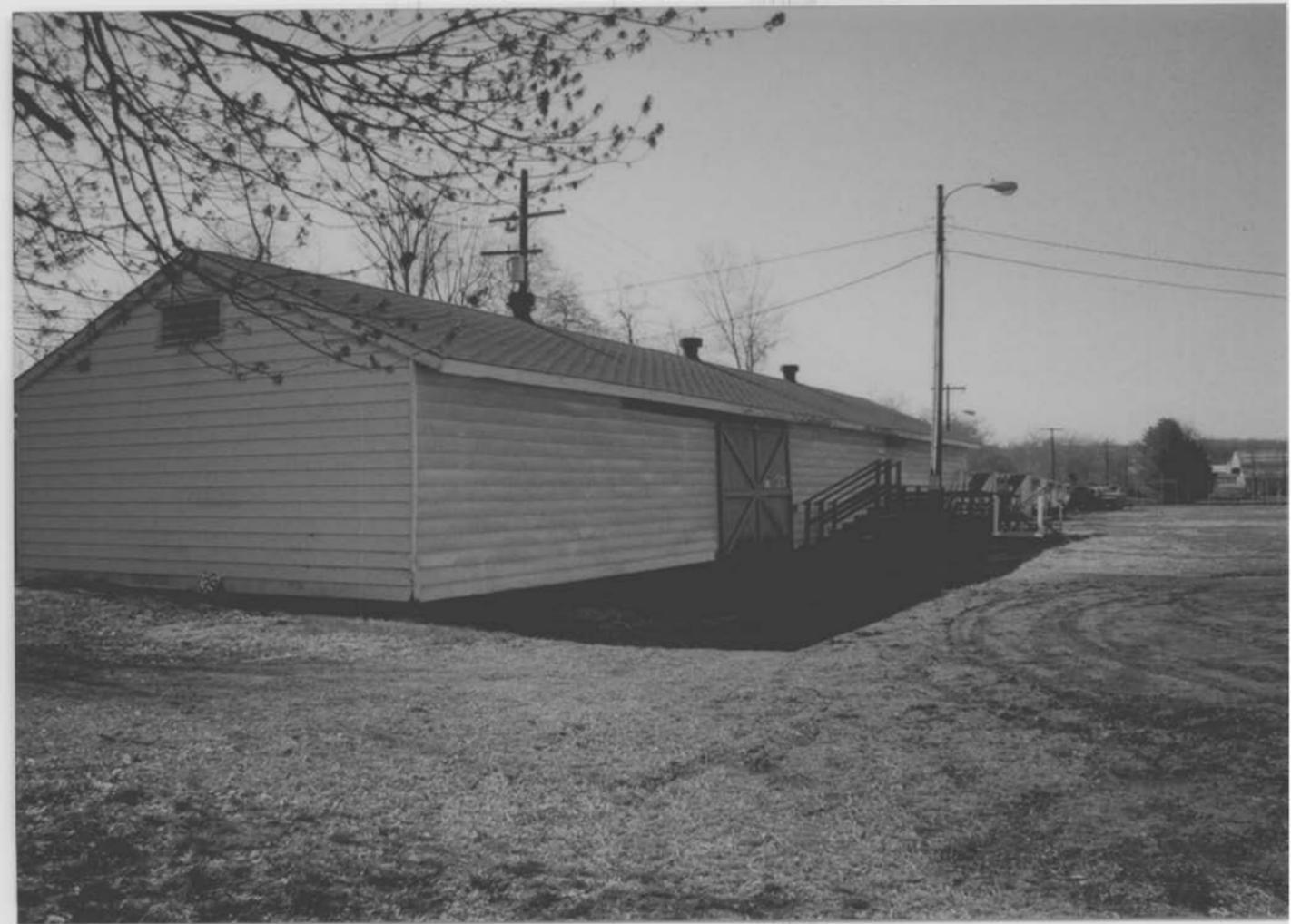
- YARD BUILDINGS**
- 1. ADMINISTRATION
  - 2. COMMANDING OFFICER'S QUARTERS
  - 3. SUPPLY CENTER OFFICES/NCO CLUB
  - 4. FAC. MGMT./FISCAL/WOOD SHOP
  - 5. FIBERGLASS SHOP
  - 5A. SMALL BOAT SHOP ANNEX
  - 6. PIPE DEGREASING SHOP
  - 7. JANITOR'S OFFICE
  - 8. PIPE SHOP
  - 8A. MACHINE SHOP
  - 9. BOWLING CENTER
  - 10. SHIPWAYS HEADHOUSE
  - 11. MACHINE SHOP
  - 12. FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SHOPS
  - 14. TRAINING & LECTURE HALL
  - 15. POWER HOUSE
  - 16. SMALL BOATS SHOP
  - 17. MARINE RAILWAY W/ MACHINE HOUSE
  - 18. SEWAGE PUMPING SHED
  - 20. FLAMMABLE STORAGE BLDG.
  - 21 THRU 26. STORAGE SHEDS
  - 27. CLASSROOMS
  - 28A. B.O.D.
  - 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 BOUY SHED
  - 37. CURTIS BAY STATION
  - 40. DRONANCE SHOP
  - 40A. ELECTRONICS
  - 40B. ELECTRICAL SHOP
  - 40C. ELECTRICAL STORAGE
  - 42. DRONANCE BLDG - RK75
  - 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.
  - 59A. ALLEY INFILL/OFFICES
  - 59. ABANDONED-FOR FUTURE DEMO.
  - 61. MARINE RAILWAY W/TURNABLE
  - 62A. ELECTRONIC STORAGE
  - 62B. PIPE STORAGE
  - 64. DOME COATING CHAMBER
  - 66. MOBILE EQUIP. MAINT. SHOP
  - 68. DDHH #1/CIV.CAFETERIA/EDPHB
  - 70. FACILITIES BALTIMORE OFFICES
  - 71. CENTRAL TOOL ROOM
  - 72. STORAGE
  - 73. GREENHOUSE
  - 75. DDHH RE/TEHP. 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
  - 85D. WHSE - ADDITION - SCCB
  - 86. WHSE/SUPPLY/PROCUREMENT
  - 86D. 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 LOT 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  
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MACHINIST MATE TRAINING SCHOOL

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NORTHWEST PERSPECTIVE

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