

AA-784(A)
BUILDING NO. 38, U.S. COAST GUARD YARD
CURTIS BAY
Public (Restricted)

Building No. 38, constructed in 1928, is one of a group of storage sheds constructed during the period 1928-1943 at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay. Location of these buildings in the northeast section of the Yard, between railroad tracks on the north and the ship building and repair activities on the Cove waterfront, was a strategic one for the warehousing of lumber, small boats and office supplies. In the early days of the Yard, this area served a number of uses, mainly for location of horse stables and barns.

The sheds themselves are one story tall, gable roofed, wood frame structures clad in corrugated steel sheets on facades and roof, which rest on cement slab floors. They possess architectural significance in their resemblance to their 19th century English predecessors, the iron "Gloucester hut" first prefabricated on a large scale for use in the Crimean War in the 1850's for use by the British army as barracks and hospital buildings. These sheds, like their 19th century prototypes, consist of metal sheets bolted directly to a wooden frame, with an almost infinite capacity for longitudinal expansion according to need.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Building No. 38, Storage Shed

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. Coast Guard Yard

CITY, TOWN

Curtis Bay

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21226

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME U.S. Coast Guard

Telephone #: 789-1600

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Curtis Bay

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21226

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: GW 47

Folio #: 244

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One-story sheds are found throughout the Yard as adjuncts to building and repair activities. Those found on the newer, western half of the Yard are generally modern mass-produced steel and aluminum sheds. On the historic eastern half of the Yard, generally concentrated in the northeast section above the Cove, are 15 sheds described in detail in the following survey forms. The first group of ten appear in a row perpendicular to the north side of Waesche Avenue between Ward Street and the eastern boundary of the Yard. Moving eastward from Ward Street, these are:

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| No. 38 | No. 23 |
| No. 39 | No. 24 |
| No. 41 | No. 25 |
| No. 43 | No. 26 |
| No. 21 | |

This group is used primarily for lumber storage and warehousing of office and Yard supplies. The oldest among this group date from 1928 and replace earlier shed and stable structures, probably of wood construction. This group is immediately south of the B&O Railroad tracks, which were a service line serving Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County. Historic photographs (c. 1940) reveal that rail spurs ran off this main line between pairs of sheds, some of which are arranged with loading facades facing common alleys. These early rail sidings have been in disuse for some time and were filled in with concrete so that only level expanses of concrete paving now separate the sheds.

A second group of three identical sheds, Building No.s 44, 45, and 46, appears on the east side of Spanol Way between Waesche Avenue and Johannesson Way. These presently serve a variety of storage needs, housing paint, equipment, and small machinery parts.

The last two sheds among this group are No.s 52 and 57, a pair of garages located on Glover Street southwest of the Spanol Way group.

Although the sheds vary slightly in materials of construction and present uses, they resemble in general the prefabricated galvanized iron "Gloucester hut" first used on a large scale by the British army as barracks and hospital buildings during the Crimean War in the 1850's.¹ All are one story gable roofed, wood frame structures. Most of the buildings' roofs and walls are covered with corrugated steel sheets bolted directly to a wood frame. Except for No.s 44, 45, and 46 which are built on a nearly square plan, most of the sheds are an extreme rectangular plan measuring 30 feet wide by 200 feet long. Most building frames rest on a cement slab floor. Since these sheds were not intended for human habitation, none are double boarded or insulated, as were their British predecessors.

¹ Gilbert Herbert, Pioneers of Prefabrication: The British Contribution in the 19th Century. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1978) pp. 86-

No. 7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

No. 38 (1928) is a one story gable roofed wood frame structure measuring 30 x 200 feet. Roof, end walls, and west facade are composed of common corrugated steel sheets attached directly to the frame. Eight window openings in the west facade and one in the north facade have been sealed with plywood. The east facade consists of 10 wide wooden gates on heavy duty hinges. Gate jambs rest on short cement piers set into the building's slab floor. The gates are crudely constructed, consisting simply of rough planks fastened vertically to cross members at top and bottom and fitted with heavy duty hinges and hasps with padlocks. The gates are the height of the wall between eaves and the ground and swing outward from the wall plane.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached continuation sheet.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See attached continuation sheet.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
August, 1981

STREET & NUMBER
21 State Circle/Shaw House

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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis, Md 21401

STATE

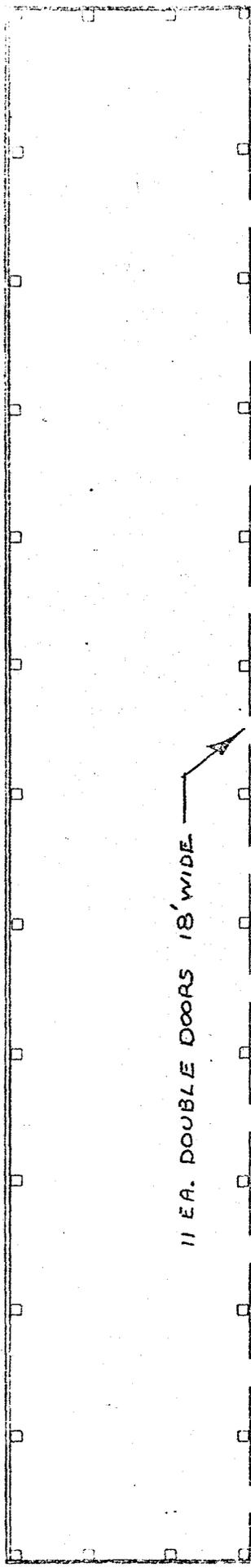
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NOTE REGARDING RECOMMENDATION:

Building No. 38 is one of 10 Yard buildings scheduled for demolition by 1985 in keeping with recommendations made in the U.S. Coast Guard Yard Master Plan for Modernization and Capital Improvements of 1963. Recording of this structure as part of this survey report constitutes adequate documentation in the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer and Title J, Section 2(b) of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.



11 EA. DOUBLE DOORS 18' WIDE

FLOOR PLAN

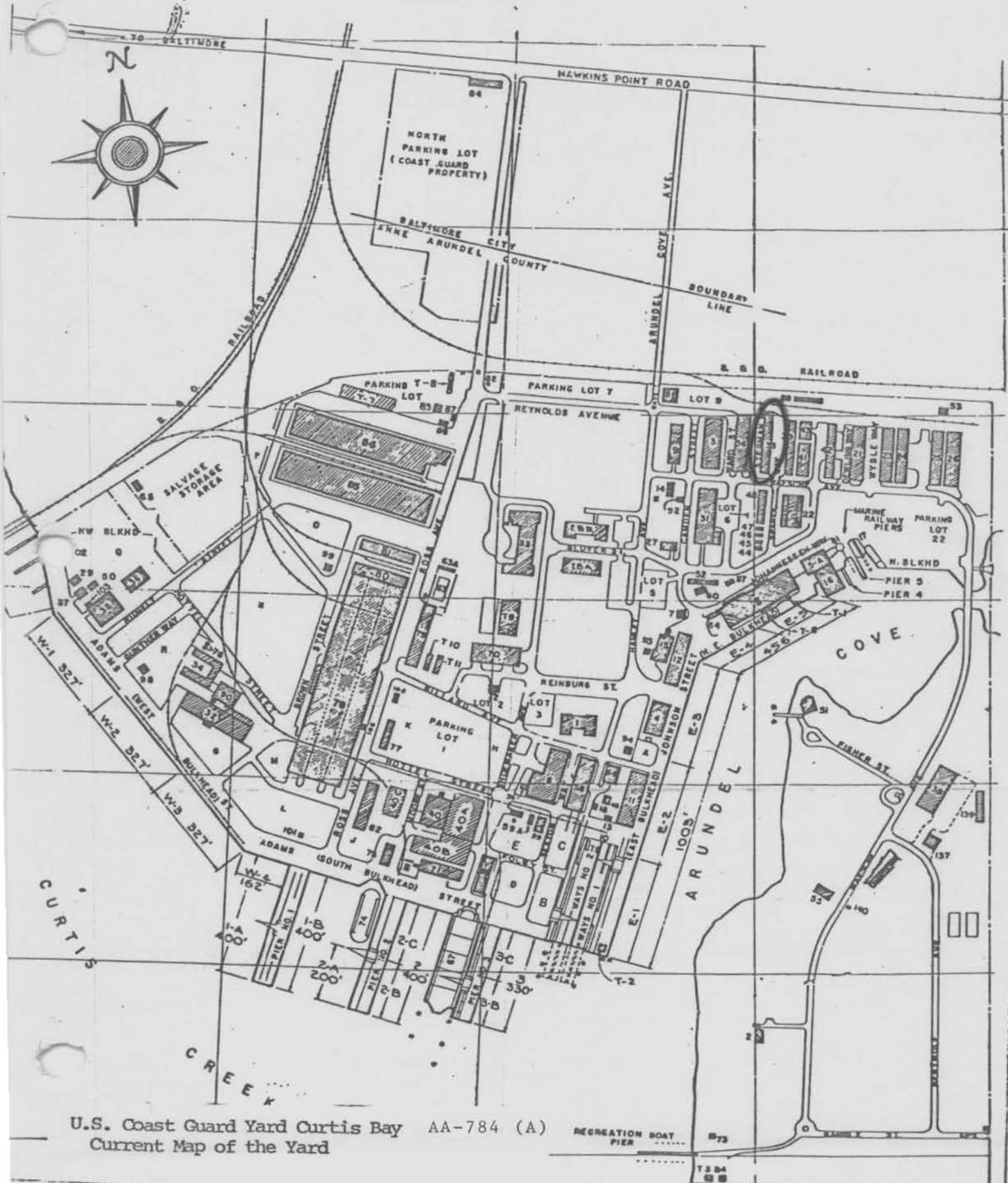
STORAGE AREA 29 X 198 = 5,742 SQ. FT.

BUILDING NO. 38
 BOAT SHED
 APRIL 1974 SCALE: 1"=20'
 DRAWN T.R. SHEET 1 OF 1

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U.S. Coast Guard Yard AA-784(A)
 Curtis Bay - Bldg No. 38
 Floor Plan
 From original on file in
 Yard Graphics/Repro Office

YARD MAP



U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay AA-784 (A)
Current Map of the Yard

RECREATION BOAT
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U.S. Coast Guard Yard

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Curtis Bay - Building No. 38

784(A)

Anne Arundel County, Md

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July 1981

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Southeast corner

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