

AA-796  
SMALL ARMS STORAGE  
U.S. COAST GUARD YARD  
CURTIS BAY  
Public (Restricted)

1937

Building No. 72, Small Arms Storage, was erected in 1937 at the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay as an adjunct to the armory uses of Building No. 70. It is a small (approximately 29 x 20 feet) structure of steel and concrete veneered with brick, and consists of two storage rooms for weapons and explosives containment. Its presence on the Yard is significant in that it reflects the function of the Yard during war times as a national defense facility.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

No. 72 Small Arms Storage

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. Coast Guard Yard

CITY, TOWN

Curtis Bay

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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	<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 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

STATE, zip code

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland, 21226

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: GW 47

Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A group of five administrative and personnel support buildings were built on the Yard between 1935-1942 as part of a modernization effort prior to World War II. Four of the buildings are steel and concrete constructions with brick veneer executed in traditional styles favored during those years for government buildings. The fifth and earliest of the group is a small frame cottage used as officers' residence until its conversion to educational uses. These buildings are:

Yard Building No.	Survey No.
70	AA- 795
72	AA- 796
1	AA- 797
33	AA- 798
14	AA- 799

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1937

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Building No. 72, the Small Arms Storage Building, is an adjunct to Building No. 70, and is one of four steel concrete and brick buildings built 1937-1942 to house administrative and personnel support functions. The presence on the Yard of a weapons and explosives storage facility indicates the significance of the Yard as a national defense facility during war times.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See attached continuation sheet

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**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**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

The Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle/Shaw House

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md 21401

STATE

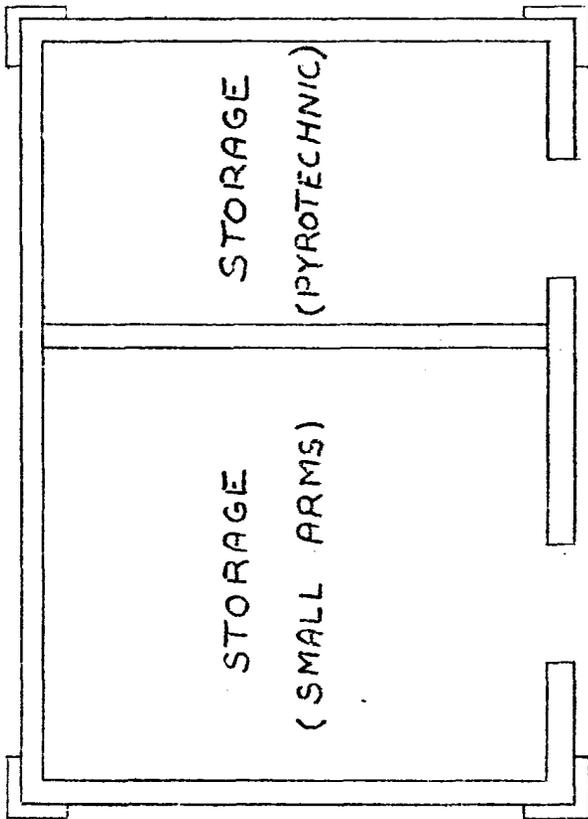
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## No. 7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Erected in 1937, Building No. 72, Small Arms Storage, is a support structure to the functions of No. 70. It is a small steel-framed concrete structure, approximately 10 x 15 feet, with brick veneer executed in common bond, with flat roof and cement slab floor. The entrance is on the north facade, which is 5 bays wide. At ground level, the tall cement basement extends northward 6 feet to form a loading dock, elevated from the ground by flights of cement steps running parallel to the front facade at both east and west ends. A cement slab overhang protects the loading dock. In the center bay are double metal doors with metal bolts. The side bays contain no windows, but have two slightly recessed (about one half inch) rectangular niches flanking each side of the doorway. Slightly projecting buttresses, also of brick with cement caps, delineate the ends of the facade. The east, west, and south facades are also windowless, with the same ornamental niches as on the front facade, 5 on the south wall and 3 each on the east and west walls. Cement capped buttresses mark the ends of the facades. Grid-like openings in the brickwork at the tops of all four facades allow for interior ventilation.



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U.S. Coast Guard Yard AA- 796  
Curtis Bay - Bldg No. 72  
Floor Plan  
From original on file in  
Yard Graphics/Repro Office

SMALL ARMS STORAGE 18X20= 360 SQ.FT.

PYROTECHNIC STORAGE 11 X20= 120

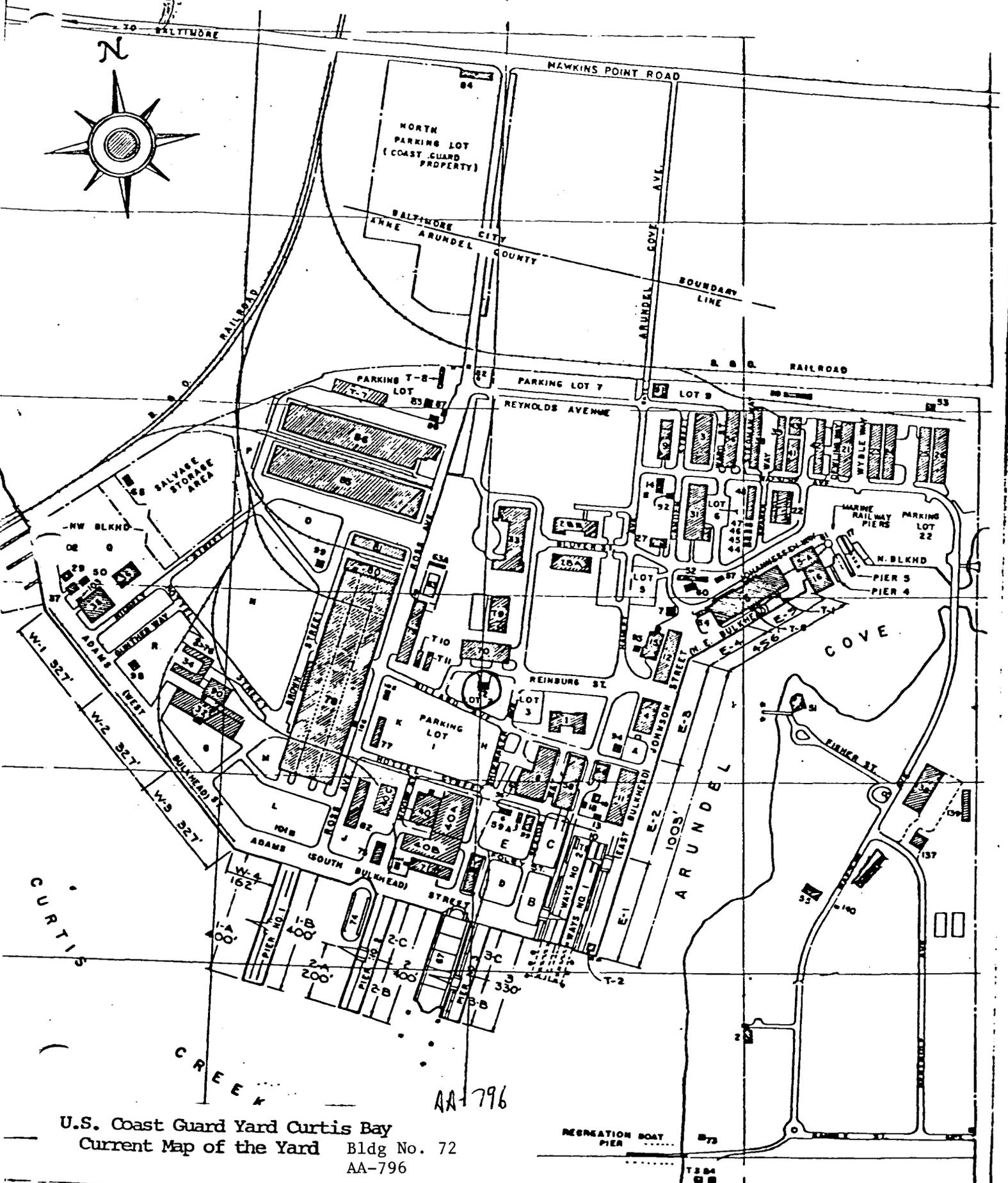
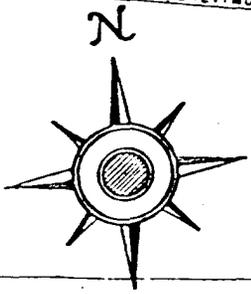
TOTAL 580 SQ.FT.

FLOOR PLAN

BUILDING NO. 72  
STORAGE (SMALL ARMS)  
APRIL 1974 SCALE:  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$   
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YARD MAP



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U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay  
Current Map of the Yard Bldg No. 72  
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RECREATION BOAT  
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STORAGE BUILDING - SMALL ARMS STORAGE

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APRIL 1996

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NORTHEAST PERSPECTIVE

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Curtis Bay - Building NO. 72 AA-796  
Anne Arundel County, Md  
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Northeast corner  
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