

CE-1263

Tome Inn, Tome School for Boys
Bainbridge Naval Training Center
Port Deposit vicinity
Public (Restricted)
1900; 1905

The Tome Inn is part of the original plan of the Tome School for Boys and, like the other major buildings, was designed by the firm of Boring and Tilton. The Inn served as a hotel for visiting parents, lecturers, and athletic teams. Later it was called Van Buren House and was the dormitory for younger boys. The 1905 dining hall addition was designed by Wyatt and Nolting, who also designed Harrison House dormitory.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Inn; Van Buren House, Tome School for Boys

and/or common Tome Inn; Building #2, Bainbridge Naval Training Center

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Port Deposit vicinity of _____ congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Cecil

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name U.S. Navy, c/o Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic Division

street & number _____ telephone no.: (804) 444-9041

city, town Norfolk state and zip code Virginia 23511

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Court House liber W.E.B. 25

street & number _____ folio 423

city, town Elkton state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

pository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CE-1263

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Tome Inn is a three-story building with a granite base and frame upper structure located on the southeast border of the grounds of the Susquehanna Job Corps Center (formerly Bainbridge Naval Training Center and Tome School for Boys) near Port Deposit, Maryland.

The main elevation faces northwest toward Tome Memorial Hall and the quadrangle. Two projecting corner sections frame the facade. A flat-roofed porte-cochere with granite pillars and Tuscan columns in antis is centered on the facade. A recessed porch with turned columns and balustrade crosses the central portion of the third floor level. On the north elevation is a semi-detached three-story section connected by a two-story extension to the main block of the building. An access driveway at this side provides for deliveries to the building. The south elevation has stepped-back porches on each level, with a columned porch on the first floor and turned balustrades on the upper levels. The fenestration is varied in size. Most windows have six over six light sliding sash. The third floor windows in the projecting ends are arched with fanlights. These windows originally had wood balconies which have been removed.

At the rear of the building is an arched stone addition dating from 1905 which contains the dining hall.

The stone base is Port Deposit granite in coursed ashlar blocks with rockfaced finish. The frame structure is shingled. Wood cornices define each floor level. The hip roof has a bracketed cornice. The original slate roof has been replaced by composition. Massive brick chimneys are located at the ends of the central section of the building.

The interior has been altered several times under Tome School and Navy ownership. It still functions as the dining hall for the Job Corps Center with dormitory rooms on the upper floors.

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
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<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 1900; 1905 **Builder/Architect** Boring and Tilton; Wyatt and Nolting

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D (Dining Hall addition)
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

The Tome Inn is part of the original plan of the Tome School for Boys and, like the other major buildings, was designed by the firm of Boring and Tilton. The Inn, Tome Memorial Hall, and the Director's Residence were the nucleus of the school. The Inn was the first large building to be completed and was to function as a hotel for visiting parents, lecturers, and athletic teams. For the first few years of construction work on the school, it also served as living quarters for the Superintendent of Construction. Each summer after the school year ended, the Board of Trustees kept the Inn open as a hotel for the convenience of prospective students and their families. Its traditional features, such as shingling and turned balustrades, reflect the architecture of turn-of-the-century resort hotels.

The Inn was later renamed Van Buren House and served as the dormitory for younger boys at the school. By 1905, Monroe House had become too small to serve as the dining hall, and the stone extension containing the large dining area was added to Van Buren House. This was designed by the prominent Baltimore firm of J.B. Noel Wyatt and William G. Nolting, who also designed Harrison House.

Under Navy ownership, the Inn became a dormitory and mess hall for the Naval Academy Preparatory School, one of several service schools located at the Bainbridge Naval Training Center.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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Tome School Historic District CE-1285
Cecil County, Maryland

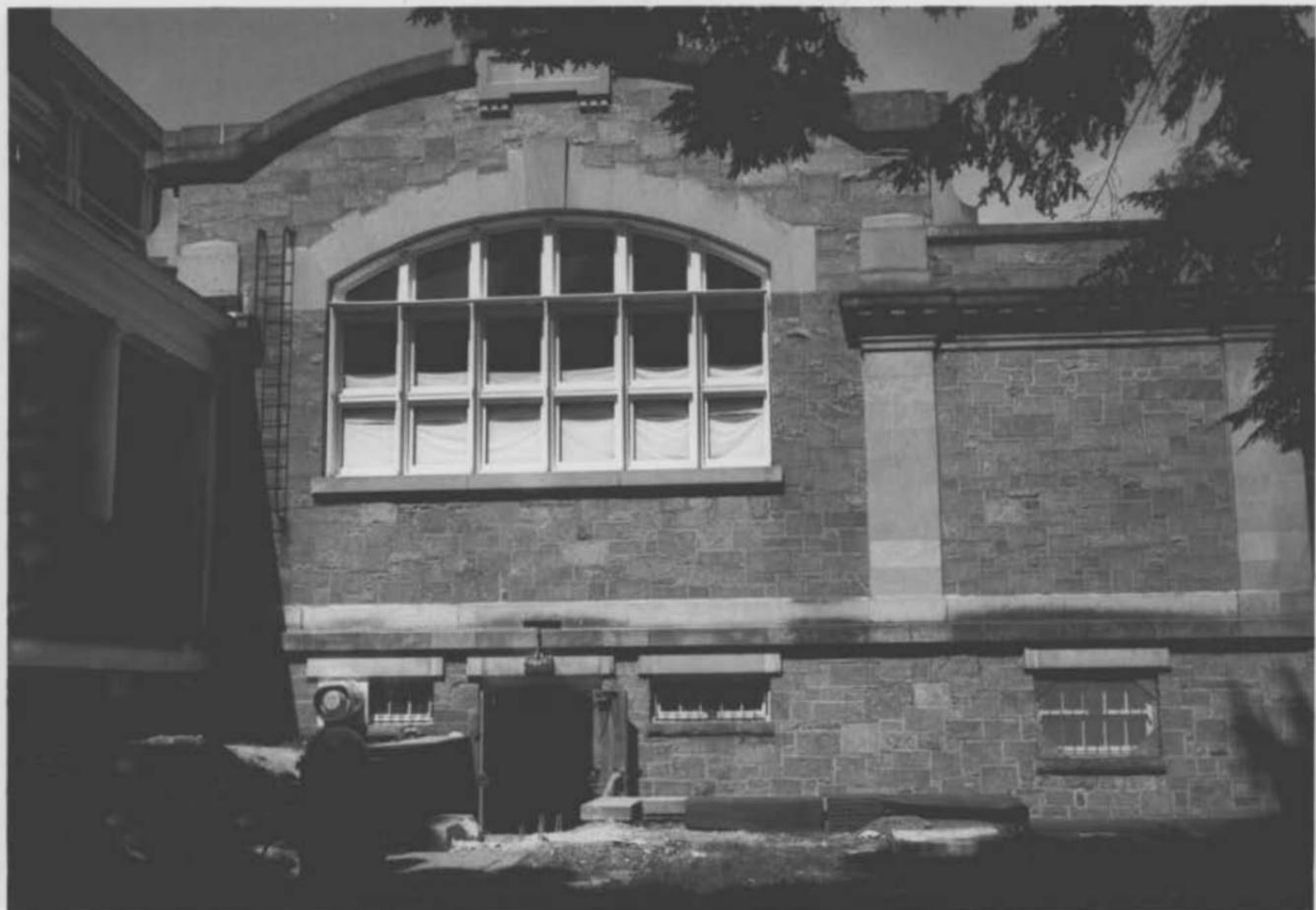
Tome Inn (CE-1263)
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Map
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Tome School Historic District CE-1285

Cecil County, Maryland

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Tome Inn (CE-1263), dining hall add.

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Tome Inn (CE-1263), c. 1907 view from

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Tome Inn (CE-1263), c. 1907 view of
dining hall interior 4/4