

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
U.S. COAST GUARD YARD  
CURTIS BAY  
Public (Restricted)

Building No. 1, the Administration Building, is a concrete and steel structure veneered with brick, erected in 1942 at the U.S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay under the WPA program to update the Yard prior to World War II. The designation of a new building for administrative purposes indicates effects on the Yard of national trends toward centralization of administrative functions in military and industrial facilities. Building No. 1 is a large-scale Colonial Revival-styled building, built on a U-shaped plan with long wings extending northward from a central block. The choice of this style and its subdued manner of execution reflects the conservative and traditional tastes of the government sponsor.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

No. 1 Administration Building

**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                | <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

\_\_\_ 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 #: 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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|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                              |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input checked="" 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 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     |

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**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 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 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 1942

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Building No. 1, the Administration Building, possesses significance as one of four steel, concrete and brick buildings in the Yard built between 1937-1942 to house administrative and personnel support functions. No. 1 consolidated major administrative functions which by the 1940's had outgrown the original two-story frame administration building near the water front. The construction of new Building No. 1 in 1942 reflects the intensive nature of the modernization program undertaken by the Yard prior to and during the early years of World War II and a national trend toward centralization and rationalization of administrative functions, in government and industry.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE

August 1981

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CITY OR TOWN Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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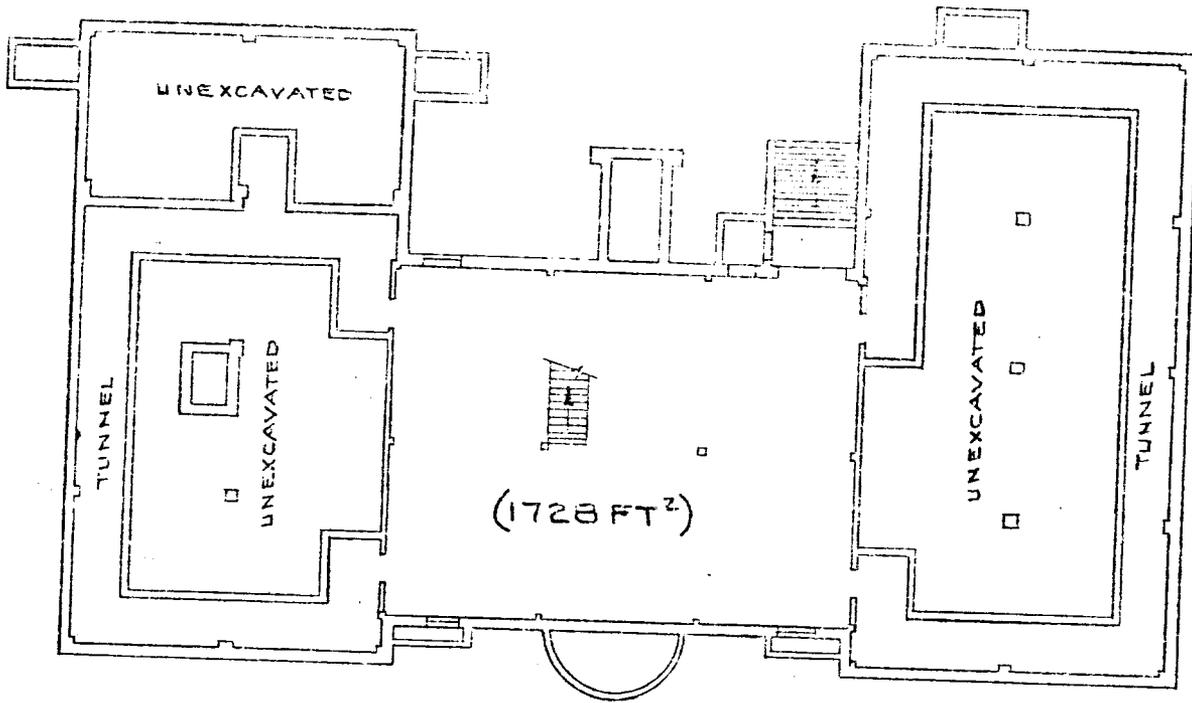
## No. 7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Constructed in 1942, Building No. 1, the Administration Building, is a three story gable roofed steel frame concrete structure with brick veneer executed in common bond. The structure is "U" shaped in plan, with a square central section approximately 50 feet wide by 40 feet deep, flanked by long wings at both its east and west ends, measuring approximately 30 x 60 feet. The entire building is devoted to office uses.

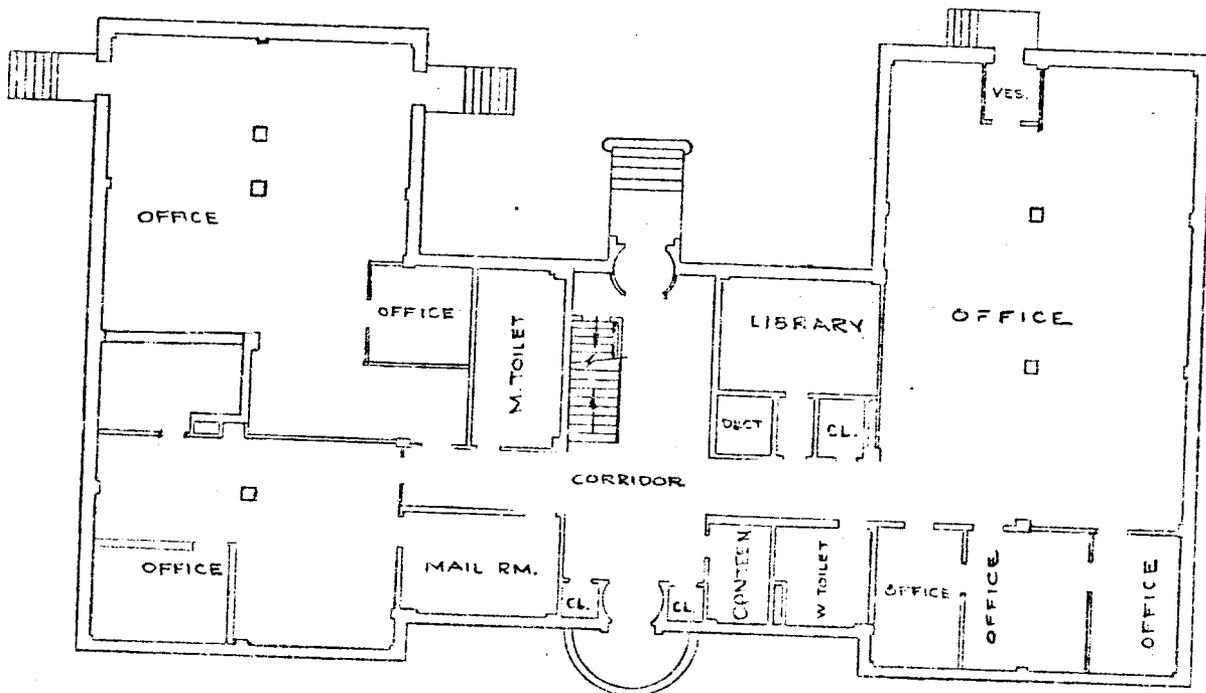
The front (north) facade is composed of the north facades of the center block and of the east and west wings. The facades of the flanking wings are identical. They are four bays wide, with 6/6 sash windows in each bay at each level, trimmed with cement sills. The recessed central section is six bays wide with identical windows in each bay at each of first and second floor levels as they appear on the wings. At first floor level, a wide doorway occupies the two center bays. Lanterns attached to the front wall flank each side of the doorway. A transom with 4 diamond shaped panes surmounts the entrance door. A painted wooden cornice crosses the top of the facade below the roof line. At third floor level, three dormer windows, each with 1/1 sash trimmed in wood, rise from the asphalt shingled roof.

The east facade of the east wing is 8 bays long with 6/6 sash windows with cement sills in each bay at each floor except the farthest south bay at first floor. Here, a door punctuates the facade. The door itself has a 6 light window in its upper half. A 3-light transom surmounts the entranceway. A brief flight of concrete steps with iron railings leads to the ground. A painted wooden cornice decorates the top of the facade. At third floor level, two dormers rise from the center of the roof, trimmed as on the front facade. The west facade is identical to the east facade.

The south facade of Building No. 1 is comprised of the south ends of the east and west wings and of the center block. The facades of the wings are each four bays wide with 6/6 sash windows with cement sills in each bay at each floor. They are identical except that the west wing contains an entrance in the second bay from the east end, with the same type doorway as noted on the east facade entrance. The slightly recessed center block is 6 bays wide with windows at both first and second floors as noted on the other facades. The two center bays contain a wide double door entry with 4-light transom, surmounted by a 1/2 pyramidal sheet metal roof overhang. Brick side walls project four feet from the wall plane, forming a vestibule. A brief flight of cement steps with iron rails leads to the ground. At third floor level, three dormers are located in the center bays, trimmed as on other facades of the building.



BASEMENT PLAN



~ FIRST FLOOR PLAN ~

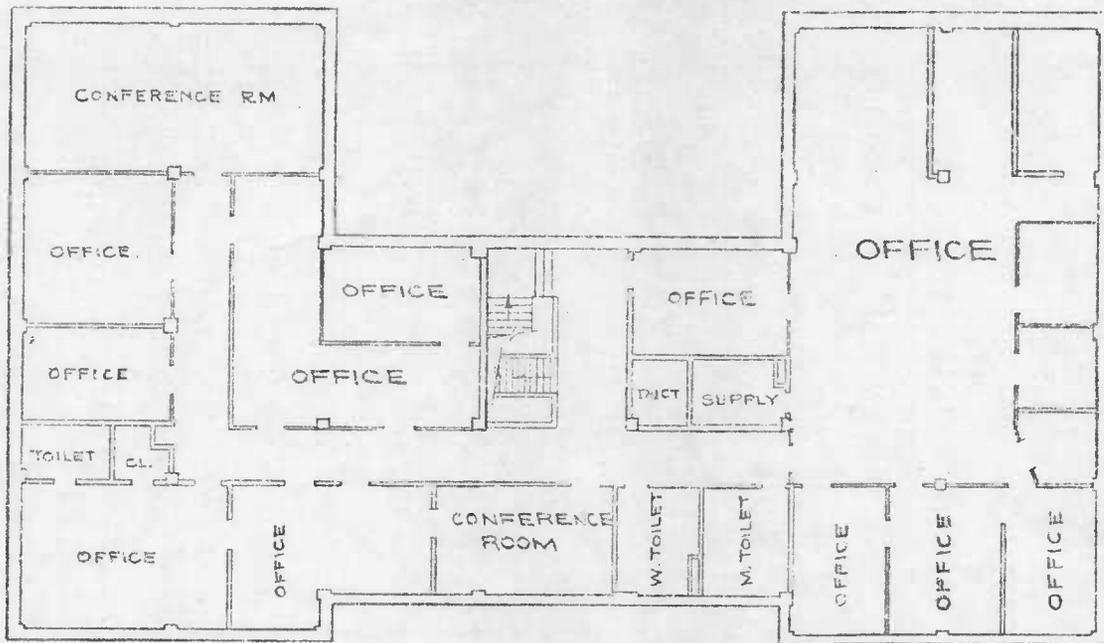
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| OFFICE       | 4040 FT <sup>2</sup> |
| TOILET       | 300                  |
| LIBRARY      | 190                  |
| MAIL ROOM    | 180                  |
| STORAGE      | 70                   |
| OTHER        | 850                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>5630</b>          |

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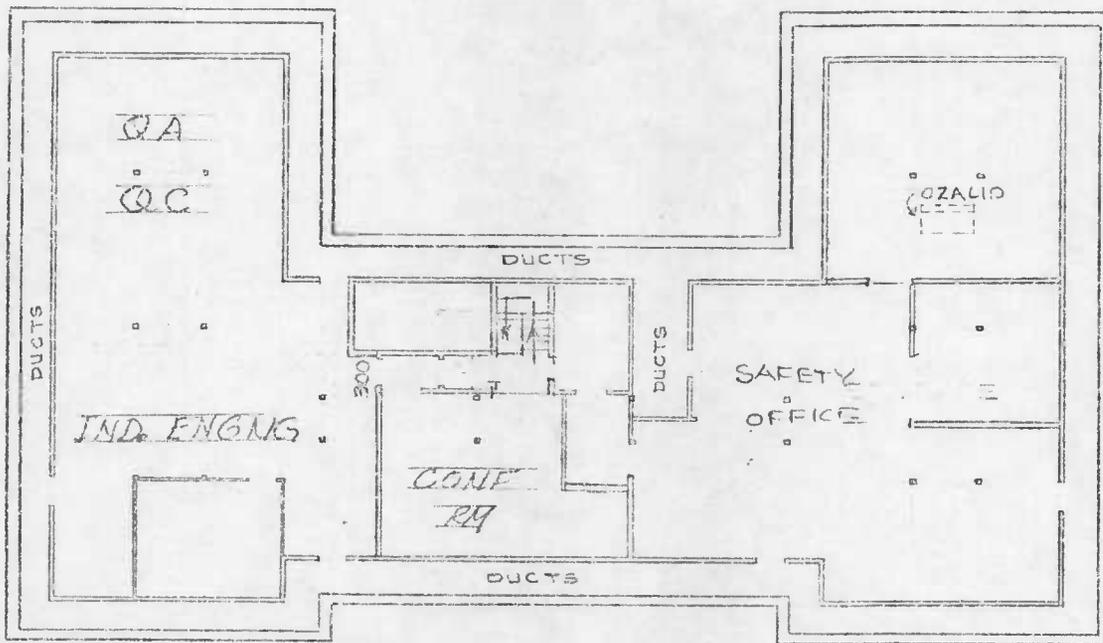
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 Curtis Bay - Bldg No. 1  
 First Floor & Basement Plan  
 From original on file at  
 Yard's Graphics/Repro Office

BUILDING NO 1  
 ADMINISTRATION BLDG.  
 SCALE 1" = 20' SHEET 1 OF 2



~ 2ND FLOOR PLAN ~



~ ATTIC PLAN ~

2ND FLR

ATTIC

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| OFFICE    | 3670 FT <sup>2</sup> |
| CONF. RM. | 700                  |
| TOILET    | 250                  |
| STORAGE   | 100                  |
| OTHER     | 910                  |
| TOTAL     | 5630                 |

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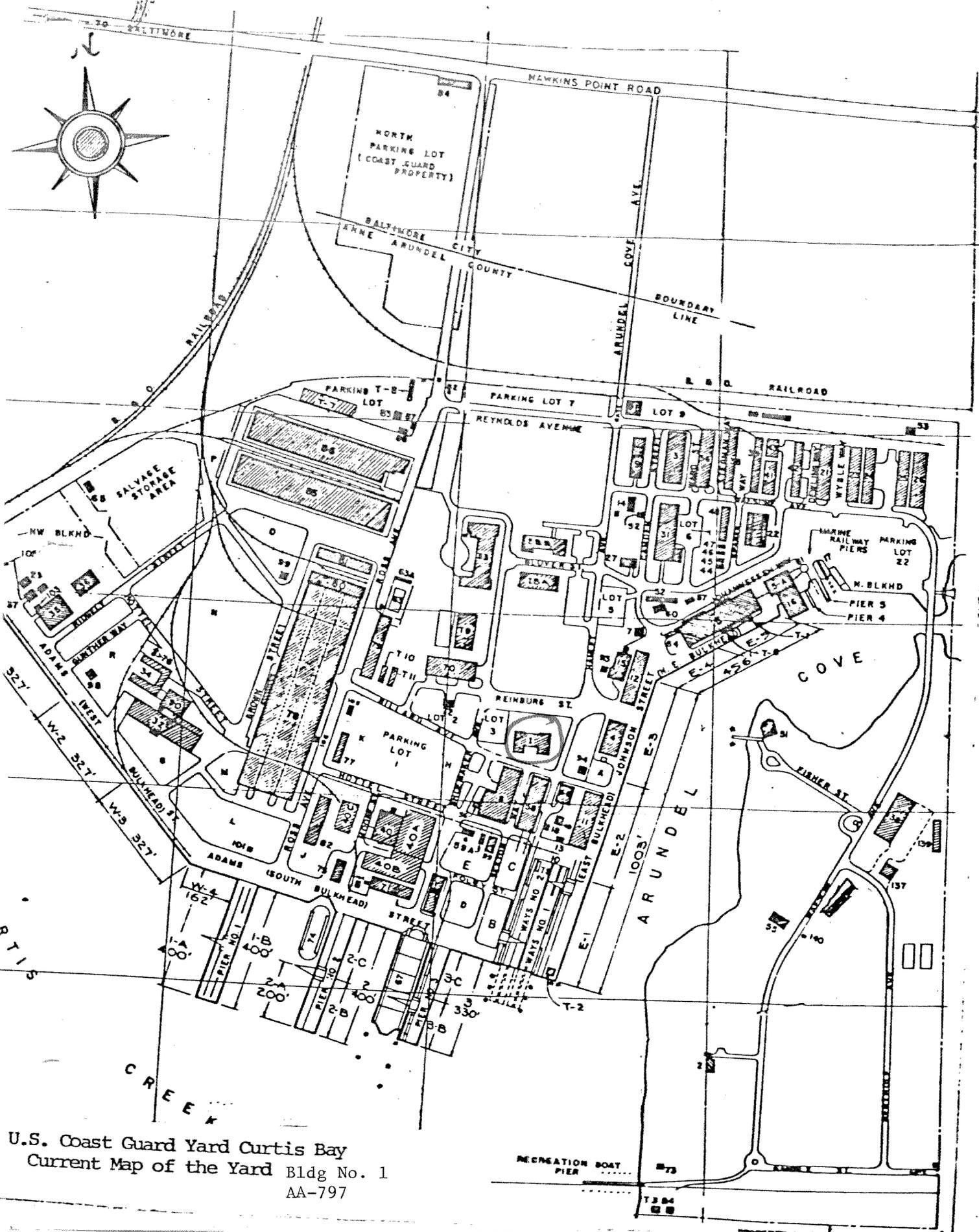
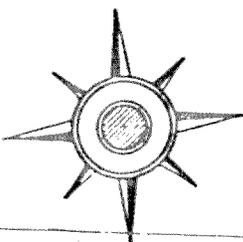
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 Curtis Bay - Bldg No. 1  
 Attic and Second Floor Plan  
 From original on file in  
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 ADMINISTRATION BLDG.  
 SCALE: 1" = 20' SHEET 2 OF 2

YARD MAP



U.S. Coast Guard Yard Curtis Bay  
Current Map of the Yard Bldg No. 1  
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NORTH ELEVATION

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Curtis Bay - Building No. 1  
Anne Arundel County, Md  
Susanne Moore  
July 1981  
Maryland Historical Trust, ANnapolis, Md  
Southeast corner  
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Bay - Building No. 1  
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North facade  
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