

CE-1263

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

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CE-1263

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DOE  yes  no

## 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street & number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication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	<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 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

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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WOODLAWN 0.9 MI

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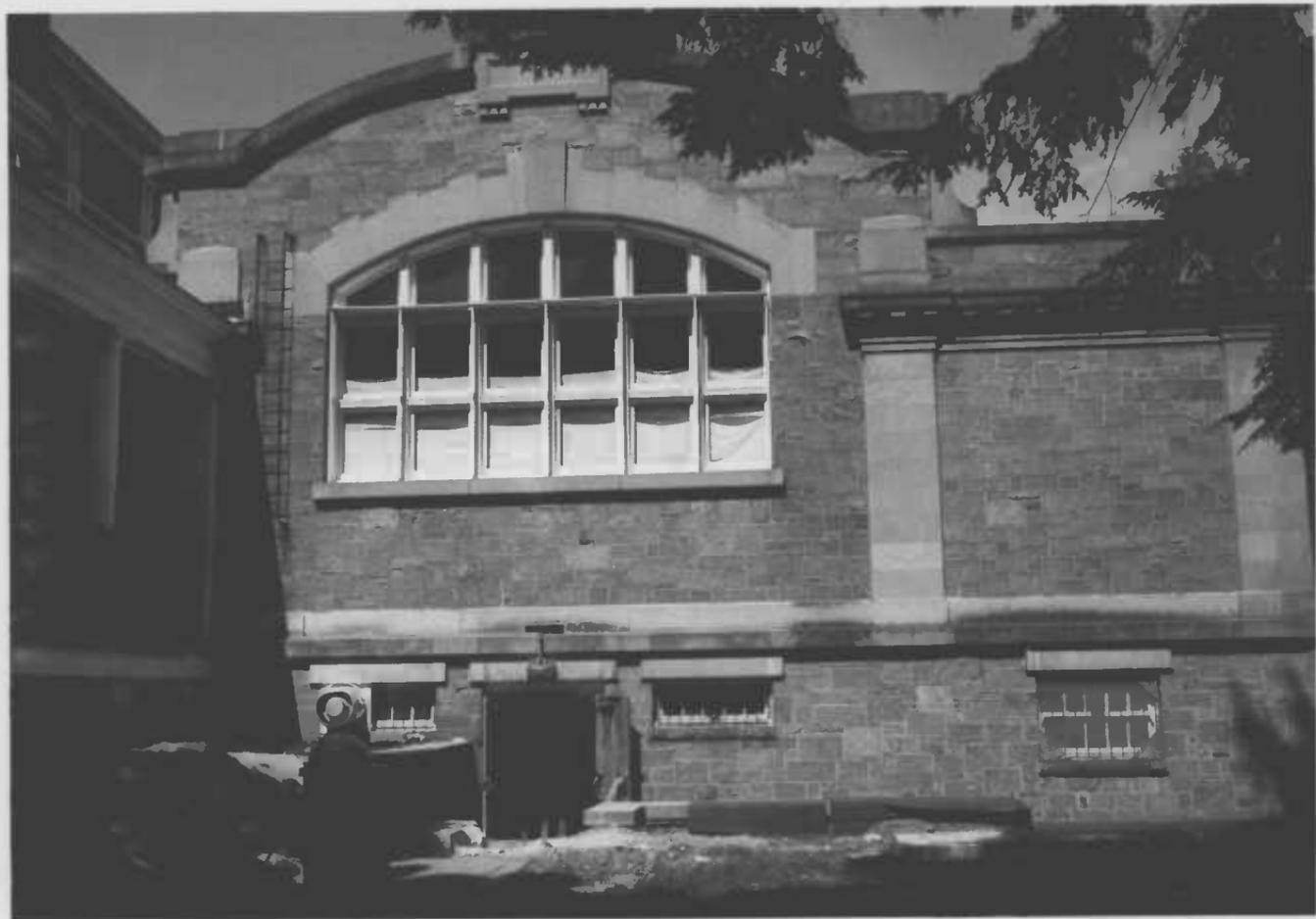
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Tome School Historic District CE-1285  
Cecil County, Maryland

Tome Inn (CE-1263)  
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Map  
Havre de Grace Quadrangle  
Scale: 1:24000  
1970

Frenchtown



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