

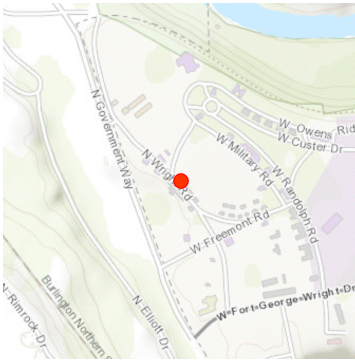


Historic Property Report

Historic Name: Fort George Wright - Paint and Oil Storehouse

Property ID: 706343

Location



Address: N Wright Rd, Spokane, Washington, USA

GeographicAreas: Spokane, Spokane County, T25R42E10, SPOKANE NW Quadrangle

Information

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1934	<input type="checkbox"/>

Number of stories: N/A

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Recreation and Culture	Recreation and Culture - Museum

Historic Context: Architecture

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
Builder	Department of Defense

Photos



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Inventory Details - 7/12/2016

Common name: Fort George Wright, Paint and Oil Storehouse
Date recorded: 7/12/2016
Field Recorder: Stephen Emerson
Field Site number: SRS-4
SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Utilitarian
Roof Type	Gable
Roof Material	Metal - Standing Seam
Cladding	Stone - Rubble
Structural System	Masonry - Stone
Plan	Rectangle

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes
Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes



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Significance narrative: This building was one of the later structures built at Fort George Wright, which was established in 1897 and abandoned in 1957. The paint and oil storehouse was completed on November 24, 1934. The stone construction was due to the flammable nature of its contents. It was part of a complex of utilitarian buildings away from the primary activities of the fort and away from the public eye. Thus there was no attempt at ornamentation or even at a neatly constructed stone building. The style was vaguely influenced by the Craftsman Style, but expressed only by the presence of open eaves, exposed rafter ends, and knee braces in the entry canopies. During the Holy Names College years it was utilized as an art gallery. It currently houses the Fort Wright Museum, open by appointment only. The primary alteration of the building is the filling in of the windows. But this is a situation that can be reversed. Otherwise the building retains excellent integrity of its historical appearance and original construction materials.

It is currently noted as a “secondary” structure in the Fort George Wright Historic District nomination, but should be considered a contributing element of the existing Fort George Wright National Historic District.

Physical description: This building is a stone structure with a rectangular, front-gabled plan. The roof is covered with composition shingles and has moderately wide, unenclosed eaves with exposed rafter ends and fascia boards. The exterior walls are built of basalt rubble. The random nature of the stone’s placement, their non-uniformity, and the rough and haphazard placement of the mortar, all give this building a primitive appearance. The mortar has been roughly repaired in places, and some walls appear to have been white washed in the past. The windows, all on the east side, have been boarded over, and have concrete sills. There is a wood panel door at each end, both placed beneath a short, shed-roofed canopy supported by knee braces. The foundation is obscured, but probably is made of poured concrete.

Bibliography: Emerson, Stephen. A Historic Property Inventory of Rock Structures in Spokane County, Washington. Archisto Enterprises, 2016.