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Abstract: The Woodworth Library at Fort Gordon building is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This report documents the building in a similar style to the Historic American Buildings Survey standard.

This report satisfies Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended and will help the Department of Defense in managing their historic building.
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Preface

This study was conducted for the US Army Garrison Command Fort Gordon, Georgia, under project number 131503. Funding was provided by Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) 21/2020/220/MIPR7JBASOPS73, dated 9 July 2007. The Fort Gordon technical monitor were Robert Drumm, Cultural Resources Manager and Renee Lewis, Archaeologist.

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## Unit Conversion Factors

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South Rice Road on the north, Brainard Avenue on the south, and Rice Road on the west
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: South of South Rice Road, north of Brainard Avenue, and east of Rice Road, Fort Gordon, Richmond County, Georgia
USGS Grovetown, Georgia, United States Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 17.3698335.394230

Present Owner: Department of Defense
Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison
U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon

Original Use: Library
Present Use: Library

Significance: The Woodworth Library was determined not eligible for the National Register in the Fort Gordon Cold War Architectural Survey, April 2005; due to the fact that the library was not yet 50 years of age. It was recommended in that report that the library be re-evaluated when it reached 50 years of age. However, in a letter dated 30 November 2005, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) determined that the library was exceptionally important and eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C as an excellent example of modern architecture known as new formalism, which was popular in the United States in the 1960s. The library, which was built in 1966 meets Criteria Consideration G for resources less than 50 years of age because buildings in the new formalism style were seldom built in Georgia, and few survive unaltered.
PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of Erection: 1966.


3. Original and Subsequent Owners: Fort Gordon.


6. Alterations and additions: A poured concrete ramp has been constructed on the east side of the library to fulfill ADA requirements. Three small individual reading/computer rooms have been constructed on the south wall of the open stack area.

B. Historical Context:

The library was dedicated on November 15, 1966 and was named in honor of Captain N. Woodworth Jr. Woodworth served at Fort Gordon as a company commander before going to Vietnam, where he served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Army. He was killed in action February 28 when his unit was hit by a mass attack of Communist Viet Cong. The opening of the library climaxed three years of planning and activity. The decision to build a new library at Gordon was made in 1953. Plans were drawn the following year and ground was broken in July 1965.

The attractive, yet functional library was originally designed to meet the needs of the growing military community at Fort Gordon. Besides space for 40,000 books, the one-half million dollar structure has ample reading and study areas.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: The Woodworth Library looks like a huge artistic block of stone from the north and south but from the west, facing the broad steps and glassed front, the architectural details of stone mushroom columns, arched glass, and concrete planter boxes are evident. The library is a large rectangular structure with concrete block walls clad with ashlar-cut granite veneer panels, a concrete foundation and two different flat roofs. Unlike the solidity of the exterior design, the interior is open and spacious with a sunken reading area located in the middle of the plan.
Three of the four corners of the floor plan are each uniquely their own with each one having a private enclosed courtyard, only accessible from the corner of the plan. The fourth courtyard is located on the north wall and accessed through the kitchen/lounge area. Enclosed rooms encompass the open central portion of the floor plan. These rooms include a children’s room, administrative offices/conference room, a military research room, and a reference room. Open stacks are located on the south wall and an open computer room is located along the north wall. The main circulation desk is located on the west side. The character defining element of the interior are the mushroom capped concrete columns that support the tall flat roof over the middle of the floor plan. The mushroom columns also have a unique lighting fixture integrated into their design.

2. **Condition of the Fabric:** The foundation and overall structure of the library are in good condition; however, the two different flat roofs and the four courtyard areas have had several water problems over the years. The roofs are beginning to leak and affect the interior spaces of the building including the unique lighting feature of the mushroom columns. The courtyards often flood with heavy rains due to poor drainage systems of the building and nearby drainage system (Rice Road).

**B. Description of Exterior:**

1. **Overall Dimensions:** The Woodworth Library is a large, rectangular mass with a two different flat roofs, a loading dock area on the east elevation, the main entrance on the west elevation, and formed planter boxes that wrap around the north, south, and west elevations. The overall dimension of the building is 157'-7 ½” x 109'-7 ½”. The ashlar-cut granite veneer panels are 12'-0” wide. The thickness of the concrete planters are 0'-6”.

   The north elevation (Photo 6) is a solid wall of ashlar-cut granite veneer panels with no window or door openings. Each panel is 12'-0” wide. The exterior wall is 109'-7 ½” long. The concrete planter box stretches 127'-3” across the elevation and is 7'-0” wide. There are five arched windows visible above the one-story roof height.

   The east elevation (Photo 7) is where the service area is located. The east elevation faces a small, open, paved parking lot. The exterior wall is covered with ashlar-cut granite veneer panels. There are two elevated and recessed service entries and a set of mechanical doors on the east wall. The entry on the left side of the elevation is 25'-5 ¾” from the left side of the elevation. This entry is the main loading dock area (Photo 9). The entry is 7'-0” wide composed of two plate glass and bright aluminum doors, two large sidelights, and one transom. There are two original light fixtures above the entry. There is a set of poured concrete steps located to the left of this entry and a concrete platform in front of the doors to
provide a small loading dock area. The right side of the east elevation is where the second recessed service entry is located. This entry is 25'-5 ¾” left of the right side of the elevation. This entry consists of two plate glass and bright aluminum doors, two large sidelights, and a large transom. There are two original light fixtures located above the entry and the original book depository is located near the glass doors. A set of poured concrete steps are located to the right of the doors. A poured concrete ramp addition has been constructed near this entry to accommodate ADA requirements for the library (Photo 8). Both recessed platform entries measure 8’-0” deep. There are two original metal mechanical doors with original hardware located in the middle of the east wall. These doors are located at grade level. The concrete planter box is not continuous along the east wall. It is broken into four sections. The 8’-0” deep planter is located on the left and right sides of the east wall and on either side of the mechanical doors. There are two enclosed areas to house the mechanical equipment. These areas are located in front of the east wall. The one on the right side is original to the construction of the library and the area is enclosed with stone blocks. The enclosed area on the left side encloses the newer mechanical equipment for the library. These walls are constructed of concrete block and textured concrete block. There are five arched windows visible above the one-story roof height (Photo 11).

The south elevation (Photo 10) mirrors the north elevation. The south wall is a solid wall of ashlar-cut granite veneer with no window or door openings. Each panel is 12’-0” wide. The concrete planter box stretches 109’-7 ½” across the elevation and is 7’-0” wide. There are five arched windows visible above the one-story roof height (Photo 11).

The west elevation (Photo 1, Photo 2, and Photo 3) is the main entrance into the library. This elevation displays the most architecturally interesting features. The main entry is recessed and is located in the center of the west elevation. The entry is defined by three double-height, arched, plate glass and aluminum windows framed by concrete mushroom columns, a metal canopy, an elevated porch paved with slate tiles, concrete and metal steps, and metal handrails (Photo 2). The tiled porch measures 22’-0” wide by 18’-0” deep. The metal canopy is 7’-4 ½” above the porch and is 1’-3 ¼” thick. The main entrance into the library is composed of three plate glass and aluminum doors. Formed concrete planters are located on either side of the main entry. Both planters are 74’-9 ¾” wide by 8’-0” deep. The planters located on the west elevation were designed with four additional round concrete planter pads; two on each side of the entry. Original metal lettering spelling out “Woodworth Library” is anchored to the ashlar-cut granite veneer panels to the right of the main entry (Photo 4). There are two original light fixtures positioned on either side of the entry (Photo 5).
2. **Foundations:** The foundation is a system of concrete piers that are laid out on a 12'-0" x 12'-0" grid.

3. **Wall Construction:** The walls of the library are 1'-3 ¼" thick. The majority of the exterior walls are composed of concrete block clad with ashlar-cut granite veneer panels on the exterior and plaster on the interior. The portion of the exterior walls that encompass the courtyards are composed of concrete block clad with ashlar-cut granite veneer panels on the exterior and precast exposed aggregate panels on the interior. The double-height central portion of the library is constructed and supported by twenty-two round concrete mushroom columns. These columns frame arched plate glass and metal windows.

4. **Structural System, Framing:** The exterior walls of the library are composed of concrete block. The double-height of the central roof is supported by twenty-two round concrete columns that measure 12” in diameter. The columns are 12'-0" apart. The columns mushroom out to 5'-0" on each side of the center line of the column (Photo 15).

5. **Porches, Balconies:** There are four enclosed courtyard spaces. Each courtyard is only accessible from inside the library. One courtyard is located in the northwest corner of the plan. It is accessed through the children’s room. A second courtyard is located in the southwest corner of the plan and is accessed through the reference room (originally the music room). A third courtyard is located in the southeast corner of the plan and is accessed through the vestibule of the loading dock area off of the military science room. These three courtyards each measure 23'-4 ½" x 17'-4 ½". Each courtyard is encompassed by two walls of precast exposed aggregate panels and two walls of aluminum and plate glass windows with one aluminum and plate glass door (Photo 18). The courtyard floor is covered with precast exposed aggregate tiles. A round concrete planter is located in each courtyard. A fourth courtyard is located on the north wall and accessed though the kitchen/lounge area. This courtyard is encompassed by one wall of precast exposed aggregate panels and three walls of aluminum and plate glass windows and one aluminum and plate glass door. There is one round concrete planter in this courtyard. Each courtyard has replacement floodlight fixtures.

6. **Chimney:** There is none.

7. **Openings:**
   
a. **Openings:** None.

   b. **Doorways and Doors:** There are four doorways on the building, the main entrance is located on the west elevation and two service
entrances and a mechanical entrance are located on the east elevation. The west doorway is composed of three aluminum and plate glass doors located in the center of the 157'-7 1/2” elevation. Each door measures 3'-5 1/2” x 7'-0”. The doors have replacement hardware. Both east service doorways are composed of aluminum and plate glass double doors flanked by two sidelights and a transom. The door openings measure 8'-0” x 10'-0” (including the two sidelights and transom). All four doors have original hardware. The doorways are located 26'-1 ¾” from both the left and right sides of the east elevation. The metal service doors on the east elevation are located in the center of the 157'-7 1/2” wall. The two hollow metal doors are 7'-0” tall and fill a 5'-4” door opening. These mechanical doors have original hardware and a metal louvered vent located at the bottom of each door.

c. Windows: There are not many windows on the four exterior walls of the library; however, the defining feature of the building is the concrete mushroom columns that frame large arched windows. The north, south, and east elevations mirror each other with similar window types and patterns. The five arched windows on these elevations are visible above the one-story roof height. These arched windows are divided into three separate pieces of glass by aluminum framing. The framing is 0'-2” wide. Each window is 10'-3 ¾” wide and 4'-4” tall (Photo 11).

The west elevation is slightly different with more windows. The elevation has five arched window openings; however, two of the windows are smaller than the other three. The two small arched windows are similar to the windows found on the north, south, and east elevations measuring 10'-3 ¾” wide and 4'-4” tall. The three taller windows are located in the middle of the west elevation and highlight the main entry into the library. The central column of window openings is slightly different than the two windows openings that flank it. The central window grouping is defined by a double-height window opening, a flat roof metal canopy, and three entry doors. The window opening is 10'-3 ¾”. The plate glass windows on the ground level are 7'-0” tall, while the plate glass windows above the canopy are 10'-8 1/8” tall. There are two similar large arched window openings that flank either side of this central window grouping. However, these two windows groups do not have the canopy. Each window group measures 10'-3 ¾” wind and 29'-1 1/8” tall with 1 ¾” and 2” aluminum framing pieces.
8. Roof:

   a. Shape, Covering: There are two flat roofs that cover the interior of the library. The middle portion of the building is covered with a flat roof. This roof and space are defined by concrete mushroom columns and arched glass windows that are framed in bright aluminum. The flat concrete roof that encompasses the middle section is slightly shorter in height. Both roofs have precast concrete capping/cornice. Both roofs have been replaced over time with in-kind materials.

   b. Cornice, Eaves: None.

   c. Dormers, Cupolas, Towers: None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor Plan: The floor plan of the library is rectangular. The middle section of plan is an open, double-height space with a sunken reading area located in the center of the plan (Photo 15). The character defining feature of the middle portion of the library is the twenty-two round concrete mushroom columns and large 10'-0” round light fixtures. The reading room located in the middle of the plan is defined by aluminum handrails that encompass the sunken space, slate tile flooring, and two ramps (Photo 16). Three shallow concrete planter boxes help define the reading area.

The main circulation desk is located on the west side of the plan and is defined by a wood desk and a flat pressed aluminum canopy (Photo 12). The canopy extends from the main entry doors on the west wall over the entry area and circulation desk (Photo 13). Canned recessed lighting is fitted into the underside of the canopy. The enclosed spaces are located along the perimeter of the plan.

The west side of the plan consists of a children’s room, the main entry, the reference room, and two courtyards. The children’s room is located on the west wall north of the main entry and measures 35’-4” x 17’-6”. Two small storage closets are located along the east wall of the room. The reference room is located on the west wall south of the main entry and measures 35’-4” x 17’-6” (Photo 17). One courtyard is accessed through the children’s room, while the other one is accessed through the reference room (Photo 18).

The north side of the plan is divided into several smaller rooms. Men’s and women’s restrooms are located on the north wall of the open middle space, along with an open computer area (originally a reading room), and
a modified conference room (originally the field collection and storage room). The computer area measures 13’-11” x 14’-6”. The conference room measures 23’9” x 13’-4”.

There are several rooms located on the plan north of the described rooms. These rooms are accessed by two hallways that connect to the middle portion of the plan. The left hallway is located between the men’s restroom and computer area. This hallway leads to the kitchen/lounge room. The original kitchenette area is intact and located on the east wall of the lounge area (Photo 20). A courtyard is located to the north of the kitchen/lounge room. Three offices and a waiting area are located to the north of the women’s restroom and are accessed through the kitchen/lounge area. Each office measures 11’-6” x 11’-8”, while the waiting room measures 12’-0” x 11’-8”. Another smaller women’s restroom and storage room are located near the offices. A workroom is located in the northeast corner of the plan. The room measures 23’-5” x 41’-6”.

The east side of the plan consists of a multi-purpose/storage room, a mechanical room, an archives room, a military science room, a courtyard, and two service entries. The multi-purpose room measures 31’-9” x 17’6”. Two small storage closets are located in this room. The mechanical room measures 26’-0” x 17’-6”. The military science room measures 23’-4” x 17’-6”. The archives room is accessed through the military science room and measures 8’-4” x 17’-6”. The two service entries are 8’-0” wide.

The south side of the plan is left as an open stack area and filled with rows of bookshelves. Three small, individual reading/computer rooms have been constructed on the south wall of the open stacks area. These rooms have a hollow wood door flanked by a large plate glass window.

2. Stairways and Ladders: There are none.

3. Flooring: The floors in the main entry near the circulation desk and sunken reading room are slate tiles. The floors in the men’s and both women’s restrooms are mosaic tile. The floors in the kitchen/lounge area, multi-purpose/storage room, and the two service/loading dock entries are replacement vinyl tile floor. The floors in the children’s room, hallways, middle portion of the plan (excluding the sunken reading room), computer area, military science room, open stack area, and reference room are covered with replacement carpet.

4. Wall and Ceiling Finish: The inside of the exterior walls are covered with plaster. The individual rooms are divided by 0’-4” partition walls clad
with a mixture of drywall and wood paneling. A 3'-0" plaster band encompasses the central reading room. The band is located above the ceiling height of the perimeter rooms and is below the groups of arched windows of the double-height roof (Photo 19).

The double-height ceiling of middle portion of the plan is speckled with large round light fixtures. These light fixtures create a luminous ceiling. Dropceilings have been installed throughout a majority of the supporting rooms. The children’s room, offices, kitchen/lounge area, working room, multi-purpose/storage room, military science room, open stack area, reference room, conference room, and computer area have acoustical ceiling tiles with replacement light fixtures set within the tiles.

5. **Openings:**

a. **Openings:** None.

b. **Doorways and Doors:** There are four main interior doorways. Each door leads to one of the main rooms of the library located off of the middle portion of the plan (children’s room, multi-purpose/storage room, military science room, and reference room). The doors leading to the children’s room, the military science room, and the reference room are similar. Each door opening is highlighted above with a large arched window. The door openings to the children’s room and reference room are comprised of an original aluminum and plate glass door flanked by two large plate glass sidelights and a transom above. The multi-purpose/storage room and military science room door openings are slightly different. Each door opening is composed of a hollow wood door framed within a solid partition wall and a wood panel above the door. These two doors measure 2'-8"x 7'-0".

There are four aluminum and plate glass doors leading out to the four different courtyards. Three of the doors measure 4'-4 ¼" x 7'-0”, while the fourth door measures 3'-9 5/8” x 7'-0”.

c. **Windows:** There are floor to ceiling plate glass windows in the four courtyards (as described above). Three of the four courtyards have two walls of windows. One wall has three large plate glass windows measuring 4'-1 ¼” x 7'-0” and a plate glass entry door. The other wall has six windows measuring 3'-8 5/16” x 7'-0”. Each window is framed/separated by 0'-1 ¾” aluminum frame. The fourth courtyard has three walls of windows. Two of the walls have five windows measuring 3'-6 5/16” x 7'-0”. The other wall has five windows measuring 3'-9 5/8” x “0” and one plate glass
door. Each window is framed/separated by 0'- 1 ¾” aluminum frame.

There is a wall of five plate glass windows on the south side of the military science room. These windows are an addition to that room when the original individual study nooks were removed from that wall.

6. Decorative Features and Trim: Slate tile flooring covers the main entry area both outside on the porch and inside near the circulation desk on the west wall and the sunken reading room floor. A aluminum iron handrail encompasses the sunken reading area in the middle of the plan. A pressed metal canopy defines the main entry and circulation desk on the west wall. The four main interior doors define the open middle space from the functional rooms located around the perimeter of the plan. Two of these doors are aluminum and plate glass with two large plate glass side lights. The other two doors are hollow wood with a wood panel above. Each door has the original room name lettering intact. The 12” round concrete mushroom columns and large circular light fixtures in the middle portion of the plan.

7. Hardware: There is no original hardware.

8. Mechanical Equipment:
   b. Lighting: 10'-0” diameter luminous ceiling grids in the double-height middle portion.
   c. Plumbing: Unknown.
   d. Fixtures: Unknown.

9. Original Furnishings: There is one lounge bench placed near the front entry on the west wall.

D. Site:
   1. General Setting: The Woodworth Library is sited to the east of the parade ground across from Rice Road, south of Freedom Park, west of Building 33612 (Red Cross building) and north of Building 33412.
   2. Landscaping, Enclosures: An original plating scheme was part of the original design and setting of the library. The formed concrete planters that encompass the structure on all sides were an integral part of the design. The formed planter boxes on the north and south elevations are
109’-7 ½” long and 7’-0” deep. The planter box on the east elevation is divided into three portions that frame the three door openings on this elevation. The planter boxes on the west elevation help highlight the main entry. The planter boxes stretch across the majority of the elevation with the middle portion folded into the recessed central entry of the library. Four additional concrete round planters were incorporated into the planter box on the west elevation. Currently, the vegetation is overgrown; ultimately, hiding the design of the planter boxes.

A concrete sidewalk surrounds the rectangular footprint of the library and grass fills the open areas between the structure and the streets on the north, south, and west elevations. A paved parking lot occupies the site on the east side of the structure.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Architectural Drawings: Fort Gordon, Directorate of Public Works.

B. Historic Views: Signal Corps Historian, National Archives at College Park, Maryland – RG-111-SC

C. Interviews: None

D. Bibliography:

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

   “Library Neared Completion in October.” History of Annual Supplement found in history folder at Reese Library. Augusta, Georgia. 1966.


2. Secondary and published sources:


E. Likely sources not yet investigated: None.

PART IV: PROJECT INFORMATION

The Cultural Resources Program in the Public Works Business Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia sponsored this project. The project was completed at the Land and Heritage Conservation Branch of the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC). The project historian was Sunny Stone (CERL). Sunny Stone, with assistance from Adam Smith, produced the architectural description section of the report. Martin Stupich produced the large-format photographs contained in the report. Documentation was coordinated with the Fort Gordon Cultural Resources Program through preservation planners Robert Drumm and Renee Lewis. The documentation was completed JUNE 2008.
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South Rice Road on the north, Brainard Avenue on the south, and Rice Road on the west
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PHOTO 1 EXTERIOR GENERAL VIEW OF WEST MAIN FACADE. VIEW TO EAST

PHOTO 2 EXTERIOR DETAIL OF CENTER WEST FACADE AND MAIN ENTRY. VIEW TO EAST

PHOTO 3 EXTERIOR GENERAL OBLIQUE VIEW OF WEST FACADE AND SOUTH FACE. VIEW TO NORTHEAST

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