UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
NOVEMBER 11, 1942 - NOVEMBER 29, 1948

UNITED STATES FAMILY INTERNMENT CAMP, CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS

DECEMBER 12, 1942
OPENED

THIS SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED ON MAY 28, 1948, BY WILLIAM M. FRANKS. ON NOVEMBER 29, 1948, OR FIVE MONTHS LATER, 195.77 ACRES WERE SOLD BY THE U.S. WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION TO THE CRYSTAL CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

U.S. WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION ALSO SOLD FARM NOS. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 46, 47, 48, WITH DIMENSIONS OF 1,980 FEET BY 1,980 FEET, A TOTAL OF 90 ACRES, TO CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

FENCE LINES, MAIN GATE AND SWIMMING POOL/IRRIGATION TANK OF THE FAMILY INTERNMENT CAMP HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS SURVEY FOR BETTER IDENTIFICATIONS. CURRENT STREET NAMES HAVE ALSO BEEN ADDED FOR BETTER VIEW.

THE ORIGINAL SURVEY CAN BE FOUND AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS (SOUTHWEST REGION), 140 JOHN BURGESSE DRIVE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76140.

DRAWINGS:
01 - PLOT PLAN
02 - SCHEDULE "A" - INTERNED FAMILIES OF EUROPEAN ORIGIN
03 - SCHEDULE "B" - INTERNED FAMILIES OF JAPANESE ORIGIN
04 - SCHEDULE "C" - ASSIGNED BUNGALOWS
05 - SCHEDULE "D" - PEOPLE & EVENTS
06 - SCHEDULE "E" - ELIMINATION DETAILS
07 - SCHEDULE "F" - ROOFING DETAILS
08 - SHELTER UNITS & VICTORY HUTS
09 - DWELLING UNIT "G"
10 - DWELLING UNITS "D & "T"
11 - DWELLING UNIT "O"
12 - BATH HOUSE
13 - LATRINE
14 - MESS HALL FLOOR PLAN
15 - MESS HALL MECHANICAL
16 - MESS HALL ELEVATION

ORIGINAL BLUEPRINTS FOUND AT:
NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
SOUTHWEST COLLECTION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS
NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
700 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING INTERNEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

ALL DRAWINGS BY WERNER R. ULRICH
https://www.fotima.com/CampHousing.pdf
Facebook: U.S. Family Internment Camp, Crystal City, TX

SCALE: 1" = 400'
SECTION 125: 5,280' x 5,280'
EACH SUBSECTION: 660' x 660'

FEBRUARY 27, 1948
CLOSED

TOTAL NUMBER INDUCED INTERNES: 4,751
PEAK YEAR: 1945: 161 INS PERSONNEL; 3,174 INTERNES:
654 BUILDINGS; 160 ACRES; TOTAL COST $1,350,500
BIRTHS: 216; DEATHS: 29
FIRST CHILD BORN IN INTERNMENT: MARCH 9, 1943
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, JAPANESE & SPANISH
RELIGIONS: BUDDHIST, CATHOLIC, KONKO, LUTHERAN & SHINTO
TOTAL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN REPATRIATED TO
GERMANY & JAPAN: 2,673


ON NOVEMBER 11, 1942, CONSTRUCTION BEGAN OF THE FAMILY INTERNMENT CAMP. THIS CAMP, OF 100 ACRES, CONSISTED OF BARBED WIRE FENCING, FLOOD LIGHTS AND ARMED GUARD TOWERS. THE FIRST FAMILIES FOR INTERNMENT ARRIVED ON DECEMBER 12, 1942.


ON NOVEMBER 29, 1948, 50 ACRES WERE SOLD BY THE U.S. WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION TO THE CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. SPECIAL STIPULATIONS WERE MADE THAT THE 4.20 ACRES OF THE CITRUS ORCHARD WERE NOT TO BE SOLD. THE REMAINING 185.80 ACRES WERE PURCHASED FOR THE CRYSTAL CITY AIRPORT.
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SHELTER UNITS & VICTORY HUTS

FRAME CONSTRUCTION ON 6' CONCRETE FLOOR, OIL TREATED REDWOOD SIDING, SHINGLE ROOF

LIMITED DWELLING - SHOWN AS "SHELTER UNITS" IN PLOT PLAN

ALL STRUCTURES OF TIN MATERIAL PAINTED & BAKED WHITE
ALL DOORS AND AWNING WINDOWS OF ALUMINUM MATERIAL PAINTED & BAKED WHITE

LIMITED DWELLING - DOUBLE UNIT - PREFABRICATED - SHOWN AS "VICTORY HUTS" IN PLOT PLAN

LIMITED DWELLING - SINGLE UNIT - PREFABRICATED - SHOWN AS "VICTORY HUTS" IN PLOT PLAN
DWELLING UNIT "C"

FRAME CONSTRUCTION ON 6' CONCRETE FLOOR, OIL TREATED REDWOOD SIDING, SHINGLE ROOF

FRONT ELEVATION VIEW

REAR ELEVATION VIEW

LEFT ELEVATION VIEW

RIGHT ELEVATION VIEW

FLOOR PLAN - SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SHOWN AS DWELLING UNITS "C" IN PLOT PLAN
DWELLING UNITS "D" & "T"

FRAME CONSTRUCTION ON 6" CONCRETE FLOOR, OIL TREATED REDWOOD SIDING, SHINGLE ROOF

FRONT ELEVATION VIEW

BACK ELEVATION VIEW

SIDE ELEVATION VIEW

FLOOR PLAN - TWO FAMILY DWELLING
SHOWN AS DWELLING UNITS "D" IN PLOT PLAN

FLOOR PLAN - THREE FAMILY DWELLING
SHOWN AS DWELLING UNITS "T" IN PLOT PLAN
BATH HOUSE

FRAME CONSTRUCTION ON 6" CONCRETE FLOOR, OIL TREATED REDWOOD SIDING, SHINGLE ROOF

FRONT VIEW

REAR VIEW

40'

18'

LEFT VIEW - MEN'S ENTRANCE

RIGHT VIEW - WOMEN'S ENTRANCE

FLOOR PLAN - BATH HOUSE
LATRINE

FRAME CONSTRUCTION ON 6' CONCRETE FLOOR, OIL TREATED REDWOOD SIDING, SHINGLE ROOF

FRONT VIEW - LATRINE  MEN'S ENTRANCE

REAR VIEW - LATRINE

RIGHT VIEW - MEN'S ENTRANCE

LEFT VIEW - WOMEN'S ENTRANCE

60'

20'

FLOOR PLAN - LATRINE
HEATING NOTES:

Drip Base each down feed Supply Riser thru 1/4" Bucket Trap & Dirt Strainer for 10# WP.

Drip each unit of Cooking Equipment thru 1/2" Bucket Trap & Dirt Strainer Trap for 10# WP.

Drip Coil in Hot Water Generator thru 2 - 1/2" 4800# EDR each. F&T Traps & 2 - 1/2" Dirt Strainers.

Drip and Supply Line to H.W.G. thru 1 - 1/2" 2800# capacity F&T Trap & Dirt Strainer.

Bucket Traps to discharge condensation back to ceiling.

F&T Traps to discharge into gravity return to condensate pump & receiver.

Hot Water Generator (HWG) to be 48" diameter & 132" long 960 gallon capacity.

HWG coil capacity 750 GPH 120 degrees recovery.

HWG to be equipped with 1 - 3" temperature regulator thermometer.

Relief Valve & Combination Temperature & Pressure Relief Valve.

Condensate Pump & Receiver capacity 8000 sq.ft. EDR 20# discharge pressure.

Make-up Water Valve, Liquid Level Controller for boiler.

Cast Iron Steam Boiler rating 6475sq.ft. not connected lead rating.

Gas Burner for boiler to be upshot vertical type with full automatic controls consisting of gas pressure regulator, hand cut-off, Motorized Gas Valve, Safety Pilot, Constant Pilot, Low Water Cut-off, Balance Check.

Damper for Smoke Breechering & Pressurestole 0# to 15# inclusive.

Hot Water Generator, Boiler, Supply & Return Mains & Branches to be covered as directed.

Designed by H.J. Dalton

Approved March 18, 1943
MESS HALL - ELEVATIONS

VIEW FROM WASHINGTON STREET

VIEW FROM ARIZONA STREET

VIEW FROM 11th AVENUE

SHOP #1 - Bake Shop
SHOP #2 - Meat Shop
SHOP #3 - Refrigerator
SHOP #4 - Supply Room
SHOP #5 - Clothing Supplies
SHOP #5 - Vegetables

1" = 10'

From Drawing #01: PLOT PLAN