

AA-971

1925, 1932

Greenhouses

Public

Crownsville Hospital Center

Crownsville

Located southwest of the Superintendent's House, the two greenhouses are two distinct structures. The first greenhouse, built in 1925, was constructed as the garage for the Superintendent's House. Converted into a greenhouse, the clapboard structure is one-and-a-half story building with slate covered gable roof. The second greenhouse was built in 1932 as a greenhouse. The brick and glass structure provided a component of patient therapy.

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DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Greenhouses

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Crownsville Hospital Center not for publication

city, town Crownsville vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: Hospital

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 301-225-6816

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber

street & number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

Crownsville has two distinct structures which serve as greenhouses. Both are located southwest of the Superintendent's House on the slope of a hill. The older of the two buildings was constructed as the garage for the Superintendent's House in 1925 and has been converted for greenhouse uses. The second structure was built as a greenhouse in 1932. Because of their dissimilar architectural features, each building receives a separate description.

The converted garage is a clapboard structure of one and a half stories. Resting on a concrete foundation, the building measures two bays by two bays with an extension on the northern wall of two bays wide and one bay deep. A slate clad gable roof covers the original section of the building while the extension displays a shed roof. The gabled ends exhibit returned eaves and cornice fascia. The 6/6 sash windows have wooden sills and lintels. The north face is characterized by two retractable garage doors and a boxed cornice.

The second greenhouse has the traditional appearance of a greenhouse. The one story building is composed of two parallel gables that run east and west which are constructed of square glass panes and wooden framing members. Half of the walls are also glass panes while the lower portion is constructed of common bond brick. The entire structure is supported by a concrete foundation and measures seven bays wide and five bays deep.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1925, 1932 **Builder/Architect** Henry Powell Hopkins

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 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 Greenhouses derive their historical significance as structures which contributed to the therapy programs for the patients. The care and nurturing of plants provided an activity for those patients who wanted to participate. The buildings continue to function as greenhouses today and as a part of therapy methods.

Though the clapboard structure was converted from the garage to the greenhouse, the adaptive re-use did not compromise any of the architectural features of the building. Alterations have been made to both buildings such as the replacement of some glass panes from the gable roof with a corrugated plastic. However, the changes do not detract from the design or setting of the two greenhouses. The converted garage maintains its spatial relationship with the Superintendent's House so that its original function as a garage is still easily determined.



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East and North



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