

AA-973

1936

Motor Pool

Public

Crownsville Hospital Center

Crownsville

The Motor Pool is constructed of concrete blocks which were used for non-patient buildings in the 1920's and 1930's at Crownsville. The patients manufactured the blocks in industrial classes for use in hospital construction. The building consists two gables which intersect to form an L-shaped building. The structure continues to shelter motor vehicles.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Motor Pool

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Crownsville Hospital Center  not for publication

city, town Crownsville  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> * public	<input type="checkbox"/> * occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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	<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 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 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 W. Preston Street telephone no.: 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

file

date  federal  state  county  local

depository 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 type="checkbox"/> * original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Located west of the Marbury Building, the Motor Pool Building consists of two gables which intersect to form an "L" shaped structure. One gable runs east and west, rises one-story in height and measures six bays long and one bay wide. The second gable runs north and south, is one-and-a-half stories in height and measures one bay wider than the first gable. Constructed of molded concrete blocks, the Motor Pool has a slate covered roof. The gable ends display cornice fascia.

Most of the openings are wooden garage doors that are retractable. Smaller doors have been altered from larger garage doors. The openings exhibit brick lintels and some of the windows have a brick surround with a gibbs pattern. The window which has not been sealed with plywood reveals a casement window.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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	1936	Builder/Architect	Hospital Personnel
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *state	<input type="checkbox"/> local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Motor Pool Building was constructed in 1936. It was customary for the hospital engineers and the capable patients to erect buildings which housed support functions and that is most likely to be true for the Motor Pool. Architects were usually not sought for the smaller buildings on the hospital campus when the employees were capable. This idea of self-sufficiency wherever possible contributed to the necessity of the motor pool. It was more economical for the hospital to maintain, repair, and house its own vehicles, and the Motor Pool Building provided the location for the service.

The building is only moderately significant for several reasons. At various locations, there are serious structural cracks which detract from the building's integrity. Secondly, the building does not possess a great deal of architectural ornamentation. The design and materials are common place while they do not detract from the architectural environment of Crownsville neither do they enhance it.





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