

BA - 2283

Pre-1888

Gundry Cottage (Site)

Public

Rosewood Hospital Center

Owings Mills

Gundry Cottage was a mid to late nineteenth century frame farmhouse which was standing on the property bought for use by the Maryland State Asylum and Training School for the Feeble Minded in 1888. It was a two-story, three-bay gable-roofed fram house with an addition built in 1889.

This building was demolished in 1960.

See also MHT archeological inventory, site number 18-BA-300.

Survey No. BA-2283
Magi No. 0422836527
DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GUNDRY COTTAGE (SITE)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rosewood Hospital Center not for publication

city, town Owings Mills vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 301 West Preston St. telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The building known as Gundry Cottage was a mid to late nineteenth century frame farmhouse which was standing on the property bought for use by the Maryland State Asylum and Training School for the Feeble Minded in 1888. It was a two-story, three-bay gable-roofed, frame house built on a T plan with a one-story polygonal bay at each gable end. A one-story, shed-roofed porch with turned posts extended across the south (entrance) facade. A later two-story, gable-roofed wing, also built on a T plan, was attached to the north end of the cottage. The windows in the old section had 2/2 sash; those in the new section had 8/8 sash.

The building was located north-west of Pembroke Cottage.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 1889 (addition) **Builder/Architect** J. Crawford Neilson (addition)

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 Gundry Cottage was the oldest building at Rosewood and the only one which pre-existed the founding of Rosewood in 1888.

In December 1888, the Board of Visitors negotiated the purchase of 185 acres at Owings Mills near the Reisterstown turnpike and one mile from the Owings Mills station of the Western Maryland Railroad. On the property was a frame farmhouse, "formerly the residence of Dr. Wood" and two small tenant houses.

The Board reported:

The land is beautifully situated, is well watered, a part under good cultivation and a part in woodland. The house, an excellent dwelling home, is not large and cannot accommodate many.

The Board's report to the Lunacy Commission in 1889 gave a more complete description of the original building at Rosewood.

(It is) of two stories and an attic which has lately been enlarged by the addition of two stories, is partly brick, partly frame. On the first floor is the parlor, executive office, dining and recreation rooms, and kitchen. The second floor and attic are for sleeping rooms and are divided into two departments- one for the males and other for females. There are two baths and two water closets.

This building was soon named Gundry Cottage after Dr. Richard Gundry, the first superintendent of the asylum and was in use until razed in 1960. Until 1905 it served as the Administration Building. In that year the present Administration Building was completed, and the former superintendent's office, converted into an infirmary. In 1889 the Board decided to enlarge the building by adding a dining room wing, exercise room and dormitory space at a cost of \$1,849. The design of the addition is attributed to the architect J. Crawford Neilson. When Pembroke Cottage was completed in 1892, the male patients were moved out of Gundry Cottage into the new building. Gundry remained a girls dormitory for most of its history.



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 Rosewood Hospital Center
 Owings Mill, Maryland
 Reisterstown Quad.
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale - 1:24,000

3.3 MI. TO MD. 130
 BALTIMORE (UNC. U.S. 11 12 MI.)

(COCKEYSVILLE)
 5662' NW

4366

4365

4364

25'

4364

5.2 MI. TO MD. 129
 5.2 MI. TO MD. 25

5.2 MI.
 1.85 MI.

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Negatives at MHT

Gundry

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