

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert Garrett Sanitorium

and/or common

2. Location

street & number vicinity of Mt. Airy Elementary School, West Waterville Rd not for publication

city, town Mt. Airy _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Sixth

state Maryland _____ county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 multiple public and private owners

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex _____ liber _____

street & number 55 N. Court Street _____ folio _____

city, town Westminster _____ state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1087

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

SUMMARY:

The Robert Garret Sanitorium was built in 1888 as a rest home for children with acute diseases whose families could not provide care. None of the buildings are extant. There were five original buildings and a photograph from the early twentieth century shows that the buildings were constructed of the Stick Style with gable fronts, double-tiered inset porches on the main facade and one story wrap-around porch on both sides. The architecture is interesting as an example of a late 19th century medical complex in Carroll County.

DESCRIPTION:

The Robert Garret Sanitorium was located on a rise of land north of the Town of Mt. Airy. The land was part of Parr's Ridge and stands at a significant height above the surrounding countryside. The sanitorium site included part of the land that now comprises the Mt. Airy Elementary School as well as the land with private residences along that section of Main Street.

The original complex consisted of five buildings constructed in 1888 of the Stick Style. An early 20th century photograph shows some of these buildings which illustrate the architecture of an early Carroll County medical complex. The buildings were constructed of frame with a two story height and a gable-front main facade. The main facade had an inset, double-tiered porch. The first story of the porch wrapped around a portion of each side. The structures were three bays by six bays with the porch forming the first bay on the sides. The main facades had central entrances and windows in the other bays. The projecting gable had a wood truss or ornamentation in a pattern that was repeated on the porch brackets. Two chimneys were centrally located along the ridge of the roof.

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1087

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 checked="" 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 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 1888 **Builder/Architect**

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.

SUMMARY:

The Robert Garrett Sanitorium was begun in 1888 and lasted into the 1940's as a haven for children mainly from urban areas who suffered from diseases and whose parents could not afford comforting care for them. It was located in Mt. Airy because of the town's reputation for a healthy environment and clean air. The Stick Style architecture of the original buildings is an excellent example of an early Carroll County medical complex.

HISTORY:

The June 2, 1888 edition of the Democractic Advocate provides the following description of the sanitorium: "The Garrett Sanitorium for Children, located at Mt. Airy, this county will open this week. It was founded by Mrs. Robert Garrett, whose aim has been to erect and maintain a sanitorium in a healthy locality in the country, where children between the ages of two and twelve, suffering with any acute diseases, not contagious or which requires surgical operation, may receive attention which parents themselves are unable to provide. The buildings elevation of 600 feet above sea level, and one-quarter of a mile from Mt. Airy Station. There is an abundant supply of pure spring water in all the buildings, and provision is made for heating in the best manner, in cold weather. Trained nurses are provided, especially selected for this character of work, and who are graduates after a two years' course at the training school for nurses at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Nothing has been omitted to make this one of the best equipped sanitoriums in the country."

The buildings were constructed of the Stick Style with gable fronts and double-tiered front porches. There was also temporary architecture on the site as many Mt. Airy residents today recall the raising of tents on the site during the summer to provide accomodations for children to escape the hot summers of urban areas.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1087

Democratic Advocate, Westminster, June 2, 1888
Historical Society of Carroll County, Photographic Collection

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Libertytown, MDQuadrangle scale: 24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

--	--	--	--

11. Form Prepared By

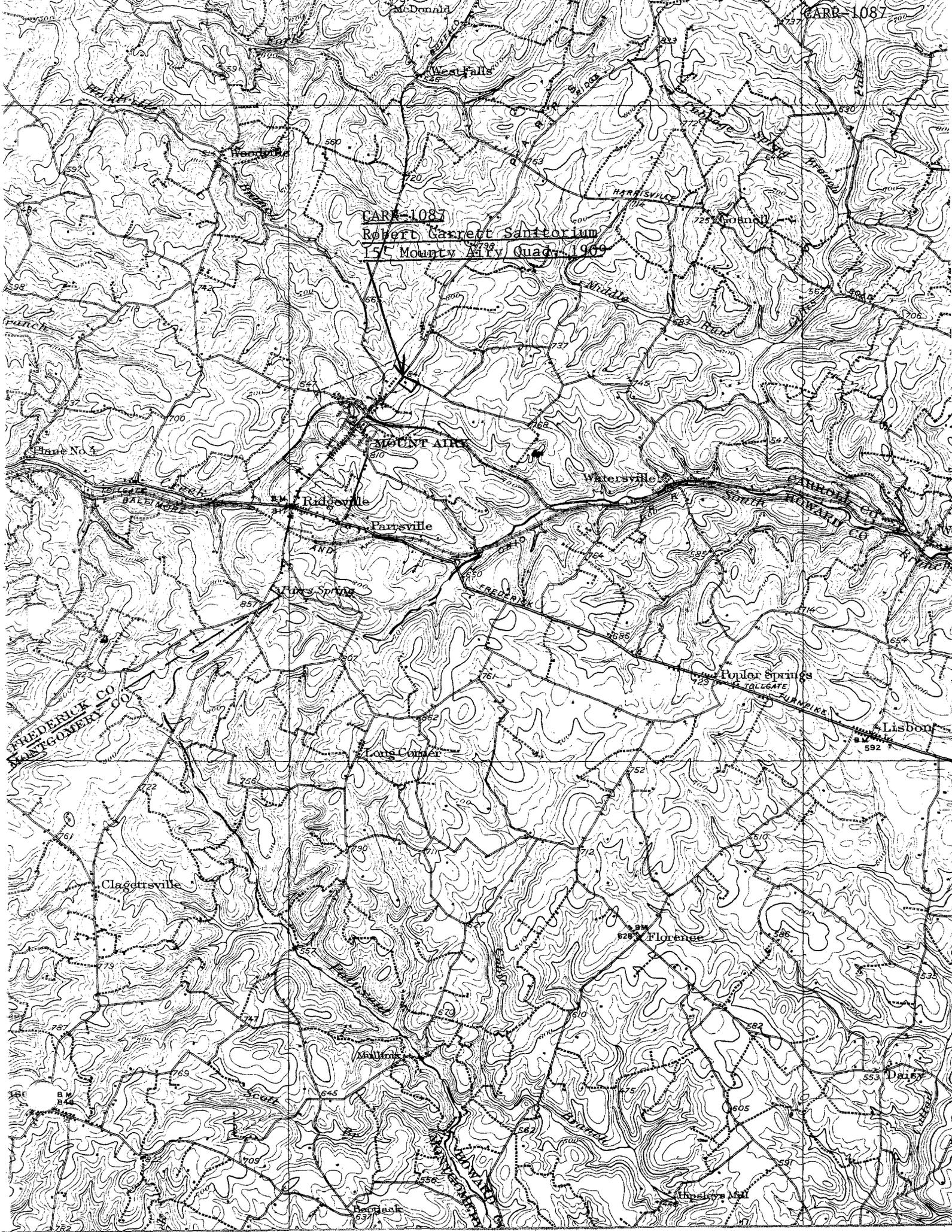
name/title Joe Gettyorganization Carroll County Dept. of Planningdate September 1984street & number 225 N. Center Streettelephone 848-4500city or town Westminsterstate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

CARR-1087
Robert Garrett Sanatorium
15° Mount Airy Quad, 1909



FREDERICK CO
MONTGOMERY CO

CARROLL CO
SOUTH CAROLINA

MOUNT AIRY

WATERSVILLE

PARSVILLE

POPULAR SPRINGS

LISBON

CLAGGETTVILLE

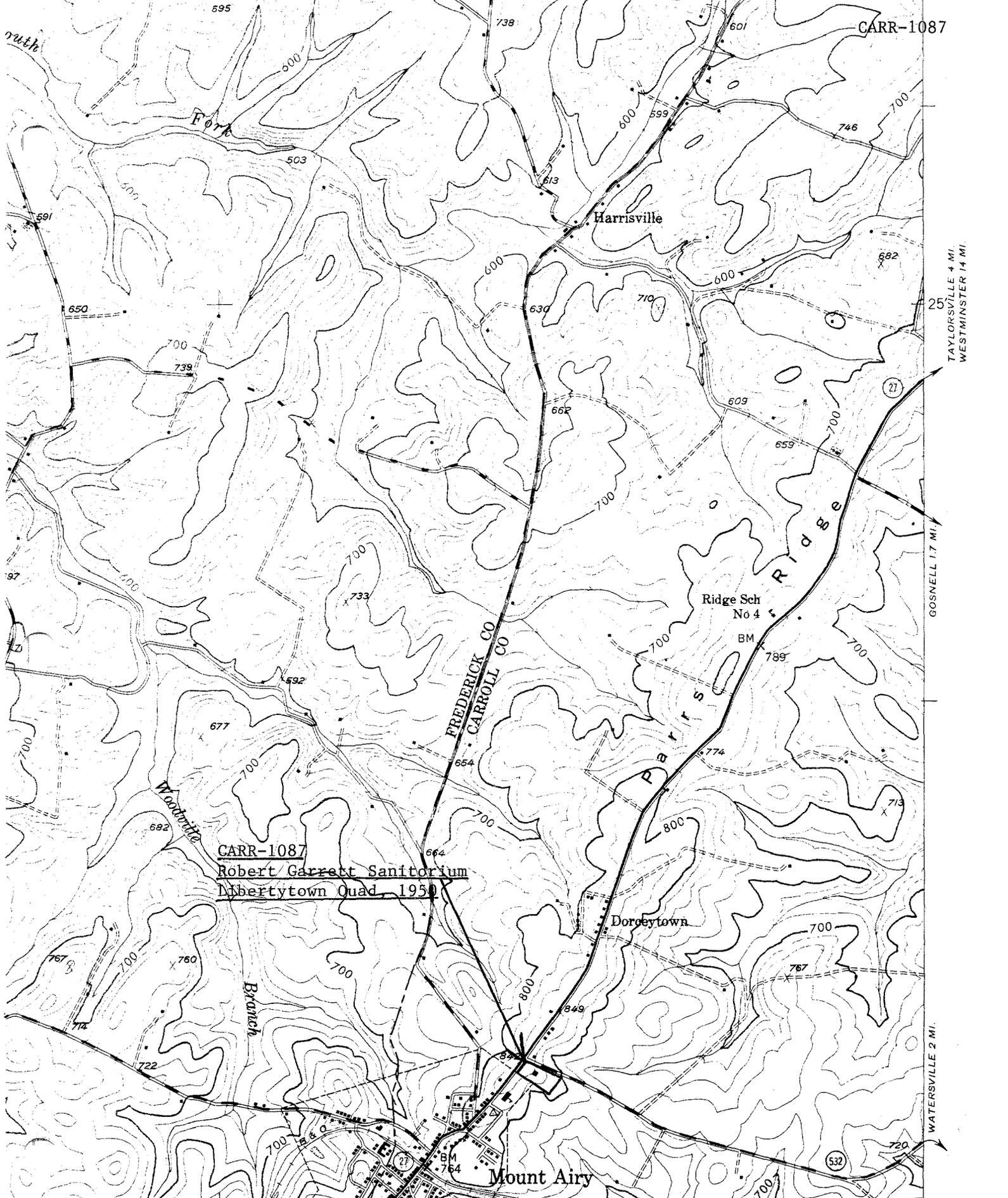
FLORENCE

DAIRY

MILLERSVILLE

MILLERSVILLE

ROCKDALE



CARR-1087
Robert Garrett Sanatorium
Libertytown Quad, 1950

CARR-1087

TAYLORSVILLE 4 MI.
 WESTMINSTER 14 MI.

GOSNELL 1.7 MI.

WATERSVILLE 2 MI.

RIDGEVILLE (JUNC. U.S. 40) 0.9 MI.
 DAMASCUS 6.9 MI.

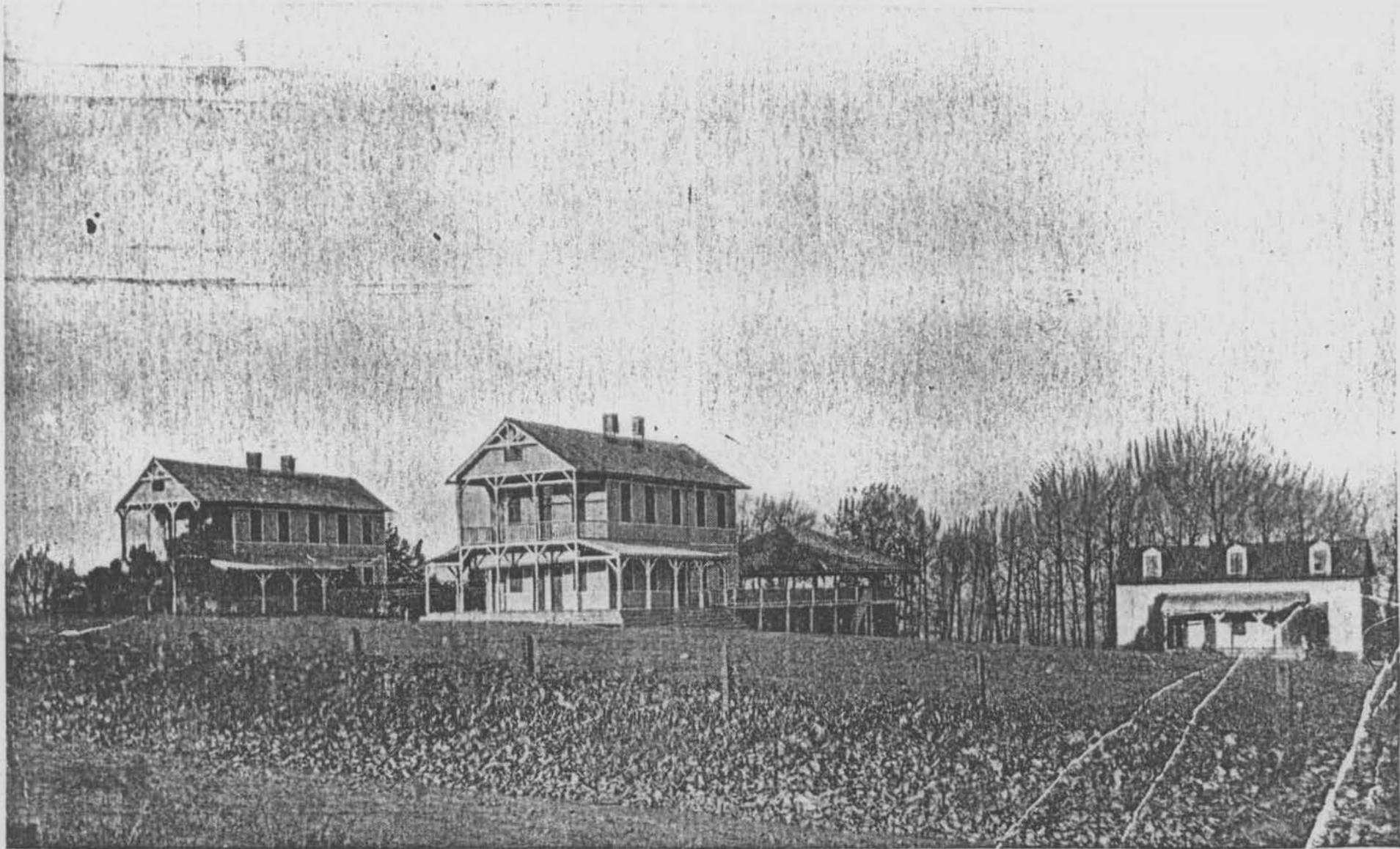
39°22'30"
 77°07'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS
 A LANE 1/2 LANE

1 MILE

WOODBINE



THE ROBERT GARRETT SANITORIUM, Mt. Airy, Md.

CARR-10871