

CARR-1207

1915

Martin Gross "H" Cottage

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

Built in 1915, Martin Gross "H" cottage is a vernacular building with an L shape plan. The one story building is constructed of flemish bond brick and displays a hipped roof covered by slate tiles.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Men's Group Tuberculosis Cottage

and/or common Martin Gross "H" Cottage

2. Location

Springfield Hospital Center

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Sykesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6

state Maryland _____ county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" 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. Carroll County Courthouse Annex, Rm G-8 liber _____

street & number 55 North Court Street folio _____

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input 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.

Located south of "F" Cottage, Martin Gross "H" Cottage is a vernacular, L shaped building constructed of flemish bond brick. The one story cottage has a hipped roof, covered with slate tiles. The main facade faces in a southwestern direction and measures fourteen bays long. The L portion of the building runs eight bays wide and three bays deep.

Many of the elements of the building remain simple. The fenestration provides one example. Smooth stone forms the sills and the vertical joint lintels. A three pane transom caps a 6/6 double-hung sash. This pattern is visible on the north and west walls. In contrast, the window treatment changes slightly. The stone lintels are exchanged for brick vertical joint lintels. The sash pattern also changes into a single sash of nine panes. A brick water table frames the base of the wall while a plain cornice frames the top of the brick wall. Three large metal ventilators protrude from the crest of the hipped roof. The ventilators display pyramidal roofs with pointed spikes.

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 checked="" 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 December 1915 **Builder/Architect** Springfield Engineers

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.

Constructed as a tuberculosis cottage, "H" Cottage of the Martin Gross complex was occupied December 1, 1915. The disease of tuberculosis often plagued the mental hospital and the accepted way to reduce the threat of contagion centered on isolating the afflicted patients. Springfield responded to this need by constructing tuberculosis cottage for both men and women in 1915. When the men's cottage was constructed, the building stood at the far eastern edge of the Martin Gross complex. Though not totally isolated from other patient buildings, "H" Cottage did maintain a separate distance from the other cottages. Every known precaution was taken to curb the spread of tuberculosis and the individual cottage accentuated that effort.

In order to construct the tuberculosis cottages, Springfield State Hospital received a special appropriation from the State. Hospital engineers utilized the money to erect, heat, light the cottage. Employees of the hospital also installed the plumbing fixtures in the building. The only outside employment came from carpenters and bricklayers. Once the cottage was completed, sewerage pipes and tunnels were laid to connect to the general heating and sewerage systems.



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Don Jewell, 6/86

Negatives at MHT
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