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1900

Warfield "A" Cottage

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Women's Group "A" Cottage

and/or common Warfield "A" 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street & number _____ not for publication _____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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 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.

The Warfield "A" Cottage is a two story, flemish bond brick building which lies to the east of the Warfield Service Building. Displaying elements of the Colonial Revival style of architecture, "A" Cottage is composed of a central pavilion measuring three bays flanked by two connecting wings of four bays, and ending in two pedimented pavilions of two bays. A slate, gable roof covers the building. The west facade connects to a one story, covered passageway which links the quadrangle of buildings together.

Some features which appear on the east facade repeat on the rest of the building. A molded brick water table distinguishes the foundation from the first floor. Below the water table, ground level openings exhibit granite sills, brick jack arch lintels and a single sash window. The first floor windows display different lintels. The smooth stone sills repeat on the first floor windows but the lintels are composed of alternating stone voussoirs. The windows show a 6/6 double-hung sash. A brick string course divides the first and second floors. The sash of the second floor windows increases to 15/15 and the lintels exhibit a raised keystone. Wooden modillions decorate the cornice. Located on the middle of the central pavilion roof is an octagonal cupola. Doric colonettes, rounded arches with impost blocks and keystones characterize the cupola. It rests on a slate base and displays a dome roof and a spiked finial.

Each pavilion exhibits a triangular pediment gable. All three show modillions on the soffit and cornice while the ornamentation differs between the central pavilion and the two end pavilions. In the center of the central gable, there lies an oculus window with a smooth stone lintel and four keystone. In contrast, the end pavilions reveal a plain gable but display Palladian windows on the second floor. Ionic colonettes, Gothic sash windows, and stone impost blocks and keystone detail the Palladian windows. Another Palladian window appears on the west wall of the main pavilion, near the connection between the covered corridor and the central pavilion. The two end pavilions are also distinguished by central, interior chimneys.

Two noticeable additions have been made to "A" Cottage. The first appears on the east wall. The original porch has been replaced by a modern addition. The addition is a 9 bay, semi-circular portico. Single casement windows and paneled bases enclose the portico. It rests on a brick foundation and stone water table. The second major alteration to the building was the construction of a two story addition on the southern portion of the west wall. The addition displays the same fenestration and brick bond. The brick is slightly lighter in color and the cornice is not decorated by wooden modillions. Otherwise, the addition is very similar to the rest of the building.

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 1900 **Builder/Architect** Joseph Evans Sperry

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.

Warfield "A" Cottage was constructed as a residential unit within the first complex of buildings designated for mentally ill women at Springfield State Hospital. "A" Cottage belongs to the original quadrangle of buildings erected in the Warfield group. Designed by a prominent Maryland architect, Joseph Evans Sperry, "A" Cottage in addition to the other three buildings was completed and occupied in 1900. The hospital hired Henry Smith and Sons as the contractors.

From its original conception, Springfield State Hospital was designed according to the colony or cottage plan which favored a group of individual buildings of small to moderate size in which to house and treat the mentally ill. This design emerged in the 1880's. At Springfield, the implementation of the colony plan began with the Men's group in 1898. Shortly after the completion of the Men's group quadrangle, construction began on the Women's colony, located almost a mile from the Men's group, in September 1898. The initial four buildings of which "A" Cottage is included were modeled after the men's quadrangle with a few minor changes which would facilitate the administration of the group. The group consisted of a Service Building and three detached two story cottages. The layout of the Women's quadrangle is significant because it reflects the direct implementation of the colony plan of hospital design. Combined with the Men's group, the Women's group provides the best example of the colony plan of hospital design in Maryland. The integrity of this design is intact today.

Joseph Evans Sperry received the commission to design the quadrangle of buildings at the Women's group. The architect was active throughout the Baltimore area having designed a handful of public buildings including Union Memorial Hospital, the Mercantile Trust and Title Building, and the Eutaw Place Temple. Sperry's work at Springfield added credit to the architect's variety of accomplishments. The Board of Managers were pleased with Sperry's design by stating in the Fourth Annual Report in 1899 that, "The Colonial style of architecture and large windows without bars or other protection, give the group more the appearance of a summer hotel than an insane hospital." The architectural elements which give the buildings that "summer hotel appearance" have been retained and appear in a maintained condition.



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