

CARR-1254

1906

Staffhouse #13

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

Staffhouse #13 is a two and a half story shiplap building located east of the north entrance of the hospital. Built as a gatehouse, the dwelling currently houses the Home Arts program. The asymmetrical structure displays four gabled ends on its altered cruciform configuration.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic North Gatehouse

and/or common Staffhouse #13/ Home Arts Building

## 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street & number \_\_\_\_\_  not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 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 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

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

## Check one

unaltered  
 altered

## Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Located at the north end of the Springfield property, Staffhouse #13 lies east of the north gate. Currently identified as the Home Arts Building, the dwelling was originally the gatehouse for the north entrance. The building was relocated to the east of the gate approximately 300 feet. The structure shares many architectural elements with the west gatehouse, Staffhouse #11.

The Home Arts Building is a vernacular, frame structure with an altered cruciform shape. The first floor is covered in shiplap while the remaining one and a half stories are covered with shingles. Because of the relocation, a newer concrete foundation supports the building. A composition roof covers the cross gable roof. Each direction of the multifaced building shows a gable end with boxed cornices and return eaves.

The fenestration remains simple. The 2/2 sash windows display wooden sills and surrounds. The windows which appear under the gable peak show a single sash window with the same treatment. The two chimneys on the building also appear plain. The north wall exhibit an exterior wall chimney constructed of stretcher bond brick. The second chimney is a central interior example.

The building does not really have a dominant facade but the north wall faces Route 32. A principle entrance appears on this wall. The western portion displays a tricorner porch supported by two pilasters and one free-standing post. All three pieces exhibit a sawn design.

A two story, flat roof addition attaches to the western wall. The addition measures two bays by two bays. Plain wooden pilasters divide the first floor windows. The second floor windows display a transom above storm windows.

# 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** 1906 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

Staffhouse #13 was constructed as the gatehouse for the north entrance to Springfield State Hospital in 1906. The gatehouse at the west entrance was also built during the same year. Because of this, the buildings share common architectural features such as the construction materials, gable roofs and asymmetrical floor plans. The two buildings even shared the same function as a gatehouse. The erection of Staffhouse #13 helped to delineate the hospital property from the farmland. The gatehouse reinforced the idea that the hospital operated as a distinct community which not only treated its patients but housed its employees as well. A hospital employee lived in the gatehouse to regulate the flow of traffic in and out of the hospital.

While Staffhouse #13 has been moved from its original location, its historical and architectural integrity has not suffered a great deal. The move of approximately 300 feet to the east did not upset the setting very much. The building remains on hospital property and the move did not place the dwelling in new terrain. The major consequence of the move lies in the separation of the gatehouse from the "gate." The stone pillars still stand to mark the entrance but the building is no longer adjacent to them. However, the building can be easily seen from the stone pillars.





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Don Jewell, 6/86

Negatives at MHT

North



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South