

CARR-1257

1800-1820, 1900's

Dairy Buildings

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

There are two buildings which have no other title but the dairy buildings. Standing side by side, the two structures have been historically linked to the farm operation of the hospital. The rubblestone structure most likely dates to the original Springfield Farm due to the barrel vault construction of the cellar portion of the building. The eastern building is a one-story frame structure which functioned as a small office for the dairy operation.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Dairy Buildings

and/or common

## 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street & number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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	<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 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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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 two buildings located just north of the horse barn do not have specific names but have been historically related to the dairy production of the hospital. Positioned very close together, the two one story buildings display different construction materials. The eastern building runs two bays long and one bay deep. Constructed of shiplap siding, the eastern building rests on a rubblestone foundation. The gable roof is covered by diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. The northern and southern walls exhibit windows which have been sealed with plywood. Both the sills and surrounds are constructed of wood. The eastern facade shows the gable end with a boxed cornice. A centered door with the nineteenth century pattern of an inverted cross appears on the eastern wall. The western wall lacks any openings.

The western building is constructed of random coursed fieldstone and rises one story. Measuring two bays long and two bays deep, the building displays a gable roof, covered in the same roofing material of diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. Evidence reveals that the stone had been painted at one time.

The wall openings vary slightly from one another. The southern wall shows a window with a vertical joint lintel and sill constructed of brick. The window has been boarded up. The window's counterpart on the north wall has lost its brick lintel but retains the brick sill. A boxed cornice appears below the roof on the northern and southern wall.

The western and eastern gabled ends display closed verges. A deeply recessed door on each wall has a wooden surround and a nineteenth century vertical board door. A makeshift cement lintel appears above the western door and three stone steps lead down to the entrance.

# 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 checked="" 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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Unknown 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.

The western building constructed of fieldstone is most significant as one of the remaining structures related to the Springfield farm. Before the State of Maryland bought the Carroll County land for the hospital, Governor Frank Brown owned the 700 acre plus farm. The history of the farm dates back to the late eighteenth century. The fieldstone structure most likely dates to the early years of the Springfield farm ie 1810's-1820's. One of the strongest factors which links the building to the Springfield farm is barrel vault construction of the interior. The structure functioned as a cold storage space for fruits and vegetables. The use of barrell vault construction was limited in this area and popular during the late eighteenth century and early nineteenth century. Springfield State Hospital continued to use the structure as part of their dairy production to keep milk cool.

The eastern building constructed of shiplap does not date to the early years of Springfield farm but indications do point to the strong possibility that the eastern building existed on the property when the State bought the land for the hospital in 1896. The shiplap building also gains its significance as a component of the farm production of the hospital. Its function has been historically linked to the dairy operation at Springfield State Hospital.





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Dairy Building #2

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Negatives at MHT

East



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Dairy Buildings #1 & #2

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West



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South



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