

CARR-1258

1925

Maintenance Shop

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Garage/Mechanical Storeroom

and/or common Maintenance Shop

2. Location Springfield Hospital Center

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Sykesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6

state Maryland _____ county Carròll

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 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.

The Maintenance Shop is a one story, stucco building measuring eight bays long and four bays deep. Located just north of the Powerhouse, the main facade looks west. Because the building rests on the side a hill, the basement level is visible on the north, south and east facades. A flat roof covers the structure.

The fenestration pattern on the west wall has been altered. The ghosts of the larger, original windows are visible. The austral windows display a brick sill, metal surrounds and single sash. A product of the 1920's, austral windows were often used in public buildings for increased ventilation. The remaining fenestration on the other walls consists of large, multipaned pivot windows with metal surrounds and mullions. The pivot windows are slightly recessed and lack any sill or lintel.

The main entrance on the west wall has also been altered to a set of doors. The wooden doors are adorned by a large surround. A raised string course runs above the doorway and could be considered as a lintel for the door. The stucco wall bows outward slightly to form the cornice. A short parapet rises from the flat roof and frames the building.

The east wall repeats the large metal windows. In addition, the ground level exhibits two large openings for retractable garage doors. The wooden doors operate on metal tracks. A common pier divides the openings. The area functions as an auto shop. A single door appears on the northern end of the wall. It displays a large wooden transom. The opening contains a door within a door and both open outward away from 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 1925 Builder/Architect Springfield State Hospital

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 Board of Managers of Springfield State Hospital adopted a resolution on May 1, 1925 which authorized the construction of a new garage. The cost was not to exceed \$6000. One of the people responsible for the garage was Senator Wolfe. A plaque recognizing his contribution hangs on the west wall of the building. The resolution also authorized money for the construction of a refrigeration shop. These expenditures acknowledged the growing needs of the hospital in other areas outside the realm of patient care and treatment. The construction of the garage, identified today as the Maintenance Shop, permitted the hospital to complete one more task on the campus, namely automotive repair. This perpetuated the idea of self-sufficiency of the hospital.

The construction material of stucco over cast concrete was a common choice for "industrial" buildings on the hospital grounds in the 1920's. The barns and the refrigeration shop are other examples on the grounds. The choice of construction material helped to identify the function of the building. All of the patient buildings were constructed with brick so the stucco and concrete indicated a building with a support function.



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West and North Face



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East and South