

Water Tanks (Buildings 34), Henryton Sanatorium  
CARR-1629  
Carroll County  
Marriottsville Vicinity  
circa 1923; 1955  
Public

Two cylindrical, metal Water Tanks (Buildings 34) are located along an abandoned road north of the core complex of the Henryton Center. The property containing the tanks is enclosed by a chain-link fence.

Construction of the smaller water tank may have occurred simultaneously with the construction of the first hospital building in 1923. A 1950s insurance survey describes the tank as 30-feet tall and 30-feet in circumference. Comprised of riveted steel plates set atop a concrete base, the tank holds 150,000 gallons of water used in the facility's fire hydrant system. A handwritten note on the insurance report states that an additional 300,000 gallon tank, the larger of the two tanks, had been built in 1955.

A physical vestige of the establishment and evolution of tuberculosis healthcare facilities in Maryland, the Water Tanks, Buildings 34, are contributing elements to the proposed Maryland Register eligible Henryton Sanatorium Historic District (CARR-1616). The tanks describe common utilitarian structures performing a support function for the overall complex and are therefore recommended as not eligible for the Maryland Register as individual resources.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CARR-1629

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Water Tanks – Henryton Sanatorium Historic District

other Buildings 34, Water Tanks – Henryton Center

### 2. Location

street and number south side of Henryton Road, west of Marriottsville Road not for publication

city, town Marriottsville  vicinity

county Carroll

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street and number 201 W. Preston Street telephone (410) 767-6816

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21201

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel Map 79, Parcel 150

city, town Ellicott City liber 116 folio 127

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	2	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<b>previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

Two riveted steel cylinder Water Tanks (Buildings 34) are located along an abandoned road north of the core complex of the Henryton Center. The property containing the tanks is enclosed by a chain-link fence. The older of the two tanks is set on a poured concrete base and measures 30 feet in diameter and 30 feet in height. It had a holding capacity of 150,000 gallons. A second modern water tank with a capacity of 300,000 gallons has been constructed next to the original tank. Both structures are located on a hill about ¼ mile north of the main hospital building.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

<b>Specific dates</b>	circa 1923 - 1962	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
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<b>Construction dates</b>	circa 1923-1955
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Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

A physical vestige of the establishment and evolution of tuberculosis healthcare facilities in Maryland, the Water Tanks, Buildings 34, appear to constitute contributing elements to the proposed Maryland Register eligible Henryton Sanatorium Historic District (CARR-1616). The tanks describe common utilitarian structures performing a support function for the overall complex and are therefore recommended by Berger as not eligible for the Maryland Register as individual resources.

Construction of the smaller water tank may have occurred simultaneously with the construction of the first hospital building in 1923. A 1950s insurance survey describes the tank as 30-feet tall and 30-feet in circumference. Comprised of riveted steel plates set atop a concrete base, the tank holds 150,000 gallons of water used in the facility's fire hydrant system. A handwritten note on the insurance report states that an additional 300,000 gallon tank, the larger of the two tanks, had been built in 1955 (Riggs-Warfield-Roloson 1953-1959).

The Henryton Sanatorium was one of four state-operated tuberculosis sanatoria established during the early twentieth century that represented a significant part of Maryland's public health campaign to stop the spread of tuberculosis. The first state tuberculosis sanatorium was established at Sabillasville, Frederick County, in 1908. The other state sanatoria established after Sabillasville included Henryton (1923), Mount Wilson (1924), and the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Sanatorium (1928). The Henryton Sanatorium was the first and only of the state sanatoria established for the treatment of African-American patients, whom statistical trends in Maryland show had a high mortality rate attributed to tuberculosis. The water tanks represent part of utilitarian development within the Henryton Sanatorium during the early and mid- twentieth century.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Board of Managers of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium

1942      *Annual Reports of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium.* Located in the Maryland Room of the University of Maryland Library, College Park.

Riggs-Warfield-Roloson, Incorporated

1953-1959      "Maryland Tuberculosis Hospital (Colored Branch)". Insurance Survey on file at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property      46Acreage of historical setting      105Quadrangle name      Sykesville MarylandQuadrangle scale:      1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The water tanks are located within the proposed boundaries for the Henryton Sanatorium Historic District. The proposed boundaries for the district include all of the historic Sanatorium parcel west of Henryton Road and north of the former B&O Railroad tracks. These boundaries encompass the Sanatorium's historic setting and landscape features, as well as all surviving resources related to the property's use as a tuberculosis facility. The district has been documented as MHT inventory number CARR-1616.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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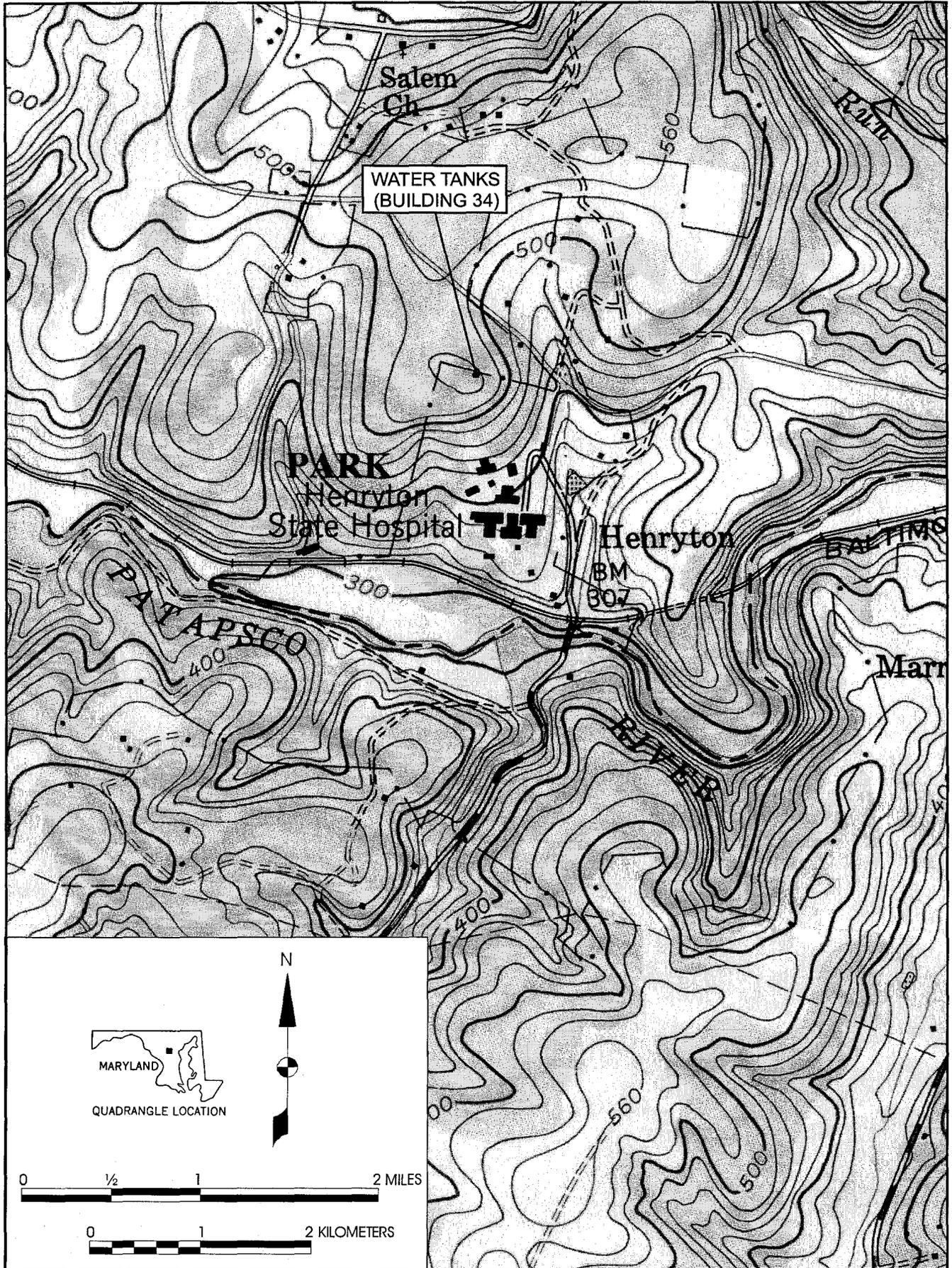
name/title	Eric F. Griffiths/ Architectural Historian		
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city or town	Washington, D.C.	state	

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**Water Tanks (Building 34; CARR-1629)**

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Sykesville, MD 1953  
(Photorevised 1979)



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Biveted steel water tank circa 1923

Northeast view

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Modern Water Tank, Northeast View

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