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Motor Pool Public

Crownsville Hospital Center

Crownsville

The Motor Pool is constructed of concrete blocks which were used for non-patient buildings in the 1920's and 1930's at Crownsville. The patients manufactured the blocks in industrial classes for use in hospital construction. The building consists two gables which intersect to form an L-shaped building. The structure continues to shelter motor vehicles.

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DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Motor Pool

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Crownsville Hospital Center ___ not for publication

city, town Crownsville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	*__ public	*__ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
*__ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	*__ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	*__ not applicable	___ no	___ military	*__ other: hospital

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

name Department Of Health And Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 W. Preston Street telephone no.: 225-6816

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber

street & number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

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
___ excellent	* ___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	* original site
___ good	___ ruins	* altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Located west of the Marbury Building, the Motor Pool Building consists of two gables which intersect to form an "L" shaped structure. One gable runs east and west, rises one-story in height and measures six bays long and one bay wide. The second gable runs north and south, is one-and-a-half stories in height and measures one bay wider than the first gable. Constructed of molded concrete blocks, the Motor Pool has a slate covered roof. The gable ends display cornice fascia.

Most of the openings are wooden garage doors that are retractable. Smaller doors have been altered from larger garage doors. The openings exhibit brick lintels and some of the windows have a brick surround with a gibbs pattern. The window which has not been sealed with plywood reveals a casement window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	*__ architecture	___ education	___ military	*__ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
*__ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1936 **Builder/Architect** Hospital Personnel

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 Motor Pool Building was constructed in 1936. It was customary for the hospital engineers and the capable patients to erect buildings which housed support functions and that is most likely to be true for the Motor Pool. Architects were usually not sought for the smaller buildings on the hospital campus when the employees were capable. This idea of self-sufficiency wherever possible contributed to the necessity of the motor pool. It was more economical for the hospital to maintain, repair, and house its own vehicles, and the Motor Pool Building provided the location for the service.

The building is only moderately significant for several reasons. At various locations, there are serious structural cracks which detract from the building's integrity. Secondly, the building does not possess a great deal of architectual ornamentation. The design and materials are common place while they do not detract from the architectural environment of Crownsville neither do they enhance it.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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