

AA-974

1920s, 1930, 1935

Morgue and Pump Houses

Public

Crownsville Hospital Center

Crownsville

The Morgue and Pump Houses are concrete block structures located southwest of the patient complex. Though none of the three buildings is currently in use, the structures once operated specific support functions. Each building has simple features and most likely were constructed with the help of patient labor.

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Morgue and Pump Houses

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Crownsville Hospital Center ___ not for publication

city, town Crownsville ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" 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. Anne Arundel County Courthouse, Room 101_{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
<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.

There are three individual buildings which stand in close proximity of one another, west of the original hospital complex. Located in a gulley near the bank of a stream, the three buildings share similar appearances. The largest of the three structures functioned as a morgue at one time. The two remaining buildings are pump houses. While the Morgue was probably built first, all the buildings have construction dates in the early 1930's.

The Morgue is a one-and-a-half story structure constructed of molded concrete blocks. Capped by a slate covered, gable roof, the building measures two bays wide and three bays deep. The main facade faces west. This west facade has an engaged portico with a central archway. A brick lintel decorates the rounded arch. The door and windows are detailed by brick surrounds and vertical joint lintels. The casement windows have protective metal screens. A boxed cornice lines the raking eave while the gable ends have cornice fascia.

The two pump houses have such similar appearances that one description will suffice for both. The simple structure is square, one bay by one bay. Rising one story in height, the pump house is constructed of the familiar molded concrete blocks. A slate covered hipped roof rises above the boxed cornice. Each building has two openings: one door and one window. The openings are decorated with brick Gibbs surrounds and vertical joint lintels. The french windows have brick sills as well. The southern pump house has a small wooden cupola of louvered sides and gable roof.

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 1920s, 1930, 1935 **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 Morgue and the two pump houses represent an earlier period in the operation of Crownsville Hospital Center. These structures were built in an effort to maintain a degree of self-sufficiency at the hospital. Naturally, the pump houses provided water for the hospital while the morgue provided one of the hospital's necessary support functions. The original morgue was located in the basement of the Administration Building.

Because of the construction materials and the purposes of the buildings, it is most likely that these structures were built by hospital employees with help from the patients. The molded concrete blocks were made by the patients in industrial classes and used throughout the campus like the Maibury Building. Many of the non-patient buildings constructed in the 1930s were built of the concrete blocks.



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NORTH AND WEST



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