

AA-976

1942

Psychology Building

Public

Crownsville Hospital Center

Crownsville

The Psychology Building displays elements of the Georgian Revival style of architecture. The two-and-a-half story building reflected an expansion of the hospital to the northern section of the property with the original intention of the building to facilitate the admissions process.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-976
Magi No. 0209764839
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Admissions Building

and/or common Psychology Building

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street & number Crownsville Hospital Center not for publication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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<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. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input 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.

With features from the Georgian Revival style of architecture, the Psychology Building is a common bond brick building that rises two and a half stories in height. Located northwest of "C" Building, the Psychology Building faces north. The main block of the building measures five bays wide and is flanked on each side by a smaller two story, one bay wing. The building is five bays deep and has a gable roof.

A molded brick water table appears just above grade. The fenestration pattern consists of 9/9 sash windows, concrete sills, and brick jack arch lintels. A brick string course divides the first and second floors. The wall culminates in a boxed cornice. Two flush wall chimneys frame the five bay section. The triple flue chimneys interrupt the peak of the gable and display corbelled rims. The main block also exhibits a pedimented pavilion which incorporates the three central bays. The pediment gable has a simple wooden boxed cornice. The face of the gable is decorated by an oculus window with concrete keystones at the quarter marks.

The outside bays differ slightly from the rest of the building. In addition to only rising two stories, the second floor of the wings are constructed of wooden panels and pilasters. A concrete string course provides the transition between the brick and the wood. The second floors have their own slate covered gable roofs. The pediment gable appears on the east and west face of each respective wing. Boxed cornices and plain soffits detail the gables.

Because of the topography, the Psychology Building has a one-story wing off the south wall at ground level. The wing is five bays wide and nine bays deep with a flat roof and mental cornice.

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
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<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	1942	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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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.

Built in 1942 as the Admissions Building, the Psychology Building was a component of a plan to expand the hospital to the northwest of the original complex. Though not quite fifty years old, the building displays a degree of ornamentation which contributes to the architectural setting of Crownsville Hospital Center. The Georgian Revival features such as the gable roof, pedimented pavilion, flush wall chimneys provide the building with architectural integrity. The workmanship, materials and the massing have been retained and still convey the essentials of the design.



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South



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North