

CARR-1233

1912

Central Storeroom

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

Constructed in 1912, the Central Storeroom is a one story, common bond brick building. Two cross gables interrupt the hipped, slate roof. The building faces west.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Central Storeroom

and/or common

2. Location Springfield Hospital Center

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Sykesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6

state Maryland _____ county Carroll

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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

ate _____ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

The Central Storeroom is located just southwest of the Central Laundry and Powerhouse. The one story, common bond brick building measures five bays long and three bays deep. A hipped roof caps the rectangular building while a cross gable interrupts the east and west facades. The main facade faces west.

The west facade exhibits some features which repeat on the other faces. A brick string course runs horizontally across the wall distinguishing the first level from the basement level. The first floor windows reveal a 6/6 double-hung sash with a smooth stone sill and lintel. The jack arch lintel has a raised keystone. The windows flank a central doorway. The double wooden doors display the same stone lintel but with larger proportions. A six pane glass transom rests above the doors. A single wooden door also appears on the western wall. Sharing the same stone sill and lintel, the door is adorned by a glass transom.

The west facade displays a common bond brick deck capped by a layer of cement. The deck runs the length of the building as it serves as a loading platform. The platform appears only on the west facade. Below the string course on the other three walls, ground level windows are present. A smooth stone sill and lintel embellish the 3/3 double-hung windows.

Oculus openings are centered in the cross gables. Resting below the peak of the gable, the opening is detailed by a louvered air vent and a brick surround. A boxed cornice and return eaves characterize the gable. A boxed cornice also appears below the hipped roof. Slate tiles cover the entire 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 1912 **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 Central Storeroom was designed and built to receive and store goods transported to the hospital by railroad. Constructed in 1912, the Central Storeroom is located by the terminus of the railroad line. One of the requirements of the potential property for the second state mental hospital was its accessibility to a railroad line for the easy transportation of goods and visitors to the hospital. The Springfield property fulfilled this requirements and the administration capitalized on it by constructing the Central Storeroom. Because of the loading platform and the adjacent railroad track, the storeroom provided a convenient building in which to store the arriving supplies. The Central Storeroom also helped to contribute to the economic stability of the hospital. The building provided storage space which allowed the employees to buy in bulk and store the goods until they were needed.

Though the architectural lines of the Central Storeroom are simple, the building still possesses a great deal of architectural integrity. The location and the setting of the building remain intact and still convey the purpose of the structure as the railroad track runs by the building. The structural condition appears to be good along with the physical cleanliness of the exterior. The building displays a limited amount of ornamentation compared to other Springfield buildings of this period but the function of the building did not require elaborate architectural details. The building's features do, however, produce a clean design which adds to its aesthetic value.



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Negatives at MHT

West