

CARR-1234

1914

Locomotive House

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

Measuring four bays wide and two bays deep, the Locomotive House is a flemish bond brick building. The building stands on a stone foundation rising one and a half stories and capped by a gable roof.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Locomotive House

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street & number \_\_\_\_\_  not for publication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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 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. Carroll County Courthouse Annex Rm G-81iber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

file \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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.

Located east of the Warfield Group and north of the water tank, the Locomotive House is a one and a half story, flemish bond brick building. It measures four bays wide and two bays deep. A stone foundation supports the brick building and slate tiles cover the gable roof. The building is symmetrical.

The east and west walls each display two windows which have been sealed with plywood. The openings show smooth stone sills and brick vertical joint lintels. A simple boxed cornice rests below the slate roof.

The southern and northern walls exhibit the gable end of the building detailed by a plain boxed cornice. An oculus window appears just below the peak of the gable. A circular stone lintel is interrupted by raised keystones at each quarter mark. The openings do not show any glass. The northern facade exhibits a single recessed door with a stone sill and a brick vertical joint lintel. In contrast, the southern wall displays a large vertical board stable door. The face of the gable is covered by corrugated metal. Ivy vines grow on all four brick walls.

# 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** 1913-1915 **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.

As mentioned in the Biennial Report of the Board of Managers of Springfield State Hospital, a brick locomotive house, including necessary switch connections had been built between 1913 and 1915. The construction of the locomotive house increased the efficiency of the railroad operation at Springfield. The existence of the railroad at Springfield was considered essential to the smooth operation of the hospital. When the Board Of Managers of the newly authorized hospital began scouting for an appropriate site for the facility in 1896, one of the requirements of the location was its easy access to railroad transportation. Because the hospital was going to be located in the country, a railroad line would be necessary for the quick transportation of goods and materials. When the Board of Managers chose the Springfield farm as the new hospital site, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad line passed through Sykesville so that only a short rail extension would need to be laid between Sykesville and the new hospital site. The construction of the locomotive house was an improvement of this rail line by 1915.

It is most likely that the building was erected by hospital personnel and patients. The design of the building is simple but defined. The flemish bond brick, oculus windows and the slate roof combine to provide the building with a clean, symmetrical appearance which continues to display its workmanship and design.





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