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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Washington Sanitarium

AND/OR COMMON Washington Adventist Hospital

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 7600 Carroll Avenue

CITY, TOWN Takoma Park

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Fifth

STATE Maryland

VICINITY OF
CODE
24

COUNTY
Montgomery
CODE
031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: health care

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Eastern States Adventist Health Services

STREET & NUMBER 7710 Carroll Avenue

CITY, TOWN Takoma Park

VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 20012

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 27 Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building now known as the Washington Adventist Hospital was originally a cruciform block with two porticos facing north and south. The main facade was on the north side and looked down upon Sligo Creek. The present T-shaped remainder of the original structure still continues the cruciform idea, although the fourth wing is a new structure. It retains its original two stories with a basement and an attic level. The steep multi-gabled roof is intersected by a number of pedimented dormers, each with a large lunette or tympanum window. The hospital is a stuccoed frame structure with painted wooden shingles covering the roof. Some of the dormer pediments are decorated with a mosaic of glazed varicolored ceramic tiles.

The most striking aspect of the building's facade is the two-story Tuscan Doric portico set on a podium with a central stair. The main entrance here has a double door with sidelights and pilasters; above this is a three-part wooden pediment. The tripartite window on the portico balcony echoes the design of the doorway below. The raking cornice of the portico and the two wings is ornamented on the underside with a recessed rectangular design, which is repeated on the doorway itself. The second floor of the east wing is decorated with an urn-shaped balustrade. A belt course unifies the design by connecting the two wings with the portico. In the central block, shingles were used above the belt course and combine an element of the shingle style with what would otherwise have been a purely Colonial Revival design. The decoration, with the exception of the colored tiles in the dormers, is on the whole restrained and classical.

Though there have been numerous changes made in the interior over the years, the original plan of the two central corridors, intersecting at right angles, with rooms on either side and a large lobby in the center, remains unchanged. The high ceilings, plaster walls, wooden and terrazzo floors all contribute to the feeling of permanence, stability, and craftsmanship the old building possesses.

These qualities are in evidence in many of the older buildings in Takoma Park, a National Register Historic District, where there are not only examples of Colonial Revival and shingle style architecture of the same period as the hospital, but stick style, Second Empire, and Beaux Arts buildings as well. The older part of the hospital is the only part of that property which relates to the neighborhoods around it, and its loss would be detrimental to the overall ambience of the area.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	X_RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	—ARCHITECTURE	X_EDUCATION	—MILITARY	X_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	X_PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
X1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Baird

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Washington Sanitarium is the oldest hospital in Montgomery County, Maryland. The building is also a vital link in the development of the mission of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, one of the few religious groups indigenous to the United States. The Adventists made early use of the social and humanitarian aspects of health care in an effort to educate the general population to the philosophy that "you are what you eat"-- a remarkable idea considering what was known about nutrition in the late 19th century. This building is the only remaining structure at this site of the earliest Adventist attempts to reach out and educate the general population.

The hospital has been in use since it opened on June 13, 1907. The choice of site and inspiration for the building of a sanitarium are intimately linked with Ellen G. White. Mrs. White, a leader in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, is considered by many members of the Adventist religion to be the "prophet" whose revelations added much to Adventist dogma. In the early 20th century, Mrs. White wrote that "the same instruction which indicated so clearly that the headquarters of our denomination should be established near Washington declared that a sanitarium should be opened here".

Construction began in 1906 on the main building, 44' by 112' with an extension on the back of 44' by 52'. The basement and first floor were constructed of concrete and the rest of wood. The four-story structure accommodated 40 patients and 12 helpers. The City of Takoma Park cooperated by improving the water and sewage systems at a nominal cost to the sanitarium.

On June 13, 1907 the sanitarium opened; two months later it was announced that it had 21 patients and was more than meeting current expenses. Drs. D.H. and Lauretta Kress, who figured prominently in the history and development of the sanitarium, were the first medical director and the first surgeon.

The Washington Sanitarium was considered modern for its day and sufficiently attractive to cause favorable comments from visitors. Its founders had in mind a home-like institution where special diet would be combined with rest and exercise, instruction in healthful living and a friendly atmosphere. Patients were encouraged, when able, to take their meals in the dining room. The grounds included a variety of gardens in which, when possible, each patient was expected to spend a little time working. Guests could also play croquet or exercise in the well-equipped gymnasium. Physical therapy treatments became one of the sanitarium's specialities.

In 1910 the first class of nurses was graduated after three years of study and training. The internship program, begun with only one intern in 1915, increased. Various buildings were added through the years--a nurses' dormitory (1909), which was later taken over as an annex for patients when another dormitory was built; the old hospital building (1918); and additions to the main buildings and annex (1920).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre (1907 Sanitarium building only)

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The hospital property consists of part of Block 51 of B.F. Bilbert's Subdivision of "Takoma Park", total 47.16 acres, as described in Montgomery County deeds 178/84, 313. Only the area immediately around the 1907 building is included in this nomination.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Phil Vogel, Project Director

ORGANIZATION

Historic Takoma, Inc.

DATE
10 November 1978

STREET & NUMBER

7117 Garland Avenue

TELEPHONE
(301)270-8247

CITY OR TOWN

Takoma Park

STATE
Maryland 20012

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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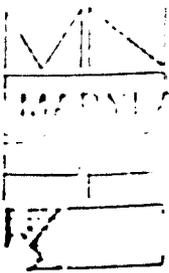
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ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Washington Sanitarium
2. Planning Area/Site Number 37/4* 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference --
*(new designation--not originally on Atlas)
4. Address 7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park 20012
5. Classification Summary
- Category buildings
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition N.A.
 Status occupied
 Accessible yes, restricted
 Present use health care
 Previous Survey Recording None Federal State County Local
6. Date 1906-07
7. Original Owner Washington (D.C.)
Sanitarium Association
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good
- b. altered
- c. original site
9. Description: The building has a frame construction with stucco & painted wooden shingles. It was originally a cruciform block with 2 porticos facing north & south; the main facade was north. The present building retains the original 2 stories with basement & attic levels. The steep multi-gabled roof is intersected by a number of pedimented dormers; some dormers are decorated with unusual windows or ceramic tiles.
- The most striking aspect of the facade is the 2 storied Tuscan Doric portico which is set on a podium with a central stair. Inside, the original plan of the 2 central intersecting corridors, with rooms on either side and a large center lobby, remains unchanged. The high ceilings, plaster walls, wooden & terrazzo floors all contribute to the feeling of permanence, stability & craftsmanship the old building possesses.
10. Significance: The Washington Sanitarium is significant as the oldest hospital in Montgomery County, & has been in use since it opened in 1907. The building is a vital link in the development of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, which early attempted to reach out & educate the public on nutrition & health care. The Church's National founders played a direct role in selecting the site and building the hospital.
- The Sanitarium was a homelike institution where special diet was combined with rest & exercise, with instruction in healthful living, & with a friendly atmosphere. Physical therapy treatments became one of the Sanitarium's specialties.
- The nurses' training program began in 1907, and the internship program began in 1915. Various buildings have been added through the years.
11. Date researched and researcher Historic Takoma, Inc. November 1978
12. Compiler Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled 11/78 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: less than 1 acre



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

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|---------|---------|---------|
| 10/2 | | 23/70 |
| 10/9 | | 23/98-1 |
| 10/11 | | 24/12 |
| 10/22 | | 24/14 |
| 10/25 | | 24/15 |
| 10/54 | | 25/1 |
| 10/71 | | 25/10-1 |
| 10/73 | 15/68 | 27/5 |
| | 15/69 | 27/7 |
| 10/74 | 16/19 | *27/11 |
| 11/8 | *17/4 | *27/13 |
| 12/14-1 | 17/55 | 28/15 |
| 12/16 | 18/1 | 28/26 |
| 12/26 | 18/9 | 30/3 |
| | 18/22 | 30/7 |
| 13/15 | 18/27 | 30/9 |
| 13/16 | 18/29-1 | 30/15 |
| 13/28 | 19/8 | 30/17 |
| 13/32 | 19/18 | 30/19 |
| | 19/20 | 31/9 |
| 14/1 | 20/6 | 33/3 |
| 14/15 | 20/14 | 33/5 |
| 14/18 | 20/27 | 33/11 |
| 14/19 | 22/5 | *34/1 |
| 14/23 | 22/6-1 | *34/9 |
| 14/30 | 22/18 | |
| 14/31 | 22/21 | |
| 14/40 | 22/22 | |
| 14/48 | 22/23 | |
| 14/54 | 22/24 | |
| 15/10 | 23/13 | |
| 15/11 | | |
| 15/18 | | |
| *15/62 | | |

Site No.

- 35/6
- 36/9
- *37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



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420 000 FEET (MD.)

GREEN MEADOWS 1.3 MI.

WHITE OAK 5 MI.

4314

57'30"

3.5 MI. TO U.S. 50

4312



NO PARKING
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Main Entrance



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Former Pediment



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Bedimental Tower

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Front Entrance

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Column - main entrance



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