

Power House (Building 17), Henryton Sanatorium
CARR-1625
Carroll County
Marriottsville Vicinity
1938
Public

The Power House, Building 17, is a two-story brick utilitarian building with a flat roof and 35-light metal windows. A one-story flat-roof bay extends from the first story of the east or front elevation. It contains the building's main entrance composed of double-leaf wood-paneled doors inside a corbeled arched opening. A large smoke stack is attached to the north side of the building. A lean-to sheltering two round metal fuel tanks extends from the west or rear elevation. Many of the windows have been bricked-in or have broken glazing. The interior, inaccessible during the survey due to safety concerns, is severely deteriorated.

Construction of the Power House probably began in 1938 shortly after the legislature appropriated \$270,000 for the construction of additions to the hospital, a power house, and an underground steam line connecting the power house with the main buildings of the hospital complex. As originally built the Power House contained two coal-fired, high pressure steam boilers and auxiliary machinery that provided heat to the hospitals. A 45-foot tall coal hopper stood between the Power House and the railroad to facilitate the loading of coal from rail cars to the Power House. The hospital converted to oil burners in 1969 and dismantled the hopper.

Helping to document the operation of the former Henryton Sanatorium during the mid-twentieth century, the Power House, Building 17, is a contributing element to the proposed Maryland Register eligible Henryton Sanatorium Historic District (CARR-1616). Although indicative of overall sanatoria design, the Boiler House comprises a minor element of the district, Building 17 does not appear to meet Maryland Register eligibility criteria as an individual resource.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CARR-1625

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Power House – Henryton Sanatorium
other Building 17, Boiler House – Henryton Center

2. Location

street and number south side of Henryton Road, west of Marriottsville Road not for publication
city, town Marriottsville vicinity
county Carroll

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
street and number 201 W. Preston Street telephone (410) 767-6816
city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21201

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel Map 79, Parcel 150
city, town Ellicott City liber 116 folio 127

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0 0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0 0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1938-1962 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1938

Evaluation for:
 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Helping to document the operation of the former Henryton Sanatorium during the mid-twentieth century, the Power House, Building 17, appears to constitute a contributing element to the proposed Maryland Register eligible Henryton Sanatorium Historic District (CARR-1616). Although indicative of overall sanatoria design, the Power House comprises a minor element of the district, and does not appear to meet Maryland Register eligibility criteria as an individual resource.

The Power House was constructed in 1938. The 1938 annual report of the Board of Managers of Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoriums indicate that the state legislature appropriated \$270,000 for the construction of additions to the hospital, a power house, and an underground steam line connecting the power house with the main buildings of the hospital complex. The Power House and steam tunnels were completed and in operation by the fall of 1938 (Board of Managers Report 1938:3-4). As constructed, the Power House contained two high pressure steam boilers and auxiliary machinery that provided the hospital's heat that was transferred from the Power House to the other buildings via the steam tunnels. Because the boilers were originally fueled by coal, the site for the Power House was chosen to be adjacent to the B&O Railroad. A coal hopper 45 feet in height was once attached to the Power House for the purposes of delivering coal to the building via rail transport (Riggs-Warfield-Roloson 1953-1955). The hopper was dismantled sometime after the plant's conversion from coal to oil fuel in 1969.

The Henryton Sanatorium was one of four state-operated tuberculosis sanatoria established during the early twentieth century that represented a significant part of Maryland's public health campaign to stop the spread of tuberculosis. The first state tuberculosis sanatorium was at Sabillasville, Frederick County, and opened in 1908. The other state sanatoria established after Sabillasville included Henryton (1923), Mount Wilson (1924), and the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Sanatorium (1928). The Henryton Sanatorium was the first and only of the state sanatoria established for the treatment of African-American patients, whom statistical trends in Maryland show had a high mortality rate attributed to tuberculosis. The Power House represents part of the utility expansion of the Henryton Sanatorium during the 1940s as a means of upgrading the complex's heating system.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Board of Managers of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium

1938

Annual Reports of the Board of Managers of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium. On file at the University of Maryland Library, College Park, Maryland.

Riggs-Warfield-Roloson, Incorporated

1953-1959

"Maryland Tuberculosis Hospital (Colored Branch)". Insurance Survey on file at the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property

46

Acreage of historical setting

105

Quadrangle name

Sykesville MarylandQuadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Power House is located within the proposed boundaries for the Henryton Sanatorium Historic District. The proposed boundaries for the district include all of the historic Sanatorium parcel west of Henryton Road and north of the former B&O Railroad tracks. These boundaries encompass the Sanatorium's historic setting and landscape features, as well as all surviving resources related to the property's use as a tuberculosis facility. The district has been documented as MHT inventory number CARR-1616.

11. Form Prepared by

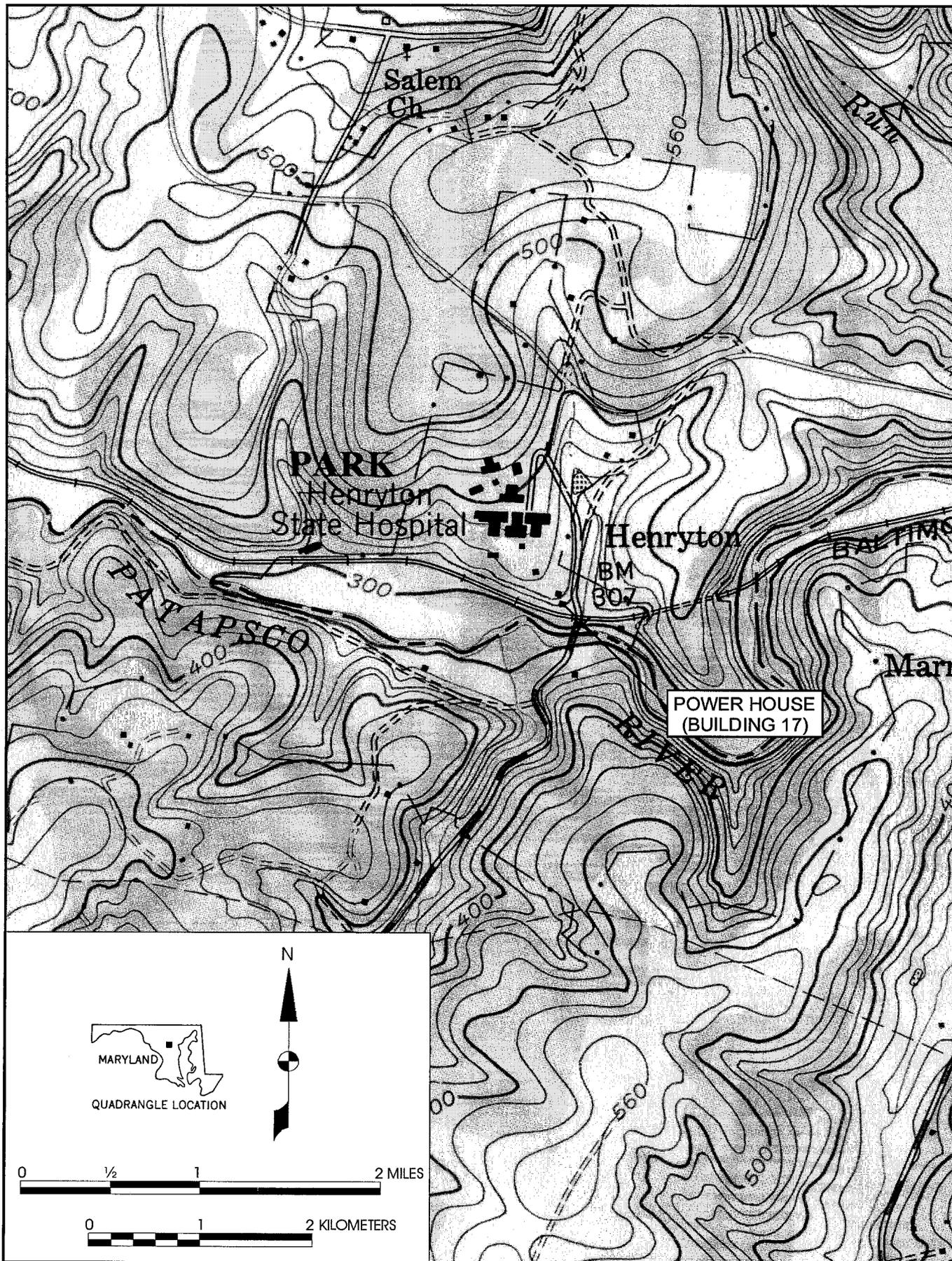
name/title	Eric F. Griffiths/ Architectural Historian		
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Power House (Building 17; CARR-1625)

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Sykesville, MD 1953 (Photorevised 1979)



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Powerhouse - Henryton Sanatorium

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South view of Powerhouse + Powerhouse
Storage Building

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South + East Elevations of Power house
Northwest View

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