

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: GEORGIA, De Kalb

DATE RECEIVED: 7/22/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/20/04  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/04/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/04/04  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04000929

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 9/4/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

*Accept amendment & boundary decrease*

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*9/21/04*

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AND BOUNDARY DECREASE  
EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE  
SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN  
DeKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in Atlanta was founded in 1915. The hospital, designed by Neel Reid of Hentz, Reid and Adler, and constructed between 1918 and 1920, was the first nationally renowned Scottish Rite or Shriners' children's hospitals in the country. All current Shriners' hospitals and burn centers trace their beginnings to this facility. The Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 17, 1982. The period of significance for the original listing was 1918 to 1920. This additional documentation will extend the period of significance to 1948 to include the historic resources associated with the complex's capacity as a hospital.

The maintenance building and laundry (photographs 4 and 5), constructed in 1948, was not included in the resource count in the original nomination. Due to the date of construction, the building would have been considered noncontributing at the time of the original listing. Since that time the building has become 50 years old and was rehabilitated under the National Historic Preservation Act Federal Tax Incentives Program. The property owners applied to the Tax Incentives Program, Technical Preservation Branch, National Park Service for final certification.

The maintenance building and laundry was constructed with funds raised by a local women's club. It is a one-story stucco over concrete block building with a small addition on the northeast corner and a flat roof covered with ceramic tile coping. The front façade is symmetrical with a double door entry and an eight-pane metal casement window with a two-pane transom on each side of the door. There are three multi-pane metal casement windows on each side. The rear façade has a double door entry and an eight-pane casement window with a two-pane transom to the right. The interior of the building is a large open space with two small rooms in the addition. There are built in cabinets and a sink along the side walls.

Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children as amended is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A in the area of medicine for its role as a charity hospital for children during the historic period. It is also eligible for listing under Criterion C in the area of architecture for its good and intact collection of hospital-related buildings on the campus. The buildings, constructed at different times during the historic period, represent the growth of the hospital and its role in health care for children in and around Atlanta.

The Scottish Rite Convalescent Hospital for Crippled Children had been expanding its services since its inception in 1915, when it rented two cottages to serve children recovering from surgery. With the completion of the 50-bed hospital in 1918, the name was changed to Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, in honor of the Masons who raised the necessary funds for construction of the hospital. All of the doctors served without pay, and the Masons raised the annual operating funds.

Fund-raising remained a major part of the hospital's activities. In 1933, Tom Slate, a Scottish Rite

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Mason, convinced the University of Georgia and Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) to play a charity ball game to benefit the hospital. Since that time numerous fundraising events involving hundreds of volunteers have provided funds for the hospital each year.

In the 1920s and 1930s the American Academy of Pediatrics began a nationwide advocacy for children campaign. As medical specialization in pediatrics grew, more personnel were trained in various areas to meet the newly understood medical needs of children. Unique children's hospitals with special equipment were constructed. In Atlanta the Eggleston Children's Hospital opened in 1926.

With the epidemics of polio in the 1940s and 1950s many more children were served by the hospital. The specialty of pediatric orthopedics grew out of these times. In order to serve the expanding hospital, a maintenance/laundry building was constructed in 1948 with funds raised by a local women's club. Then in 1957, a two-story nurses' quarters was constructed to the east of the main campus to further facilitate the expanding hospital.

It was not until 1966 that Scottish Rite began accepting paying patients in an effort to broaden its base. Other surgical specialists joined the staff as new surgical clinics were added to the hospital. The hospital complex retained its original use until 1976 when the Scottish Rite Consistory of Atlanta built a new hospital facility.

The Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children campus now houses several community-oriented tenants, including Y.M.C.A. of Greater Atlanta, Community Center of South Decatur, and The Seen Gallery.

### BOUNDARY DECREASE

The original National Register boundary of the property is decreased to exclude newly constructed handicap accessible, affordable housing at the rear of the property and recently constructed single-family homes at the rear and side of the property. These buildings are not related to the campus' function as a hospital during the historic period.

### CONTRIBUTING/NONCONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

The five contributing buildings on the originally nominated property are the administration building (photographs 16, and 10), the service annex (photograph 7), the west ward (photographs 1 and 10), the east ward (photographs 2, 3, background, and 6), and the incinerator. The incinerator is no longer extant. There were no noncontributing resources counted on the originally nominated property, however two other buildings related to the campus' role as a hospital were located on the property at the time. The maintenance building and laundry and the nurses' residence were not included in the original count. The nurses' residence (photograph 3, foreground) was constructed in 1957 according to the cornerstone on the building. It is a two-story, rectangular building with stucco over reinforced concrete, brick quoins, and a flat tile roof. The building rests on a brick pier foundation. The entrance to the building has a classically inspired surround and is centrally located on the front façade, however the façade is not symmetrical. The building features single and grouped multi-pane double-hung-sash windows. Some window openings have been partially filled in

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with smaller windows installed. At this time, due to the construction date of the building, it is considered a noncontributing resource. The number of contributing buildings on the property is increased by one (the maintenance building and laundry) and decreased by one (the former incinerator building) for a total of five. The number of noncontributing buildings is now one (the nurses' residence).

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**State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

Richard Luce  
Signature of certifying official

7.15.04  
Date

*RL* W. Ray Luce  
Historic Preservation Division Director  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official

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Date

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State or Federal agency or bureau

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Photographs

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**Name of Property:** Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children (Additional Documentation and Boundary Decrease)  
**City or Vicinity:** Decatur  
**County:** DeKalb  
**State:** Georgia  
**Photographer:** Jim Lockhart  
**Negative Filed:** Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
**Date Photographed:** June, 2004

**Description of Photograph(s):**

Number of photographs: 10

1. Administration Building, right, and west ward; photographer facing northwest.
2. East ward; photographer facing northwest.
3. Nurses' residence; photographer facing northwest.
4. Maintenance building and laundry; photographer facing northwest.
5. Maintenance building and laundry; photographer facing northeast.
6. East ward, foreground, and administration building, background; photographer facing west.
7. Administration building (rear façade) and service annex, foreground; photographer facing southwest.
8. New construction; photographer facing southeast.
9. New construction, foreground, administration building and service annex, background; photographer facing southwest.
10. Administration building and west ward; photographer facing northeast.

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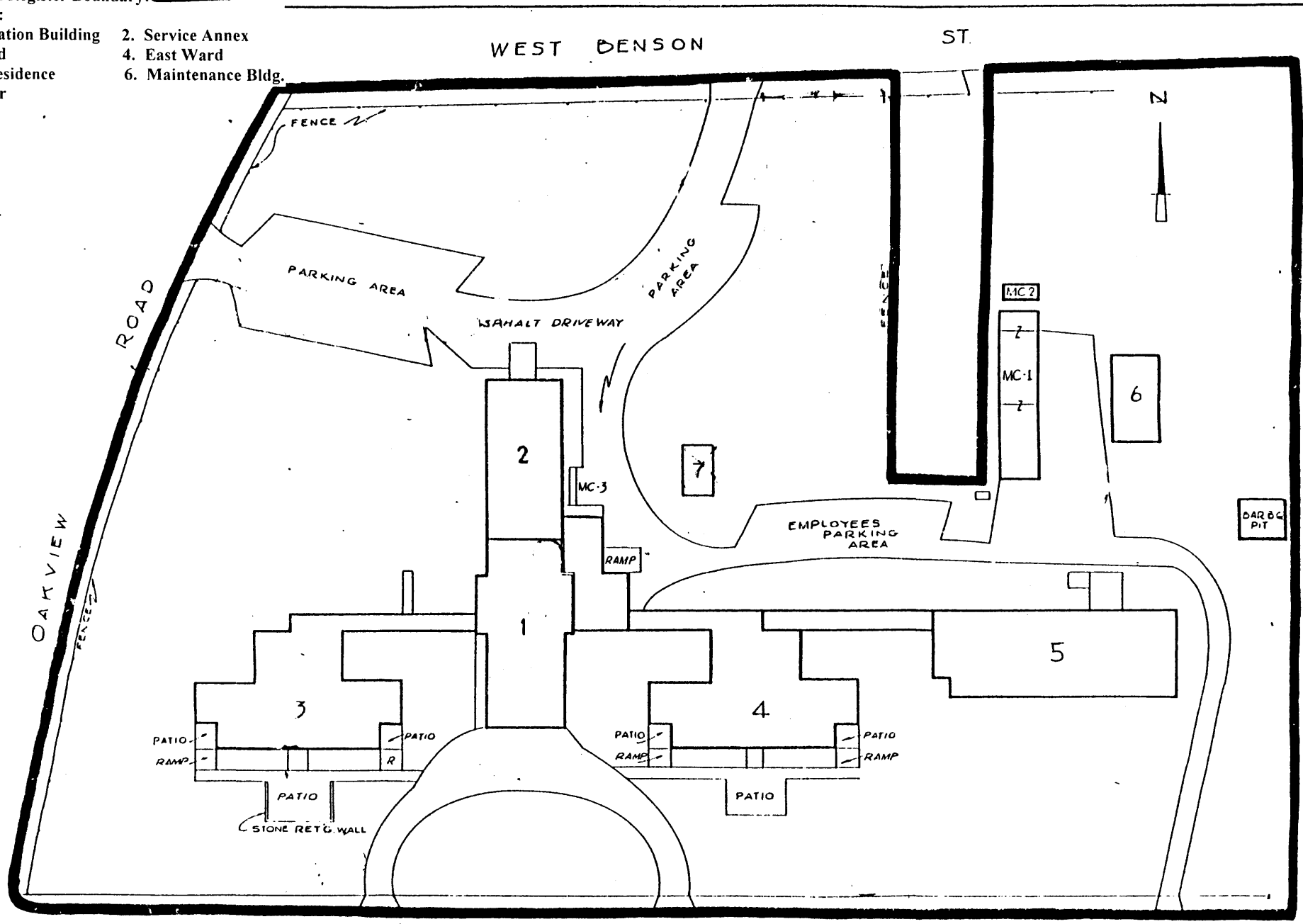
Documentation and Boundary Decrease)

966 Plat Map

982 National Register Boundary: ██████████

Building Key:

- 1. Administration Building
- 2. Service Annex
- 3. West Ward
- 4. East Ward
- 5. Nurses' Residence
- 6. Maintenance Bldg.
- 7. Incinerator



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 DECATUR, GEORGIA.

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