

LOS ANGELES COUNTY POOR FARM, TOILET BUILDING  
(Rancho Los Amigos, Los Angeles County Building No. 1247)  
(Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center)  
(Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center)  
7601 Imperial Highway  
Downey  
Los Angeles County  
California

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**Location:** 7601 Imperial Highway, located in the interior courtyard of the Men's Psychiatric Ward complex (LACO Nos. 1204 and 1205), on the block bounded by Golondrinas Street to the north, Dahlia Avenue to the east, Consuelo Street to the south, and Erickson Avenue to the west

U.S. Geological Survey Los Angeles Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 3754324 N; 392770.7 E

**Present Owner / Occupant:** County of Los Angeles

**Present Use:** Vacant

**Significance:** The Toilet Building is significant under National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history. Located on what is now known as the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus, the historic district portrays the establishment of the County Poor Farm at this location in 1887, its transition into a facility for long-term indigent medical care between the two world wars, and its emergence as a medical and rehabilitation center in the early post-World War II years. The men's and women's psychiatric wards, begun in 1907, represented a significant addition to the mission of the Poor Farm, and reflected its transition into a residential medical facility. The building was erected in 1925 as an outdoor restroom for the male mental patients residing in the Men's Psychiatric Ward complex. The building continued to be used in that capacity until the complex was converted to office and storage space in the late 20th century. The building is currently vacant.

### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Physical History:

1. **Date of erection:** 1925<sup>1</sup>
2. **Architect:** No known architect could be associated with the Toilet Building.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** County of Los Angeles (1887/1888–present)
4. **Original and subsequent occupants:** County of Los Angeles (1887/1888–present)

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<sup>1</sup> According to historic aerial photographs and Fliedner, Colleen Adair. 1990. *Centennial, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, 1888–1988*. Downey, CA: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

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5. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** No known builder, contractor, or supplier could be associated with the Toilet Building.
6. **Original plans and construction:** No building permits, original plans, or construction drawings were found for the Toilet Building.
7. **Alterations and additions:** There appear to be no alterations to the exterior of the building.

**B. Historic Context:**

**Toilet Building**

Begun in 1887/1888 as the new County Poor Farm, Rancho Los Amigos upon its inception was a rehabilitation facility that provided work, housing, and medical care to the indigent. The original purchase of 124.4 acres in the vicinity of the town of Downey, founded in 1873, was graded for roads, supplied with water from an artesian well, and improved with a Refectory Building (dining hall), the North and South Wards, an aviary, and an Office Building by 1889. During the following decade, barns and ancillary buildings with agricultural functions, a freight and passenger railroad depot, a combined bathhouse and laundry facility, and an additional ward were added.

By the 1890s, the County Poor Farm's livestock and agricultural operations were self-sufficient. The County Poor Farm had a herd of nearly 100 Jersey and Holstein cows, which provided a daily output of 200 gallons of milk. For eggs, the farm relied upon its productive, 800-chicken poultry farm located east of Erickson Avenue and north of Gardendale Street. East of the poultry yard was a hog farm, which supported approximately 150 Berkshire and Poland hogs. Sheep were raised and used for their wool. Percheron draft horses were kept to assist with heavy labor tasks. A wide range of crops were grown at the County Poor Farm, including fruits such as strawberries, peaches, and pears, and vegetables such as cabbage, corn, celery, onions, radishes, sugar beets, peas, cucumbers, and olives. With the assistance of farm supervisors, able-bodied patients helped work the fields and orchards, for which they received compensation of \$1.50 per day. Irrigation was provided primarily by the farm's artesian well. Water from the well was pumped using a 10-horsepower engine and stored in a water tower.<sup>2</sup>

The County Poor Farm grew into a nationally recognized institution in the fields of cultivation and scientific breeding as a producer of prized crops and livestock. In addition to operating a successful agricultural enterprise, the County Poor Farm gradually expanded its role as a county medical facility. An increasing number of inmates with chronic medical disorders were being admitted to the County Poor Farm during the 1910s, prompting administrators to employ a staff of physicians and nurses to treat them. This surge in patients, and subsequently employees, provided the impetus for the expansion of services and facilities needed, resulting in the construction of a number of

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<sup>2</sup> Fliedner, Colleen Adair. 1990. *Centennial, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, 1888–1988*. Downey, CA: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

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buildings at the property. The County Poor Farm's expansion reflected an important shift as the focus of the facility transitioned from rehabilitative care for indigents into a hospital to house long-term invalid patients.

The psychiatric facility began at the County Poor Farm in 1907 with the construction of the first Psychiatric Ward building. Originally, women and men psychiatric patients were housed together. The first Women's Psychiatric Ward was completed directly south of the men's ward in 1919 after the Superintendent of the County Poor Farm pleaded with the County Board of Supervisors for funding. The Men's Psychiatric Ward complex was erected in several stages from 1907 to 1924. A second women's psychiatric ward was also constructed in 1924.

In June 1915, William Ruddy Harriman was appointed the new superintendent at the County Poor Farm in order to reestablish the facility after devastating floods and a hog cholera epidemic in 1914 damaged the property's agricultural enterprises. Harriman promptly moved his family into the new Craftsman residence that had been constructed by the prior County Poor Farm superintendent, Charles C. Manning, at the center of the property. When Harriman took over management responsibilities at the County Poor Farm, the institution was providing care to 500 indigent men and women with a staff of 45. Under Harriman's leadership (1915–1931; 1933–1952), the County Poor Farm's agricultural fields and livestock rebounded, and an ambitious plan of improvements, including new and expanded wards, was immediately begun to address the rapidly expanding need for patient accommodations and services. Harriman dramatically improved the property, installing an irrigation system, upgrading the utilities, constructing new buildings, organizing administration duties, and developing the property's park-like landscape. These improvements were largely accomplished in the wake of the financial surge following World War I.<sup>3</sup>

The range of improvements Harriman initiated at the County Poor Farm reflects the rapid growth of the facility during the 1920s. New and expanded services included the construction of new on-site housing that was provided for the employees responsible for around-the-clock patient care and attention, patient wards, additions to men's and women's psychopathic buildings, dining room extensions, nurses' dormitories, employee bungalows, a new power plant, and street improvements.

In addition to the physical changes that were implemented under Harriman's leadership, there were also philosophical changes at the County Poor Farm. Harriman subscribed to the idea that the physical condition of an individual could be improved through occupational therapy activities and uplifting surroundings. Harriman's philosophy for self-improvement soon encompassed every activity at the County Poor Farm. He insisted that the patients' needs and comfort be addressed through the development of amenities at the County Poor Farm. Patients were assigned to work on the farm or in the greenhouse, based on their physical capabilities and individual talents. These occupational therapy activities were also intended as physical therapy, by providing the patients with fresh air, sunshine, and independence.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Fliedner, Colleen Adair. 1990. *Centennial, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, 1888–1988*. Downey, CA: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

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Throughout the 1920s, as residency continued to increase, Harriman expanded and improved the County Poor Farm's facilities, including a number of large building projects. Understanding the need to house additional patients, Harriman began the construction of four patient wards in 1922 followed by an additional four wards soon after. This project signaled the full-fledged transition of the farm from a rehabilitative care facility for indigents into a hospital to house long-term invalid patients. By 1922, the institution had a staff of approximately 175 employees to care for the needs of the 1,500 ambulatory patients living at the South Campus.<sup>5</sup> By late 1925, an additional five infirmary wards had been constructed. Several substantial buildings continued to be erected through the 1920s. In 1928, the old brick refectory building was razed and replaced with an 850-seat Spanish Colonial Revival Auditorium, which provided much-needed diversions to the ailing patients and staff. Movies were screened weekly in the Auditorium, and other musical types of entertainment were offered as well.

By the end of the 1920s, the County Poor Farm comprised an impressive 540 acres of farmland and buildings, with a property value of \$2 million. Real estate improvements included three annual crop yields; one mile of paved roads; an additional one and one-fourth miles of decomposing granite roads; miles of sewer mains connected to the county sanitation system; hundreds of acres of new lawns, gardens, and trees; and numerous buildings serving a variety of purposes.<sup>6,7</sup>

## **PART II. ARCHITECTURE INFORMATION**

### **A. General Statement:**

- 1. Architectural character:** The Brick Vernacular style Toilet Building is one-story, symmetrical in appearance, and square in plan. The building has retained most of its character-defining features, which include: hip roof, brick walls laid in common bond pattern, segmental arched window and door openings with lintels of double header brick bands, corbelled brick course defining brick belt course at the wall base, and slightly projecting window sills of header bricks.
- 2. Condition of fabric:** The current condition of the Toilet Building is deteriorated. Windows and doors are boarded over.

### **B. Description of Exterior:**

- 1. Overall dimensions:** The Toilet Building net interior condition space (interior dimensions exclusive of covered or enclosed interior spaces) calculates to 459

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<sup>5</sup> Foster, Henry. 5 October 1959. "History of the Rancho." Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Archives. Box 25, Folder 57.

<sup>6</sup> Fliedner, Colleen Adair. 1990. *Centennial, Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, 1888–1988*. Downey, CA: Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

<sup>7</sup> Harriman, William R. 1928. "1927–1928 Annual Report for Rancho Los Amigos." Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California Archives. Box 22, Folder 13.

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square feet. The building has a gross exterior area of 459 square feet and a footprint of 459 square feet.<sup>8</sup>

2. **Foundations:** The building sits on a concrete slab foundation.
  3. **Walls:** Exterior walls are clad in painted brick laid in common bond pattern.
  4. **Structural system, framing:** The structural system for the Toilet Building consists of a hipped roof supported by brick walls.
  5. **Openings:**
    - a. **Windows:** Fenestration consists primarily of segmental arched window openings with lintels of double header brick bands and flat-headed windows, which are located on the building's north, east, and south elevations. All extant windows are original wood-framed, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows. The windows are trimmed by slightly projecting window sills of header bricks.
    - b. **Doors:** The primary entrances to the building are located on the north and south elevations and consist of two original wood paneled doors with transoms that are accessed by concrete ramps with iron railings. Secondary entrances are also located on the north and south elevations and consist of segmental arched openings with lintels of double header brick bands and original wood paneled doors with transoms above.
  6. **Roof:** The building is capped by a medium-pitched hipped roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. Composition shingles cover the roof. A vertical wood sided shed addition is attached to the west (rear) elevation, which is capped by a gabled roof covered in rolled asphalt shingles.
- C. **Description of Interior:** The Toilet Building comprises five rooms that are accessible only from the exterior of the building. Two rooms consist of bathroom stalls and a sink area. The remaining three rooms are empty.
- D. **Site:**
1. **General setting:** Existing landscaping surrounding the Toilet Building consists of weeds and mature grass. Concrete ramps with metal handrails lead to the building's primary entrances. Concrete paving surrounds the building.

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<sup>8</sup> Sapphos Environmental, Inc. 15 December 2008. Revised Memorandum for the Record No. 21: Update to the List of Buildings, Structures, and Features of the Rancho Los Amigos Historic District. Job No. 1217-056. Pasadena, CA.

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2. **Orientation:** The Toilet Building is one of several small support buildings within the courtyard of the Men's Psychiatric complex (LACO Nos. 1204 and 1205), which is located at the north end of the block bounded by Golondrinas Street to the north, Dahlia Avenue to the east, Consuelo Street to the south, and Erickson Avenue to the west.

### **PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

#### **A. Architectural Drawings:**

No original drawings for the Toilet Building were discovered. A set of as-found drawings were prepared for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) documentation in 2007 by Mollenhauer Group for the County of Los Angeles.

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**PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION**

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