

Glen Lake Sanatorium, Nurses' Residence
(Building 3)
County Road 4 at County Road 67
Minnetonka and Eden Prairie
Hennepin County
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-133-B

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1924
2. Architect: Sund & Dunham
3. Original and subsequent owners: Hennepin County
4. Builders, contractors, suppliers: Unknown
5. Original plans and construction:
6. Alterations and additions:

B. Historical Context:

For context of site, see MN-133: Glen Lake Sanatorium, Historical Context. The Nurses' Residence (Building 3) was constructed in 1924 as part of the general expansion of the facility. These buildings are connected to the main buildings by tunnels. The building was renamed Naysmith Hall in 1956, in memory of Sue T. Naysmith, head of the nursing department at Glen Lake from 1920 to 1941. In March 1977, the building was leased to Nexus, a rehabilitation program for released felons.¹

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The exterior details of the residence are Italian Renaissance Revival. The simple hipped roof has broad, boxed eaves. Decorative elements include tile, ironwork, and alternating courses of common and Flemish bonds, stacked header bond, and rowlock lintel brickwork. Belt courses are articulated in masonry. Classical door and window surrounds highlight selected openings.
2. Condition of fabric: good

¹For information, see Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission, 5-6; Myers, 370-371; and Agency Outline.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 28 ft. X 248 ft., plus 20 ft. X 34 ft. living room, plus 36 ft. X 116 ft. addition
2. Foundation: concrete
3. Walls: structural tile with brick veneer
4. Structural system, framing: concrete floors with masonry bearing walls
5. Porches: The two front entry porches are recessed into the building for shelter and are decorated with classical detailed carved stone moldings.
6. Chimneys: brick
7. Openings:
 - a. Doors: wood panel and French, divided-light half-round transoms
 - b. Windows: wood, divided-light double-hung and casement
8. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: low-pitched hip roof with clay tile
 - b. Eaves: closed, wood
 - c. Dormers: multiple, hip-roofed dormers with two divided-light sash at each

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The three-story building is a double-loaded corridor dormitory style residence with a full basement. Multiple shared bathrooms are on each floor. A large, vaulted-ceiling living room is on the main floor at the northeast corner of the building. A three-story addition accommodated additional sleeping rooms, bathrooms, and another living room.
2. Stairways: Three fire-resistant stairwells serve the main building, and another serves the addition.
3. Flooring: hardwood, decorative clay and ceramic tile

4. Wall and ceiling finishes: plaster
 5. Openings:
 - a. Doors: wood panel and French
 6. Decorative features and trim: wood casing, base, cove moldings, masonry fireplace surrounds and mantles, decorative ceiling beams at main living room
 7. Hardware: brass, glass door knobs
 8. Mechanical equipment:
 - a. Heating: steam provided by main boiler plant
- D. Site:
1. General Setting and Orientation: The front elevation of the residence faces west. The building sits on a hill above the road. There is a surface parking lot at the rear.
 2. Outbuildings: wood-frame, hip-roofed fourteen car garage (Building 4)