

Glen Lake Sanatorium, East Cottage  
(Building 9)  
County Road 4 at County Road 67  
Minnetonka and Eden Prairie  
Hennepin County  
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-133-F

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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## PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

### A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: 1916
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. This was the first building on the site to treat patients. Construction began in 1914, and East Cottage opened in January 1916, with room for 50 patients. It was one of four sanatoria opened in Minnesota that year. After the east and west wings were constructed in 1924, East Cottage became a residence for semi-ambulant patients. Both East and West Cottages were closed for patient care in 1955.<sup>1</sup>

## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The two-story building is simple Italian Renaissance Revival with one rowlock brick course between first and second floors, and brick window sills. Both facades have two small wings at either end, and a recessed central block in between. The entry at the South elevation is recessed into the building and supported by Tuscan columns. There is a projecting center pavilion at the rear elevation which accommodates the main stair. The basement is above grade at the southeast corner.
2. Condition of fabric: poor

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<sup>1</sup>Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission, 4, 6.

**B. Description of Exterior:**

1. Overall dimensions: 36 ft. X 104 ft.
2. Foundation: concrete
3. Walls: structural tile with stucco veneer and brick trim
4. Structural system, framing: concrete floors with masonry bearing walls (most of which have been removed at first floor to accommodate vehicle storage)
5. Porches: a shallow, recessed porch shelters the front entry
6. Openings:
  - a. Doors: wood, divided light
  - b. Windows: wood, divided-light, double- and triple-hung
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: low-pitched hip with asphalt shingles
  - b. Eaves: open, with exposed rafter tails

**C. Description of Interior:**

1. Floor plans: The symmetrical, double-loaded corridor floor plan accommodates numerous patient rooms and long, open sun rooms with a southeast orientation.
2. Stairways: one, central stair at the rear of the building
3. Flooring: terrazzo
4. Wall and ceiling finishes: plaster
5. Openings:
  - a. Doors: wood panel and French doors with divided-light transoms

**8. Mechanical equipment:**

- a. **Heating:** steam provided by main boiler plant

**D. Site:**

1. **General Setting and Orientation:** The front elevation of the building is oriented to the southeast with views of the grounds from the sun rooms. There is a service road to the rear.