

Glen Lake Sanatorium, Dining Building/
Auditorium
(Building 11)
County Road 4 at County Road 67
Minnetonka and Eden Prairie
Hennepin County
Minnesota

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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

B. Historical Context:

For context of site, see MN-133: Glen Lake Sanatorium, Historical Context. This building was constructed in 1924 as part of a general expansion of the facility. The dining room was on the third floor, with the auditorium filling the first and second floors. Kitchen, staff dining rooms, and dish washing facilities were also located in this building. The auditorium was different from other sanatoria auditoriums: "It can be used by both the ambulant and bed patients (rather an unusual feature, as usually the auditorium is in a detached building and can only be used by the up-and-about patients)."¹

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The building is simple Italian Renaissance Revival. Limited decorative details include stone belt course, window sills and cornice.

A second floor corridor, with five round-head windows at both elevations, is the link between this building and Building No. 12. Now enclosed, a large, open, Roman arch allowed outdoor passage under the enclosed walkway above.

2. Condition of fabric: good / fair

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 92 ft. X 128 ft.
2. Foundation: concrete

¹Mariette, "Growth and Development," 6.

3. Walls: masonry with brick veneer and stone trim
 4. Structural system, framing: concrete floors with masonry bearing walls
 5. Openings:
 - a. Doors: hollow metal doors at entrance
 - b. Windows: wood, divided-light, double-hung; three large windows at first floor west elevation have divided-light, half-round transoms
 6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: flat concrete deck with membrane, contains five skylights
 - b. Cornice: stone with brick parapet
- C. Description of Interior:
1. Floor plans: The building is divided by a corridor linking the Service Building (Building 10) and the Administration Building (Building 13).
 - a. Main Floor: locker rooms, butcher shop, refrigerated food storage
 - b. First Floor: auditorium
 - c. Second Floor: auditorium and library
 - d. Third Floor: dining room, food serving lines, dish washing facilities
 2. Stairways: two enclosed stairwells; elevator
 3. Flooring: various, including terrazzo, vinyl tile, and hardwood
 4. Wall and ceiling finishes: plaster
 5. Openings:
 - a. Doors: wood
 6. Decorative features and trim: marble base, wood chair rails

7. **Mechanical equipment:**
 - a. **Heating, air conditioning:** steam for heat provided by main boiler plant; air-conditioning is accommodated by rooftop units, and an evaporative cooler (swamp) unit.
- D. **Site:**
1. **General Setting and Orientation:** The building is linked to the Service Building (Building 10) to the north, and to the Administration Building (Building 13) to the south. Paved parking lots are to the east and west.