

Glen Lake Sanatorium, Administration
Building (Infirmary Building)
(Building 13)
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: 1921
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 building opened in 1921 as the Infirmary Building, adding 100 beds. This doubled Glen Lake's capacity to 200. In 1924, with the construction of the east and west wings, it was converted into the Administration Building. It housed physicians' offices and patient rooms.¹

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The building is Italian Renaissance Revival with a pedimented center pavilion. Decorative elements include rowlock lintels and diagonal Flemish bond brickwork, stone belt courses, watertable, and window pediments. The modillion cornice and balustraded parapet are above the fifth floor, the sixth lies behind the parapet and has a low-pitched, gable roof. The three additions to this building are linked by four-story brick structures decorated with diagonal Flemish bond brickwork and round headed windows.
2. Condition of fabric: good

¹Hennepin County Sanatorium Commission, 4; and Mariette, "Glen Lake Sanatorium (Hennepin County)," 106.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 40 ft. X 164 ft.
2. Foundation: concrete
3. Walls: structural tile with brick veneer and stone trim
4. Structural system: concrete floors with masonry bearing walls
5. Openings:
 - a. Doors: main entry door is wood panel with glazing and transom
 - b. Windows: wood, divided-light, double- and triple-hung
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: flat with membrane above fifth floor, gable with composition shingles above sixth floor
 - b. Cornice: aluminum covered

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: All six floors and basement are double-loaded corridors housing patients and doctors' offices. Vertical circulation is at the center of the building.
2. Stairways: one main stair, two elevators
3. Flooring: terrazzo, vinyl
4. Wall and ceiling finishes: plaster
5. Openings:
 - a. Doors: wood
6. Decorative features and trim: marble base

8. Mechanical equipment:

- a. Heating: steam provided by main boiler plant

D. Site:

1. General Setting and Orientation: The building is situated facing the mall, which is surrounded by a circular drive; two later-constructed wings, the West Wing (Building 12) and the East Wing (Building 14) enclose the west and east sides of the mall. A surface parking lot lies to the rear.