

NEW JERSEY STATE TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM, HABS No. NJ-1230-B  
EMPLOYEE DORMITORY  
Pavilion Road, .3 miles southwest of intersection  
with Sanitorium Road  
Glen Gardner Vicinity  
Hunterdon County  
New Jersey

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Location: Pavilion Road, .3 mile west of intersection with Sanatorium Road,  
Glen Gardner vicinity, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

USGS Quadrangle: High Bridge, New Jersey  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 18.506580.4504440

Significance: The Employee Dormitory is representative of early twentieth century design changes that were made in tuberculosis treatment facilities to safeguard the physical and mental health of employees.

Description: This two-story, stuccoed terra-cotta hollow-tile, Spanish Mission-style building consists of sixty-one dormitory rooms, eight lavatories, and one recreation room linked by three north/south corridors and one east/west corridor. The east section of the structure, which sits above a crawlspace on a concrete foundation, composes the original construction and features the recreation room. A full basement beneath the added west section contains dormitory rooms, but originally contained a bowling alley and space for pool tables. Asphalt shingles sheathe the wood frame roof, replacing the original terra cotta tiles. Both interior and exterior architectural treatments are minimal. Tongue and groove wood floors are located throughout the building. Transom lights are located above simple door moldings. Radiator heat was provided in each room. The recreation room contains two brick fireplaces with mantles and is enclosed on the south wall by seven bays of double-hung sash wood-frame windows.

History: Due to the remote location of most sanatoria, it was necessary to not only provide room and board for employees, but also to provide for their off-duty activities. In 1921, there were fifty-five bedrooms for 100 to 105 employees (Pattison: 26) at the Glen Gardner facility. Many employees originally slept in basement rooms beneath the wards or in empty beds in the wards. In addition to posing a health hazard for the employees, this situation was considered to be "subversive of discipline" (Pattison: 22). Furthermore, lack of sufficient housing and recreation facilities at this remote location made it difficult to obtain and retain employees.

The first section of the dormitory (the two east ells) was designed in 1921 by Hewson & Strassle Architects of West Hoboken, New Jersey and was reported as being under construction in June 1922. "It contained 59 rooms, in one wing of which are ten rooms with five connecting bath rooms. This unit is being included with the idea that we will be able to secure married couples by giving them these quarters and make more permanent employees" (Pattison: 28).

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Construction completion was estimated for January 1923 (Pattison: 28).

Despite good intentions, the rooms were small (approx. 12' x 9') and it remained difficult to attract employees. The addition designed in 1925-1926 by the New Jersey Department of Institutions and Agencies, Division of Architecture and Construction, included features such as adjoining rooms that could be used as suites, a bowling alley, and pool tables. It was anticipated that such features would attract potential employees. By 1968 the building was only partially occupied and in need of repair and upgrading to meet building codes. The building was abandoned when the sanatorium was closed.

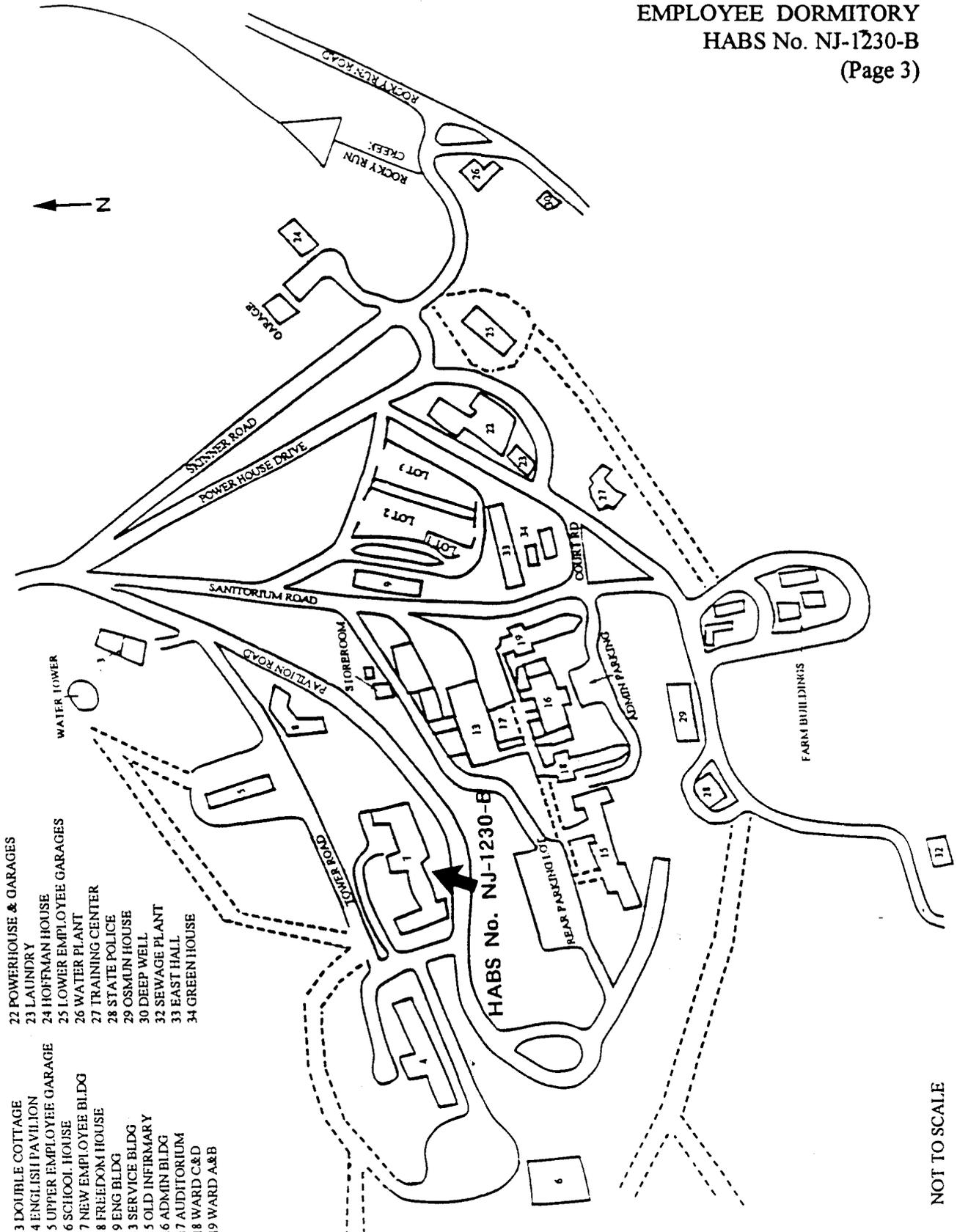
Sources: Employee Dormitory File, Engineering Department, Garret W. Hagedorn Gero-Psychiatric Hospital, 200 Sanatorium Road, Lebanon Township, New Jersey.

Original architectural drawings, located at the State Department of Building Construction, 50 Barrack Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

Pattison, Harry Archibald. "The Tuberculosis Problem in New Jersey." New York: Department of Institutions and Agencies, National Tuberculosis Association. 1922.

Historian: Stacy E. Spies, Architectural Historian, Richard Grubb & Associates, January 1997

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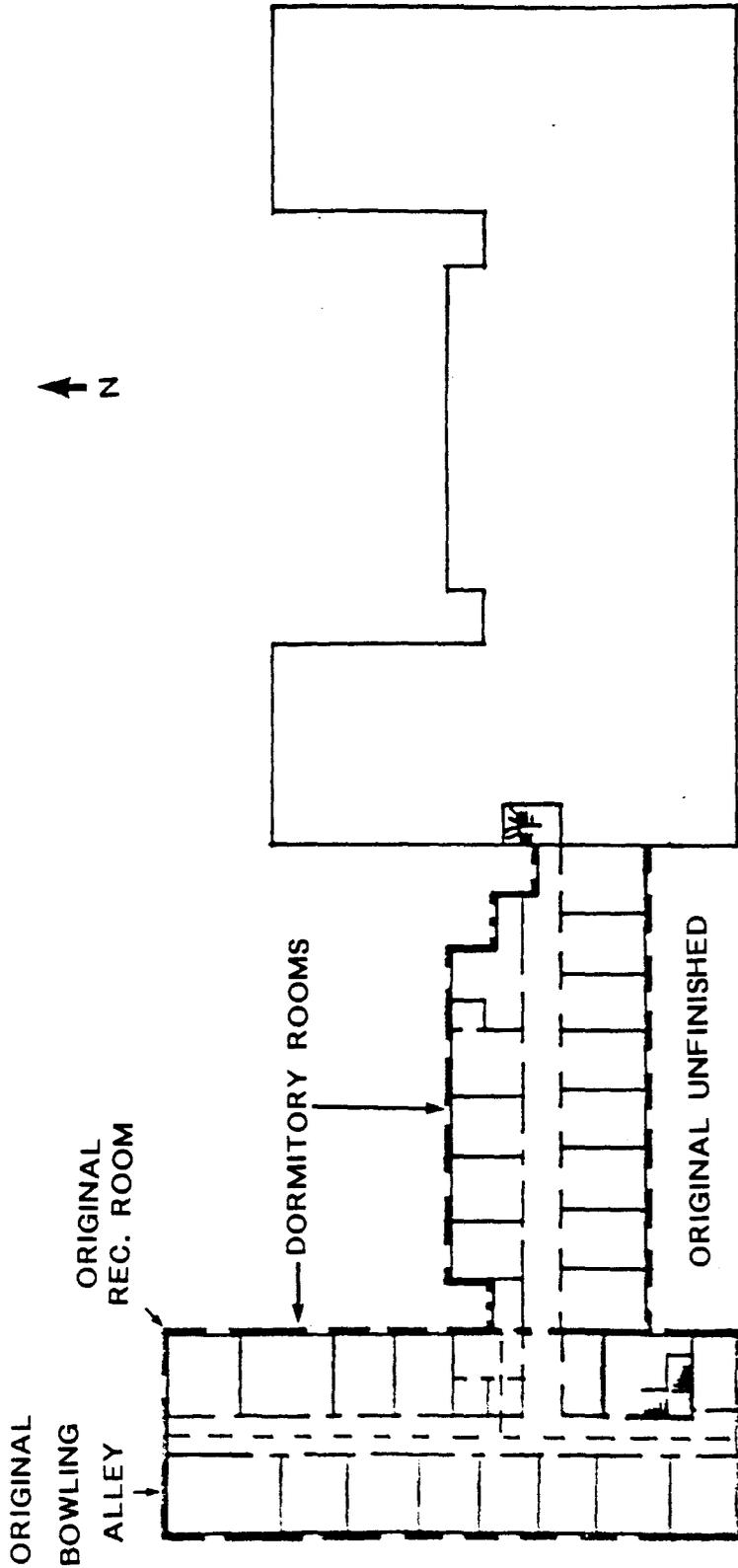


- 3 DOUBLE COTTAGE
- 4 ENGLISH PAVILION
- 5 UPPER EMPLOYEE GARAGE
- 6 SCHOOL HOUSE
- 7 NEW EMPLOYEE BLDG
- 8 FREEDOM HOUSE
- 9 ENG BLDG
- 13 SERVICE BLDG
- 15 OLD INFIRMARY
- 16 ADMIN BLDG
- 17 AUDITORIUM
- 18 WARD C&D
- 19 WARD A&B
- 22 POWERHOUSE & GARAGES
- 23 LAUNDRY
- 24 HOFFMAN HOUSE
- 25 LOWER EMPLOYEE GARAGES
- 26 WATER PLANT
- 27 TRAINING CENTER
- 28 STATE POLICE
- 29 OSMUN HOUSE
- 30 DEEP WELL
- 32 SEWAGE PLANT
- 33 EAST HALL
- 34 GREEN HOUSE

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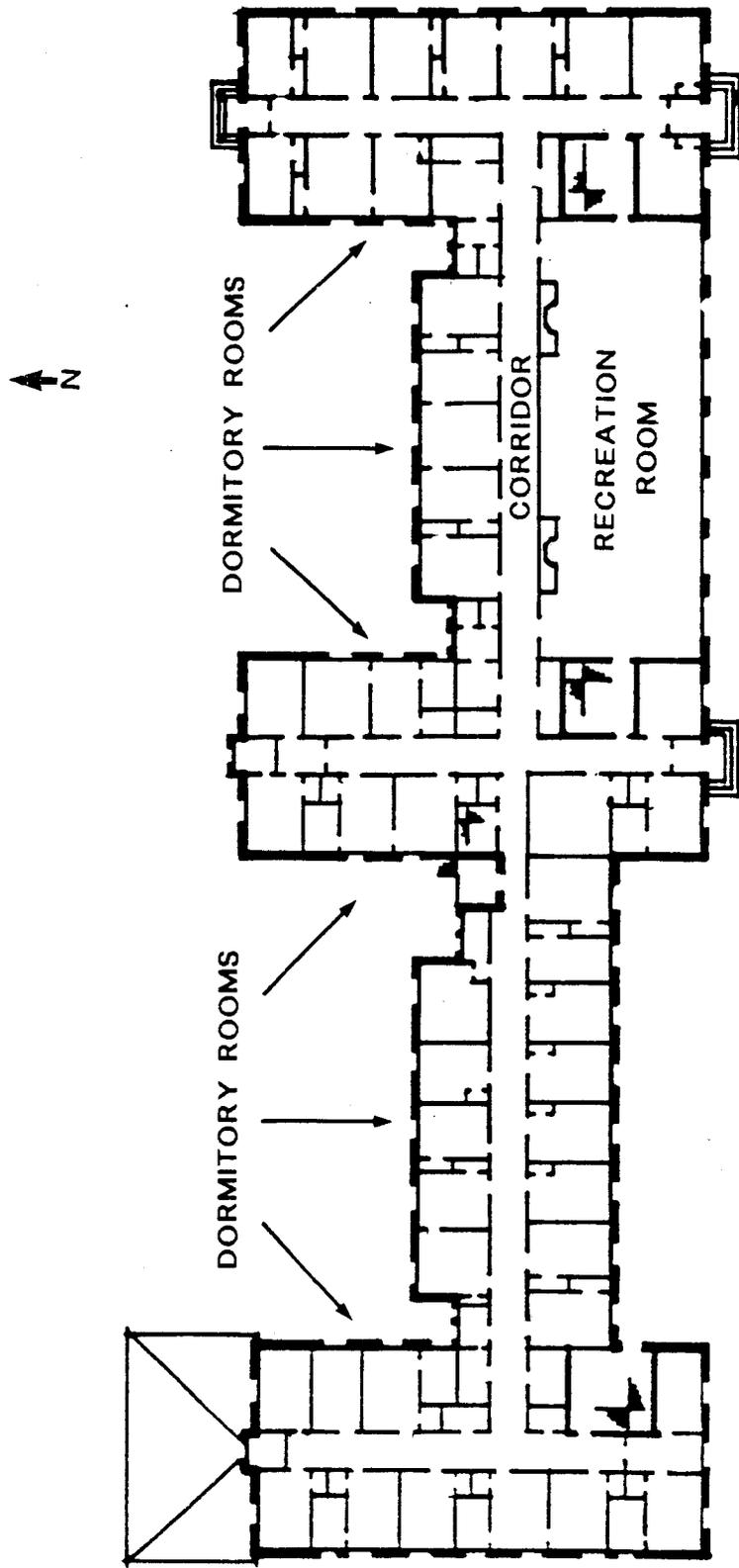


BASEMENT  
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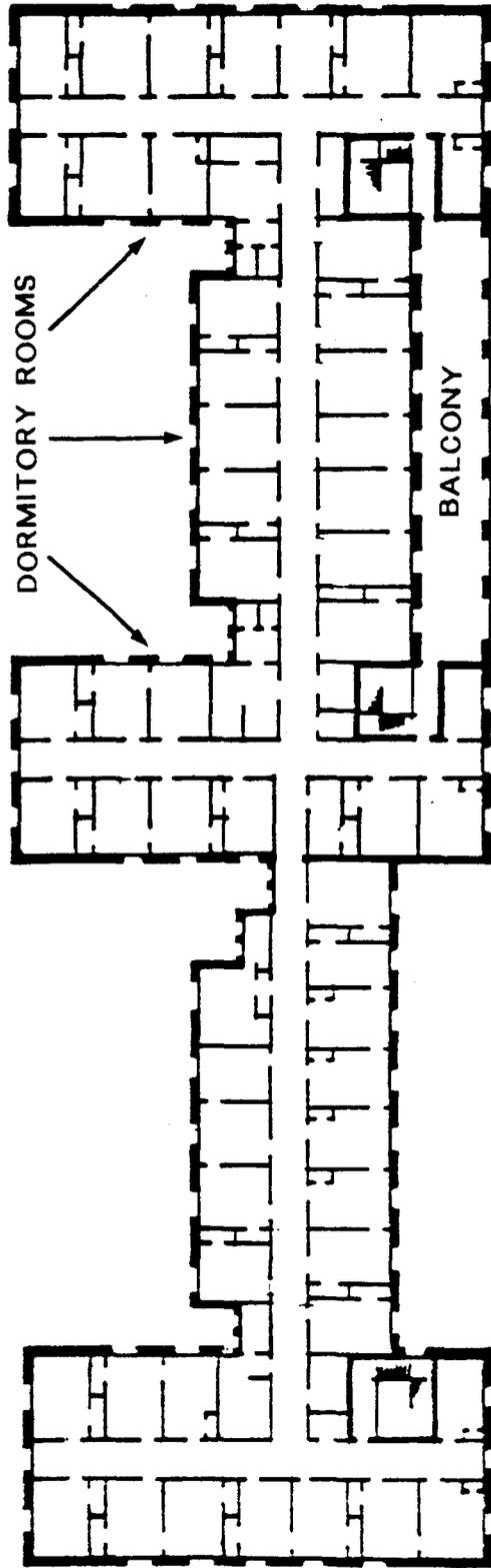


FIRST FLOOR  
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SECOND FLOOR  
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