

VA Medical Center, Aspinwall Division
Station Garage (Building No. 3)
5103 Delafield Avenue
Aspinwall Vicinity
Allegheny County
Pennsylvania

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- Location: The Station Garage is located in the northwest quadrant of the hospital complex, north of an road leading west from the end of the main entry drive, approximately 600 feet southeast of the end of the drive. The Medical Center is located at 5103 Delafield Avenue, Aspinwall vicinity, O'Hara Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.
- Significance: Constructed in 1924, the Station Garage is associated with the Aspinwall Hospital complex, which was developed by the Veterans' Bureau (later the Veterans Administration) as part of a nationwide expansion of the Bureau's hospital facilities conducted between 1920 and 1947.
- Description: The Station Garage is a two-story building set into a sloping site. Because of the site topography only the upper story is exposed above grade on the northwest elevation. Both stories are fully exposed at the southeast elevation. The building measures approximately 110 feet by 40 feet and has a reinforced concrete structural system, with structural tile walls clad with brick. The flat roof is surrounded by a low brick parapet wall. The building is nine bays wide. Eight bays are accessed by means of overhead garage doors, the three central bays project slightly from the main block. The southernmost bay is used as an office and storage area, as is the building's lower level. The side and rear facades contain sixteen-light industrial sash windows, portions of which are infilled with glass block.
- History: Constructed in 1924, the Station Garage served as the garage and maintenance shop for the Aspinwall hospital's fire protection equipment, emergency service equipment, and general service vehicles. The Station Garage is grouped with the Boiler House (Building No. 4) and the Storehouse (Building No. 5) into a small complex of utility buildings located east, and slightly downhill, from the Infirmary Building. The basement level housed a plumbing shop in the past. The building has experienced several programs of alteration and improvement. This work included introduction of a new concrete floor, reconstruction of the parapet, and the infilling of some window openings with glass block. The building is presently used as a garage.
- Sources: Veterans Administration Medical Center. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form (1980).

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Twenty-fifth Anniversary: Veterans Administration Hospital,
Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1950).

National Hospital Day at U.S. Veterans Administration Facility,
Aspinwall, Pennsylvania (1945).

Original architectural drawings on file at Engineering
Services, VA Medical Center, Oakland Division, Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania.

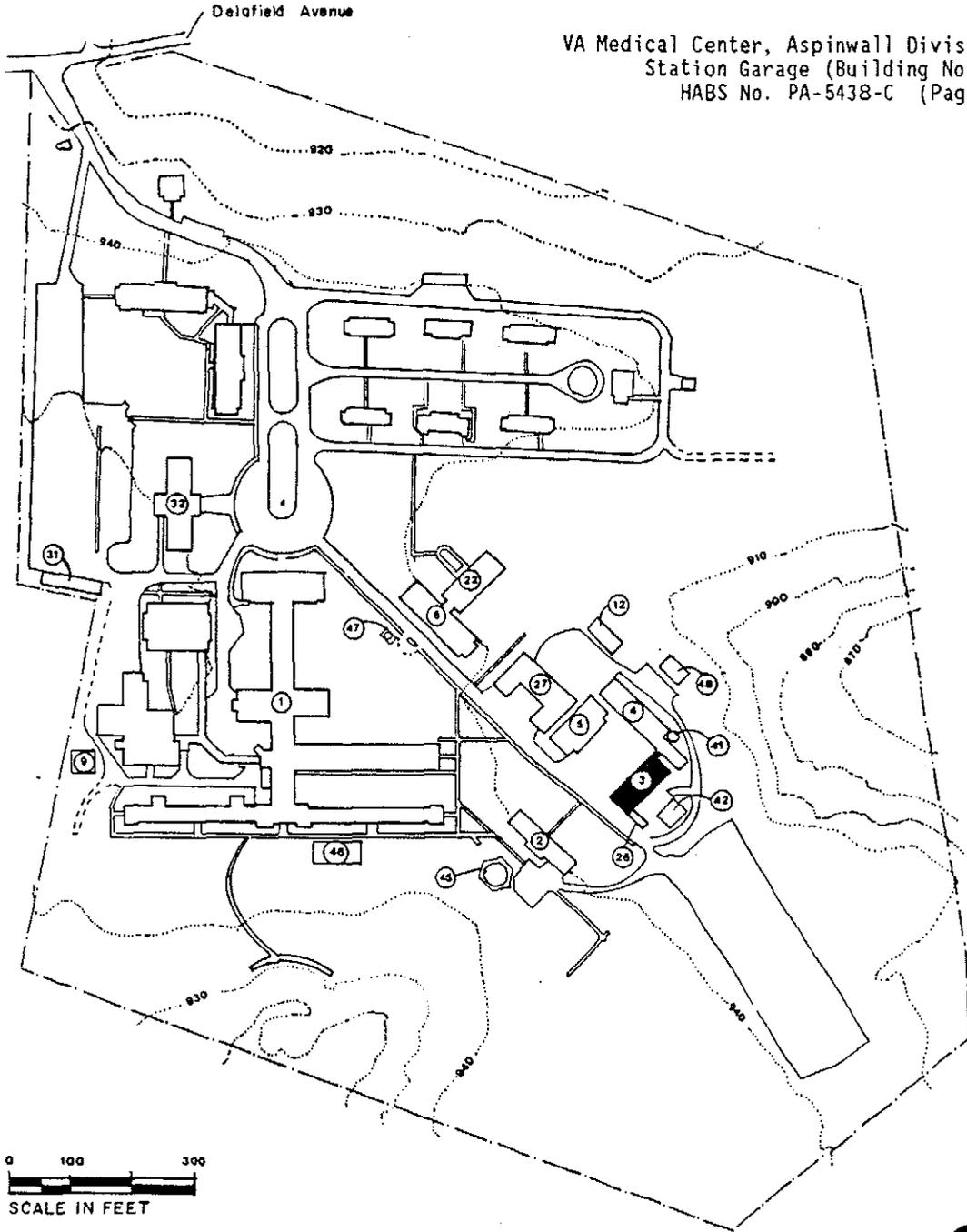
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