

## San Preservation

The Cresson Sanatorium complex was reviewed by the Pa. Historical and Museum Commission in 1997 and 2001 to determine if it qualified to be designated a historical site. In both cases, the answer was 'No', primarily due to the major alterations made when converting the site to a prison in 1983. However, it did say that the Administration Building and Grace Chapel might be individually eligible for listing in the National Register because of their architectural significance.

Also, in 1981, a Historic Site Survey was made of the San complex documenting data on all of the buildings.

All of the above historical data is presented below.

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### 1997 DETERMINATION OF ELIGABILITY LETTER





Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
Bureau for Historic Preservation  
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June 18, 1997

Richard M. Washburn II  
Noelker & Hull, Associates, Inc.  
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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE  
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 97-97-2103-021-A  
DGS: SCI Cresson, Proposed Dining Addition  
Cresson Township, Cambria County  
DGS Project #1574-3

Dear Mr. Washburn:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation has reviewed the above named project under the authority of the Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 et seq. (1988). This review includes comments on the project's potential effect on both historic and archaeological resources.

Based on the information you provided to our office regarding the former TB Sanitorium in Cresson Township (Cambria County), it is our opinion that the facility as a whole is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The campus of the former sanitarium has been so altered by demolition and new construction which has added a substantial number of new and architecturally incompatible buildings that the sanitorium has lost its original integrity.

It is our further opinion that several of the surviving original buildings may be individually eligible for the listing in the National Register because of their architectural significance. These include the Administration/Education Building (no. 9) and the Chapel (no. 15). However, we would need additional information including photographs to confirm this opinion.

It is our opinion that the project proposed to expand the dining facility (Building No. 20) will have no effect on historic resources that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.



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R. Washburn  
June 18, 1997

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If you need further information in this matter please  
consult Susan Zacher at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'B. Barrett', written over a faint, stylized graphic element.

Brenda Barrett  
Director

cc: Robert Glenn, Director, DGS, Bureau of Engineering and  
Architecture, 18th & Herr Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17125  
BB/smz



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Nov. 16, 2001

Daniel R. Young, B.S.  
Urban Engineers of Erie, Inc.  
1319 Sassafras Street  
Erie, PA 16501

TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE  
HP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: ER 97-2103-021-C  
DGS Project No. 1574-5, Urban Project No. 2001406.01  
Proposed Construction of Level 3 Housing Unit, State Correctional  
Institution (SCI) Cresson, Cresson Township, Cambria County

Dear Mr. Young:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation has reviewed the above named project under the authority of the Environmental Rights amendment, Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania History Code, 37 Pa. Cons. Stat. Section 500 *et seq.* (1988). This review includes comments on the project's potential effect on both historic and archaeological resources.

Thank you for submitting the requested information concerning the history of the former Cresson State Hospital. It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer that this facility has suffered a loss of integrity due to the loss of many of the major buildings and the alteration of remaining buildings therefore, the facility is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, consultation for this project, under State History Code, is complete. Should you become aware, from any source, that historic or archaeological properties are located at or near the project site, please notify the Bureau for Historic Preservation at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

  
Jean H. Cutler, Director

cc: Jacob Blik, Bur. of Operations, Dept. of Corrections, P O Box 598, Camp Hill,  
PA 17001-0598  
DGS, Bur. of Engineering and Architecture, 18th & Herr Streets,  
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**1981 BUILDING SURVEY CARDS**

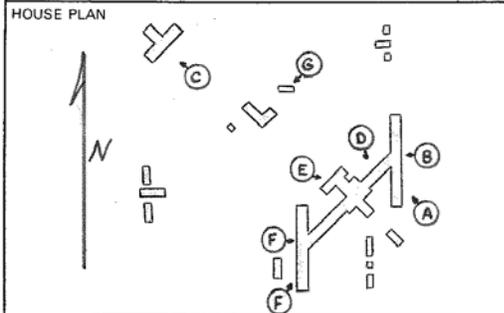


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Cresson Township

<b>CAMBRIA COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SURVEY</b> <b>COUNTY INVENTORY</b>		CARD NO. 021-CT-037	COLOR CODE
DEPOSITORY: Cambria County Redevelopment Authority, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania			

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY Located 1/2 mile off U. S. Route 22 east of the Borough of Cresson near the County line in Cresson Township		PRESENT OWNER Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health	
ORIGINAL OWNER Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	ARCHITECT/BUILDER Architect: (Walter Myton, )	ORIGINAL USE 110403 P Sanatorium	PRESENT USE Sanatorium
ASSESSED VALUE LAND 143,140    BUILDING 1,092,000    TOTAL 1,234,410		ASSESSMENT NUMBER 16-04-100	



STYLE OF ARCHITECTURE:

Venacular  
 Federal  
 19th Century Revival  
 Victorian  
 20th Century Revival  
 Other Tudor

HISTORIC CHARACTER:

Original/Well Preserved  
 Original/Minor Alterations  
 Major Alterations  
 Restored  
 Ruins

CONDITION:

Sound  
 Deteriorating  
 Derelict

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

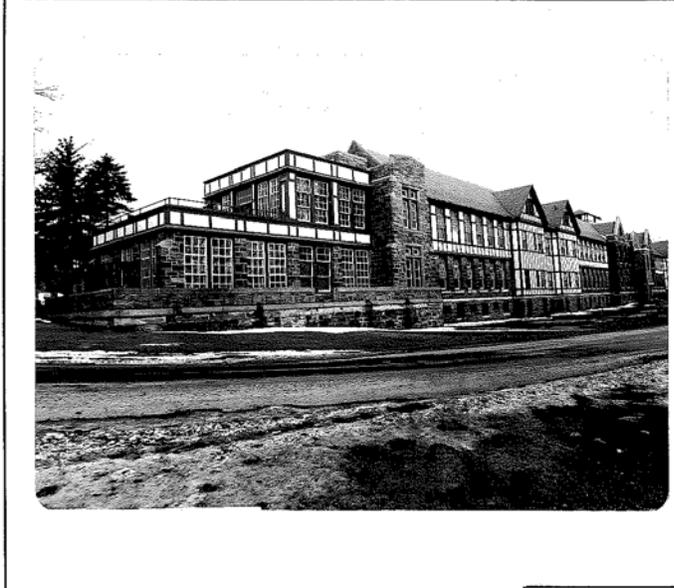
Foundation cut stone and concrete  
 Walls & Frame masonry - sandstone 02  
 Roof slate    Roof Style gable 01  
 Porches none    Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chimney \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 Window Design double-hung, 1/1 & 12/1 with transom

SIZE

No. of Stories 2 1/2    No. of Bays 33

YEAR BUILT

1917 P.A.



**EVALUATION**

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

National  
 State  
 Regional  
 Local

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE  
AS AN EXAMPLE OF ITS STYLE

Exceptional  
 Excellent  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor

DESECRATION OF ORIGINAL DESIGN

None or Little  
 Moderate  
 Considerable

REMARKS:

DATE	SURVEYED BY
1/15/81	Richard Michael

COLOR  
CODE

Cresson B-S-G.S. 7.5 Minute Quadrangle

UTM REFERENCE: 17 706780 4479700

17 706740 4480500 17707000 4480020  
17707060 4479800

CODE

021-CT-037

COUNTY

Cambria

MUNICIPALITY

Cresson  
Township

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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CRESSON SANATORIUM  
CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA

PHOTOGRAPH C: THERAPY AND OFFICE B. 1921



PHOTOGRAPH D: DORMITORY B. 1917



PHOTOGRAPH E: DORMITORY B. 1917



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PHOTOGRAPH F: DORMITORY B, 1921

MAIN ENTRANCE



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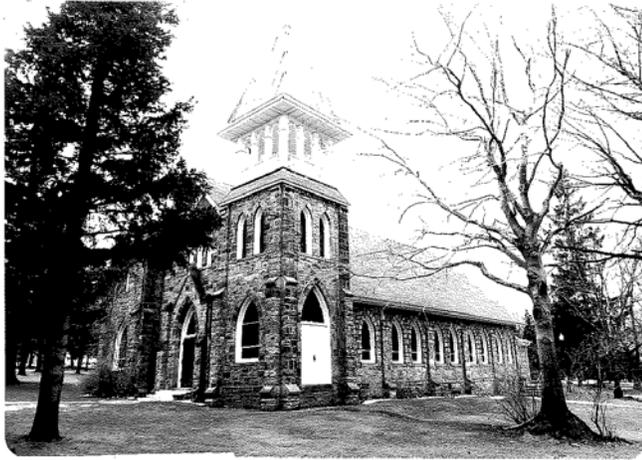




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CRESSON SANATORIUM  
CRESSON, PENNSYLVANIA

PHOTOGRAPH G: CHAPEL B. 1921



**BUILDING INVENTORY**

STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT CRESSON  
ANNUAL PROPERTY DATA VERIFICATION SURVEY

BUILDING ID	BUILDING NAME	GROSS FEET	BUILDING CONDITION	BUILDING ORIGINAL COST	REPLACEMENT COST	BUILDING USE	YEAR COMPLETED
008	C-Unit	11,550	Fair	134,484	1,181,853	Detention	1949
014	A-Unit	11,550	Fair	139,527	1,226,172	Detention	1949
022	F-Unit	21,129	Fair	294,412	2,587,312	Detention	1949
028	Administration	47,008	Good		7,051,200	Offices/Education	1932
041	Boiler Plant	8,820	Good	1,459,357	3,939,997	Steam Generation	1972
045	Carpenter Shop	3,740	Poor		88,534	Shop	1912
003	D-Unit	27,650	Excellent		6,210,000	Cell Block	1987
005	E-Unit	27,650	Excellent		6,210,000	Cell Block	1987
021	Chapel	4,481	Good		230,357	Chapel	1926
002	Dietary	45,528	Poor		7,739,760	Kitchen/Dining	1912
050	MTC/Drug & Alcohol Modular	9,510	Fair		362,889	Drug/Alcohol Modular	1989
029	Garage/Auto Body School	2,125	Good		53,125	Education	1957
030	Garage/Auto Repair School	2,665	Good		66,625	Education	1957
013	Gas Meter	144	Good				1962
049	Guard House	158	Excellent	29,651	32,408	Sally Port Office	1987
006	Gymnasium	11,620	Excellent		1,394,400	Gym	1987
001	Inmate Services Building	19,372	Fair		2,905,800	Inmate Services	1916
040	Laundry Building	14,456	Good		119,739	CI Laundry	1912

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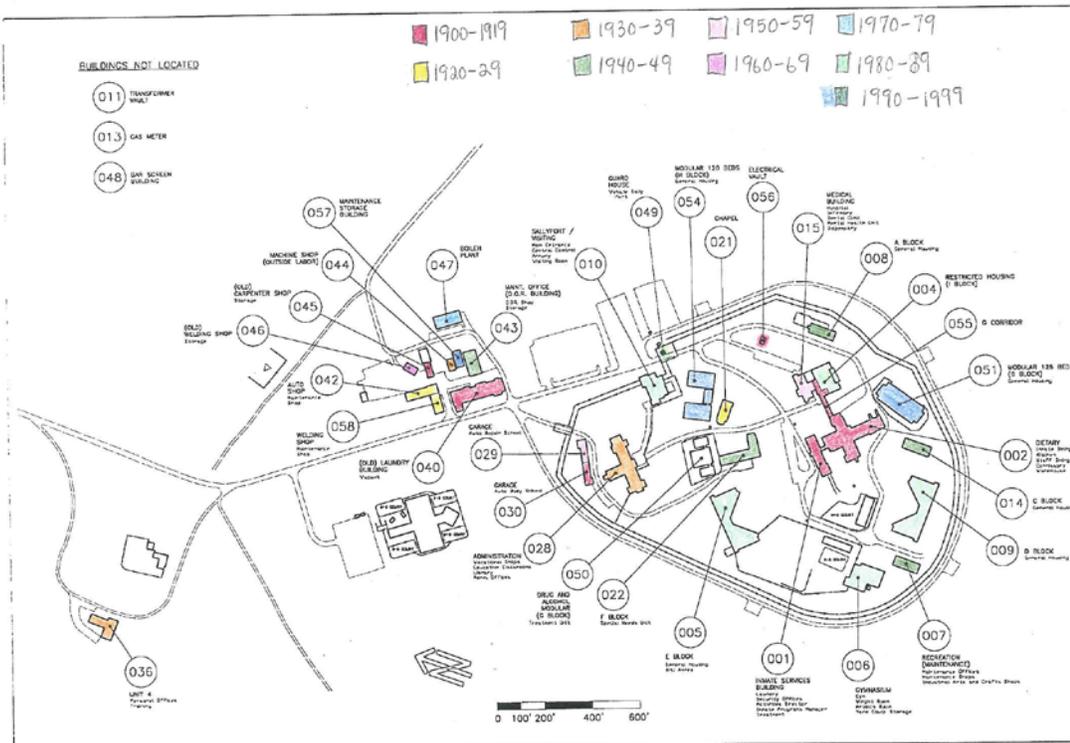
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044	Machine Shop	1,175	Fair		27,816	Labor Shop	1931
043	Maintenance Office	9,408	Fair		74,141	Shop/Storage	1945
015	Medical Building	17,880	Good		2,682,000	Medical	1952
054	H-Unit 120 Bed Modular	16,296	Fair	719,159	763,176	Detention	1991
051	G-Unit 128 Bed Modular	25,000	Excellent	2,826,000	2,998,973	Detention	1992
048	Bar Screen Building	417	Good	69,000	72,000	Bar Screen	1990
007	I-Building/Maintenance	8,266	Good		1,074,580	Shops	1940
023	Residence	6,684	Good		334,200	Residence	1925
004	Restricted Housing	12,792	Excellent		1,725,544	IKU	1987
010	Gatehouse/Visiting	8,500	Excellent		1,105,000	Inmate Visiting	1987
011	Transformer Vault	80	Poor		583,888		1954
036	Unit #4	12,080	Good		1,570,400	Personnel/Training	1931
046	Blacksmith Shop	1,377	Poor		44,317	Storage	1962
016	Main Tunnel	8,850	Fair			Underground Walkway	1932
009	G-Corridor	5,152	Fair		618,240	Property/Storage	1916
012	Electric Vault	493	Poor			Electric Switch Gear	1912
048	Maintenance Storage Building	2,100	Excellent		50,000	Storage	1992
047	Welding Shop	2,516	Fair		125,800	Shop	1922

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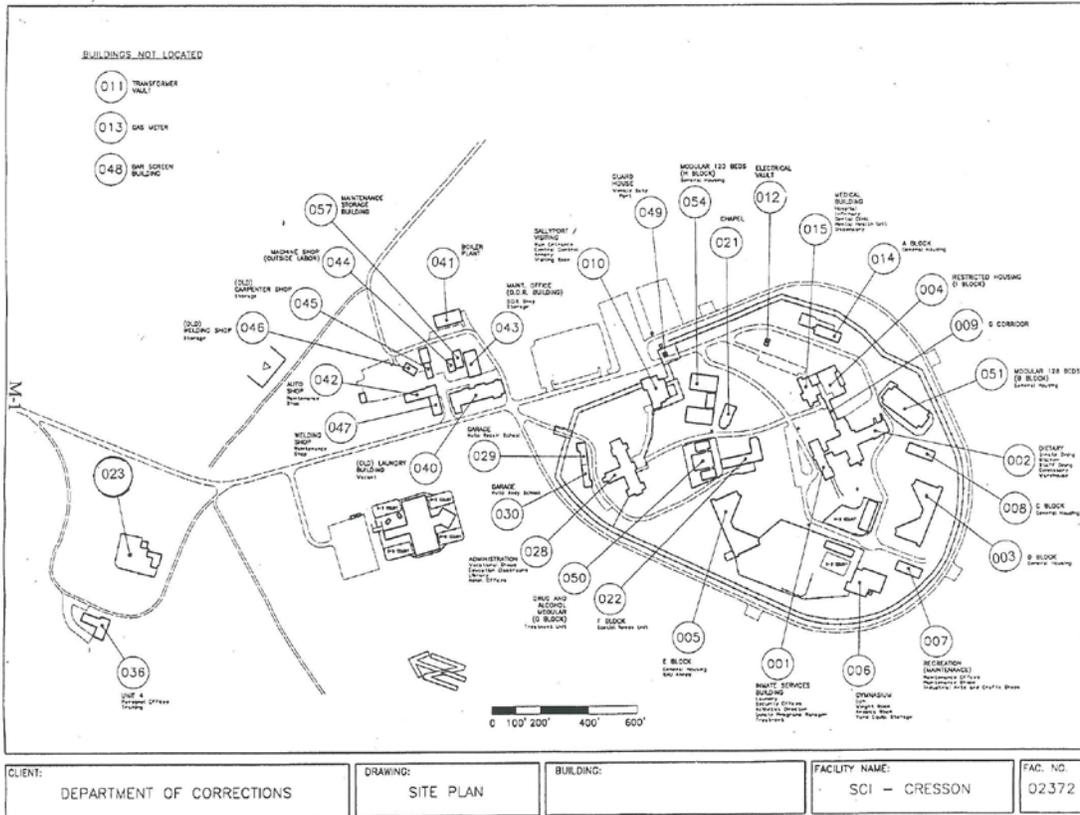
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042	Auto Shop	4,350	Fair		217,500	Shop	1922
024	Residence Garage	576	Good		6,000	Garage	1990

**COLOR CODED SITE PLAN**



CLIENT: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	DRAWING: SITE PLAN	BUILDING:	FACILITY NAME: SCI - CRESSON	FAC. NO. 02372
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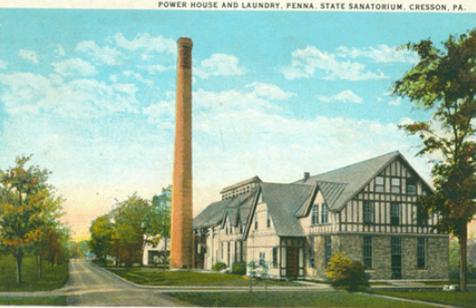
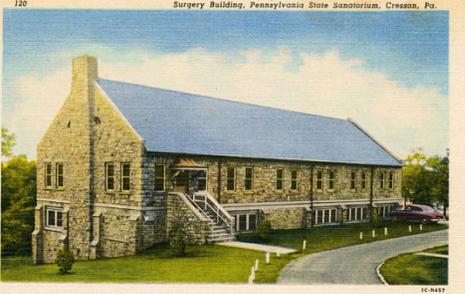




**Photos of Identified San Buildings**

Building ID	Building Name (Prison)	Building Name (San)	Photo
008	C Unit	Unit 1 Women's Dorm	
014	A Unit	Unit 2 Men's Dorm	

022	F Unit	Nurse's Home	 <p>121 Nurses Home, Pennsylvania State Sanatorium, Cresson, Pa.</p>
028	Administration	Children's House	 <p>122 Unit No. 3, Pennsylvania State Sanatorium, Cresson, Pa.</p>
045	Carpenter Shop	Carpenter Shop	Not Available
021	Chapel	Chapel	 <p>CHAPEL PENNSYLVANIA STATE SANATORIUM CRESSON, PA. 29</p>
002	Dietary	Kitchen & Dining Rooms	
030	Garage/Auto Body School	School Buildings	 <p>SCHOOL BLDGS. AND ATHLETIC FIELD, PENNSYLVANIA STATE SANATORIUM, CRESSON, PA. 110834</p>

001	Inmate Services	Administration	
040	Laundry	Laundry	
044 043	Machine Shop Maint. Office	Machine Shop Maint. Office	Located Behind Laundry Above
015	Medical Building	Medical Building	Not Available
007	L-Building Maintenance	Surgery Building	
023	Residence	Director's Residence (Moved Near Front Entrance)	

Aerial View of Identified Buildings

