



D.C. Workhouse and Reformatory National Register Nomination Sketch Map 2A

H-41 Laurel Hill House 029-947-0127 Built circa 1787 Contributing

H-41, also known as Laurel Hill House and the Former Superintendent's House, is a gable-roofed frame house, approximately 50 feet by 30 feet in plan originally, with numerous additions to the northwest and southwest. The core house is a rectangular form with a steep gable roof believed to have been built in 1787. It is five bays wide with a center doorway. In each gable end is a centered chimney flanked by two small square windows. These basic features, prototypical elements of early frame houses in Virginia, are at the core of a larger composition with numerous layers of changes. The changes obscure the original form, partially on two sides, and completely on two other sides. The changes include twentieth century cove lap weatherboarding, a circa 1900 wrap-around porch that covers 2 sides of the building, a wide shed-roofed dormer converting about half of the roof slope at the top of the façade into dormer space, a rear wing, a cluster of nested side wings, and boarded up windows that were enclosed in two or three different campaigns. The rear wing, forming a 'T' with the original building, has a gable roof with returning eaves, detailed in proportions that suggest the Greek Revival. The roof of this wing has large shed-roofed dormers like the one across the façade. The side additions are all one story, in gabled or shed roof form, but are overlapped so that they create a 'nested' appearance.

S-10 Lindsay Cemetery Built circa 1792 Contributing

The Lindsay gravesite near the Laurel Hill House (H-41) includes an iron fence and plaque. The gravestone read as follows:

William Lindsay tombstone (weathered white marble tablet, plain form with segmentally-arched top):

"William

Lindsay

VA Mil

Rev War

1792"

Ann Lindsay grave marker (shield-shaped metal)

"Wife of a

Revolutionary War

Soldier

Anne C. Lindsay

1776 (bas relief figure w/ flag) 1783

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S-11 Terraced Garden Built circa 1955 Contributing

South and east of the Laurel Hill House (H-41) is a formal terraced garden, currently obscured by overgrown vegetation. Made almost entirely of brick, this series of steps, walls, shaped earthen terraces, and benches cascades down the hillside behind the house. A brick retaining wall curves along the hillside east of the house, stretching from the garage to the top of the first set of brick steps, which lead south. A brick retaining wall flanks the west side of the stairs, which are composed of two short flights with a landing in the middle. The landing at the bottom of the stairs has another retaining wall along the south side. This landing forms the west end of a brick walk, edged by brick walls on both sides. The brick wall on the north side of this central walk extends a short way and then ends; a large level area to the north of the walk contains an arrangement of brick-edged planting beds, and what were possibly once turf walks; it is currently overgrown. The brick wall on the south side has two breaks in it—the first with a single step down to a landing with a built-in brick bench; the second, to a flight of steps leading down to what was likely once a level lawn. The bench is built of solid brick, with brick arms and a concrete seat; its high back forms a retaining wall to the west. The bench is approximately eight feet long and eighteen inches wide. It looks out to the east down a flight of steps, onto what was likely once a lawn area. An additional brick stair runs from the east

end of the brick walk down a steeply banked set of two terraces. Each flight of steps occurs along the steep bank edging the terrace, and the brick cheek walls along the stairs are flush with the ground surface on the slope. Some of the garden walls terminate in square pilasters with concrete caps.

HT-03 Laurel Hill Entrance Drive Built before 1919 Contributing

Formerly the entrance drive to the Laurel Hill House (H-41), this two-lane, unstriped asphalt road retains its historic alignment. It is approximately 1,875 feet in length. Originating at Lorton Road east of the current Entrance Drive, this road is flanked by brick gateposts and a gatehouse. Traveling northwest in a straight alignment, it passes the Laurel Hill House and intersects the Reformatory Perimeter Road (RT-20) at the Lindsay Cemetery (S-10). (See Photo 26.)

HO-01 Wall along Laurel Hill Entrance Road Built circa 1955 Contributing

A brick wall edges the east side of the Laurel Hill Entrance Road (HT-03) near the Laurel Hill House (HT-41). The wall begins just southwest of the house on the south side of a small access road with a cattle gate. The wall is built in common bond masonry, approximately four feet tall with a pointed triangular cap course. It runs for approximately 250 feet along the road edge, then ends with a tapered, flat-capped segment, jogging a foot to the east. A wall continues from this point along the road, but it is a low, brick retaining wall of a different character, not ornamental in appearance.