

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER,
BUILDING 13
(Attendants Quarters)
Old State Route 13 West
Marion
Williamson County
Illinois

HABS No. IL-1155-D

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PART 1: PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: Old State Road 13 West (South Main Street at Seventh) on the west edge of Marion, Illinois

Quad: Marion Illinois

UTM: Building 1: 16/327622/4176830
Building 2: 16/327622/4176790
Building 8: 16/327762/4177005
Building 13: 16/327761/4176741

Date of Construction: 1940-1942 (Modified in 1971-1973 & 1978)

Present Owner: United States Veterans Administration
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Present Use: Veterans Administration Medical Center

Significance: A typical example of Veterans Administration neuro-psychiatric hospital construction using the "Architectural Set" of drawings for a campus complex setting, the Marion, Illinois VA Medical Center is significant because of its rare use of Egyptian Revival architectural decoration.

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PART 2: HISTORY OF THE MARION, ILLINOIS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
MEDICAL CENTER

See HABS No. IL-1155 for general historical
information.

PART 3: DESCRIPTION OF THE MARION, ILLINOIS VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, BUILDING 13

Building 13; Attendants Quarters

Located midway between the hospital complex (Buildings 1 & 2) and the service complex of buildings to the east, the Building 13 is a symmetrical two-story rectangular building (65' x 40'), with a ten foot, one story wing on either side. Like the Nurses Quarters, the Attendants Quarters has a raised concrete basement and stucco wall finish over masonry. It has a terra cotta lotus leaf cornice at both levels that is identical with that found on Building 8 (see HABS IL-1155D-1). Building 13 has been extensively remodeled since 1942, and now serves as the hospital's engineering office.

The central entry pavilion on the building's north facade projects slightly from the main walls. Five exposed aggregate steps lead to the transomed entry door, which is surrounded by three layers of terra cotta architraves and slender engaged columns and topped with a polychrome cornice. On either side of the doorway are original electric light fixtures. Above the cornice at the central pavilion can be found terra cotta panels similar to those seen at the center axis of Building 8 (see HABS IL-1155D-3). Unlike the Nurses Quarters, however, there is no companion decorative panel on the south elevation, which faces the rear of the medical complex property.