

U.S. VETERANS BUREAU HOSPITAL No. 100, WARD 11
5500 Armstrong Road
Battle Creek
Calhoun County
Michigan

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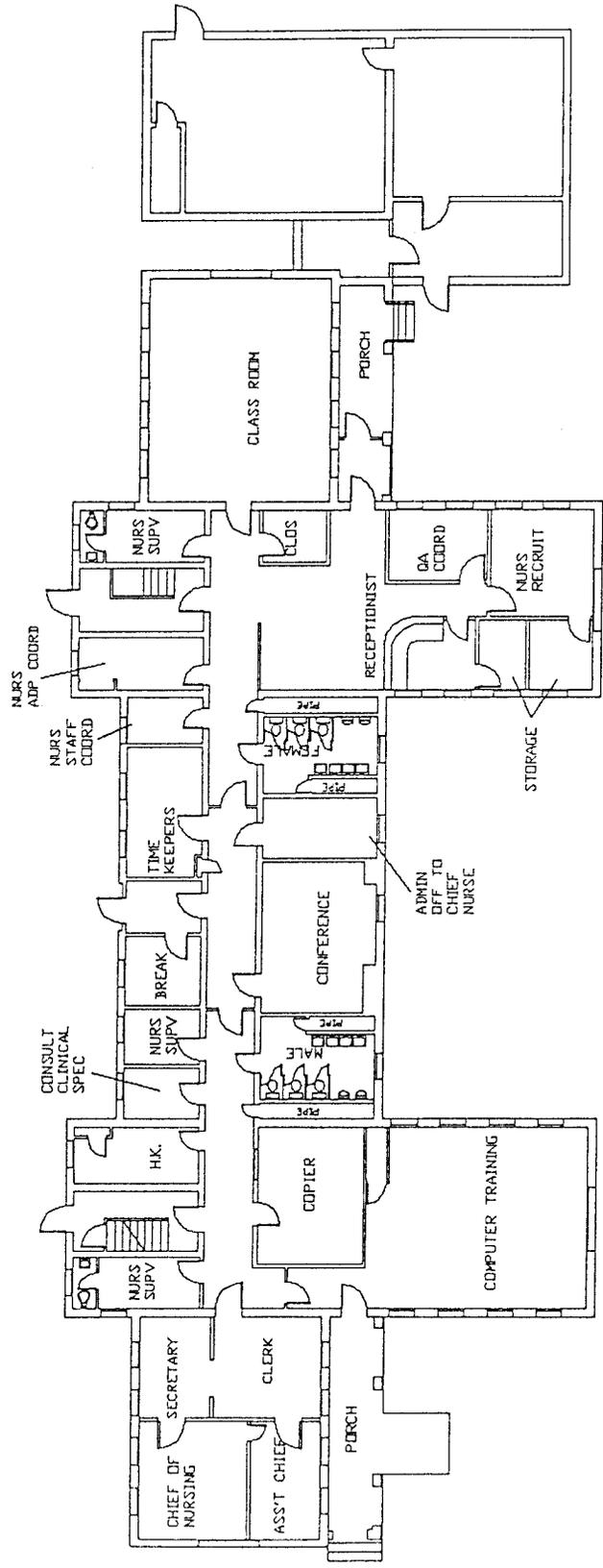
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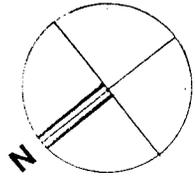
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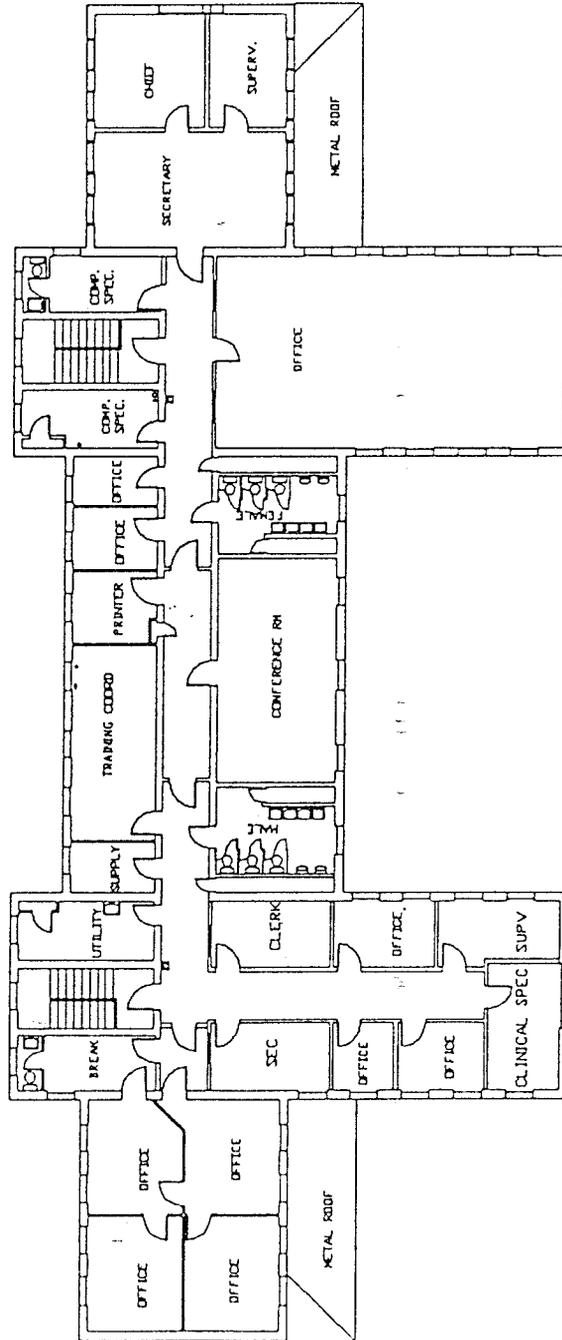
- Location:** 5500 Armstrong Road
Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan
USGS Augusta, Michigan Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates
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- Significance:** Ward 11 is an example of the standardized ward plans used during the period of 1923 to the 1940's, inspired by the Veterans Bureau, to improve care for the nation's and Michigan's veterans (Mollenhoff).
- Description:** Ward 11 was designed to reflect Colonial Revival influences, and is constructed of brick laid in flemish bond. The building presents a simple massed or H-plan, and is crowned by a hipped roof. Rusticated brick and masonry water tables merge with brick corner quoins linked by terra cotta belt courses, while upper walls terminate in classically inspired eave and cornice treatments. Simple window treatment includes terra cotta keystones and sills which originally enframed multiple lighted double-hung sashes.
- History:** The building was constructed in 1924 by A. Bently and Son Construction company of Toledo, Ohio. the building was one of the original 22 making up Veterans Hospital #100, and was used as a dormitory to house 60 ambulatory neuropsychiatric patients. The lower floor of the building was utilized for recreation activities, while the upper floor was designated for sleeping quarters. In 1975 the building was converted from its dormitory status to an administrative office area for Nursing and Medical Administration, with Nursing occupying the first floor. In 1983 Information and Resource Management replaced Medical Administration Service on the second floor of the building. Associated with the move of Information Resource Management to the building was the creation of a separate addition to house the new computer and telecommunications equipment. This addition was constructed directly to the east of the in accordance with building, and contains no physical connection to the original structure. The building is expected to remain administrative in nature, as its design and layout no longer satisfy the changing needs of patient care.
- Source:** Michigan State Register of Historic Sites, January 3, 1989
- Historian:** Randy J. Crandal, Project Engineer
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BUILDING 11
FIRST FLOOR



BUILDING 11
SECOND FLOOR

