

ATTACHMENT A: Description Of The Historic Building and Environs



Libbey Physical Medicine Center

The Libbey Memorial Physical Medicine Center (PMC) is located on a triangle parcel of land three blocks east of Central Avenue between Reserve Avenue, Spring and Laurel Streets in downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas, about three blocks away from the city's famous Bathhouse Row. The property is a two-story structure, owned by the government, and has approximately 20,160 square feet of floor space divided into 10,112 square feet on the first floor and 10,048 square feet on the second floor, and includes a swimming pool at the lower level.

The PMC was constructed in 1922 in Hot Springs National Park as a Government Free Bathhouse and Clinic, replacing an earlier structure serving the same purpose on Bathhouse Row. The Mediterranean Revival style building carried out this function until 1956, when declining use resulted in closing the free bathhouse and clinic and the building's remodeling as a Physical Medicine Center, the only facility of its kind in the nation to be operated under government supervision. The bathhouse operated as a physical medicine center and health spa until December 2005, when the building was closed. The building is associated with the National Historic Landmark "Bathhouse Row Historic District" but is not located within the district boundary.

The exterior of the Libbey exemplifies the Mediterranean Revival style that was popular from the early 1910's to the early 1930's. Mediterranean Revival is characterized by the red tile roof, stucco cladding, asymmetrical massing, stone accents, and the use of columns. The Libbey is a two story building that has two primary elevations. Each primary elevation has either the first or second floor at grade level making both levels accessible from the exterior without use of a conveying system. The Libbey has two primary entrances centered on the north and south sides of the building. The structure had the roof repaired and all windows replaced during calendar year 1998. The building also was retrofitted in 1996 providing accessible restrooms, front doors, and an accessible elevator. Overall the building is structurally sound and in fair condition.