FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Northampton

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Date 1911 - 1913

Source Annual Reports

Style

Architect ?

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

conversion to shops (1936)

paint shop addition (1958)

Moved __________________ Date ______

Approx. acreage

Setting West of Main Complex

Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This two-story building exemplifies the early 20th century "industrial" style. The large windows and lack of historical ornament are major features.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1911 the State Legislature appropriated $40,000 for the construction of a new laundry. The growth of the State Hospital had made the old laundry, located in the rear wing of the Main Complex, obsolete. The new building was completed in 1913.

By the 1930's the further expansion of the State Hospital made another laundry necessary. This was built on Earle Street in 1935-36. After its completion the 1913 laundry was remodelled to serve as a shop building. The new kitchen and dining room for the Main Complex necessitated the demolition of the old carpentry, machine and paint shops, and these were the shops that moved to the converted laundry.

In 1958 a new paint shop was added to the eastern side of this building.

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