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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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Northampton

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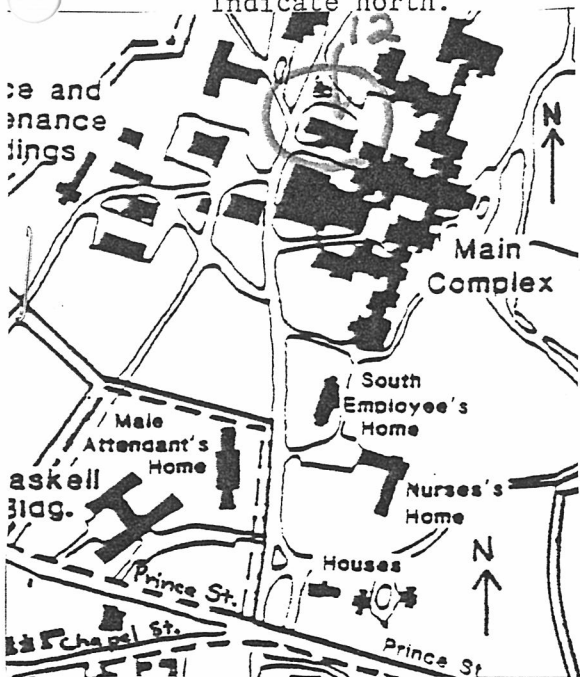
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 Private organization _____

Public Comm. of Mass.

original owner Comm. of Mass.

OPTION:

cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.



Date 1883-1884

Source Annual Reports

Style _____

Architect William F. Pratt & Son

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

additions (1935-1936)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting in the rear of the Main Complex

Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

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

The original building was constructed from designs of William F. Pratt and Son. The father was Northampton's most prominent architect of the mid 19th century.

The additions of 1935-36 are from plans of Morris Maloney, a Springfield architect who also designed the Main Kitchen and superintendent's house here.

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

This building was constructed in 1883-84, and at its completion was valued at \$16,000. The first story was intended to be used as a store room, with the upper floors for shops and the cellar for vegetables. Soon however, more space was needed for patients and this building was fitted up for fifty male patients in 1892. It became known as the "farm ward" because the patients who were housed here worked on the hospital farm.

With the construction of the new "Memorial Complex" in the 1920's and 1930's, and the decrease in the importance of the hospital farm this space wasn't needed for ward use. In 1935, as one of the seven Public Works Administration projects at the State Hospital, this building was remodelled. Additions were made to the western end and between the two gabled projections on the southern side. It was again used as a storehouse, and for cold storage.

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