FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

vn Northampton

ress northside Prince Street

ne Horse Barn

sent use Grounds Dept. Office

sent owner Comm. of Mass.

of structure (check one)

age pound

al powder house

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gate tunnel

kiln wall

ighthouse windmill

other barn

5. Description

Date 1914-1915

Source Annual Reports

Architects: Ellsworth & Howes

Construction material brick

Dimensions 25' x 50"

Setting west of Main Complex

Condition good

6. Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commis:

Date February, 1981

(over)

Original use horse barn

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates office for Grounds Dept. (Mid 20th century)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal
Agricultural x Conservation Recreation
Architectural Exploration/
settlement Science/

The Arts

Commerce Industrial

Communication Military

Community development Political

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

In 1914 the State Legislature appropriated $9000 for the construction of a stable for the farm horses. Plans were drawn by Ellsworth and Howes, a Holyoke architectural firm, and the building was completed the next year. There were stalls on both sides of a central corridor on the ground floor, and a hayloft above. This barn replaced an earlier, brick barn, which was than changed to a cold storage building, and later demolished.

The importance of horses on the farm decreased in the following decades, and this brick barn was remodelled to serve as office and storage space for the Grounds Department.

10. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Annual Reports: 1914-1915 - Forbes Library

Original Plans: Horse Barn - NSH Engineer's Office