
5. Description

Date 1900-1901

Source Annual Reports

Construction material brick

Dimensions 40' x 60'

Setting west of Main Complex

Condition fair

6. Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981
    Original use  horse stable
    Subsequent uses (if any) and dates  storage

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

This large brick stable was constructed in 1900 to replace a smaller, wood-frame structure. The basement was used for storage of carriages and farming tools, and has its own entrance to the rear, as the stable was built into a hillside. Driving horses (rather than farm horses) were kept on the main floor, and there was a hayloft above.

The building was constructed mainly by the regular employees of the State Hospital, with the assistance of patients in framing, making mortar and supplying the masons with bricks and mortar. It was valued at $6000 upon completion.

By the early 1920's automobiles were replacing driving horses and the need for a large stable diminished. Soon it was being used to house automobiles and other motorized vehicles of the State Hospital. In the mid 1930's a four-car one-story garage, built of concrete blocks, was added in the rear on the lower level.

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

Annual Reports: 1900, 1901  Forbes Library