

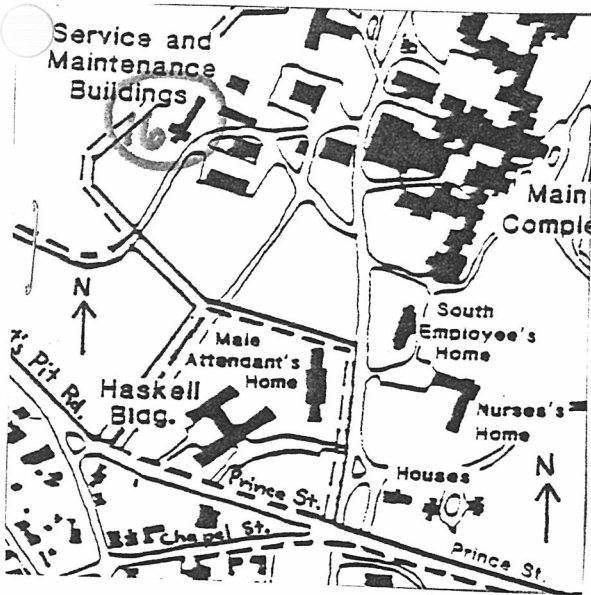
FORM F - STRUCTURE

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

In Area no.	Form no.
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

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Northampton
Address Northside Prince Street

Use Piggery
Present use piggery
Present owner Comm. of Mass.

Use of structure (check one)

gate	_____	pound	_____
kiln	_____	powder house	_____
lighthouse	_____	street	_____
	_____	tower	_____
	_____	tunnel	_____
	_____	wall	_____
	_____	windmill	_____

other piggery

5. Description

Date 1886

Source Annual Report

Construction material brick

Dimensions 24' x 190'

Setting west of Main Complex

Condition fair

6. Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Comm. of Mass.

Original use piggery

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Historical significance.

This large piggery was constructed in 1886, replacing a smaller structure. The main building was 24' wide and 190' long, with a crosswing at the southern end 20' wide and 80' long. Midway on the front of the main building was a 20' square room for slaughtering. It was built of brick with a slate roof and concrete floor.

This solid and functional building exhibits the size of the agricultural operation at the State Hospital. The materials used in this structure: brick, brownstone and slate, were the same used in the finest commercial, residential and institutional structures of the day.

The raising of pigs was a major part of the farm operation since the State Hospital opened in the late 1850's. The farm quickly built a solid reputation, and the hogs were much sought after. In 1886, the year this piggery was built, 58 hogs, with a total weight of 21,503 pounds, were slaughtered.

In 1966 the decision was made to eliminate the hog herd at the State Hospital, and the piggery was no longer used.

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

Annual Reports: 1886 - Forbes Library