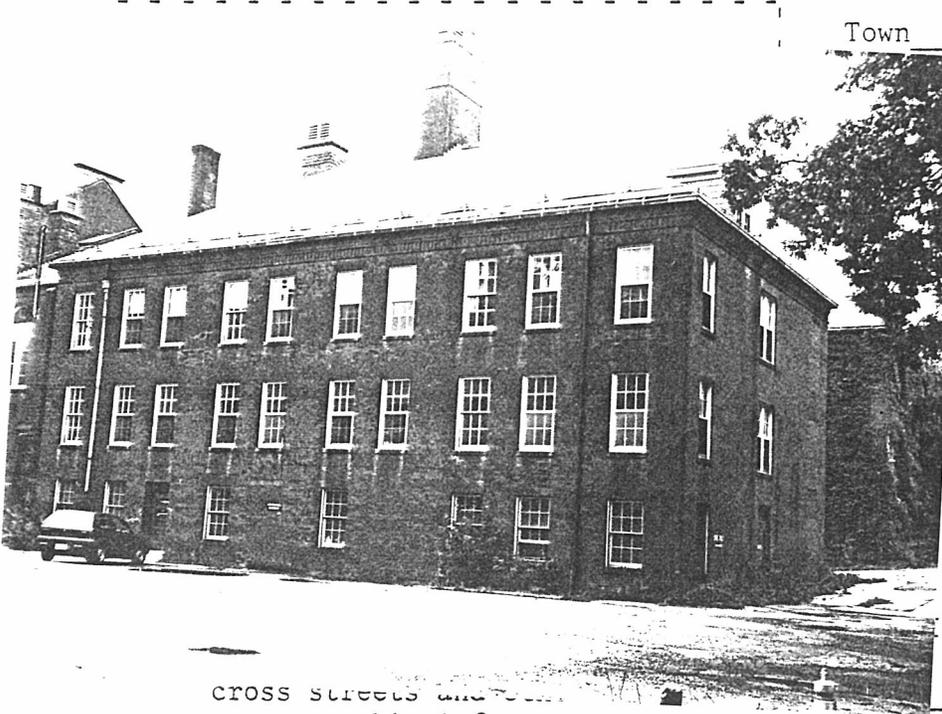


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



cross streets and town
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Town Northampton

Northside Prince Street

Common Name Rear Center - North

Original dormitory - male help

Present _____

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner Comm. of Mass.

DESCRIPTION:

1891-1893

Source Annual Reports

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Recorded by Ed Lonergan

Setting _____

Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

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

The block is 3½ stories in height with slate, hipped roof, tall chimney stack on the ridge line, and a single dormer window on the rear slope of the roof. A frieze of bricks set diagonally on end encircles the block under the eaves.

This block is virtually a twin of Rear Center-South which attained its present form during the same years Rear Center - North was built.

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

In 1891-92 the State Legislature appropriated a total of \$80,000 to enlarge the rear or "working" wing of the hospital. This included lodging for male and female employees, a building to serve as shops with engine room and boilerroom, an "electric lighting plant", and an enlarged chapel.

This building was begun in 1891 and completed in 1893. It was 74' long and 34' wide. The basement story was to be used as a storeroom, and the three floors above would have nineteen lodging rooms for male help.

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