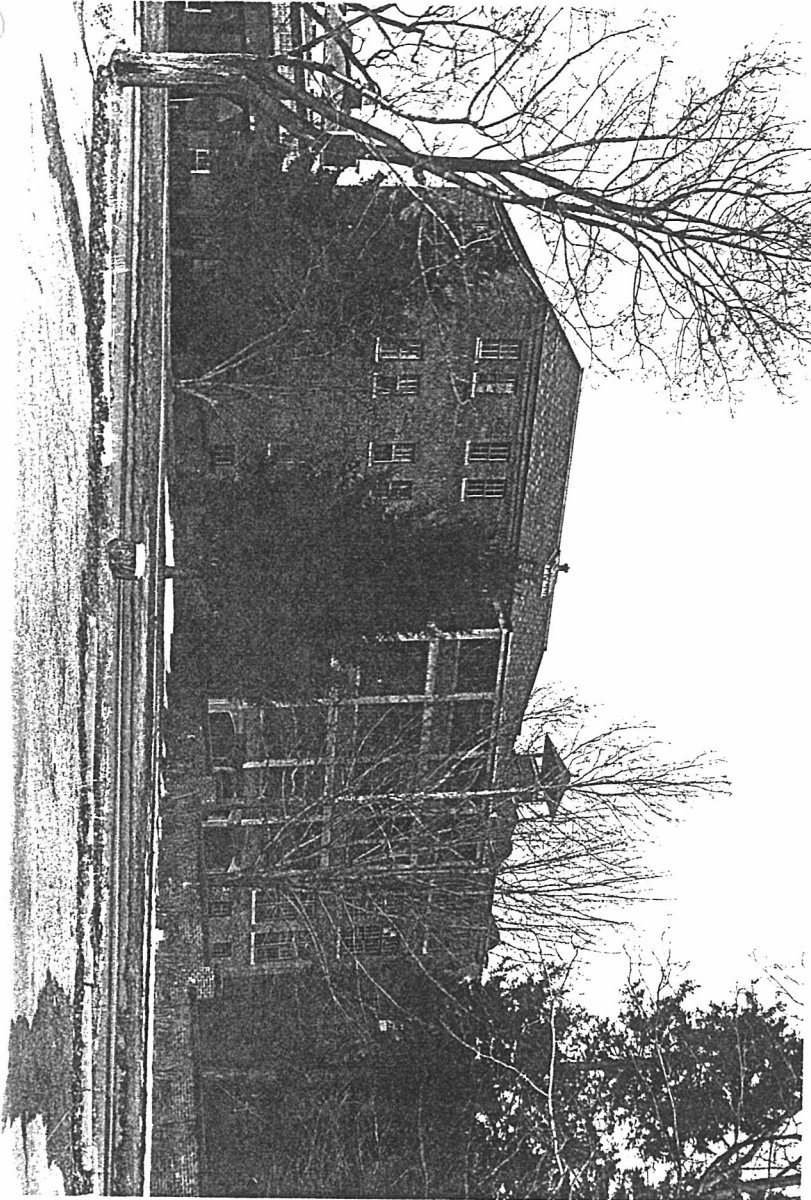


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Northampton

Address Northside Prince Street

Historic Name South Ward - 4

Original ward - female patients

Present -

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner Comm. of Mass.

DESCRIPTION:

1924-1925

Source Annual Reports

Architect Des Granges & Robb

Exterior wall fabric brick

Buildings

Alterations (with dates)

Moved  Date

Approx. acreage

Setting southwestern end of 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)

This block is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  stories in height, and features a semi-enclosed,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  story porch built of brick and concrete on the southern side. Gordon Robb, a member of the Boston firm, Desgranges and Robb, that designed this ward, later designed most of the new Memorial Complex at this State Hospital.

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

In 1923 the State Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the construction of two ward buildings, to be built at the end of each wing's third ward. The next year an additional \$170,500 was appropriated, making the cost of each structure \$135,000. They were completed in 1925.

This ward, which extends westerly from the southwestern corner of the south wing's third ward, was built to accommodate 93 female patients, and had examination and treatment rooms on the ground floor.

These were the last ward buildings constructed at the Main Complex. In 1926 construction was begun on the southside of Prince St. for the Memorial Complex.

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