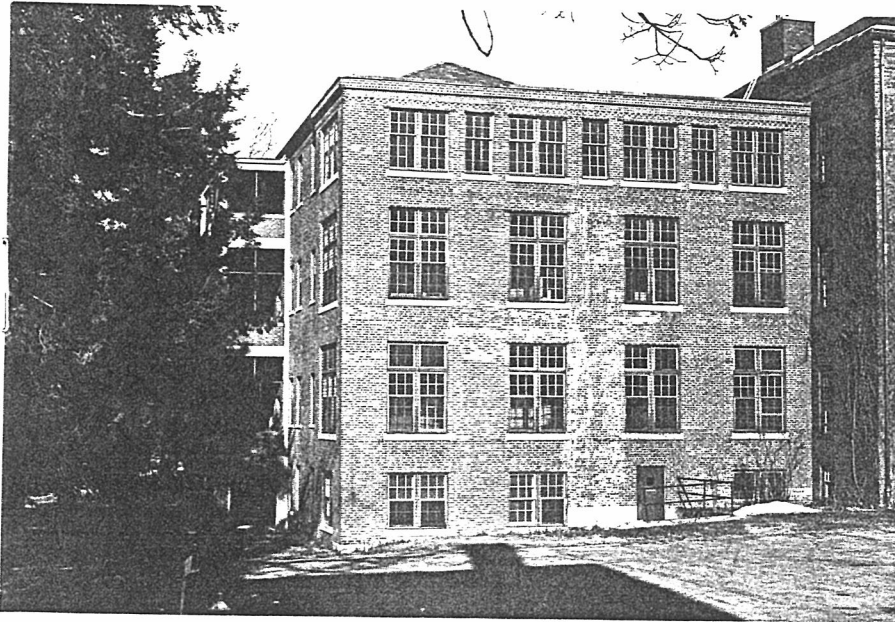


FORM B - BUILDING

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



LOCATION IN RELATION TO NEAREST
cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Northampton
s Northside Prince St.
 ic Name North Ward - 4
 riginal ward-male patients
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 ship: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public Comm. of Mass.
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DESCRIPTION:

Date 1924-1925
 Source Annual Reports
 Style _____
 Architect DesGranges & Robb
 Exterior wall fabric brick
 Outbuildings _____

 Major alterations (with dates) _____

 Moved _____ Date _____
 Approx. acreage _____
 Setting northwest end of Main Complex

Recorded by Ed Lonergan
 Organization Northampton Historical Comm.
 Date February, 1981

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

This block is 3½ stories in height, and features a semi-enclosed, 3½ story porch built of brick and concrete on the western 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 northerly from the western end of the north wing's third ward, was built to accommodate 93 male 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 south side of Prince St. for the Memorial Complex.

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