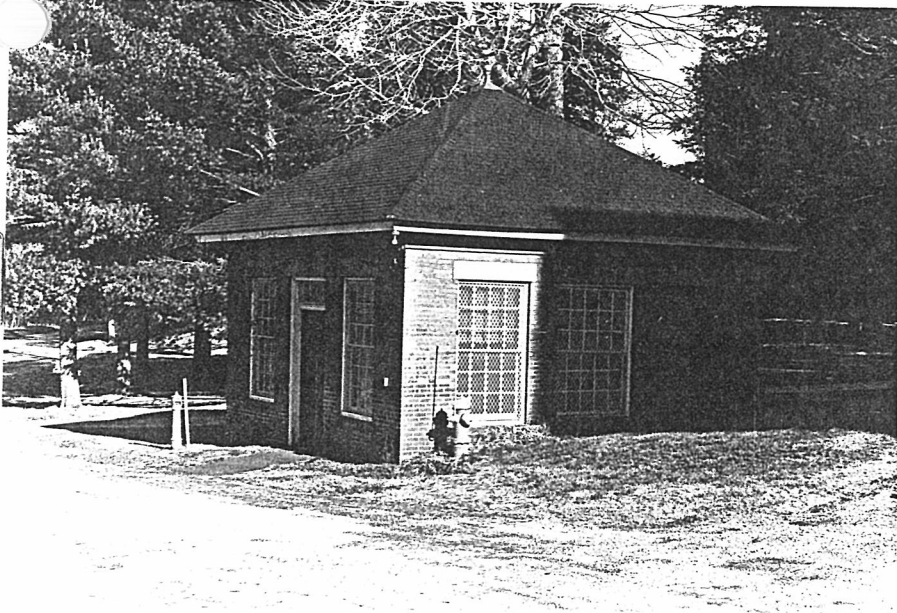


FORM F - STRUCTURE

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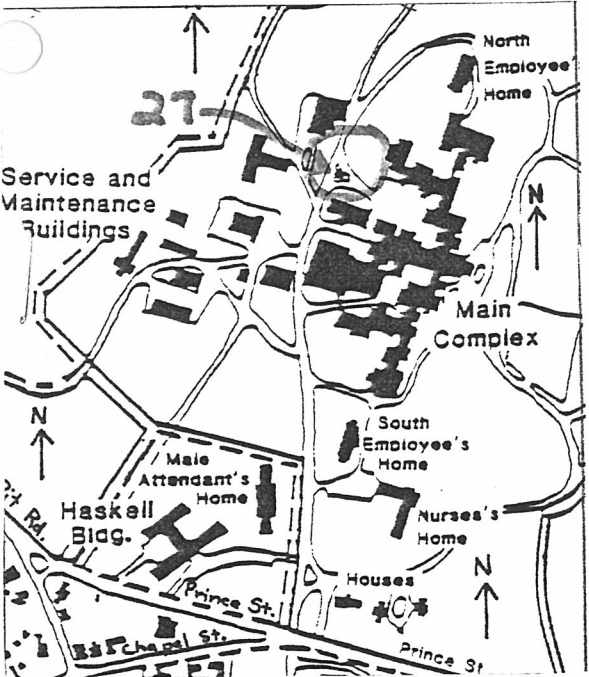
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Location Northampton
Address Hospital Hill
(Northside Prince Street)
Name Paint Shop
Present use storage
Present owner Comm. of Mass.

Type of structure (check one)
 Large _____ pound _____
 Small _____ powder house _____
 Street _____ street _____
 Tower _____ tower _____
 Gate _____ tunnel _____
 Kiln _____ wall _____
 Lighthouse _____ windmill _____
 Other shop

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 _____
MHC Photo no. _____

5. Description
 Date 1908
 Source Annual Report
 Construction material brick
 Dimensions 15' x 15'
 Setting in rear of Main Complex
 Condition good

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

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7. Original owner (if known) Comm. of Mass.
 Original use "fireproof" paint shop
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Historical significance.

Fire was always a matter of concern at large institutions so it was necessary to take precautions with flammable substance. Originally the trade shops and their storage space had been in the basement of the hospital building. This was built of brick, but had wooden floors and partitions. The shops were soon moved to small out-buildings at the rear of the hospital. However, in time it was felt that a separate structure solely for the painters was the best way to prevent fire damage.

In 1905 the State Hospital trustees requested \$2500 for the construction of a "fireproof shop" for the painters. This was built in 1908 at a cost slightly in excess of \$2000. It is one-story in height, with hipped roof and finial. Brownstone is used for the sills and lintels of the tall windows.

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

Annual Reports: 1905, 1908 Forbes Library