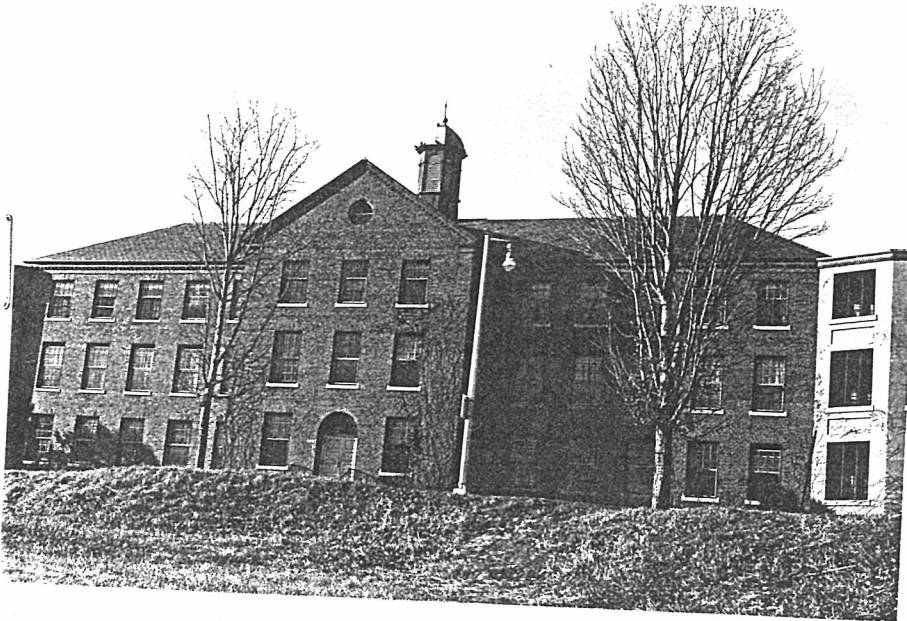


FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
2	A

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



cross streets and other buildings
or geographical features.
Indicate north.

Town Northampton

Southside Prince Street

c Name "D" Building

Original Ward - female patients

Present Ward _____

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner Comm. of Mass.

PERIOD OF
CONSTRUCTION:

1925-1927

Source Annual Reports

Style Colonial Revival

Architect Gordon Robb

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____

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)

Gordon Robb was a Boston architect who designed ten buildings at the State Hospital during the 1920's and 1930's, including the four "Memorial" wards.

This three-story block is T-shaped, with its main face oriented southwesterly, taking advantage of the spectacular vista. The overall symmetry, hipped roof, cupola and brick detailing relate to a simplified Colonial Revival. A three-story porch of brick and concrete is attached to the western side.

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

This was the first of the "Memorial" ward buildings to be constructed. In 1925 the State Legislature appropriated \$103,500 for a new ward building to house 160 female patients, and the same amount was allocated the next year for a total cost of \$207,000.

Originally this was called the "A" building, but by 1936 was being referred to as the "D" building.

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