FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town
Northampton

Street
Southside Prince Street

Name
"D" Building

Original Ward - female patients

Present Ward

Owner
Private individual

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner
Comm. of Mass.


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
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Organization
Northampton Historical Commission

Date
February, 1981

(Staple additional sheets here)
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 southwestly, 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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