

FORM B - BUILDING

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



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

Northampton

S Southside Prince Street

ic Name "E" Building

original Ward - Male patients

resent ward

ship: Private individual
Private organization _____

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner Comm. of Mass.

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1927-1928

Source Annual Reports

Style Colonial Revival

Architect Gordon Robb

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____

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Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

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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 is the second of the "Memorial" ward buildings to be constructed. In 1927 the State Legislature appropriated \$103,500 for a new ward building to house 159 male patients, and the same amount was allocated the next year for a total cost of \$207,000. The block was finished during 1928.

Originally this was known as "B" building but by 1936 was being referred to as the "E" building. In 1928 "A" (now known as "D") and "B" were the only hospital buildings on the southern side of Prince St. The first floors of each building contained diningrooms, making the wards more self-contained.

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