FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Northampton
Southside Prince Street

ic Name "Memorial" Cafeteria
original dining & service building
present

Ship: □ Private individual
Private organization
Public Comm. of Mass.
Original owner Comm. of Mass.

[OPTION:
Date 1934-1936
Source Annual Reports
Style "Colonial" Revival
Architect Gordon Robb
Exterior wall fabric brick
Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)
renovation and attachment to "C"
building (1969)
Moved __________________ Date ______
Approx. acreage
Setting

Recorded by Ed Lonergan
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 most of the buildings at the State Hospital during the 1920's and 1930's. This building continues the "Colonial" styling of the ward buildings of the "Memorial" group. Large Palladian windows dominate the eastern and western ends of the building, as well as the gabled projection on the northern side. An octagonal cupola is centrally located on the main ridgeline, at the junction of the projection's roofline.

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 one of seven Public Works Administration project at the State Hospital during the mid 1930's, and was finished in 1936 at a cost of $110,500. It was built to serve the new complex of ward buildings constructed during the late 1920's and early 1930's on the south side of Hospital Hill. The cafeteria had a capacity of 1000 patients, and was connected to the main hospital by a tunnel, through which the food was delivered from the main kitchen.

Originally this was built as a detached structure. In 1969 it was connected to the ward buildings in this group through the construction of "G" building.

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