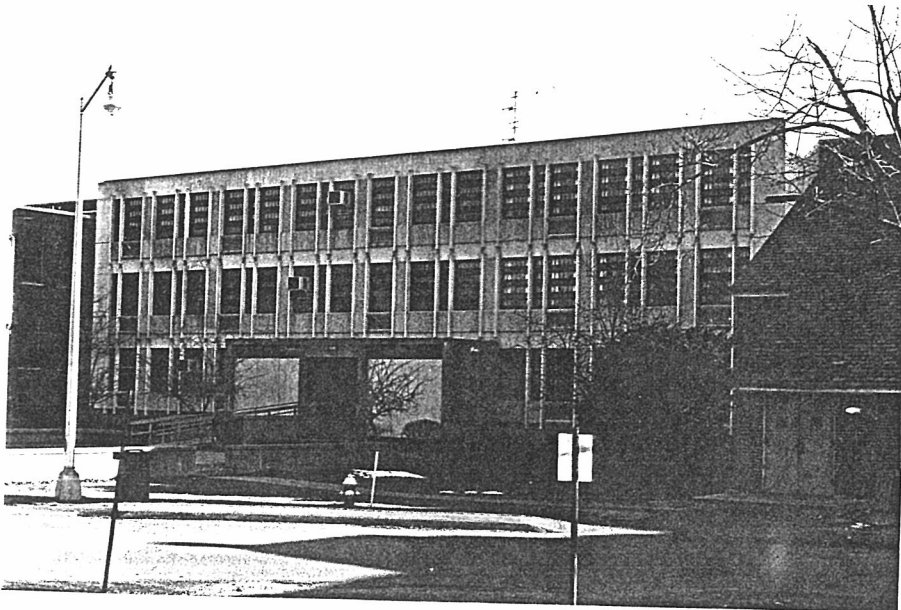


FORM B - BUILDING

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



Indicate location on map of cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.

Northampton

s Southside Prince Street

ic Name "G" Building

iginal geriatric wards

resent wards

Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner Comm. of Mass.

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1967-1969

Source Annual Reports

Style

Architect Desmond & Lord

Exterior wall fabric concrete

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

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)

This is the only major State Hospital building not externally clad with brick. The earlier structures were all built with solid brick walls, while later ones used brick over steel forms. This building also serves as the main entrance to the "Memorial" complex.

Desmond and Lord are a Boston architectural firm, who in the early 1960's prepared designs for the replacement of the main group at the State Hospital, a plan that was never carried out.

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

After World War II the annual reports again stress the problems of overcrowding. This was attributed "mainly to the large numbers of elderly and senile patients being admitted to the hospital." After a wait of nearly two decades this building was constructed to alleviate that problem. It was built at a cost slightly over two million dollars, and housed male and female geriatric patients. The building also served as a connector between the "AP" building, the wards of the "Memorial Group" and the "Memorial Cafeteria" thus becoming the central focus of this complex, As well as housing three cafeterias, which were used to feed all ambulatory patients in the "Memorial" buildings.

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