FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Northampton

Is Northside Prince Street

IC Name Haskell Building

Original "Admission - Treatment building"

Present hospital

Ship: □ Private individual
Private organization

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner Comm. of Mass.

OPTION:

Date 1956-1959

Source Annual Reports

Style

Architect Perley F. Gilbert

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

(Staple additional sheets here)
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and
evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The block is three-stories in height with flatroof, and has a rear wing that
is parallel with the main block.

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 originally known as the Admission-Treatment Building, and was con-
structed between 1956 and 1959 at a cost of $1,500,000. It was built to accommodate
150 patients, and all of new cases, except geriatrics, were to enter the State Hospital
here. The building had space for occupational therapy, recreation facilities, and
a library. "Intensive therapy is the goal of the unit... very few patients are
transferred out of this building - they enter here, are treated here, and return home
from here." During the first year this building averaged ninety admissions per month.

This is the only major building of the State Hospital erected on the northside
of Prince Street after the late 1930's.

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