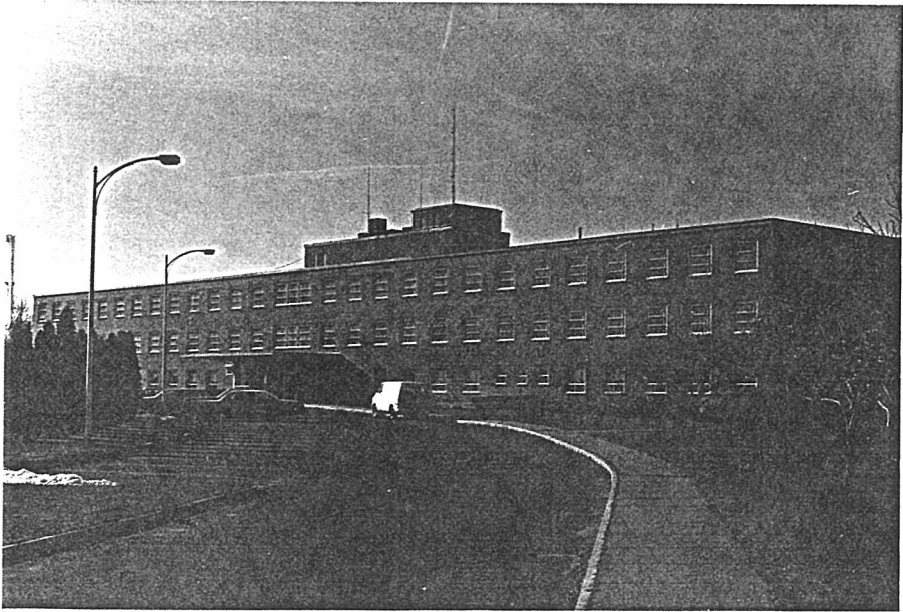


FORM B - BUILDING

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



Northampton
 is Northside Prince Street
 ic Name Haskell Building
 riginal "Admission - Treatment building"
 resent hospital
 ship: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public Comm. of Mass.
 riginal owner Comm. of Mass.

OPTION:

Date 1956-1959

Source Annual Reports

Style _____

Architect Perley F. Gilbert

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings _____

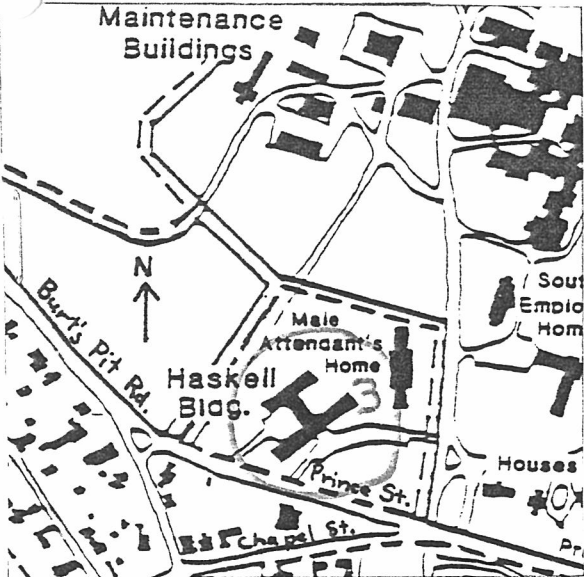
Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____

Location in relation to nearest
 cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.



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 flat roof, 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 constructed 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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