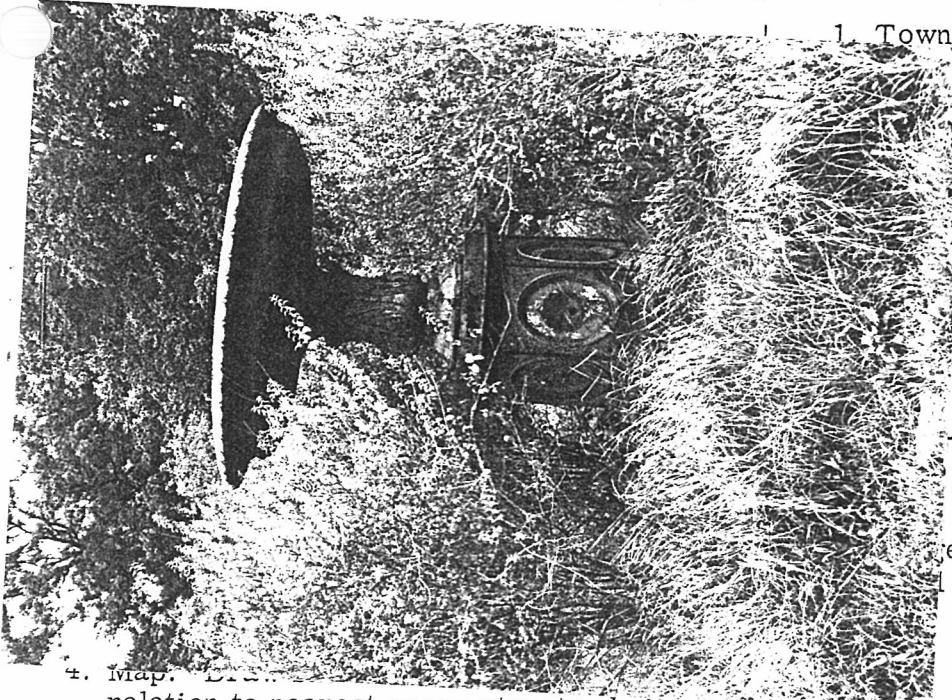


FORM F - STRUCTURE

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1. Town Northampton

SS Northside Prince Street

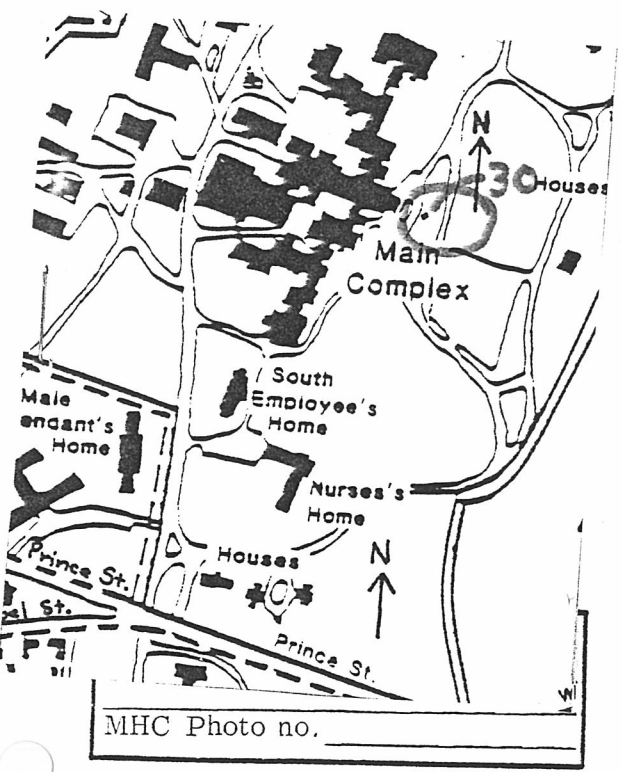
"1876" Fountain

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nt owner Comm. of Mass.

- of structure (check one)
- pound
  - powder house
  - street
  - tower
  - tunnel
  - wall
  - lighthouse
  - windmill
  - other fountain

4. Map. See map  
relation to nearest cross streets, buildings,  
other structures, natural features. Indicate  
north.



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5. Description
- Date 1876
- Source Annual Report
- Construction material iron
- Dimensions 6' high
- Setting in front of Admin. Bldg.
- Condition fair
6. Recorded by Ed Lonergan
- Organization Northampton Historical Commissic
- Date February, 1981

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Comm. of Mass.

Original use fountain

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Historical significance.

This fountain was planned early in the 1870's when the State Hospital first made a contract with the Northampton Water Works Co. to have water delivered to the property. A stipulation was made for sufficient water to supply an "out-of-door fountain", but the financial condition of the institution didn't allow this "purely ornamental" work to occur until 1876.

The fountain was built of iron and erected directly in front of the central doorway of the Administration Building. The ground basin is 16' in diameter, with a heavy curb of "hewn Fitzwilliam granite". The fountain, curb and basin are upon a superstructure of solid stone masonry, averaging six feet in height. This height was necessary, in order to bring the fountain to a level with the road and the ornamental grounds. The space around the foundation was mostly filled in with earth, to bring the grounds into proper shape. The total cost was about \$1200.

A small, iron, urn-like structure is nearby, on which no information has been found.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Annual Report: 1876 Forbes Library