FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

1. Town Northampton
   Address Hospital Hill
       (northside Prince Street)
   Name "Bishop's Crook" Lamppost
   Present use
   Present owner Comm. of Mass.

3. Type of structure (check one)
   bridge   pound   ___
   canal    powder house ___
   dam      street    ___
   fort     tower     ___
   gate     tunnel    ___
   kiln     wall      ___
   lighthouse windmill ___
   other lampposts ___

5. Description
   Date 1907
   Source Annual Reports
   Construction material cast iron
   Dimensions 12-14' high
   Setting
   Condition fair

6. Recorded by Ed Lonergan
   Organization Northampton Historical Comm.
   Date February, 1981
7. Original owner (if known) Comm. of Mass  
Original use electric lights  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates  

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)  
Aboriginal  Conservation  Recreation  
Agricultural  Education  Religion  
Architectural  Exploration/settlement  Science/Invention  
The Arts  Industry  Social/humanitarian  
Commerce  Military  Transportation  
Communication  Political  
Community development  X  

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)  
In 1907 the State Legislature appropriated $1200 for electric lights to be placed along the driveway and foot paths around the State Hospital. These were installed the same year. An electric light plant had been in operation since 1894, illuminating the halls and rooms of the hospital complex.  
There are four, cast-iron, "bishop's crook" lamp posts still remaining on the property. Three are on the eastern edge of the road in the rear of the Main Complex. The one in the front has a small plaque on it: "Geo. Cutter, South Bend Ind." These four lamp posts probably date from 1907.  
There are also five examples of a simpler lamp post which have an upright globe atop a fluted, metal column and flaring base. These are all located along the front drive between the main gate and the large parking lot.  

10. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories. deeds. assessor's records. early maps. etc.  
Annual Reports: 1891-1895, 1907  Forbes Library