

FORM F - STRUCTURE

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

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Indicate

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

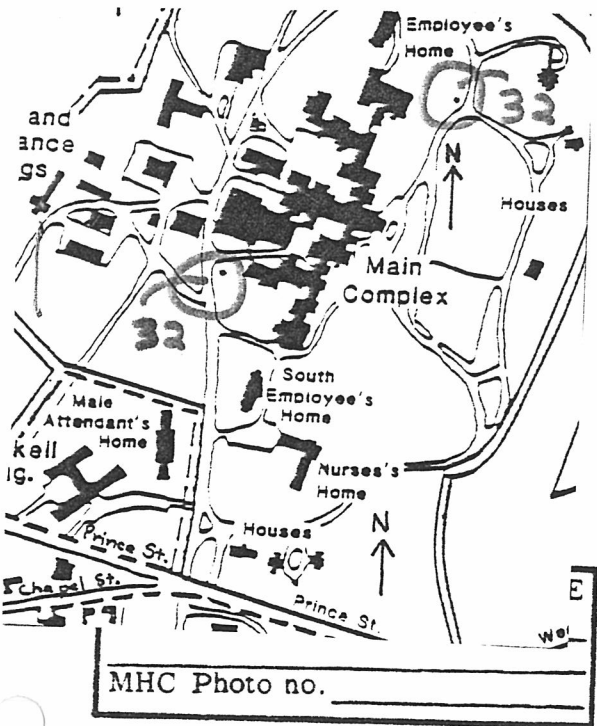
3. Type of structure (check one)

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
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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	<u>X</u>				

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 lampposts probably date from 1907

There are also five examples of a simpler lamppost 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