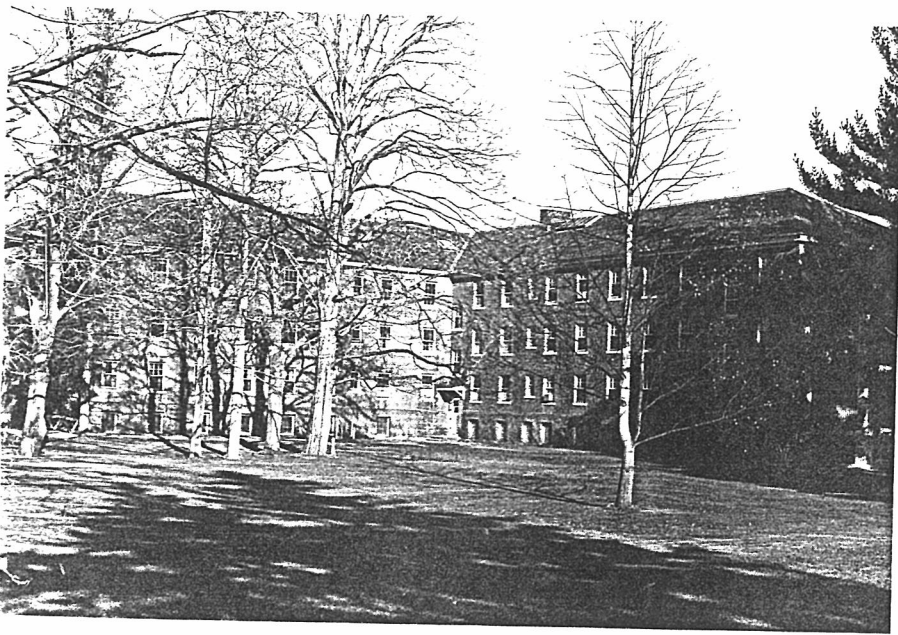


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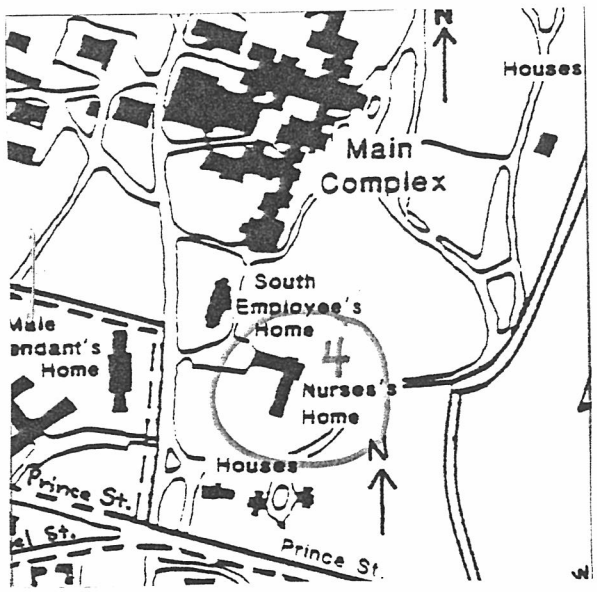


Northampton
 Address Northside Prince Street
 Historic Name NursesHome
 Original dormitory - nurses
 Present offices
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public Comm. of Mass.
 Original owner Comm. of Mass.

DESCRIPTION:

Location _____
 cross streets and other buildings
 or geographical features.
 Indicate north.

Date 1927-1928
 Source Annual Reports
 Style Colonial Revival
 Architect Gordon Robb
 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

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

This is another of Boston architect Gordon Robb's buildings. During the 1920's and 1930's Mr. Robb designed ten major buildings at the State Hospital, with most of them having Colonial Revival detailing. This block is L-shaped and has a slate, hipped roof and three-story porch on the southern end.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1927 the State Legislature appropriated \$63,000 for a nurses' home to be located a short distance from the main complex, with a similar sum to be appropriated the next year. The building eventually cost \$141,275, and was finished in 1928. It provided accommodations for ninety nine female nurses.

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