FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Northampton

Location: Northside Prince Street

Historic Name: Nurses Home

Original Dormitory - Nurses

Present Offices

Ownership: Private individual

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original Owner: Comm. of Mass.

CRIPULATION:

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

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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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