

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

Northside Prince Street

Common Name G. Ellsworth House

Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization

Public Comm. of Mass.

Original owner George Ellsworth

DESCRIPTION:

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

Date 1850 (circa)

Source Maps & visual evidence

Style Italianate

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

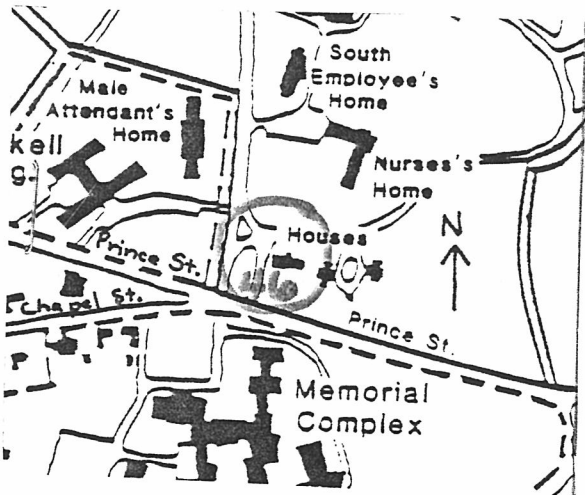
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____



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Organization Northampton Historical Commission

Date February, 1981

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

The house is two stories in height with a low-pitched, hipped roof and wide, overhanging eaves. A one-story porch covers the two-bay facade. The porch has a flaring, hipped roof; thin, chamfered posts; and a low balustrade. The windows of the house have projecting cornices and two-over-two sashes. A two-story ell extends to the rear.

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

This house originally served as George Ellsworth's homestead. It appears on the 1853 map and has several outbuilding to the east. Mr. Ellsworth was a local farmer, and his property consisted of one hundred acres on the north side of Prince Street.

In 1855 this property was purchased by the state for \$8000.00, and became the site for the new State Hospital. Mr. Ellsworth's house was used by the head farmer at the State Hospital until the early 20th century. In 1910 it was added to and remodelled for four married couples, nurses and attendants of the hospital's staff.

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