FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Northampton
Northside Prince Street
ic Name Attendants Home
original dormitory - attendants
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hip: Private individual
Private organization
Public Comm. of Mass.
original owner Comm. of Mass.

OPTION:
Date 1931-1933
Source Annual Reports

Style
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

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

This long rectangular block is situated perpendicular to Route 66, and features a three-story, recessed portico with pediment and Tuscan columns on the end facing the street. Centrally located on the long eastern side is a slightly projecting, pedimented pavilion.

Gordon Robb was a Boston architect who designed ten buildings at the State Hospital during the 1920's and 1930's.

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

This was the fourth and last dormitory for hospital staff to be constructed near the main hospital group in the fifteen year period between 1918 and 1933. All of these were detached structures in contrast to earlier dormitories which had been part of, or added to, the main hospital building.

In 1931 the State Legislature appropriated $150,000 for a home for male attendants. The building was completed two years later and opened in August of 1933. Single rooms were provided for one hundred attendants, there was a large reception room on each floor, and a large smoking room and card room were located in the basement.

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