FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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Private individual
Private organization
Public Comm. of Mass.
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OTION:
Date 1935-1936
Source Annual Reports
Style
Architect Richard Shaw
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 one-story industrial structure was designed by Richard Shaw, a Boston architect.

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 one of seven Public Works Administration projects at the State Hospital. Originally budgeted at $94,000 in 1934, the building eventually cost $106,000 when finished two years later. It replaced the 1913 laundry, which was located behind the Main Complex, and serviced the entire, expanded State Hospital. A new laundry had proved necessary because of the increase of patients at the institution. Between 1913 and 1934 enrollment increased from 909 to 2070.

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