

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	23B-46



Northampton

Address Denniston Place

Building Nurses Home and Training School

Present use _____

Present owner _____

Description: _____

1920

Source plaque on building

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered -- Date _____

Moved -- Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

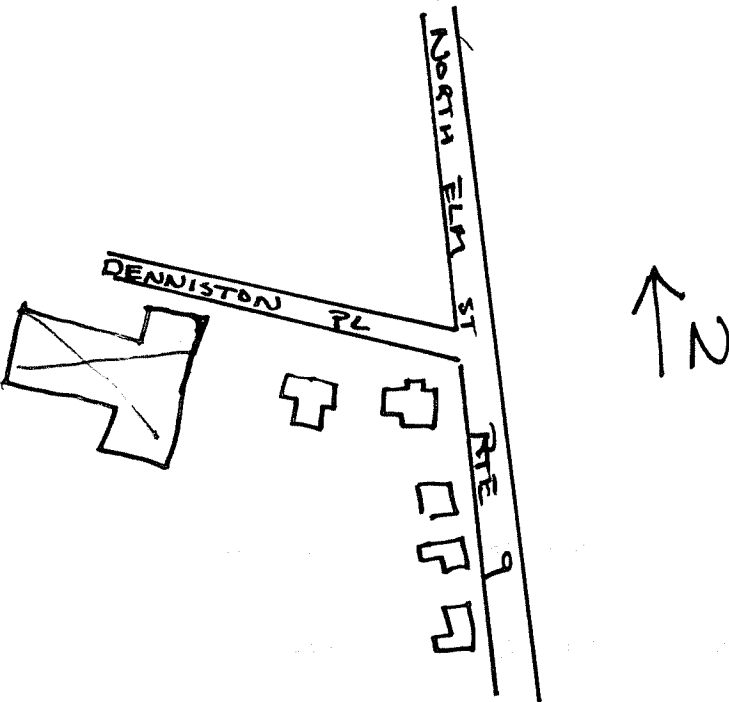
Approximate distance of building from street _____

6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

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7. Map. Draw sketch of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Nurses Home and Training School

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | _____ | Recreation | _____ |
| Agricultural | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/
settlement | _____ | Science/
invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | _____ | Social/
humanitarian | <u>X</u> |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This large brick building was built as the nurses' home and training school for Cooley Dickinson Hospital. This is the only hospital in Northampton, and was opened in 1886 through a \$70,000 legacy of Caleb Cooley Dickinson, a citizen of Hatfield. In 1901 a training school for nurses was opened, but the hospital quickly outgrew its small quarters. Alexander Mc Callum, a prominent local merchant and industrialist left a large sum of money to the hospital upon his decease, and this building was dedicated in memory of him in 1920. The original Victorian hospital has almost disappeared behind 20th century additions and remodelings, but this building remains substantially as it was built.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

1915 Atlas.

The Northampton Book; ed. by The Tercentenary History Committee
Northampton of Today, 1902, p. 47.