

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	31D-20

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

Smith Campus

Local Name Scott Gymnasium

Original gymnasium

Present gymnasium

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization
 Smith College

Public

Original owner Smith College

Construction:

Date 1923-24

cross streets and other buildings

major geographical features.

Indicate north.

Source Smith College Archives

Style Georgian Colonial Revival

Architect Ames and Dodge of Boston

Exterior wall fabric brick

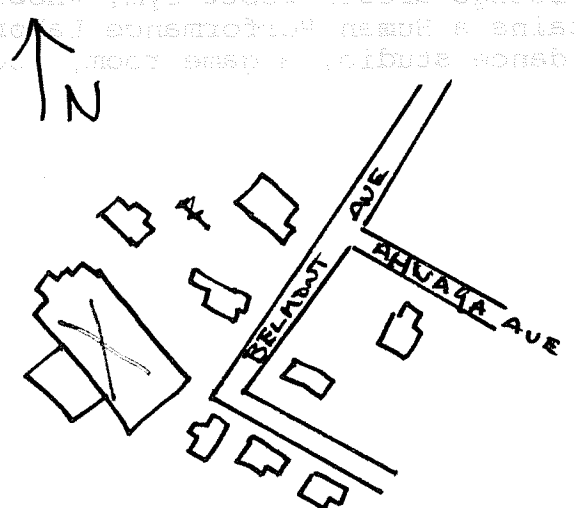
Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

1975-77

Moved --- Date

Approx. acreage



Recorded by Ann Gilkerson and Robin Stroup

Organization NHC

Date March 24, 1977

Setting

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

The three level structure is topped by a steeply pitched roof of green-grey shingles. At the north end of the roof is a copper domed square, white clocktower; while the south end of the roof is framed by a plain broad rectangular chimney.

The rigidly symmetrical facade includes a lower, projecting gable with one story wings projecting to the east and west. The larger gable formed by the facade roofline includes an ample, semi-circular window (ultimately derived from imperial Roman bath buildings) flanked by two smaller circular windows (reminiscent of the 17th century work of Sir Christopher Wren). The Georgian main entry way is composed of class-

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

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Scott Gymnasium honors the generous benefaction of Colonel Walter Scott of New York City. Designed by Ames and Dodge of Boston and completed in 1924, the complex is Georgian Colonial in style. Characteristic features of this style evident in this building include: materials (red brick with white trim), ornamentation (white wooden classical motifs), and simple massing (derivative of the traditional New England meeting house).

A two story oblong wing to the west of the main building originally housed an indoor swimming pool, with a barrel vaulted ceiling. However, with the January 1977 completion of the Dorothy Ainsworth Gymnasium, this area has been converted to a lounge area. Scott Gym, whose interior was remodeled in 1967-77, contains a Human Performance Laboratory, a regulation sized basketball court, a dance studio, a game room, lockers, and office spaces.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Architectural Significance

ical decorative elements: a keystone semi-circular arch; an entablature with urn above the green painted doors. On either side, the double doors are flanked by one Doric column and pilaster. To either side of this principal vertical axis, the mirror symmetry is reinforced by small apsidal niches with wrought iron lamp fixtures.

Regular fenestration along the sides of Scott Gym is also typically Georgian in placement and style: segmentally arched or rectangular sash types are surrounded by white wooden moldings.

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