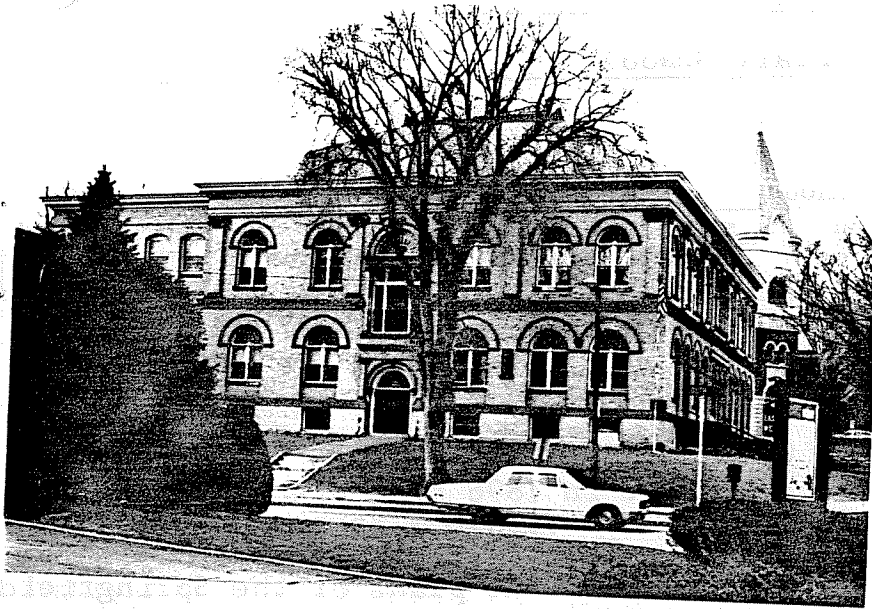


FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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Northampton

Address corner Main & South Sts.

D. A. Sullivan School

Present use Junior High School

Present owner City of Northampton

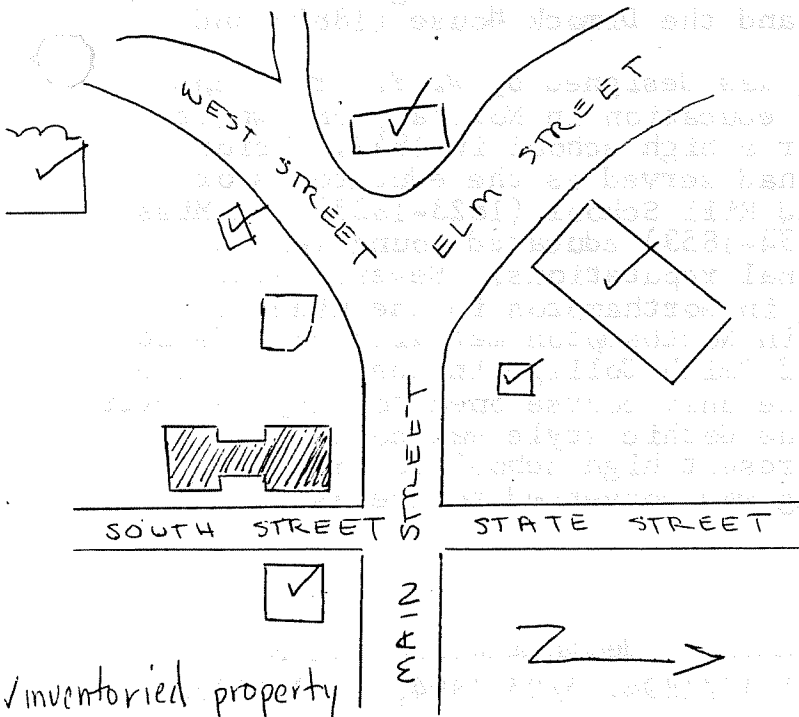
Description:

Designed 1894; built 1896.

Source Hampshire Gazette  
3/20/1895

Classical Revival

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



Architect Gardner, Pynne & Gardner

Exterior wall fabric golden brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features tawny brick & brownstone;  
palladian motifs; low tiled roof;  
pilasters.

Altered no Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved no Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 165 feet

Approximate distance of building from street  
15 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical

Date August 15, 1975

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Northampton  
 Original use High School  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Elementary School

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

This high school building was constructed in 1896 from plans by Gardner, Pynne & Gardner of Springfield. The design of Forbush & Hathaway, specialists in school design, was first selected, but as a result of many delays, the school, when built in 1896, followed the plans of the Springfield firm.

Gardner, Pynne, & Gardner, a Springfield firm consisting of Eugene C. Gardner, his son George, and George Pynne, was formed in 1889. The elder Gardner began his practice in Springfield in 1868 after having designed a number of buildings in Northampton. Other Gardner designs in Northampton include a house on Elm Street (1880) and the Dimock House (1880) and Silk factory (1880) in Leeds.

The previous high school building was designed by W. F. Pratt and was the first substantial monument to education in Northampton, where monies had first been apporpriated for a high school in 1842. Prior to that time several private schools had served as the educator's of valley youth: George Bancroft's Round Hill School (1823-1833) and Miss Margaret Dwight's Gothic Seminary (1834-1853) educated young men and women and gained for themselves national reputations. Several other private schools had a brief flowering in Northampton in the nineteenth century; women's preparatory schools in Northampton met with considerable success following the establishment of Smith College in the city in the 1870's. The public high school was the only course open to many, however, and by the 1890's the old school in the Gothic style was no longer adequate. Half a century later the present high school on upper Elm Street was built and the 1895 building was converted to use as an elementary school.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.) Hampshire Gazette, 5/17/1894, 5/25/1894, 3/20/1895, 1/17/1895.