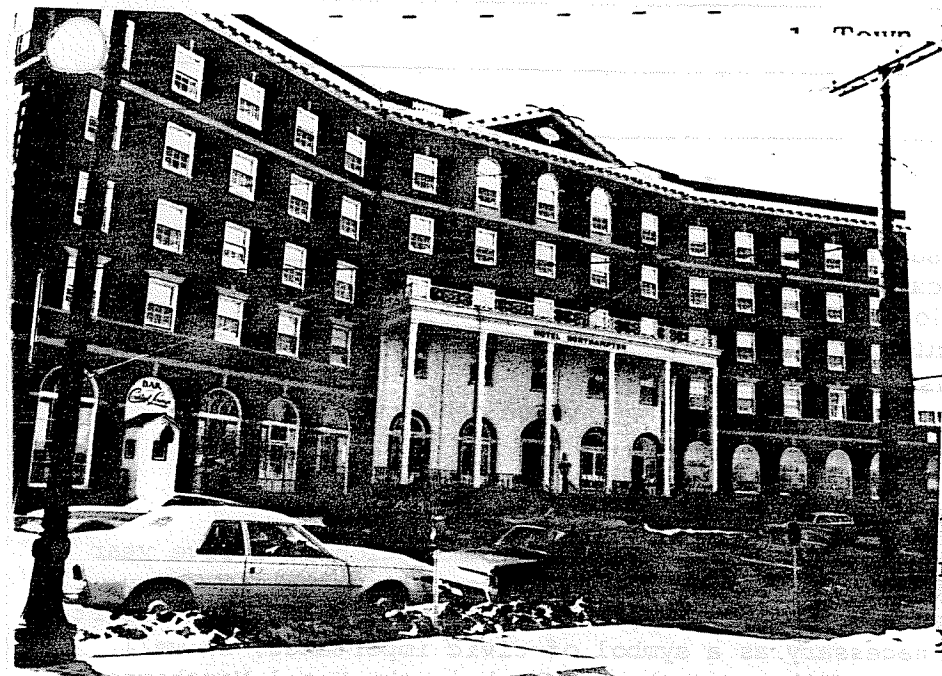


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Town NORTHAMPTON

Address 36 King Street

Building Name Hotel Northampton

Use Hotel

Owner Schine Inns

Construction Date 1927

Source Daily Hampshire Gazette (4/8/27)

Style Colonial Revival

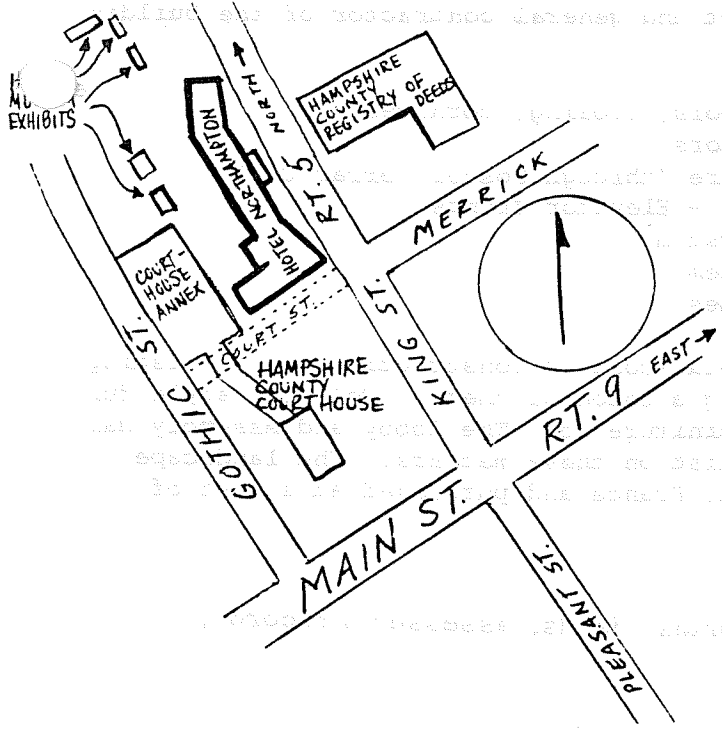
Architect H.L. Stevens Co., New York

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Museum house exhibitions

Other features \_\_\_\_\_

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



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Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 150'

Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by Charles T. Lennon

Organization LEVRPC

Date March 1, 1979

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Hotel Northampton Corporation

Original use Hotel

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

Construction of the Hotel Northampton was completed in 1927, the culmination of a five year subscription drive by the local Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a prominent local hostelry. By 1925, private citizens and businesses had pledged \$312,700 toward the construction effort. The Chamber believed the new hotel was necessary as a symbol of civic importance, as well as a boon to local business interests. Subscribers purchased stock in the Hotel Northampton Corporation, which was expected to pay annual dividends. The Corporation was successful in doing so through the years of the Depression, a feat of some magnitude.

L. Stevens Co. of New York City was the architect and general contractor of the building. Subcontractors were as follows:

- E.H. Friedrich Co., Holyoke - Metal doors, roofing, cornices
- F.S. Payne Co., Cambridge - Two Elevators
- P.&F. Corbin Co., New Britain - Hardware (through Foster Farrar Co.)
- Coburn Trolley Track Manf. Co., N.Y.C. - Elevator fronts
- R.E. Davies, Northampton - Plumbing system
- Holyoke Supply, Holyoke - Heating System
- M.C. Bailey, Northampton - Window frames

The formal opening occurred on April 11, 1927. Total cost of construction and furnishing was \$375,000. The interior was decorated following a colonial theme. Colonial style furnishings were purchased locally from J.H. Quinn Furniture Co. The lobby and Assembly Hall were decorated by A.J. LaMontagne, a local specialist on these matters. The landscape wallpaper in the lobby was made by Zuber of Alsace, France and purchased at a cost of \$75.00/roll wholesale.

See Attachment 1

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

Daily Hampshire Gazette, 9/23/22, 1/11/23, 1/13/23, 2/7/23, 2/8/23, 9/26/23, 12/1/23, 12/6/23, 12/7/23, 12/15/23, 11/20/24, 11/24/24, 11/28/24, 1/15/25, 1/28/25, 9/19/25, 9/16/26, 10/23/26, 4/8/27, 4/11/27, 9/12/27.

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