FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Area Form no.
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Lowell

ss Broadway at Wilder Street

ric Name Coburn Hall

Original Lowell Normal School (Training School)
Present U. of Lowell, South Campus

__ Original owner Comm. of Mass.
__ Public Comm. of Mass.

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DESCRIPTION:

Date 1897

Style Classical Revival

Architect Frederick Stickney and William Austin

Exterior wall fabric Roman brick; limestone

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage +1

Setting Open setting at crest of hill

Recorded by Harriet S. White

Organization DPD Architectural Survey

Date 11/17

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

This 3-story rectangular plan building consists of a 7-bay main block flanked by 3-bay wings. Each section of the building has its own hip roof. Notable features include the triple entrance portal and egg-and-dart cornice moldings. The lower story contains channeling in the brickwork to simulate a rusticated piano nobile.

F. W. Stickney was also the architect of the Memorial Building, Lowell's main branch of the Public Library.

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

The Lowell Normal School was organized 1893-97 by the Commonwealth of Mass. under the direction of the State Board of Education. The purpose of the school was to provide professional training for public school teachers. The first "dean" of the Normal School was Frank Coburn, formerly principal of the high school.

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