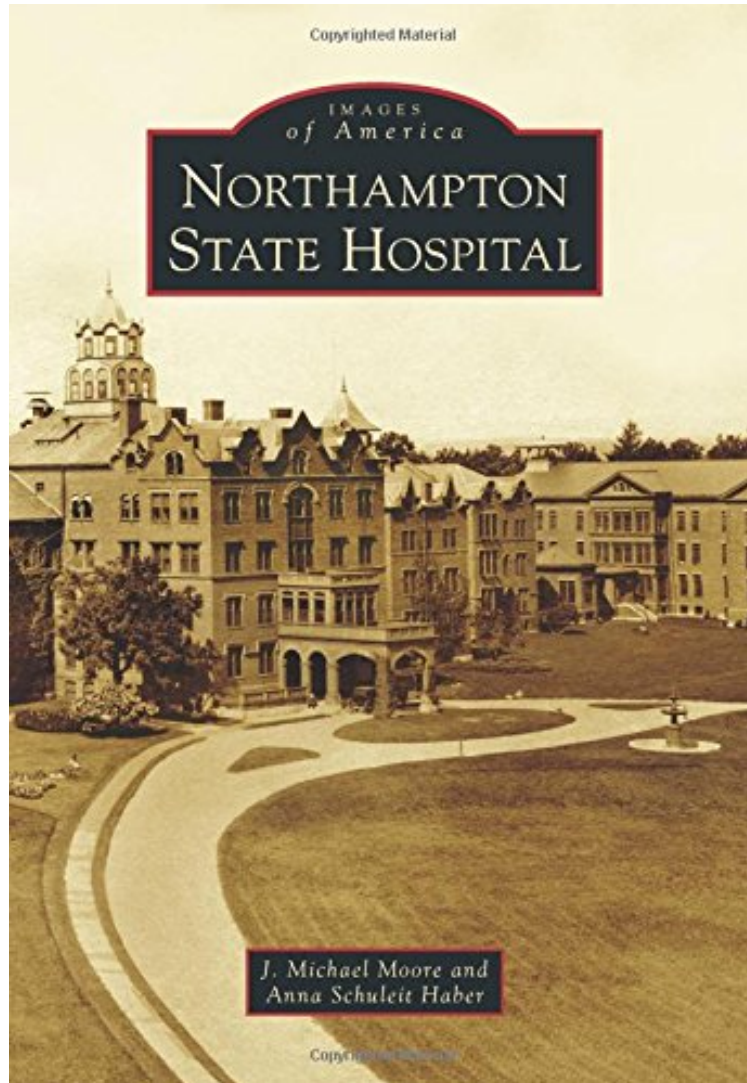


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good start into the past of this iconic area By Candace Drimmer All about my new neighborhood, is a fascinating peek into the past of this iconic area of Northampton. If walls could talk, or even the land. Being redeveloped by the State, via developers, these ex-hospital grounds are well known by the

locals of town. But I knew nothing. Other than only a few of the old buildings remained. Bars over windows, what had these walls seen. With extensive photos, the book gives a sense of this history. Not to be missed. Walking with a few neighbors who'd been here a bit longer, none were aware of the book. So I shared what I'd read, so far. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Truly An Awesome Book By Tibbs500I just finished this book. No book was ever this important to me. In a way it helped me to reach closure. In 1982 I spent 3 months in NSH. My experience there was bad. I always tried to push the thoughts of my experiences there out of my mind but over time I developed a strong desire to return to the grounds for reasons I don't understand. I later found out that NSH was closed and demolished. I felt sad that I would not be able to fulfill that odd desire to return. This book has helped me to return in a sense. Thank you so much Michael Moore and Anna Schuleit Haber for walking me back to that place I just had to visit one more time. Northampton State Hospital (Images of America) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good book By PhilA good read and lots of great photos. Makes for an excellent addition to my state hospital collection.

Northampton State Hospital, established in 1856, was built with the optimistic spirit of humanitarian reform. For many years, it was run by Dr. Pliny Earle, a champion of treatment that combined individualized care with manual labor, religious worship, recreation, and amusement. This vision was overwhelmed as the hospital was called upon to care for ever-larger numbers of people with varying needs. By the mid-20th century, the hospital was an isolated small city, with hundreds of employees caring for more than 2,000 patients in overcrowded and inadequate conditions. It became a nationally important center of political and legal struggle over the role of state hospitals in the care of the mentally ill. After being gradually phased out, the hospital was closed in 1993, and the buildings, though listed in the National Register of Historic Places, were demolished in 2006. This volume brings to life the 135-year story of Northampton State Hospital through beautiful and haunting photographs drawn from the collections of Historic Northampton, the city's local history museum.

About the Author Historian J. Michael Moore is the author of *The Life and Death of Northampton State Hospital*, based on extensive interviews with workers and clients. Visual artist Anna Schuleit Haber created the sound installation *Habeas Corpus*, in which the abandoned architecture was turned into an instrument in a single performance of J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*.