

N.Y. Binghamton State Hospital.



Exterior view of Binghamton State Hospital in Binghamton, New York. In the foreground is a planted field. Tree-lined avenues run between the field and the hospital. The hospital, a Gothic Revival limestone building designed by Isaac Perry, has a castle-like appearance. At its opening in 1864, it was named the New York State Inebriate Asylum and was the first hospital in the nation founded to treat alcoholism as a disease. In 1879, after Governor Lucius Robinson declared the inebriate asylum a failure, it became the Binghamton Asylum for the Chronic Insane. It was renamed Binghamton State Hospital in 1890 and Binghamton Psychiatric Center in 1974 before being closed in 1993. In 1997, it was listed as a national historic landmark.

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