

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Lincoln-Sunset National Historic District,
Amherst

Address: 136 Sunset Avenue

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Three- Family Dwelling House

Original: Single-Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source: Visual; Maps

Style/Form: English Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone

Wall/Trim: Stucco on wood; Wood

Roof: Slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

addition 1969; converted to three-family c. 1999

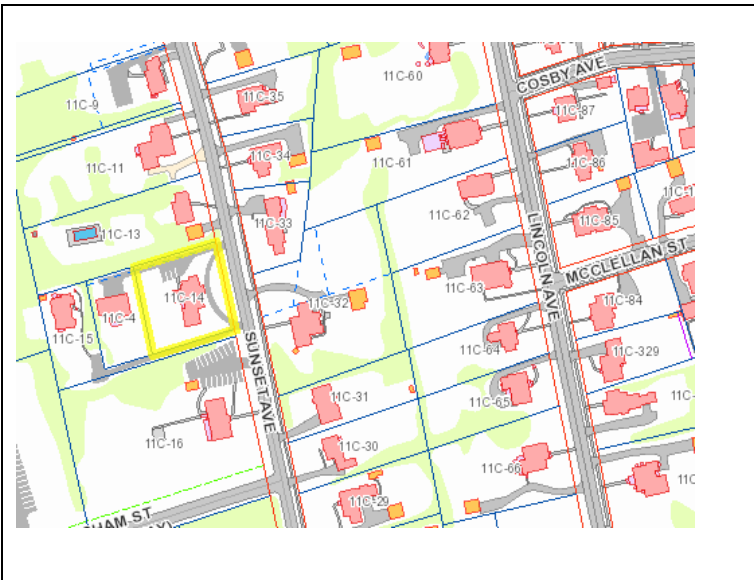
Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .49 acres

Setting: Residential neighborhood. The house is approached via a semi-circular driveway.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom/Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): September 2015

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This large Tudor style house is an excellent example of a variant style found in the Lincoln-Sunset Avenue area. The dominant front gable, asymmetrical gabled entrance porch, exposed half-timbering and grouped windows are all elements typical of the style.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house appears on the 1916 Sanborn map. The street by 1916 had been extended to the Massachusetts Agricultural College and included a dairy. There were a number of teachers living on the street at that time, reflecting its proximity to MAC. There were also a butter-maker, entrepreneurs, a writer and a retired president of MAC.

Charles E. Marshall (1866-1927), Professor of Microbiology and director of the graduate school at the MAC, his wife Maud, and three children, Max, Don, and Maud, lived in the house from 1913 to 1925. Marshall had come to Amherst in 1912 from Lansing, Michigan, where he "created a world-class department" of microbiology and had a laboratory building named after him. Another laboratory building named for him, Marshall Hall at UMass, was built in 1916 and demolished in 1996. Charles and Maud's eldest child, Max Skidmore Marshall (1897-1965), earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the MAC while living with his parents in Amherst (1920-1925). He taught at the University of California San Francisco from 1927 to 1965, also in the field of microbiology.

Following the sale of the house, Charles and Maud, with son Don, are found living in 1926 at 10 S. Pleasant Street, and in the 1927 street list (the year of Charles's death) Maud alone is living at 34 Lincoln (today's 166 Lincoln), before disappearing from the Amherst street lists altogether.

Bertrand O. Moody, Vice-President of the First National Bank, his wife Greta, and two children lived there from 1926 to 1931, at which point they moved to 84 Sunset Avenue (q.v.). Henry D. Coe (b. ca 1873), a clergyman who had moved from Scarsdale, NY, to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Amherst, and his wife Louise C., were the next residents, from 1932 to 1944. The house later served as the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house, Phi Chapter, before returning to ordinary residential use.

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Maps: 1873, Sanborn 1916

Amherst Street Lists 1913 and following

US Census 1910, 1920, 1930

Amherst City Directories

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Town of Amherst property card, 2015

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