

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: Amherst

Photograph



Address: 10 Allen Street

Historic Name: Willis Fay House

Uses: Present: Single family house

Original: Single family house

Date of Construction: ca. 1913

Source:

Style/Form: Colonial Foursquare Vernacular

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: brick above ground, likely fieldstone below ground

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding clapboard

Roof: Asphalt composition

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (ca. 1951)

Major Alterations (with dates): Enclosed upper sleeping porch, 1973

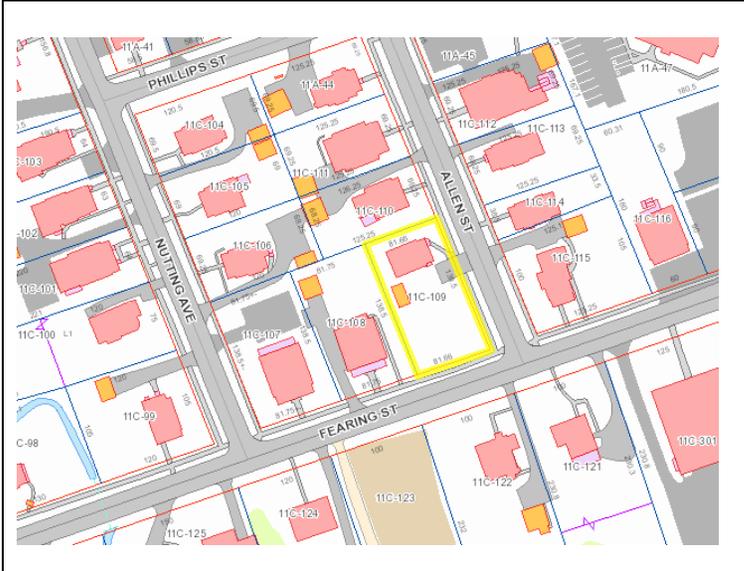
Condition: A

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .26 Acres

Setting: Located in residential area west of Amherst and about ¼ mile south of the University of Massachusetts. The area was developed primarily for faculty as single family residences in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Locus Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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10 ALLEN ST

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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.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

10 Allen Street (formerly 2 Allen St.) is a two and a half story colonial revival vernacular constructed during the beginning of the 20th century. This single family home is constructed on a level corner lot with a twenty-eight foot frontal set back. The building adapts a rectangular floor plan with a front porch that was once screened in but no longer is. The home has vinyl siding and is capped with a gable roof and gable dormers in the finished attic space. The roof is sheathed with an asphalt composite shingles. The interior of the building is plaster walls with hardwood floors throughout. The home features four bedrooms, 2 full baths and nine rooms total. The one story porch on the east end of the house facing Allen Street marks the primary entrance to the house, and the small covered entry wall on the north façade marks a secondary entrance. The main house was remodeled several times throughout the twentieth century, most recently remodeled in 2011, which resulted in the finished attic and the addition of the second story structure of the first story front porch. The two car garage was built in 1951 on the south side of the main home, has vinyl siding and is capped with a pyramid roof with asphalt composite shingles.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

This house was built on Lot 21 of the Stanley Phillips subdivision of land Phillips had acquired from Henry D. Fearing in 1895. Originally that land was a part of the Lyman/Henderson Farm, acquired by Jared Westcott and Leonard M. Hills, in 1868. They sold this part of the farm to Henry Fearing in the same year, and he in turn in turn deeded it to Stanley Phillips for the purpose of creating housing primarily for the faculty and staff of the growing Massachusetts College nearby. In 1913 **Willis F. Fay** deeded (HLR 692/336) the land with buildings to Mary and Ezra Morgan. Lot 21 he presumably acquired from Stanley Phillips. That lot was a corner one of three lots on Fearing Street, and Fay (or his predecessor?) chose to have his house built facing Allen Street. In 1909 Fay, an electrician with N.E. Tel and Tel, lived at 5 Fearing Street, and in 1910 is shown with a house worth \$ 2200 in the tax records. By 1916, he was shown living at 1916 is listed at 63 Main Street, where he also owned a business, Rumery and Fay. **Ezra Morgan** was with the Extension Service at MAC.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Amherst assessor's records
HLR
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