

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: (*neighborhood or village*):
Amherst Center

Address: 81 McClellan Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House
Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1898-9

Source: Tax valuations

Style/Form: Traditional Vernacular Farmhouse

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick with fieldstone likely below ground

Wall/Trim: Wood; Wooden Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

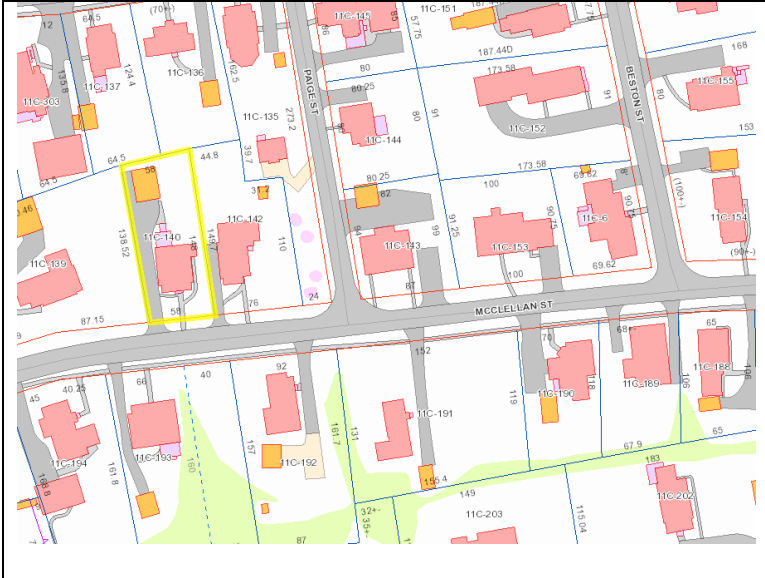
Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .19 acres

Setting: Residential

Locus Map



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Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): October 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 front gabled side-hall plan is related to many traditional vernacular farmhouses throughout the neighborhood, clustered primarily in the McClellan, Beston and Paige areas. The porch shows some Victorian decoration and the door frames have a circular decoration in the upper corners. Similar in form to 43 McClellan, this standard builders example features paired gable windows and widely spaced second story fenestration. Like 43, it also has a roofed porch, support columns and vertical railing. Although built a decade apart, the resemblances between 43 and 81 are remarkable.

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.

81 McClellan was built on the east end of Thomas and Mary McLaughlin's property (87 McClellan) in 1898-9 and taxed in 1899 and 1900 for \$900; McLaughlin had been taxed for one house in 1897 and 1898, but in 1899 he was taxed for two houses with a note in the 1900 tax entry saying that the second house was sold to Mrs Kelley. The 1901 tax valuation under Mrs. Kelley's name notes \$900 for the house and \$200 for the 40 rods of land.

The property itself of house plus 30.5 square rods of land was sold by Mary [Slattery] McLaughlin to Ellen Kelley for \$1800 on July 27, 1900 [538/19-20]. On June 1, 1909, Ellen Kelley sold the property to William O. Martin [643/331-2], reserving the right for Thomas McLaughlin to enter the premises to repair or clean the stone ditch that ran from the McLaughlin to the Kelley premises, further evidence of the Tan Book drainage problem that was chronic to house basements and yards throughout the neighborhood.

The property stayed in the Martin family from 1909 until 2003 as indicated by Deed transfers within the Martin-Stacey family: July 17, 1959 [1318/95] Marianne P., Arthur C., William F., and Thomas O. Martin, Eugenie L. Stacey, and Dorothy O'Brien – of Amherst, Easthampton, and Montreal – granted the property to Eugenie L. Martin, subject to two prior mortgages at Amherst Savings Bank, and then Eugenie L. Martin deeded it back to Eugenie L. Stacey (1963) [1427/183]. In 2003 it passed to Gerald G. Guidera, Jr. [7373/162]; then to Diana C. and Thomas M. Scriver (2009) [9933/62]; and finally to the current owners, Alan van Giessen and Elizabeth Eagleson (2013) [11438/189].

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps 1886, 1916
Amherst Street Lists and Directories
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Form B (1988), in the MACRIS online database
Deeds
Amherst Tax Assessments

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