

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: 68 McClellan Street

Historic Name: William Boyle house

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1861-62

Source: Town property card

Style/Form: Farmhouse

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick with fieldstone likely below grade

Wall/Trim: Wood clapboards

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage, built 1985

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: Double Lot - .42 acres total

Setting: rural college town

Locus Map



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Organization: LHDSC

Date (month / year): October 2016

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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.

Double lot. One-and-a-half story traditional style farmhouse. Simple design with central door capped by a free-standing portico, flanked by two windows (one on each side). Porch with simple rectangular posts extends from the back side. Garage added in 1985.

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.

George Cutler bought a quarter acre lot from Leavitt Hallock in 1860 on the south side of the private way that Hallock was opening. A house was built for and occupied by Irish-born William Boyle who subsequently bought the other half of the present property and 1 ¼ acres north of the road in 1865 (later developed into Paige Street). A barn was built c.1870. Widowed in 1880, Boyle died on April 14, 1886, and his heavily mortgaged land was auctioned off and sold (via E.D. Bangs) to Oliver Pease, abutter to the south. Pease sold it to Irish-born John O'Connor in 1889 [429/211] for \$1100. and O'Connor sold to Edward B. Dickinson in 1911 [669/247]. Dickinson sold it to Pierre Duval in 1915 [712/259]; sold by his widow, Corinne Duval in 1947 to Lee and Rachel Howard [1027/58]. Lee A. Howard died in 1972, it passed to his son and daughter-in-law, and it remains in the Howard family as the property of widowed Ann Howard., Lee and Rachel Howard's daughter-in-law.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds
Tax Valuations
Amherst Vital Statistics
U.S. Censuses.
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