

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Amherst Center

Address: 84 McClellan Street

Historic Name: Annie Honney House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: c. 1913

Source: Tax valuations

Style/Form: Colonial Revival/Foursquare Vernacular

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick/concrete under addition

Wall/Trim: Wood; Wood Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): 2012 addition to the house

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .24 owner also owns an empty lot to the east – 11C-300

Setting: Residential

Locus Map



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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.

This three story, hip-roofed house features both gabled and hipped dormer and a typical early 20th century fenestration pattern. The Roman columns supporting the full porch are a Colonial Revival element used by many local contractors.

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.

As described in the narrative history for 76 McClellan, a 109 rod lot at the northeast corner of Elisha Pomeroy Cutler's farm was occupied by James and Kate Sharkey and deeded from E.P. Cutler to James Sharkey on November 10, 1855 [239/359]. A house there was taxed in 1862. The property was bought at public action by Annie M. Honney on August 29, 1895, for \$1230. from Mary E. Sharkey in her role as guardian of the Sharkey minors, James Sharkey by then deceased.

Annie M. Honney was the wife of James J. Honney, both Irish, James a hostler living in 1893 on Railroad Street; then listed in the 1895 Amherst Directory as a laborer living on Depot Street. In 1898 (three years after the Honneys purchased 76 McClellan) he was listed as a coachman working for Leonard M. Hills and living at 40 (became 76 with the 1937-8 renumbering) McClellan where the Honneys lived until 1915, when they (and other family members) moved to their new house at 42 (renumbered 84) McClellan.

Annie Honney is remembered by long-term residents of McClellan as an extremely hard-working and resourceful domestic worker, recalled as a "white glove" house cleaner for houses on Lincoln Avenue and elsewhere. The story is told by McClellan resident s that #84 (the house built by the Honneys on land they divided from their property at 76 McClellan) was "the Honney House" because Annie Honney was determined to build for herself a house as grand as the houses she labored in, on Lincoln Avenue.

In 1912-13, the Honneys divided the property at 76 McClellan to build the house at present-day # 84 McClellan Street. James V. Honney (at times spelled Honnay) was taxed for 40 McClellan from 1897 through 1912. The new house is lightly penciled into the 1913 tax assessments, with both houses assessed in 1914, 1915 and 1916. They were living there in 1923.

There is a train of deeds from 1855 [239/359]; 1895 [478/371]; Rose Ennis in 1944 [981/198]; 1950 [1074/181]; 1951 [1089/259]; 1955 [1200/191]; and 1962 [1385/239]. In 1966[1495/236] it was purchased by Alex and Anita Page, professors at UMA and Mt. Holyoke and parents of the current owners, Max Page and Eve Weinbaum, also UMA professors who renovated and enlarged the house (2012) [11075/108].

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

1910, 1930 Sanborn Maps
Amherst Street Lists and Directories
Deeds; Tax Valuations.

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Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Form B (1988), in the MACRIS online database

