

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: Amherst Center

Photograph



Address: 90 McClellan Street

Historic Name: John Donahue House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1867-8

Source: Deed; tax valuation

Style/Form:

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick with fieldstone likely below ground, concrete used under addition

Wall/Trim: Aluminum

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage, canopy, shed frame, and fireplace.

Major Alterations (with dates): addition added in 2000

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .29 acres – includes double lot for shed frame

Setting: rural college town

Locus Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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90 McCLELLAN 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.

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.

One-and-a-half story house (both levels finished). Gable end with chimney faces McClellan Street. Main door on left side of house. Door features a portico, probably was originally symmetrical with a window on either side of the door. Decorative brackets flank the chimney at the gable. 2000 addition makes an L with large stone chimney.

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.

John Donahue purchased 3 acres of land for \$936.87 from Elisha Pomeroy Cutler on November 9, 1866 [240/350], with mortgage releases in 1867 and 1870 [246/195] [276/430]. A house was on the property by May 1868. John and Julia were immigrants from Ireland, according to the 1870 Census age 42 and 43, John a laborer and Julia keeping house, with a 17 year old son apprenticed to a blacksmith, 6 children age 16 to 6 in school, and two others age 4 and 2. The children were all Massachusetts born.

A Deed dated March 13, 1929 [852/423] for \$3400. Grants the property by Henry J. Duval to Frank P. Donahue (of Springfield). The Executors of Frank P. Donahue's estate, as holders of a mortgage from Henry J. Duval to Frank P. Donahue (dated to the earlier Deed), acknowledge that it has been paid in full (August 13, 1936) [917/386]. The next Deeds subsequent to 1936 [917/386 held by Henry and Leona Duval] is dated 1980 and held by Leona Duval and Maryjane Katra [2149/127]. Joan and Roger Lind purchased the property in 1988 [32335/242], Steven Rigler in 2009 [9891/141] and the current occupants, Harden and Jeanne Ballantine in 2015 [11980/86].

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds
Tax valuation: 1862-69
873 map.
Amherst Directories
U.S. Censuses