

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: Lincoln-Sunset Historical District

Photograph



Address: 65-67 McClellan Street

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Two Family Duplex

Original: Unknown, possibly a Two-Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: c. 1889-90

Source: Town property card

Style/Form: Family duplex

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick with fieldstone likely below ground

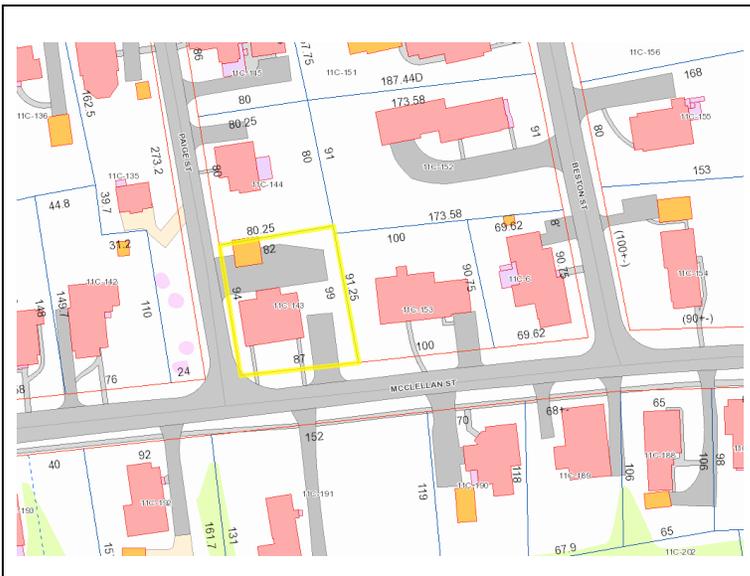
Wall/Trim: Aluminum

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates): front was an addition, not sure of the date. Major interior alteration in 1967 and 1982

Locus Map



Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .24 acres

Setting: rural college town

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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.

Appears to have been built originally as a duplex as fenestration and design is symmetrical except for a dormer on the left of the façade (unless entire façade is a later addition). Basic design of both sides of the facade follows the traditional vernacular farmhouse with entrance to left or right and two windows in adjacent bays. For the duplex, the vernacular is doubled, as if two vernacular farmhouses had been joined, with the left- or right-front entries on each side and the two windows to the right and left confirming the vernacular design. The building is considerably enlarged to the rear with a large upper deck on the rear second story facing north. Two-and-half-story, center chimney. Two doorways are located at the far-ends of each side of the building following the vernacular 3rd-bay front entrance of other single 3rd-bay farmhouses throughout the entire neighborhood.

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.

The property is on a 1 ¾ acre lot sold by Leavitt Hallock to William Boyle on March 29, 1865 [228/374] which reserved ¼ acre within the boundaries for a previous conveyance to George Cutler and a strip of land 2 rods wide from east to west for McClellan Street. Boyle built on the south lot, but not on the north which was in the Conkey family's hands in 1874. Edward Conkey sold the 1 ¼ "more or less" tract he owned to T.L. and Frank E. Paige on October 12, 1886 for \$400 [405/72] which was described as bounded by McClellan to the south, the land of H.D. Fearing to the north, Healey property to the west, and to the east the properties of John Bestin [sp]. Jr., Christopher McLaughlin, Emeline Williams and Jane White, and land occupied by Benjamin Thompson [see narratives for the west side of Beston Street and 51 McClellan].

T.L. Paige, the proprietor of Paige's Livery, conveyed his half-interest in the property to his son Frank E. Paige for \$150 on January 1, 1887 [406/216] and between 1887 and 1893, Franke E. Paige had a row of houses built along Paige Street, each valued at \$550. Some were occupied by employees of Paige's Livery. Two were sold, the others rented by African American tenants until they purchased their homes in 1905. (See Narrative Histories for houses on Paige Street.)

A fifth house on the Paige property appears as unfinished in the 1889 valuations and as worth \$1200 in 1890. This is the duplex house fronting the northerly side of McClellan Street and on the southeast corner of Paige, now #65-67 McClellan. It has not been determined if the McClellan St house was originally a duplex, although the front façade, possibly added later, defines it as such. After building and selling or renting the Paige Street houses, Frank E. Paige then removed to Boston to pursue his career as an attorney.

Paige sold the duplex at #65-67 to Dennis E. and Catherine Linnehan on November 13, 1913 [697/103]. It later passed through the hands of Ephraim Y. Cosby to Everett L. Roberts (of Pelham) and noted the rights of tenants to the north on Paige – Hasbrook, Suma, Joy, Weatherbee, and Pettijohn – to repair the ditch and lay sewer pipes (October 30, 1964) [1452/2]. It was conveyed to Vali in 1969 [1150/450], to Lawlor and Rooney in 1972 [1644/287], to Sweet and Atteridge in 1974 [1761/239], John Rathburn in 1979 [2101/20; 2227/204]; to Richard Bogartz in 1982 [2298/911 and 4567/110]; and the current owner Reginald C., Jr. and Laura J. Houghton in 2002 [6628/234].

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds (online: Masslandgrants.com)
Tax assessments
Amherst Directories

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