

# 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

## Photograph



**Address:** 54 McClellan Street

**Historic Name:** Nancy Casey House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

**Date of Construction:** c. 1862

**Source:** Town property card

**Style/Form:** Farmhouse

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick above grade with stone below

Wall/Trim: Vinyl

Roof: Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** garage

**Major Alterations (with dates):**

Recent alterations

**Condition:** Good

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** .19 acres

**Setting:** rural college town

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** E. Gouin; E. Wilfert; M. Adams

**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.*

Two-story structure. Main door is located in the join between the L and is covered by a portico held by four slender columns set parallel to each other. Façade facing McClellan features a Palladian window on second floor. Scalloped design on gable. Moldings also appear above lower windows.

## 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.*

Nancy Casey, who was a widow, bought a quarter acre lot (with right of way) from Leavitt Hallock for \$125. in September 1860 [348/96]. A house was first taxed on that property in 1862, where Nancy and her daughter Mary lived until Nancy's death September 12, 1895, age 73. The house was deeded from mother Nancy to daughter May in March 1879 for \$1,000., and her daughter Mary Casey, one of the many dressmakers and tailoresses on McClellan, later sold the property to Mary Danahey [512/219] for \$1100. in 1898. The Danahey family lived in the house they sold the property to Hattie and Newton Smith [756/1] in April 1920. The daughter Doris E. Smith was deeded the property [972/39] by her widowed mother Hattie Anna Smith in February 1943. Doris E. Smith was Doris Ruder Stever, aunt of Dr. Ruder whose veterinarian's office was for years on North Pleasant.

The Doris E. (Stever) Smith Estate held the house as a rental until 1996 when it was sold Michael J. Harrington [4827/160; 5182/78] who attempted to rezone and enlarge the house as a multiple unit non-owner occupied rental (1996-7). In the wake of considerable neighborhood opposition, Harrington sold the property as a family home to Valentine K. And Scott J. Barker (8754/341) in 2006. It then passed to its current family owners, Debra B. and Mathew W. Glennon [9501/227] in 2008.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds  
Tax valuations  
1873 map  
Local knowledge