

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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**Town/City:** Amherst

**Place:** Amherst Center

## Photograph



**Address:** 42 McClellan Street

**Historic Name:** Mary Mohan House

**Uses:** Present: Two-family rental, not occupied by owner

Original: Probably Single Family Dwelling House

**Date of Construction:** c. 1883

**Source:** tax valuations

**Style/Form:** Family-duplex, New Englander

**Architect/Builder:** James Courtney

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick with fieldstone likely below

Wall/Trim: Vinyl siding

Roof: Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** None

**Major Alterations (with dates):** 1968 additions added to the two-family (details unknown).

**Condition:** Good

**Moved:** no     yes     **Date:**

**Acreage:** .14 acres

**Setting:** rural college town

## Locus Map



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

**Organization:** LHSC

**Date (month / year):** October 2016

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

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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.*

Typical New England traditional style farmhouse, similar to other houses on McClellan, Beston, and elsewhere in the area. Front door appears on left with two windows to right on first floor and two windows on second story. Probably made into a two-family in the 1960s, although details are unknown. The ell to the left may have also been a later addition.

## 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.*

This property was sold with a house (and mortgage) by builder James Courtney to Mary Davin on February 5, 1884 [385/195], the year she married Edward J. Mohan (December 1884). Mohan was a tailor like many other residents on McClellan. Mary Mohan then sold house and property to Margaret Reddy and son Edward 1900 [476/187]. Reddy had emigrated from Ireland in 1861 and had lived across the street (at present #43 McClellan) from 1889. Reddy's son Edward was age 33 according to the 1900 Census and a house painter. The 1900 Census and Amherst Directories from 1900-1938 show Nora, Margaret's daughter-in-law, living in the house with her daughter Maude. The 1900 Census also has Margaret Reddy's brother, Joseph Kelly, Irish and a day-laborer, in residence.

On August 1, 1969, the property passed to Peter R. Shaughnessy [1556/474]; on June 4, 1976, Wade C. and Terry T. Roof became owners [1889/250]. The house was renovated with additions to become a two-family house in 1990, when Steven J. and Gina M. Creedon became owners [3507/64]. The house was then handled by DBT Corp Trustee/Colex Realty on February 28, 1992 [3888/326] before being sold to James R. Witmer II, on April 29, 1992 [3928/261]. It was then purchased by Joel M. Greenbaum on May 25, 2004 [7821/266], owner of Historic Renovations, a property management company, and is currently handled by Historic Renovations as a rental property.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deeds  
Tax assessment volumes  
Census reports  
Amherst Directories