

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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## Photograph



**Town/City:** Amherst

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

**Address:** 44 McClellan Street

**Historic Name:** Jeremiah and Mary Curran House

**Uses:** Present: Two-Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** 1884

**Source:** Deeds & tax valuations

**Style/Form:** Italianate

**Architect/Builder:** James W. Courtney

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt

## Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Barn AMH.1303 (ca. 1892)

## Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Barn, 1882, moved 1884; converted to studio space (1950s)

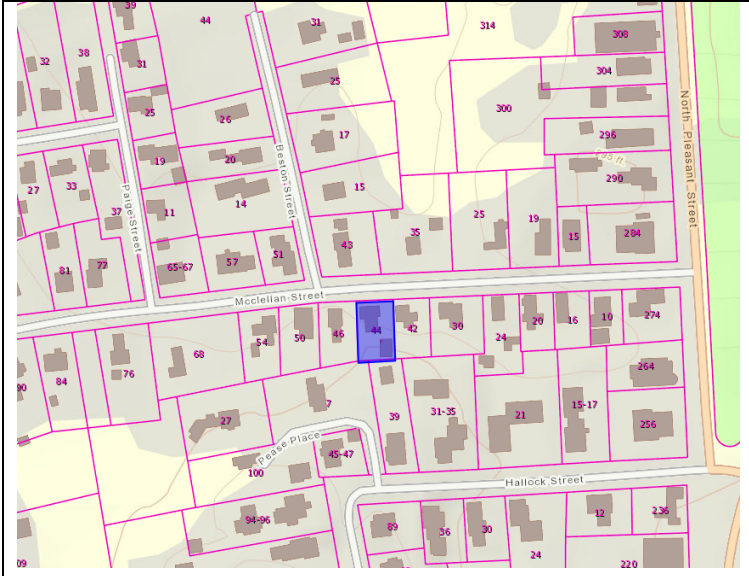
**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acreage:** 0.14 Acres

**Setting:** Located in a residential area northwest of the town center that was built up in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## Locus Map



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**Organization:** ttl-architects; LHDSC

**Date (month / year):** September 2014; 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.*

44 McClellan Street (AMH.1302) is a two-story, wood frame Italianate style residence. The side gable roof with centered secondary gable and wide over-hanging eaves, the full-width porch supported by bracketed wood posts, and the raised brick are typical of the Italianate style.

To the rear (southeast) of the house is a two-story, two-bay wide by two-bay deep barn which has been converted into studio space (AMH.1303). The building rests on a stone foundation and is capped by a front gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. Much of the barn is clad with shiplap siding; wood corner boards define each elevation. Access is provided by a four-light wood door located at the west end of the north facade. Located east of the entry appears to be a larger opening which has been infilled with diagonal sheathing boards and a multi-light window. A multi-light window also infills the loft access opening above. A paved drive from McClellan Street to the north leads to the barn.

## 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 house at 44 McClellan Street, built by James Courtney in 1884 was sold to Jeremiah and Mary Curran in 1891 [441/361-2]. Jeremiah is listed as a laborer in the Amherst Directory. The Currans did not hold ownership of the property long as the 1900 census indicates that the property was under the ownership of Charles Henry Fleury (b. 1872) and his wife Mary E. Fleury. The Fluery's rented a portion of the property to Dennis and Nellie O'Brien. Census records indicate that the property was used as a rental property for much of the first-half of the twentieth century (Frank and Marcella Pranknnas and Joseph and Edna Murray 1930 Census) and then in the latter half of the twentieth century went through a string of owners where the property changed hands very quickly. Between 1948 and 1952, the property was owned by the proprietors of the Noah Webster Restaurant, Eugene and Genevieve Dame. The current owner, Frederick A. Englander purchased the property in 1972. The barn was evidently moved by Courtney in 1884 from the adjacent lot, now #42.

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