

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Amherst

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

Address: 285 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: G. Edward Fisher House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1920

Source: City Directories

Style/Form: Craftsman

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick with likely fieldstone below

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard/ Wood

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Pool (1951)

Carport (2005)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .65 acres

Setting: Residential neighborhood. Many of the nearby homes date from the early decades of the 20th century.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom/Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): September 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TOWN Amherst ADDRESS 285 Lincoln

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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.

This large Craftsman house, similar to 245 Lincoln Avenue, features a wide, unenclosed eave overhang, exposed rafter rails, and a full-width porch with the slender Doric columns favored by local contractors. This large house relates well to earlier houses on Lincoln Avenue in scale, setback and workmanship.

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 northern section of Lincoln Avenue was developed between 1916 and 1930, later than the southern end of the street. G[eorge] Edward Fisher (b. 1876) and his wife, Anna Augusta (Ruder; 1879-1960) were the first occupants. He operated the G. Edward Fisher Dry and Fancy Goods store at 29 South Pleasant Street. City Directories as early as 1921 show the couple at this address, as does the 1930 US Census. By 1940 Anna is listed there as a widow. She continued to live in the house at least through 1948.

The occupations of the residents on this portion of Lincoln Avenue at that time reflect the proximity and growing importance of the Agricultural College. Many teachers, educators and workers lived on this end of Lincoln, which had in its earlier years housed the town's successful business leaders.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

"Much Building Activity is Noted at Amherst," *Springfield Republican* [?], 1 April 1933. A clipping of this article is contained in Vol. 3 of the Mrs. C. J. Fawcett scrapbooks, pp. 16-17. The scrapbooks are housed in the Jones Library Special Collections. The article cites this as an example of the kind of "early New England type of farmhouse" being built in Amherst.

Maps, 1910, 1916, 1930.

Amherst City Directories.

US Census, 1930, 1940.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Form B (1988), online in the MACRIS database.