

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Lincoln-Sunset National Register District

Address: 253 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence
Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1935

Source: Town property record

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: wood shingle/wood

Roof: asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*): porch enclosed in 1993,
windows replaced in 2006

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .31 acres

Setting: On a tree-lined residential street, on which most homes date from the last quarter of the 19th century and early decades of the 20th.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Elizabeth Gouin

Organization: LHSC

Date (*month / year*): April 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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253 LINCOLN AVE

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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 tasteful two-story colonial revival home has some of the elegance and grandness of many of the older homes on Lincoln Ave. The main house is symmetrical, with a centered door and nine six-over-six windows in the Lincoln Avenue facade: two flanking each side of the doorway on the first floor and five along the second floor. The central window over the door is given a little more space than its neighbors, keeping this row of windows from feeling too congested. The shutters on all the windows are painted black; the walls are clad in white-painted wooden shingles. The front door frame includes fluted pilasters, capped by a semi-circular pediment with a curved row of dentils along its inner edge. Two grand chimneys frame the house proper and give the home a stately appearance. Asymmetrical extensions on either side of the house proper balance the overall façade. The southern extension is shallower with a single window on the façade and a lean-to roof that only reaches to the base of the upper row of windows. The northern extension is larger (although also only one story), with its gable facing out to the north, and functions as a garage. An open arched doorway, creating a shallow porch, appears in this north wing near the main block. A stone path from the sidewalk to the house further emphasizes the house's symmetry.

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 first listed owners on the property record are Phillibert F. and Theodora S. Renaud. Phillibert (1917-1976), who sometimes shortened his name to Philip, was a service manager at an auto sales company when the couple first moved in, and Theodora was a bookkeeper for the same firm. He later became president and treasurer of Rowe's, Inc., an automobile dealership at 37 East Pleasant Street. Theodora Marion (Stakauskas) Renaud lived from 1915 to 1981. The couple were still living at the house in 1960. It was sold shortly after her death.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Town of Amherst property records.

Amherst City Directories.

Biographical information on the Renauds at ancestry.com, accessed August 2016.