

# FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

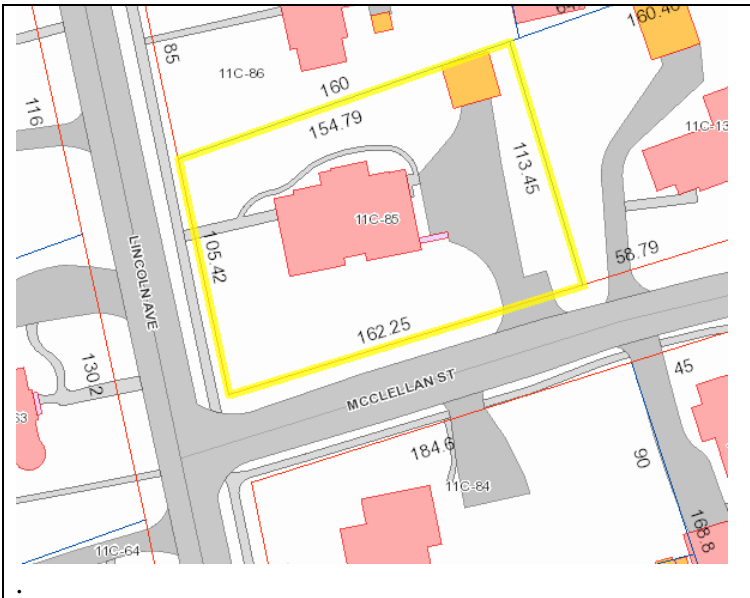
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## Locus Map



**Town/City:** Amherst

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

**Address:** 245 Lincoln Avenue

**Historic Name:** Frank E. Loomis House

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** 1912

**Source:** tax records, City Directories

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Stone, Uncut; Cobblestone

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard; Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

**Condition:**

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

**Acreage:** Plus or minus one acre

**Setting:** In a residential neighborhood, this house occupies a large corner lot at the junction of McClellan Street and Lincoln Avenue.

**Recorded by:** Steve Bloom/Suzannah Fabing

**Organization:** LHDSC

**Date** (*month / year*): September 2015

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

245 Lincoln Avenue

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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 2 ½-story Queen Anne building with a cross-hipped roof is in scale with the others on Lincoln but lacks the elaboration of form and detail on the houses west and south of it. This is typical of local builders' interpretations of Queen Anne, here personalized by the rustic stone porch with foundation arches. The house has a polygonal bay on the first story under a veranda roof, bays on each elevation, and hipped-roof dormers. Ornament has been reduced, reflecting the stylistic paring down of detail that was taking place in architecture at the time. While other houses in the district have granite or brick foundations, this dwelling features a picturesque cobblestone porch, a Craftsman-style detail. A later 20<sup>th</sup>-century garage is approached from around the corner on McClellan Street.

## 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.*

T, McLaughlin, laborer, in 1873 owned a strip of land extending from his house on McClellan Street across Lincoln to the west. This house stands on a lot that was a part of his land. The house had not yet been built in 1886, according to the "Bird's-Eye View of Amherst." The 1902 and 1910 Sanborn maps also do not show the house.

Frank E. Loomis (b. 1856), who had the house constructed in 1912, was a clerk in the Grange Store. Before 1914, he had been a farmer in North Amherst. He and his wife Julia (née Moulton) are listed at this address in City Directories from 1916 onward. They were still living in the house in 1937.

Directories show an increasing number of faculty members living on Lincoln Avenue after 1910; merchants were earlier the most prominent group of residents.

**\*\*SELECTED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT (2/22/1993)\*\***

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