

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: 155 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Edmund I. Bangs House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: by 1879

Source: Tax records

Style/Form: Victorian Eclectic

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard; Wood

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Back house, #157, built from a barn in 1911.

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

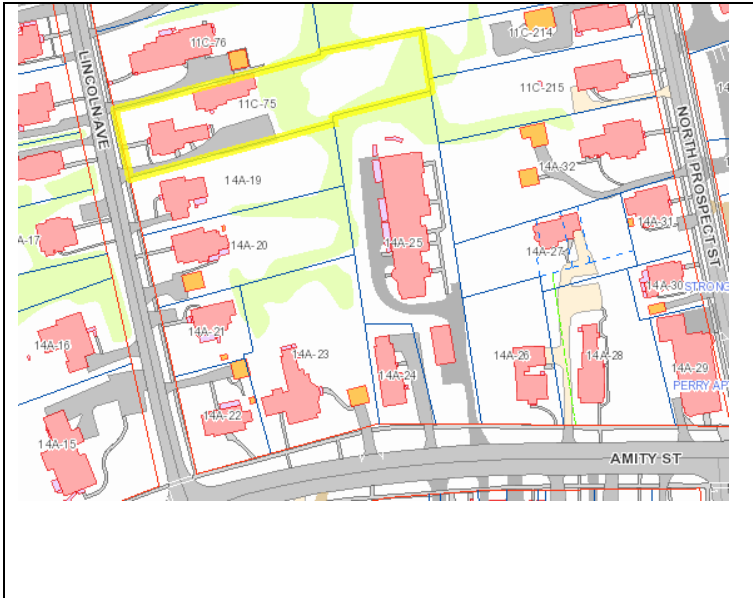
Acreage: .74 acre (includes 155 and 157 Lincoln)

Setting: Residential neighborhood comprising mostly houses built between 1875 and 1920.

Photograph



Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): September 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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155 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 house with front gable and sidehall plan is typical of the standard builder's form found in Amherst, c. 1830-1880. However, the cornice with five brackets, the oculus, the simple door surround and the scale of this house suggest it has vernacular origins. The 6/1 windows and front porch with squared supports are typical of the period. The front-gabled section features a two-story bay. Like the Reverend Beamon House (163 Lincoln Avenue), the upper section of the bay is smaller than the lower section. The half-width front porch features standard turned porch supports.

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

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 was the residence of E.I. Bangs, and his wife, Minnie (Carpenter). He was employed by S.A. Phillips, a stove company. Later Bangs became a plumber for Amherst College. He continued to live in the house as a widower, at least until 1937.

In 1873, Lincoln Avenue was laid out, and two of the residents were ministers. As the street developed, professionals and proprietors of many Amherst businesses, as well as university and college professors, moved to Lincoln Avenue, built large houses and gave rise to the nickname "Millionaire's Row." However, there was always a small number of workers living on Lincoln (plumber, painter, machinist), and it was for that group that standard builders' houses such as this were built.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps: 1873, 1886

Amherst Street Lists and Directories

National Register of Historic Places, Registration Form, Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, Amherst, section 7, p. 9.

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

Town of Amherst tax records for E.I. Bangs, at the Jones Library, Special Collections. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for tax research.