

## FORM B – BUILDING

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

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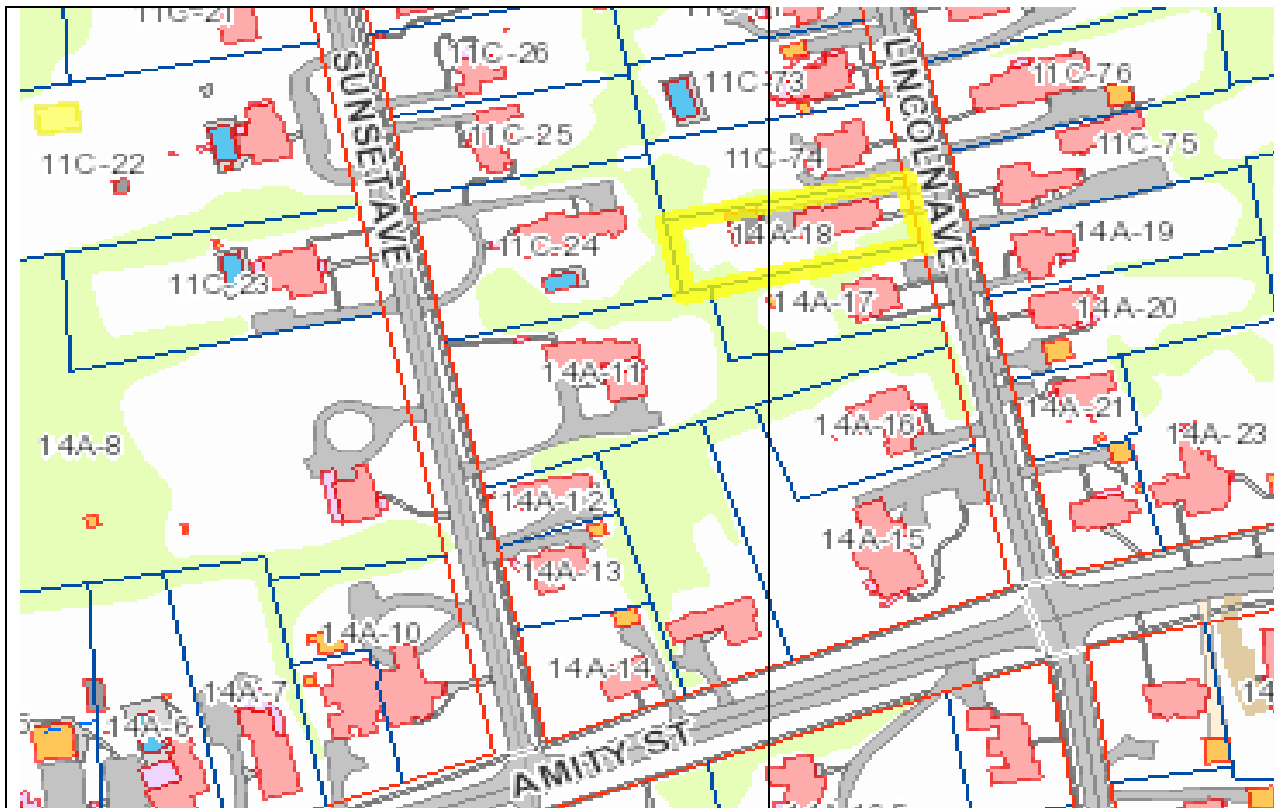
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**Town/City:** Amherst

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

**Address:** 154 Lincoln Avenue

**Historic Name:** James Deuel House

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

**Date of Construction:** after 1881

**Source:** 1881 deed

**Style/Form:** Italianate

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick with fieldstone likely below ground

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard/ Wood

Roof: Tin

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

**Condition:** Excellent

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

**Acreage:** .45 acre

**Setting:** Residential

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 is a small square-plan Italianate house with a low hipped roof and overhanging eaves supported on curved brackets. The frieze band grates are identical to those at 325 Montague Road (Cherry Hill Golf Course). This example is very similar in scale to 219 Lincoln. However, the paired brackets with pendant drops and frieze band grates are embellishments often found on houses of a larger scale. The cornice vents are elegant, floral grates.

This property is included in the Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places on 22 February 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.*

Lorraine E. Hastings purchased this lot from Stockbridge and Westcott in 1872, with the restriction that any house to be built should be “not inferior in quality to the other houses on said highway.” She appears as the property’s owner—without a house—on the 1873 Beers map. In 1881 she sold the lot to Charles Deuel, an Amherst druggist, with the same restriction. Deuel must have built this house as a rental property, although he later turned it over to one of his sons. In the 1900 Census it housed two households: that of Mary Russell, and that of James E. Deuel and his wife Jennie. James Deuel (1873-1926), youngest son of Charles F. and Zeruah Deuel, grew up in his parents’ home at 52 North Prospect Street and entered the family apothecary business. He was a member of the Class of 1892 at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, forerunner of the University of Massachusetts. He and Jennie (1875-1956) were newlyweds when they moved into the house at 154 Lincoln. They are shown living there in the 1910 Census with their two sons, Charles Frederick (1900-1969) and Edward Ledden (1904-1970), and a Polish servant. Late in life James, his brother C. Fred, and their wives lived together in St. Petersburg, FL.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

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Beers Atlas Map, 1873.

Bird’s Eye map, 1886.

Amherst Street Lists and City Directories.

National Register of Historic Places, Registration Form, Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, Amherst, section 7, p. 4.

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

Records on James E. Deuel and family at ancestry.com, accessed 9 November 2015.

