

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

**Town/City:** Amherst

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

**Address:** 143 Lincoln Avenue

**Historic Name:** Paul and Helen Anderson House

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

Original: Single-Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** c. 1910

**Source:** Visual; National Register of Historic  
Places Registration Form

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: Wood; Wood Clapboard

Roof: Slate; Tin

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Garage

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

**Condition:** Excellent

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

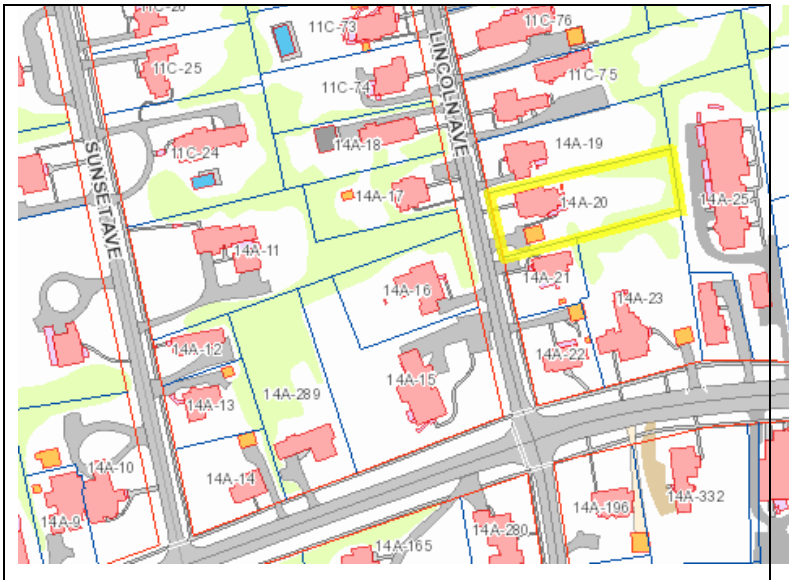
**Acreage:** .55 acre

**Setting:** Residential neighborhood consisting  
primarily of houses built between 1875 and 1920.

## Photograph



## Locus Map



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

**Organization:** LHDSC

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

143 LINCOLN AVE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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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.*

One of a group of modest Queen Anne houses on the block. The cross-gabled slate roof provides an unusual recessed triple window in the peak. The three-bay façade has paired, full-length windows and a sidehall entrance with a double-leaf door. A two-story rectangular bay adds light to the interior on the south elevation. The full-width porch is supported by chamfered posts.

**\*\*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 address does not appear in the 1920 U.S. Census. Paul J. Anderson (1884-1971) was Professor of Botany at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. He came to the MAC as an instructor in 1915 and was made professor in 1920. He and his wife, Helen Lorraine (Fisherdick) Anderson (1894-1977), were renters on McClure Street in the 1920 Census; they first appear at 25 Lincoln (today's #142) in the City Directory of 1921. By the 1930 Census they were living in Hartford, however. Thomas Nims (1852-1930), a retired farmer, and his wife Caroline (née Rand; 1869-1942) had taken up residence in the house by 1927, and she stayed on until her death, taking in a lodger.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

National Register of Historic Places, Registration Form, Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, Amherst, section 7, p. 10-11.

Amherst City Directories 1921-1942.

U.S. Census 1920, 1930, 1940.