

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number
Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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

14A-21	Mt. Toby	E	AMH.1055
--------	----------	---	----------

Photograph



Town/City: Amherst

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

Address: 135 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Winthrop and Gertrude Welles House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1922

Source: City Directories; National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: unknown

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard/Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Carport

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .22 acre

Setting: On a residential street dominated by late 19th- and early 20th-century homes.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom/Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): October 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

AMHERST

135 Lincoln Avenue

Area(s) Form No.

E

AMH.1055

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 late Colonial Revival residence has a sidehall plan. The hipped roof is broken by a gable dormer with triple windows. The three-bay façade features an entrance portico supporting a simple balustrade. The doorway is flanked by pilasters and sidelights. In keeping with the early 20th-century practice of creating sun porches and breakfast rooms on the sun-catching south elevation, a screened wing extends from the south. This residence features an attached 20th-century carport.

****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.

The land on which this house belongs was carved off the Amity Street property of E. P. Cutler. It was sold to Frederick M. Johnson in 1910, and by Johnson to C.R. Duncan and his wife in 1915. The house was built after that date.

Winthrop Selden Welles (1875-1956), his wife A. Gertrude Welles, and daughter Barbara are shown at 21 Lincoln Avenue in the 1920 U.S. Census and begin appearing at 23 Lincoln (later renumbered 135) in City Directories of 1923 and following. Welles, Professor of Agricultural Education, was one of eight professors from the Massachusetts Agricultural College living on Lincoln Avenue in that year. He continued to live in the house until his death, and his widow lived on there as late as 1960.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

National Register of Historic Places, Registration Form, Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, Amherst, section 7, p. 14.

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 657/384, Mary M. and Emily P. Cutler to Frederick M. Johnson, 29 June 1910, lot only; Johnson to C.R. and Elizabeth Duncan, 709/443-444, 20 Feb. 1915. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for deed research.

U.S. Census 1930 ff.

Amherst City Directories 1923-1960