

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: Amherst

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

Photograph



Address: 226 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Edward A. Elder House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1926-27

Source: newspaper articles

Style/Form: modern Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: George E. Bosworth, builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: brick; wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Porch enclosed 1982; two-story addition on west (1988)

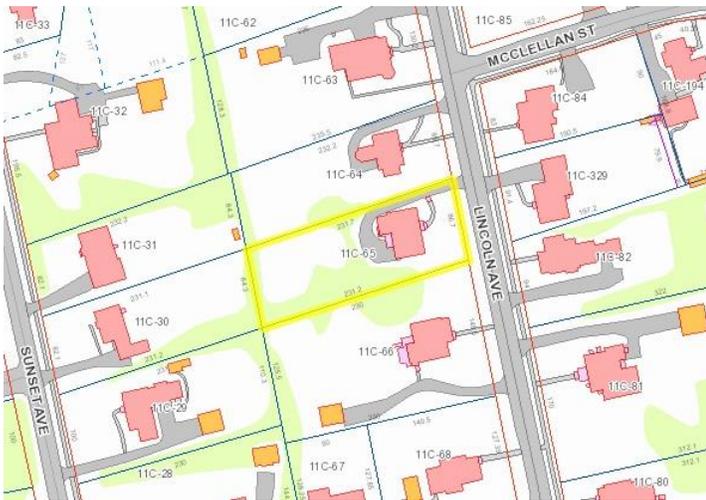
Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .45 acre

Setting: On a residential tree-lined street of mostly 19th-century homes

Locus Map



Recorded by: Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (month / year): March 2016

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 side-gabled center-entrance home with two chimneys is derived from “colonial” types, although the fenestration is clearly in a 20th-century idiom. The front door—glazed, and bracketed by four-pane sidelights-- is shielded by a small shed roof on brackets. To either side of the door on the first floor stands a three-part window: the two outer parts have an upper sash partitioned vertically into five panes, over a single-pane lower sash. The central element is wider than it is high, and its narrow upper section has diamond lights. A similar composite window occurs in the rear façade. The second-floor windows on both principal facades have a similar pattern of vertical mullions in the upper sash. An enclosed sun porch extends to the south, and a side door protected by a glazed vestibule adorns the north façade.

A two-story addition (1988) on the west, sheathed in clapboard, opens onto a deck; two garage bays lie beneath the deck.

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.

According to contemporary newspaper accounts, this house was begun by Edward A. Elder in 1926 but may not have been finished until the following year. Elder bought the lot from the Donahue estate in spring 1925. George E. Bosworth was the builder. The Elders first appear there in the City Directory of 1927. Edward Elder (b. ca. 1860) was a merchant who became manager of the Mutual Plumbing and Heating Co., a retail plumbing and hardware store. His wife, Marion S., and children Helen B. and Harold M. shared the house. Helen was a stenographer at Mutual Plumbing, and Harold had become a clerk there by 1930.

This was one of two brick houses built in the neighborhood in 1926, the other being 197 Amity Street. Overall it was a banner year for construction, with eleven new houses, the most in any year since the war. The estimated cost of this house was \$14,500.

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