

FORM B – BUILDING

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

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

Address: 199 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Charles S. Tillson House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1912

Source: tax records; City Directories

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard; Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

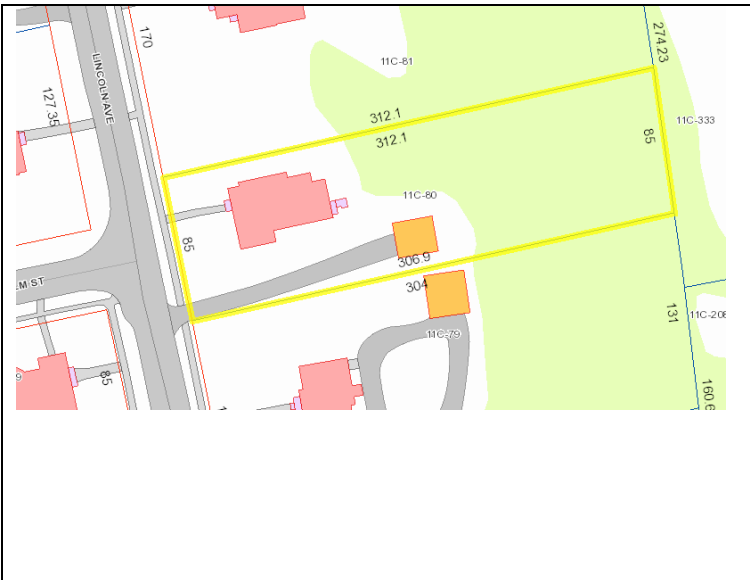
Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .6 acre

Setting: Residential neighborhood, mostly built up in the last quarter of the 19th century and first decades of the 20th. This house stands opposite the point at which Elm Street begins.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom/Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): September 10, 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET
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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.

This large hip-roofed Colonial Revival house with centered dormer is related to about fifteen others in the Lincoln-Amity area. Common to all are the large scale, sidelights, and free use of colonial details. This example features jerkin-head dormers and a wraparound porch with slender Doric (Tuscan) columns. It is most similar to 166 Lincoln.

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.

Charles S. Tillson (1874-1960) and his wife Luna lived in this house at least until 1940. He was an assistant superintendent of buildings at Amherst College, and she was a music teacher. They had one son, Charles R. A carpenter by training, Charles S. may have taken part in building this sizable abode.

Lincoln Avenue had been divided into building lots by 1873. They were owned by Stockbridge and Westcott, who occasionally sold them with deed restrictions pertaining to new construction; set-back, craftsmanship and valuation. After 1910, city directories indicate an increase in the number of Amherst College and Massachusetts Agricultural faculty and the number of boarders on Lincoln joining the previous majority of merchants and clergy. Many households had domestics, reflecting the affluent lifestyle this architecture represents.

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

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Maps: 1873, 1886, 1916.

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Town of Amherst tax records for Charles S. Tillson, in the Jones Library Special Collections. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for tax research.