

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: 204 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Dr. James B. Paige House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1892

Source: *Springfield Republican* 31 Dec 1892, p. 9

Style/Form: Queen Anne

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard/ Wood

Roof: Asphalt/fiberglass composite

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Barn, converted into garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

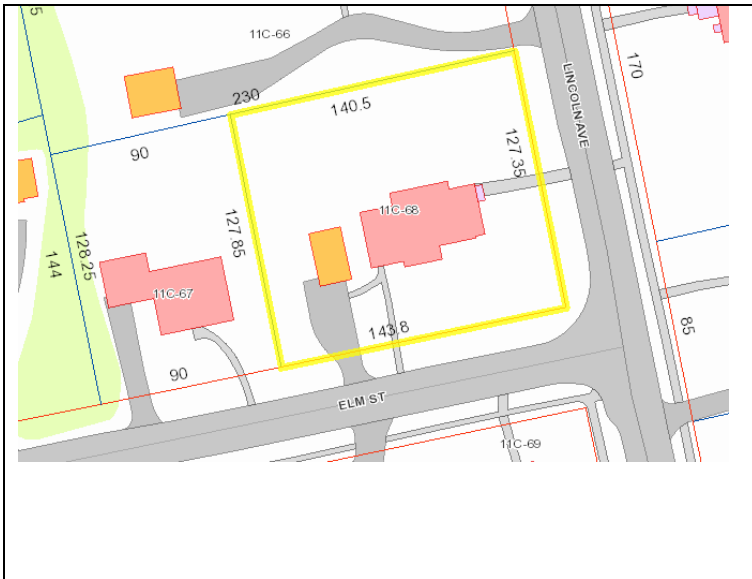
Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .41 acre

Setting: Residential neighborhood with many homes from the late 19th century. This house stands on a corner lot at the junction of Elm Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom/Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): September 2015

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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.

Many of the large homes on Lincoln Avenue are Colonial Revival. However, this front-gabled Queen Anne relates to the others in scale and workmanship. It is one about six Queen Anne style homes in the Lincoln-Amity area, each one a unique combination of elements. This example features an overhang with brackets, oriel window bay and other details to avoid a flat façade. It is a high-style building for a financially secure homeowner, doubtless designed by an architect.

The sidehall-plan house is one of the more architecturally detailed residences within the district. It features a cross-pitched roof with a Colonial Revival oriel window, topped with a leaded glass fanlight, in the gable. On the second story, a three-sided bay projects onto the porch roof. The front door surround has full-length leaded sidelights and an oversized cornice. The north elevation features an unusual, two-sided oriel hall/stair bay with a myriad of small-pane windows. The bay is supported by consoles. The remaining elevations are enlivened by a variety of window sizes in an asymmetrical arrangement. The house is clapboarded and has a high brick foundation. To the rear is a three-story, hipped-roof barn converted to use as a garage.

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 house was constructed for Dr. James B. Paige (1861-1922) in 1892 at a cost of \$4500, according to the *Springfield Republican*. (The house was valued by the town at \$3800 in 1893.) Paige graduated from the Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1882, was hired as a lecturer at MAC in 1889, and served as Professor of Veterinary Science there from 1891 until his death in 1922. He was also Veterinarian for the Hatch Experiment Station. His particular specialty was diseases of domestic animals, but he was also interested in bees and bee-keeping. Obituaries mention that he "kept a number of hives of bees on his own grounds..." and "for years he kept a considerable flock of pure-bred poultry." He served in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1902 and 1903.

James Paige married Ada M. Russell (c 1867-1949), a native of Nova Scotia, in 1885, and they had a daughter, Beryl H., born in 1890. Beryl followed in her father's research footsteps at MAC and also studied medicine. Following James's death, Ada remained in the house at least through 1940, taking in a lodger. For property she sold to create a building lot on Elm Street, see AMH.149.

This house does not appear on the 1873 map, but the land was at that time the property of Stockbridge and Westcott, developers of real estate on Lincoln Avenue. They sold this lot to Dr. Paige on 20 March 1891 for \$750. He subsequently added additional property from the Beston sisters in 1895, at \$400. This house is one of only three houses that appear on the Sanborn 1910 map of Lincoln Avenue north of Elm Street. Stockbridge & Westcott sold parcels of land with deed restrictions concerning set-back of proposed building, workmanship and value. In 1910 this house was surrounded by the homes of professors, professionals and merchants. Most houses took in student and non-student boarders and had domestics living and working on the premises.

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

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Maps: Beers 1873, Bird's Eye View 1886.

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Sanborn map 1910.

Amherst City Directories and Street Lists.

"Investment in Buildings," *Springfield Republican*, 31 December 1892, p. 9.

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 440/233-34, Stockbridge & Westcott to Dr. James B. Paige, 20 March 1891; 474/4, Beston sisters to Paige, 3 June 1895. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for deed and tax research.

US Census 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940.

National Register of Historic Places, Registration Form, Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, Amherst, section 7, p. 7-8.

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

Biographical information on James and Ada Paige found at ancestry.com and in the University of Massachusetts Archives and Special Collections. Obituaries: Lindsey, Joseph B., *MAC Alumni Bulletin*, 25 October 1922, p. 2. Lindsey was a neighbor as well as a professional colleague. MacKinnie, A. A., *Mass Collegian*, vol. 33 (18 October 1922, pp. 1, 7. See also *Springfield Union*, 5 June 1921. Thanks to Anne Moore, Special Collections Librarian.