

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

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

Address: 191 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Freeman Dickinson House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1922

Source: Tax records; City Directories

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: Karl Scott Putnam, architect

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Stucco; Wood

Roof: Slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

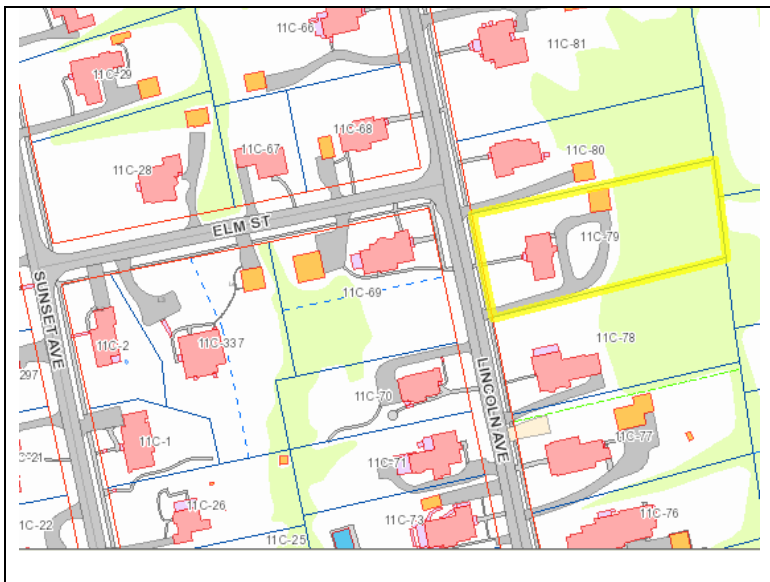
Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .91 acre

Setting: Residential neighborhood, mainly houses built in the last quarter of the 19th and first quarter of the 20th century. This house sits on a large lot near the intersection with Elm Street.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): October 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.

The house is one of two stucco dwellings with a slate roof and brick foundation in the Lincoln-Sunset area designed by architect Karl Scott Putnam of Northampton, the other being #26 Sunset Avenue. This side-gabled dwelling features a two-story, projecting entry covered by a gabled portico. The symmetrical façade is flanked by two wings, a breakfast room to the north and a sunporch on the south.

****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.

Freeman Dickinson grew up right across the street at 194 Lincoln Avenue in the house owned by his father, Mason Dickinson, who owned the Grange Store in the center of Amherst, which Freeman managed. Prior to the construction of the house, the land was owned by E. White until 1910 and by Florence Gates from 1910 to 1921.

The architect Karl Scott Putnam (1883-1965) was the son of Roswell Field Putnam, also an architect. Karl studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania and worked in architectural offices in Boston and New York before returning to the Pioneer Valley in 1913 to practice. He designed many homes, mostly in a classical New England vocabulary, with careful attention to historical detail. Beginning in 1929 he taught architecture at Smith College, where his papers now reside. He was a director of the Northampton Historical Society and president of the New England Architectural Society for several years. His institutional projects include many buildings at Smith College. Lincoln Avenue also boasts two houses designed by his father, Roswell.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

Karl Scott Putnam papers, Smith College Archives

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

Town of Amherst tax records for Freeman Dickinson, in the Jones Library Special Collections. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for deed and tax research.

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