

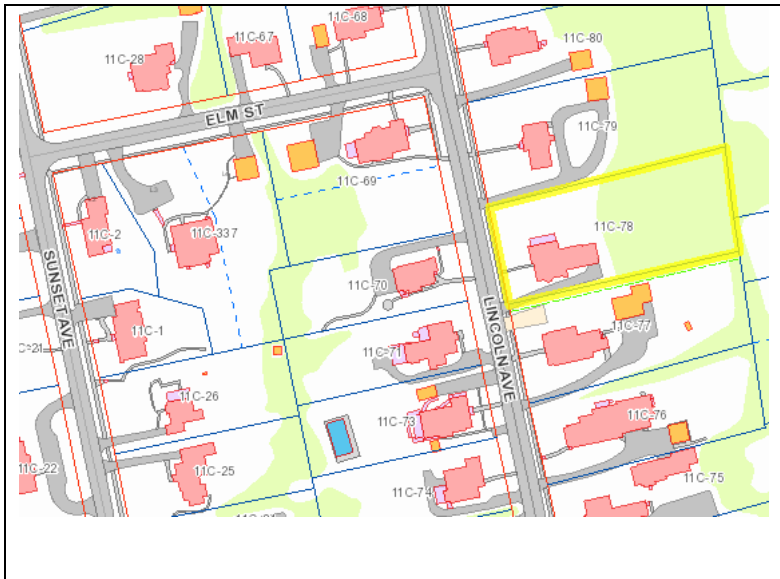
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Amherst

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

Address: 179 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Mary C. Allen House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1881-82

Source: Visual; National Register Registration Form

Style/Form: Second Empire

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood; Wood Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .84 acre

Setting: Residential neighborhood with many houses from the last quarter of the 19th century and early decades of the 20th.

Recorded by: Steve Bloom

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): November 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

179 LINCOLN AVE

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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 is one of a handful of Second Empire-style residences in the proposed LHD. It has a brick foundation and mansard roof. The L-plan building features asymmetrical fenestration, a one-story polygonal bay on the primary block, and a similar bay on the south elevation. Decorative vertical siding in the gables includes a pierced detail, and ornamental shingles below the vertical boards add visual interest to the surface of the house. The recessed secondary block contains the sidehall entry with double-leaf doors, which have large panes of fixed glass.

****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 house was originally constructed in 1881-1882 by Henry McCloud, a printer and later, in 1900, an insurance and real estate agent. He sold it to Mary C Allen in 1892. The house was valued at \$3800 in 1882. McCloud lived at 171 Lincoln. Mrs. McCloud's brother, Edward Carpenter of Carpenter and Morehouse, lived at 91 Sunset Avenue.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

National Register of Historic Places, Registration Form, Lincoln-Sunset Historic District, Amherst, section 7, p. 5.

Town of Amherst tax records for Henry McCloud and Mary C. Allen, in Jones Library Special Collections.

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds: Book 426/23, H.M. McCloud to Mary C. Allen, 30 June 1889; 426/25, 8 June 1889, lot between this house and 171 Lincoln. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for deed and tax research.