

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: 171 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Henry McCloud House

Uses: Present: Multiple-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1877

Source: Visual; Maps

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Stone, Cut

Wall/Trim: Vinyl or aluminum siding/ Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage with finished loft, perhaps originally a print shop;
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Converted to a four-family in 1978.

Condition: Fair

Moved: no **yes** **Date:**

Acreage: .78 acre

Setting: Residential

Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom

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.

This large vernacular side-gabled house with a center entrance is related to several Italianate houses in and around Amherst Center. Common to all are the three-bay façade, extended lintels and some ornamental brackets. The mass of the structure is emphasized by the proportion of wall to window space.

To the rear of the house is a secondary building that housed a business, most probably a print shop. Italianate brackets on the single-story polygonal bay survived the application of synthetic siding, The full-width front porch has a roof edged with paired brackets and is supported by slender columns.

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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 was the home of Henry McCloud, a printer and later, in 1900, an insurance and real estate agent. McCloud also built the house at 179 Lincoln Avenue. Mrs. McCloud's brother, Edward Carpenter of Carpenter and Morehouse, lived at 91 Sunset Avenue.

By 1893, Lincoln Avenue was laid out and two of the residents were ministers. As the street developed, professionals and proprietors of many Amherst businesses, as well as university and college professors, moved to Lincoln Avenue, building large houses and giving rise to the nickname "Millionaires Row." However, there were always a small number of workers living in Lincoln-- a plumber, a painter, a machinist-- and it was for that group that standard builder's houses such as this one were built.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps 187-, Bird's Eye – 1886, 1916

Amherst City Directories

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

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

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds: L. Stockbridge and J.T./W.S. Westcott to Sarah McCloud, Book 335/167, 3/5 acre for \$900, Book 335/167, 31 April 1877; also 387/13, 26 rods N. of the preceding for \$225, 1 October 1881. Thanks to Ed Wilfert for deed research and notebook citation below.

Henry McCloud's notebook, 16 October 1876, in Jones Library Special Collections (money spent in building the house).

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