

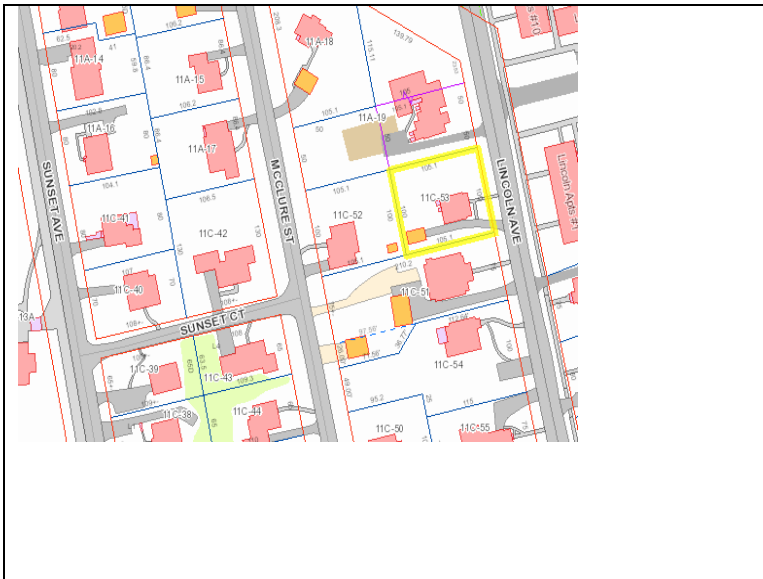
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Amherst

Address: 338 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Patrick and Kate Honney House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1900

Source: C.M. Walker article, 5 January 1901

Style/Form: Victorian Vernacular

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick with likely fieldstone below

Wall/Trim: Wood clapboard/wood

Roof: Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .24 acres

Setting: On the north end of Lincoln Avenue, near the University of Massachusetts.

Recorded by: Suzannah Fabing/Steve Bloom; EWW

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): November 2015, Sept.2016.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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 front gabled sidehall plan house is related to a group of at least thirty buildings in and around Amherst Center. The standard builder's form with a simple exterior provided affordable and comfortable housing. Although this was a common type, the south section of Lincoln Avenue had relatively few vernacular buildings. Most are large Colonial Revival houses c. 1890.

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.

"F. M. Thompson and Patrick Honey [sic] have new houses on Lincoln Avenue," wrote C. M. Walker in a newspaper article of 5 January 1901, summarizing building in Amherst during the previous year. Patrick Honney and his wife, Kate R., were Irish immigrants who were living at 9 McClellan Street in the 1900 Census, with three children. They are found on Lincoln Avenue in the next three censuses, and Kate and one daughter, Margaret, were still living there in 1937. Patrick worked in the hat factory; Kate was a laundress in 1910, and Margaret was a stenographer in 1937.

By 1833, Lincoln Avenue was laid out and two of its residents were ministers. As the street developed, professionals and proprietors of many Amherst businesses, as well as university and college professors, moved to Lincoln, building large homes, giving rise to the nickname, "Millionaires Row." However, workers also lived on Lincoln Avenue, and it was for that group that standard builder's houses such as this were built.

This section of Lincoln Avenue between Fearing Street and North Hadley Road was originally set out by the County in 1854 and revised in 1883. The houses on this block were built in the early 1900's and correlate historically with the expansion of Mass Agricultural College (MAC) into a state university.

The 7-acre parcel that includes the west side of Lincoln Avenue was owned by William Clark, President of MAC from 1867 to 1879. After his death, his widow Harriet sold the seven acres to L.V. B. Cook in 1886 for \$1000. Cook mortgaged it for auction by T.B. Beecher of the P. B. Moore Company for \$1. In 1898, P. B. Moore laid out a plan of 1/8 acre building lots, and sold them on 9/12/1899; several of them were purchased by Michael Britt, an Irish immigrant and respected stone mason, who built houses on Lincoln and Fearing; this property, (lots 3 & 4) was bought by Patrick Honney, who had the house built forthwith.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps 1886, 1916; Amherst Deeds; Valuations.

Amherst Street Lists and Directories

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US Census 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930

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