

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: 334 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: O.V. Morton house

Uses: Present: Two-Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1914

Source: Tax Valuations

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete blocks

Wall/Trim: Wooden Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage, storage shed (2003)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

2003 – Old garage/shed demolished

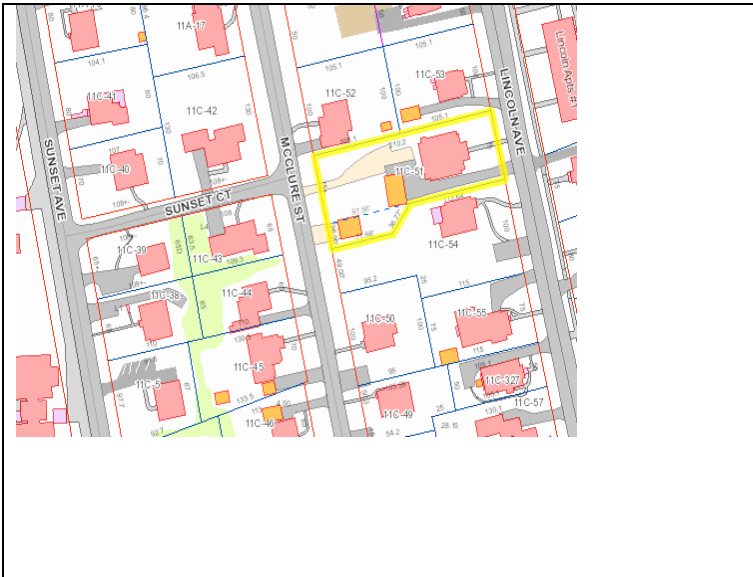
Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .44 acre

Setting: Residential

Locus Map



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Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): May 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

334 LINCOLN AVE

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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.

Dutch Colonial Revival with gambrel roof. Partial roof over first floor. Portico with six columns. Entrance door with 2 sidelight panels.

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.

In 1929, Clifford and Florence Fawcett bought this residence. Clifford was a professor of Animal Husbandry at Massachusetts Agricultural College (MAC). He was born in 1884 and started teaching at MAC in 1921. Florence was a reporter for the *Springfield Republican* and some Boston newspapers. Their son, Richard, died in World War II – declared MIA over France on July 29, 1944. The Special Collections at the Jones Library have Richard's Purple Heart medal in their World War II scrapbook. The house was built for Avilda & Orion Morton in 1914; they had the property from banker William T. Chapin, who had bought up many of the Cook/Beecher lots from their original buyers.

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 7 acres to L. V. B. Cook in 1886 for \$1000. Cook sold it for auction purposes to T. B. Beecher of the P. B. Moore Company for \$1. In 1898, P. B. Moore laid out a plan of building lots, and sold them in 1/8 acre lots on 9/12/1899; a number of them were purchased by Michael Britt, (1848-1918), an Irish immigrant and respected stone mason, who built houses on Lincoln and Fearing.

The 1918 Amherst Street Directory includes teachers, a farmer, a herdsman, an engineer, a carpenter and a mechanic among the inhabitants of the 300 block of Lincoln. Subsequent street directories include professors as well as merchants and tradespeople.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

MA Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County

1927 Amherst Street Directory

Special Collections, Jones Library

Tax Valuations, 1914 (O.V. Morton, house, \$1500. not finished.)

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