

FORM B – BUILDING

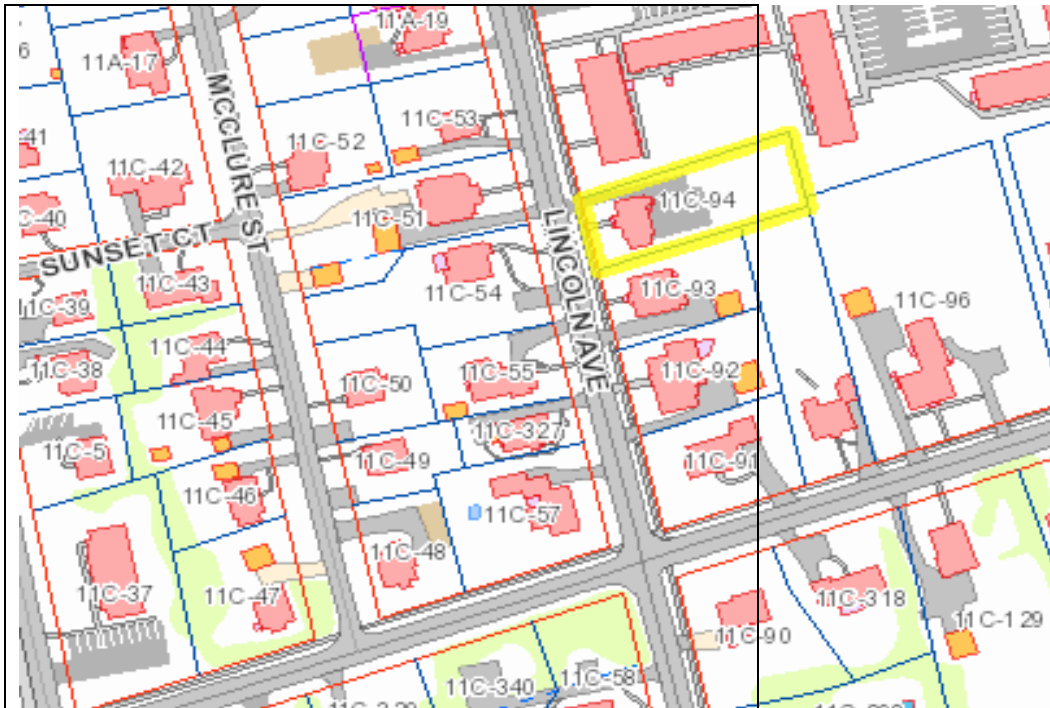
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Amherst

Address: 327 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Paul Serex house

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: 1922-23

Source: Tax Valuations

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick, with likely fieldstone beneath

Wall/Trim: Wooden Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Shed (1951)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .32 Acre

Setting: Residential

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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 side-gabled center entrance Colonial Revival home is related to about ten others north and south of Amherst Center. The slight second story overhang and symmetrical fenestration pattern draw upon colonial precedents. Three 6/1 double-hung windows on the second floor of the Lincoln Avenue facade are centered over the front door and a pair of double-hung 6/1 windows on either side of it on the story below. A deep open porch projects on the south side, and a smaller porch from the north end of the east side.

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 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 to T. B. Beecher of the P. B. Moore Company for \$1. In 1898, P. B. Moore laid out a plan of building lots, a number of which were purchased by Michael Britt, 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

Maps 1886, 1916
Amherst Street Lists and Directories
Amherst Tax Valuations 1922-23
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Form B (1988), online in the MACRIS database

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