

# 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:** 315 Lincoln Avenue

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

**Date of Construction:** 1934

**Source:** Tax Valuations

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Uknown

Wall/Trim: Brick; Wooden clapboard

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

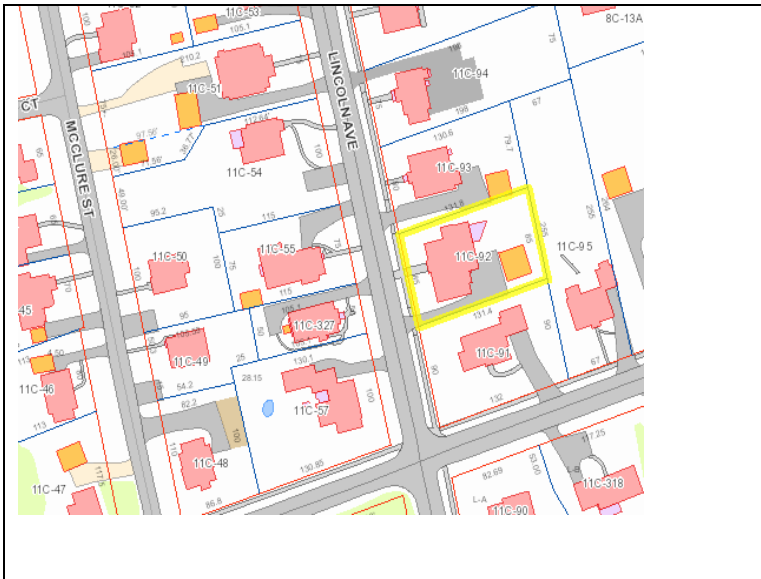
**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** .26 acre

**Setting:** Residential

Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Priscilla White; EWW

**Organization:** LHDSC

**Date** (*month / year*): May 2015

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

315 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.*

Colonial Revival with brick and clapboard cladding. End wall chimney and sunroom. Asphalt shingle roof with 3<sup>rd</sup> floor gable wall dormer. Front entrance portico with columns encloses a six-panel door framed by sidelights. The 6/1 double-hung windows are framed by shutters. There is a narrow shed roof between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stories.

## 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 a family residence until 1943, when the deed was foreclosed and the house sold to a sorority – Iota Beta Chapter of Chi Omega, Inc. In 1971, the house returned to use as a family residence.

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 the 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. Born in Waterford, Ireland, Britt came to Massachusetts in 1858 and lived in Amherst for more than 50 years, from 1860 to 1918, when he died. During much of that time, he was the leading stone mason in Amherst and was noted for the construction of many important buildings and homes throughout the town. In the 1879 Amherst Street Directory, he is listed as residing on Fearing Street. His survivors included 7 children and 9 grandchildren. He is buried in Plainville Cemetery.

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.

The house, built in 1934 for Fred & Margaret G. Moore, was meant for a fraternity, the Iota Beta Chapter of Chi Omega.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Amherst City and Street directories.

Town of Amherst property records. Tax Valuations

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1916 & 1930, on which the house does not appear.

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