

# 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:** 318 Lincoln Avenue

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** c. 1900

**Source:** Visual

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Brick with likely fieldstone below

Wall/Trim: Wooden Clapboards/wood

Roof: Asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

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

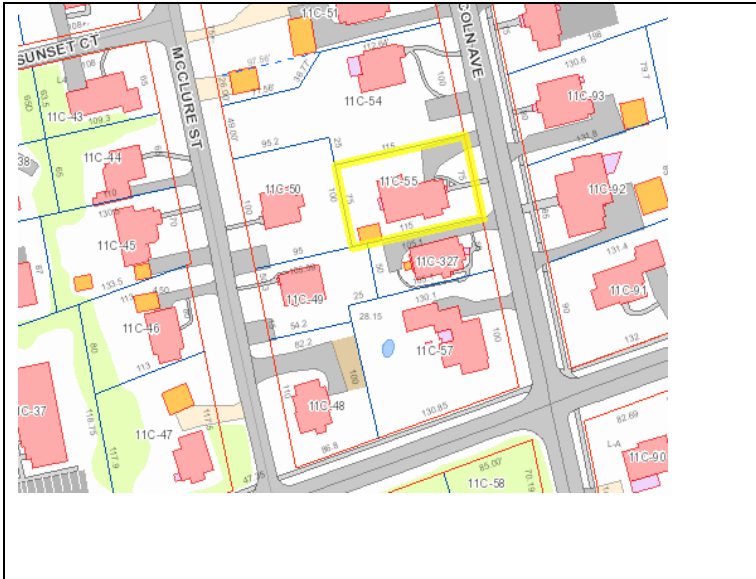
**Condition:**

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

**Acreage:** .2 acre

**Setting:** Residential

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:**

**Organization:** LHDSC

**Date** (*month / year*): February 2016

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

318 LINCOLN AVE

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220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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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 cross-gabled house, with its primary, closed gable in the front, is standard builders' housing of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The type is found throughout Amherst, particularly on Pine Street and to the south along West Street. This example has uneven fenestration, a small square leaded window in the Lincoln Avenue facade, and a full-width porch with turned supports.

## 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 1927 Amherst Street Directory lists Warren and Mary Dudley as the residents of this house. Warren worked at the Hills Company, a hat manufacturer in Amherst. The house was originally owned and built by Michael Britt, a carpenter/stone mason living on Fearing Street. Over the years ownership passed from Britt to a factory employee, to a UMass professor, a janitor, an insurance worker, a teacher and registered nurse.

Lincoln Street (now Lincoln Avenue) was laid out in 1873, but development went in phases. By 1916, most of the houses south of McClellan Street had been built. North of Fearing Street development was of that period, and by 1930 it was all built upon. Residents initially were professors, ministers and successful merchants. By 1900 proximity to the expanding agricultural college resulted in an increase in the number of faculty members among the street's residents.

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 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 1873, 1916, 1930.

Amherst Street Lists and City Directories.