

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: Amherst

Address: 101 Fearing Street

Historic Name: William R. Cole House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1925

Source: Newspaper article

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder: N/A

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Cut stone blocks

Wall/Trim: Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Fair

Moved: no yes **Date:**

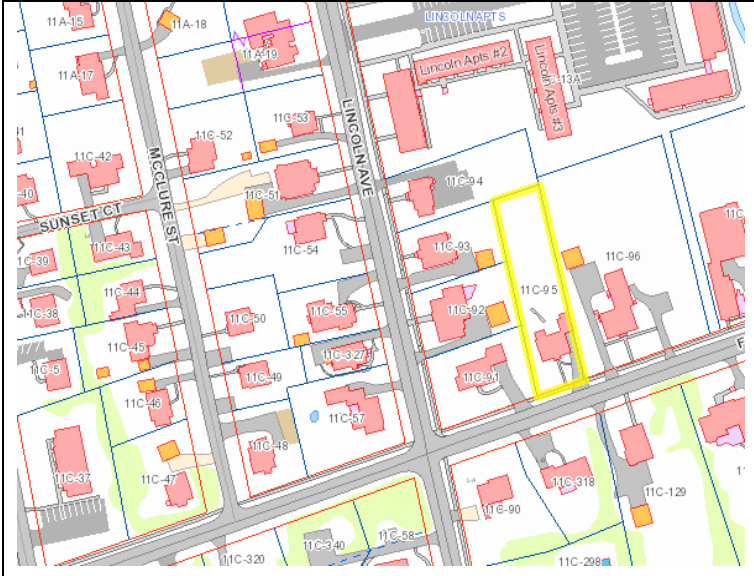
Acreage: .39 acre

Setting: Residential, rural college town.

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Locus Map



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Organization: LHDSC

Date (month / year): March 2016

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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 Colonial Revival house with a hipped roof and symmetrical façade is related to the standard builders' model found in the North Lincoln-Fearing-Pleasant Street area. Elements common to this type are the simplified Colonial details, square plan and center entry portico with columns supporting a pediment.

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.

"William R. Cole, assistant professor of horticultural manufactures at the MAC, is having a house built on the corner of Fearing Street and Lincoln Avenue," wrote an area newspaper in July 1925. An article in January 1926 listed it as one of six houses built in Amherst in 1925 and gave its cost as \$10,000. Cole, (b. c. 1880); his wife, Maud R. (b. c. 1885), a teacher in the public schools; and a lodger, a younger college teacher, are shown at the house in the 1930 US Census, and William and Maud appear there in city directories from 1927 through at least 1951 and in the 1940 Census.

This and other related houses were constructed during a growth period at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. As the academic population rose, building occurred in areas peripheral to the campus, accounting for the suburban character of Fearing Street, North Lincoln, and the section of North Pleasant adjacent to campus.

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Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Form B, June 1988, online in the MACRIS database.

Amherst Street Lists

Amherst City Directories 1927-1951

US Census, 1930, 1940

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