

# FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town/City:** Amherst

**Place:** Amherst

## Photograph



**Address:** 93 Fearing Street

**Historic Name:** Phillip Bevier Hasbrouck House

**Uses:** Present: Multi-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** c. 1918

**Source:** Amherst directories, CEN (1920)

**Style/Form:** Dutch Colonial Revival/Vernacular

**Architect/Builder:** N/A

## Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Stone, wood shingles

Roof: Asphalt composition

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Garage

**Major Alterations;** Enlargements to rear to create apartments (probably 19430s/40s); modified (2010)

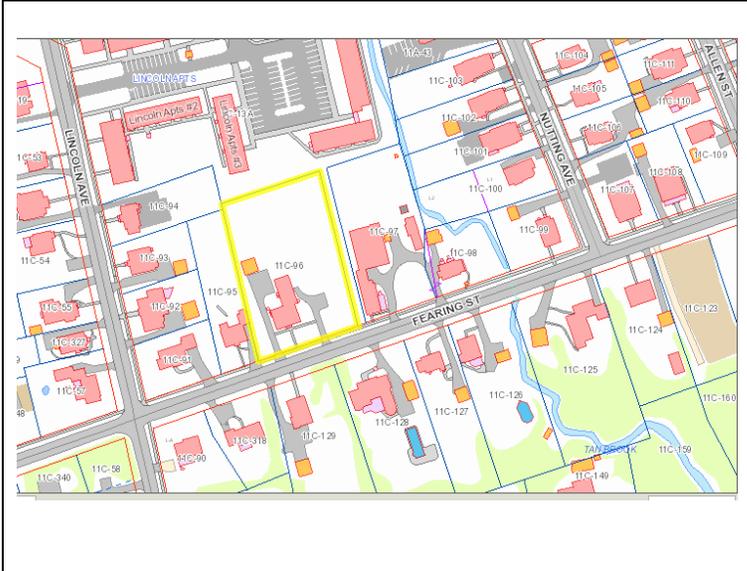
**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** 1.02 acres

**Setting:** Occupies a large lot with side garden to the east, in which parking spaces created for tenants and on eastern border a right of way path (currently not in use) to University of Massachusetts apartments on the north. On a moderately busy residential street of mostly single family houses, of same age.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Gretchen G. Fox

**Organization:** Amherst LHDC

**Date** October 2015

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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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.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

93 Fearing Street (formerly 31 Fearing Street) is a two-and-a-half-story, Vernacular, Dutch, Colonial Revival house. This large, gambrel-roofed house with shed-roof dormer and wide eaves is similar in type to 1178 North Pleasant Street. However, this example has picturesque Craftsman elements that set it apart from its more modest colonial revival neighbors. The first story and foundation is clad with large stone masonry, with arcade-shaped foundation windows well above grade. The second story is clad in stained wood shingles. A large, stone, end-wall chimney is set at the east end; a patio surrounded by a three-foot stone wall extends east of it. At the north wall of the house, a stone wall supports a rear entry porch, approached by five concrete steps. A newer, two-story rear extension clad in wooden clapboards incorporates apartments. On the rear west side, a ten-foot high stone foundation extends five feet to support stairs running north to a second rear entrance. The extensions with masonry of smaller stones were added in 2010/11. The rear apartments were probably added in the 1930s (records not available). The central entrance has a large cutaway porch set in the stone façade, at the top of five concrete steps with wrought iron handrails on either side. The paneled door is flanked by half sidelights above wood paneling. Two quarter-round windows flank the chimney on the east half story, a fanlight is centered on the west half story. Fenestration is regular: triplet 1/1 windows at the first story below pairs of 1/1 windows on the front, and single 1/1 windows on the side elevations. All windows are double-hung, sash, simply framed in wood. The roof is covered in asphalt composition shingles. A paved driveway on the west leads to a simple, one-bay, end-gabled garage, probably original with the house. On the east side a paved driveway leads to four parking spaces, to the western side of a large garden on this 1.02-acre property.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Like all building sites on Fearing Street, this land was once part of the 80-acre Lyman/Henderson Farm, deeded to Leonard Hills and Jared Westcott in 1868. Fearing Street appeared on the 1886 Bird's Eye View of Amherst, still very rural in nature, although the original road had been put through from Lincoln Avenue to North Pleasant Street (then Sunderland Road) shortly after 1868/69. The map shows several indistinct houses and barns on that road, by that time called Fearing Street. Levi D. Cowles had acquired 20 acres of that property from Hills and Westcott shortly after their purchase (HLR 258/119-120 11/9/1868) and, in 1869, sold three acres to Thomas Courtney.

Courtney subsequently referred to the property as his farm, although his homestead was on the east side of Pleasant Street, nearby, and he also owned "a tenement house" on the corner of Pleasant and Strong Streets, all three of which properties he deeded to his daughters in 1898 (HLR 510/423). A fourth landholding, also on Fearing Street, a part of or adjacent to his old farm, the Courtney family deeded in 1910 to John Dickinson of Atlanta. Dickenson also acquired adjacent parcels from the W. S. Westcott subdivision (HLR 512/110 of 1898).

In turn, Dickenson deeded a reduced 1.4-acre parcel of that land to Philip Bevier Hasbrouck in 1916. By this time, MAC had acquired much of the Chester Cowles Farm to the north of these properties, and other owners (see Forms B, 101 and 109 Fearing Streets) were speculating on land to the west, resulting in cobbled together lots like this one. Hasbrouck was living at 130 North Pleasant Street at the time he bought the property, and, by 1919, was living at 31 Fearing Street, the old address, and, by 1920, is shown there with his wife, Carrie V., and a son, Louis.

Phillip Hasbrouck (1870-1924) was early on considered one of the founding fathers of the University of Massachusetts. He was a key role in establishing physical sciences education at MAC, a course required of every student. He had originally joined the mathematics faculty in 1896. By 1903, he was named Adjunct Professor of Physics, went on to establish the Department of Physics in 1911, and became its first chair. In 1905, he also took on the duties of Registrar of the College. Hasbrouck's untimely death in 1924 at age 54, left the house to his widow, Carrie V. Hasbrouck and their children, who held it and lived there for several generations, during which time the apartments were added at the rear of the house. Today, Phillip B. Hasbrouck is remembered in the naming of Hasbrouck Hall physical sciences building on campus, and in the acquisition and preservation of the Hasbrouck House by the University in 2010. (Hasbrouck Properties to Commonwealth, HLR 10432/183). It is now called Hasbrouck House.

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