

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):
Amherst

Address: 146 Sunset Avenue

Historic Name: Kenyon and Harriet Butterfield House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: c.1920

Source: Visual; Maps

Style/Form: Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: cement block

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard/ Wood

Roof: slate

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Carport (rustic, two-bay) 1985

Swimming pool 1985

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Bay window added in kitchen 1991

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .64 acre

Setting: Residential. The house occupies a deep lot on the west side of the street, near the Creamery.

Photograph



Locus Map



Recorded by: Steve Bloom

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): September 2015

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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 Colonial Revival cottage is related to 17 Elm Street and 104 Shays Street in type rather than detail. All are Colonial Revival, but this example is a clapboard variant with a six-bay asymmetrical façade. The 12/12 windows, façade proportions, roof pitch and foundation line are all carefully reproduced from the earlier period, as is the door surround with fluted engaged pilasters and narrow entablature. It is a picturesque example of Colonial Revival in Amherst.

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.

Sunset Avenue was included unnamed on the 1873 map, was not included on the 1886 Bird's Eye View of Amherst, but was included in the city directory of that year. On the 1902 map it extended from Amity to Elm and by 1916 had its present configuration. Early residents on Sunset were the well-know writer, Ray Stannard Baker; Goodell, president of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (MAC); Kenyon Butterfield, retired MAC president; Burnett, owner of the Burnett hat manufacturing company, and Carpenter, a publisher. By 1930, teachers, a librarian and other professionals plus a few merchants were in residence on Sunset.

Kenyon Leech Butterfield (1868-1935) purchased 9.38 acres of land on May 20, 1911; he owned this house until his death on November 25, 1935, and his widow, Harriet (née Millard; 1868-1944), was still listed there in the 1940 U.S. Census and the City Directory of 1942. Mr. Butterfield was an American agricultural scientist and college administrator known for developing the Cooperative Extension Service at the Land Grant universities. He was president of the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (1903-1906); the Massachusetts Agricultural College (1906-1924), and the Michigan Agricultural College (later Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, which is now Michigan State University) from 1924 to 1928. Butterfield Hall at the University of Rhode Island, Butterfield House at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Butterfield Hall of the Brody Complex at Michigan State University are all dedicated in his name

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