

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: 127 Sunset Avenue

Historic Name: Floyd A. and Marion H. Nash House

Uses: Present: Single-family residence

Original: Single-family residence

Date of Construction: c. 1917

Source: City Directories

Style/Form: bungalow cottage

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: not visible

Wall/Trim: stucco/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle; skylights in S. sunroom wing.

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

garage-workshop in separate structure behind the house

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

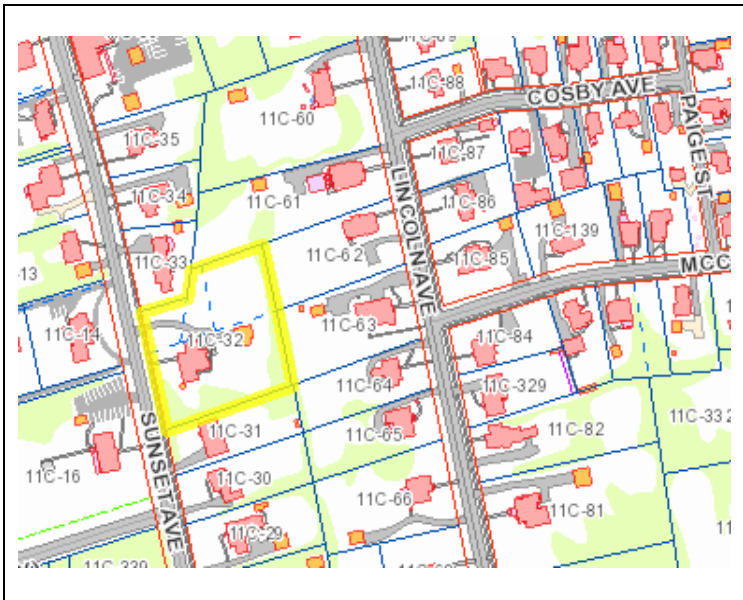
Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 1.21 acres

Setting: In a residential neighborhood near the University of Massachusetts

Locus Map



Recorded by: Suzannah Fabing

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): March 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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127 SUNSET 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.

This two-story bungalow cottage has its roofline parallel to the street. The house segments are deeper than they are wide. A long shed dormer pierces the roof on the west facade. The porch is covered by the main roof, creating a shadowy area along the street level. Tuscan columns support the porch at intervals. The chimney is covered in rough stones. There is a one-and-a-half-story garage extension to the north. A sunroom with skylights has been added later, to the south.

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 beyond Elm Street began to be populated with houses around 1916.

Floyd A. Thompson was listed as living on Sunset Avenue (no number given) in the 1917 and 1919 City Directories. By 1923 his address is given as 35 Sunset (today's 127). He married Marion H. Nash in 1920, and they lived in this house for his entire life. There they raised two sons, Stephen and Floyd Allen, Jr., employing a servant when the boys were young. Floyd Allen Thompson (1892-1978) was the son of Frank Thompson, who lived at 48 Lincoln Avenue (today's #242; AMH.172), where Floyd grew up. Father and son operated F.A. Thompson & Son clothiers on North Pleasant Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Amherst City Directories

U.S. Census

Biographical information on Floyd and Marion Thompson at ancestry.com, consulted 12 March 2016.