

FORM B – BUILDING

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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Amherst

Photograph



Address: 84 Sunset Avenue

Historic Name: B.O. Moody House

Uses: Present: Single-family rental residence

Original: Single-family residence

Date of Construction: c. 1932

Source: City Directory 1932

Style/Form: Dutch Colonial

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Deck at rear, 1995

Condition: good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .45 acre

Setting: On a tree-lined residential street. This house stands opposite the end of Elm Street.

Locus Map



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Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): December 2015

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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84 Sunset Avenue

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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 Dutch Colonial house has a gambrel roof with a shed dormer running along most of the Sunset Avenue facade. An end-wall brick chimney punctuates the south façade. There is a gabled portico over the central entrance door, supported by thin columns. Paired double-hung windows on either side of the door are echoed at second-story level, while a single window in the center of the upper-story street facade is aligned over the door. Windmill cutouts ornament the shutters.

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.

"B.O. Moody, vice-president of the First National bank, has a new house on Sunset avenue," reported the *Springfield Republican* on 1 April 1933. This house first appears in the 1932 City Directory, as the residence of Bertram O. and Greta (Gordon) Moody and their sons, Gordon and Lincoln. They had previously lived elsewhere on the street, at what is today #136. Bertram Oldroyd Moody (b. 1891), in addition to his banking duties, served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1936. In 1948 the house was occupied by the family of Thomas F. Whitbread; the Moodys had moved to Blue Hills Road. Whitbread (1907-1987) was a philatelist. He and his wife Nancy in 1954 both worked for the *Amherst Journal-Record*. Their son, Thomas B., was attending Amherst College during the years that they lived at 84 Sunset.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

"Much Building Activity is Noted at Amherst," *Springfield Republican*, 1 April 1933. A clipping of this article is included in the scrapbooks compiled by Mrs. C. J. Fawcett, Vol. 3, pp. 16-17. The scrapbooks are in the Jones Library Special Collections.

US Census 1930

Amherst City Directories 1932-1954

Town of Amherst Property Card 2014

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