

# 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:** 76 Sunset Avenue

**Historic Name:**

**Uses:** Present: Single-family residence

Original: Single-family residence

**Date of Construction:** c. 1962

**Source:** street lists

**Style/Form:** ranch

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
two-bay garage (attached)

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

walk-out basement 1981  
sunroom 1998

**Condition:** good

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

**Acreage:** .5 acre

**Setting:** On a tree-lined residential street. This house sits closer to the street than its neighbor to the south. The land falls away sharply to the west, offering excellent views.

## Photograph



## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Suzannah Fabing

**Organization:** LHDSC

**Date** (*month / year*): March 2016

# 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.*

*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 is a standard ranch house. The area around the front door is slightly recessed. The land falls away rapidly to the west, so it has a walk-out basement level.

## 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.*

This house first appears in Amherst street lists in 1963. It was built by Hubert Elder, who lived next door at #70, for his aged mother. Hubert was a lumber-dealer, and he made sure that this house was solidly built, of sturdy materials. He chose a house type that would enable her to live on one floor. The present owners added a sunroom to the south.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Interview with current owner, Allan D. Austin, March 2016

Amherst street lists

Town of Amherst Property Card 2015