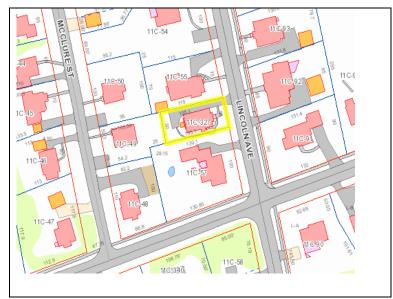
FORM B – BUILDING

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: 312-314 Lincoln Avenue

Historic Name: Kappa Kappa Delta

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: "moved to Lincoln Ave 1932"

Source: Building Plans

Style/Form: English Cottage

Architect/Builder: mover/contractor Frederick D. Wright

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick, with likely fieldstone below ground

Wall/Trim: Brick; Wood Clapboard/Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Condition: Good

Moved: no \boxtimes yes x \square Date: 1932

Acreage: .12 acres

Setting: Residential. This property is one lot north from

the intersection with Fearing Street.

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.

English Revival Aesthetic with intersecting gables. Entry gable with Gothic-like pitch frames a rounded-head arched doorway with six small lights. A small rounded-head arched window lies on either side of the door. A dormer is positioned to either side of the peak of the entry gable. The south facade features paired double-hung windows and two roof dormers.

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 home was a family residence until 1964, when it was sold to the University of Massachusetts chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity. It functioned as a fraternity house until 1980. It is now a family residence once again.

The section of Lincoln Avenue between Fearing Street and North Hadley Road was originally set out by the County in 1854 and revised in 1883. Many of the houses on this block were built in the early 1900's and correlate historically with the expansion of Mass Agricultural College (MAC) into a state university.

The 7-acre parcel that includes the west side of Lincoln Avenue was owned by William Clark, President of MAC from 1867 to 1879. After his death, in 1886 his widow Harriet sold the seven acres to L.V.B. Cook for \$1000. Cook mortgaged it for auction by T.B. Beecher of the P.B. Moore Company for \$1. In 1898, P.B. Moore laid out a plan of building lots, #10 of which was purchased by Flora Leach, whose heirs sold it to Frederick D. Wright in Feb. 1932. A news account of 6/19/32 asserts that Fred Wright "moved the house from the old Lindsey place in North Dana onto it, and that it is meant for "a sorority house for women students at the State college". Fred Wright was involved in building fraternity houses, among them the Delta Phi Alpha house on Cosby Ave. The present house resembles the contemporary (ealry 1930s) Cosby Ave houses rather than an older moved building.

"The 1918 Amherst Street Directory includes teachers, a farmer, a herdsman, an engineer, a carpenter and a mechanic among the inhabitants of the 300 block of Lincoln. Subsequent street directories include professors as well as merchants and tradespeople.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Plan of Buildings Lots owned by the P.B. Moore Co., T.B. Beecher, Trustee. Springfield, MA, 1899. Lot #10.

Springfield Republican (?), 6/19/1932 article, "Old House Will Be Restored..." clipping, (at Jones Library Special Collections)

Amherst Tax Valuations, 1933-34; Amherst Deeds., to and from F.D. Wright; heirs.

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