

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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**Town/City:** Amherst

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*):  
Lincoln-Sunset National Register District

**Address:** 277 Lincoln Avenue

**Historic Name:** J.A. Palmer house

**Uses:** Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** 1932-33

**Source:** town property record

**Style/Form:** Dutch colonial revival

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: wood clapboard

Roof: asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

Garage (1951)

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

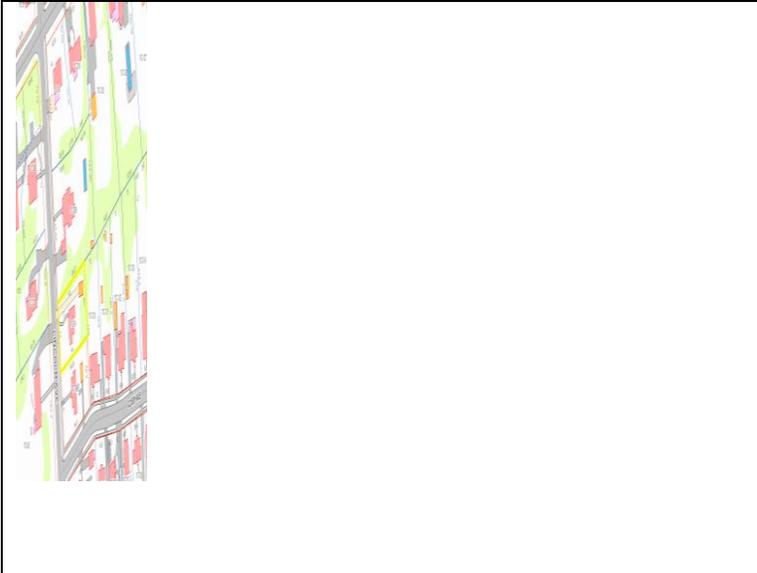
**Condition:** Fair

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

**Acreage:** .26 acres

**Setting:** Rural college town. On a residential street, near the junction with Cosby Avenue.

Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Elizabeth Gouin/Suzannah Fabing; EWW

**Organization:** LHDSC

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

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

277 LINCOLN AVE

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220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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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 style home, typical of the 1930s, features a gambrel roof whose ridgeline parallels the street, with shed dormers in the front and rear that run nearly the entire length of the roof. The main block of the house is almost square in plan, with a centered chimney. The front door is on the left and has three lights in its upper section. Two brick steps lead to the front door. The Lincoln Avenue façade has four double-hung double windows of the same size, placed symmetrically two over two; as is typical of the era and style, the windows feature triple panes in the top sash only. A side door and additional windows are located on the north facade. A small, one-story extension on the south is flush with the house proper and sports a similar double window. There is an open porch on the rear (east) side of the main block. At the time of the photo (Oct. 2015), the house had been stripped of its paint; it had not been repainted as of April 2016.

## 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.*

The house was taxed to John A. Palmer and his wife, Hazel D. the original owners, in 1933. John Palmer was superintendent of the state nursery and of state tree planning. The couple appears to have left the area shortly after the 1940 census. From 1954 to 1970 the home was owned by Robert and Jane Morrissey. He was a placement officer for men at the University of Massachusetts.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Town of Amherst property records.

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