

# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

**Town/City:** Amherst

**Place:** Amherst

## Photograph



**Address:** 37 Cosby Avenue

**Historic Name:** None

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

Original: Single-Family Residence

**Date of Construction:** 1930 (1920?, possibly built at the same time as 38 Cosby Avenue)

**Source:** Town property form

**Style/Form:** Cape/Cottage

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood shingle

Roof: Asphalt/F GIs Composite

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** Detached garage

**Major Alterations (with dates):** Replacement windows (1989)

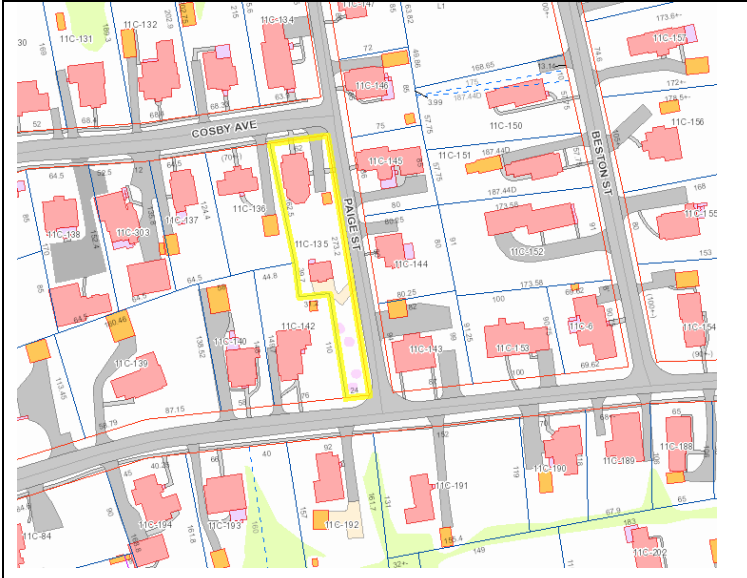
**Condition:** Good

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

**Acreage:** .32 acre

**Setting:** Rural college town.

## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Elizabeth Gouin

**Organization:** LSHD

**Date (month / year):** November 2015

# 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.*

One-and-a-half-story house with semi-enclosed porch and centrally placed front door. Porch has a front-facing gable and features small Doric columns between the windows. Large dormer appears in center of roof. A link could be made between this house and its neighbor 38 Cosby Avenue; both have similar dormers and cornices that widen at their bases.

## 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.*

Ephraim Cosby was responsible for the relatively late development of Cosby Avenue within the Paige Street area. Beginning in 1929, Cosby acquired a lot that previously had been part of the Thomas Haley property. By this time, this holding had been subdivided and the lots, which fronted onto Lincoln Avenue, were sold off. The Cosby lot was behind the Lincoln Avenue lots and bordered by the west side of Paige Street. The Cosby Avenue subdivision was planned in 1928 with a short connector road running from Lincoln Avenue to Paige Street, with long narrow lots running perpendicular to the development's spine-Cosby Avenue. Like the later development of Fearing Street, these houses were suburban in concept and featured Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, and Dutch Colonial style homes. These were attractively designed, quality constructed, smaller 1-1 ½-story Cape-like houses with associated garages. Several of these homes were built by Cosby as income properties and were often rented to academics into the 1940s.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES