

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town/City: Amherst

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

Address: 175-177 Amity Street

Historic Name: William Cutler House

Uses: Present: Multi-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1848; west wing extension c. 1908

Source: Assessor

Style/Form: Greek Revival

Architect/Builder: N/A

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick aboveground, likely fieldstone below

Wall/Trim: Clapboard

Roof: Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

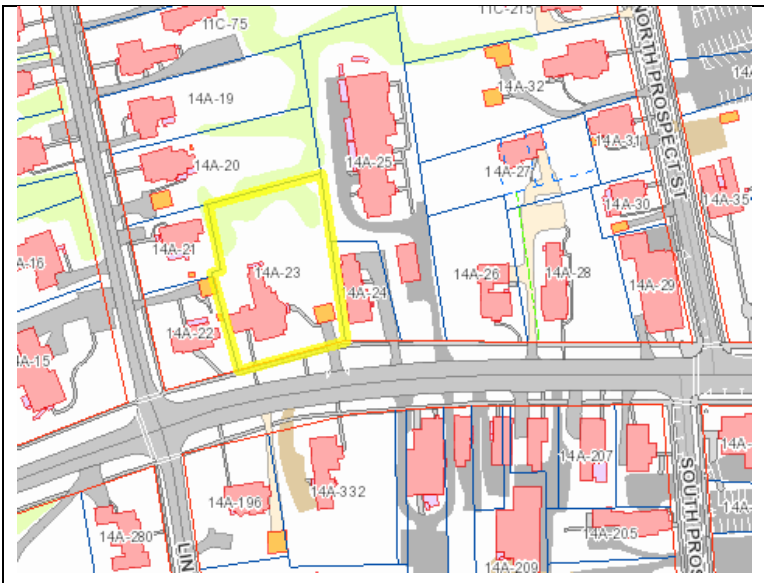
Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .77 acre

Setting: Residential, near town center in a rural college town.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Ed Wilfert

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): January 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

175-177 AMITY ST

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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.

Currently a multi-family residence, this two-story, Greek Revival house features a distinctive undulating porch that curves outward at center, a centrally placed Georgian style door with fanlight and a decorative pediment on the short side of the house. The side porches feature fluted columns with Doric capitals.

****SELECTED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICT (2/22/1993)****

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.

Built in 1848 for William Cutler, a partner with his brother George in Luke Sweetser's store and later owners in Merchants' Row. His grandfather, Dr. Robert Cutler, bought the old Boltwood house (currently 243 Amity Street) in 1787, and the Cutter family dominated this area of Amity Street into the early twentieth century. Robert Cutler, also a brother of William, was a carpenter who built many of the houses in the area. Isaac Cutler, another brother, was a physician. Brother Elisha ("Pom") Pomeroy Cutler was the family farmer from whose land Lincoln and Sunset Avenues were developed. William Cutler died in 1870, willing the house to his children.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Deed Books; Valuations, Vital Statistics
Amherst Families (typescript by James Avery Smith)

