

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

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Town/City: Amherst

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Prospect-Gaylord National Register District

Address: 155 Amity Street

Historic Name: Tempe Linnell House

Uses: Present: Single-Family Residence

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: c. 1830-31

Source: Assessor's record

Style/Form: Cape/Gothic Revival

Architect/Builder: probably Robert Cutler

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone, cut

Wall/Trim: Wood clapboard

Roof: Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: Garage; attached wing

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Map of 1886 shows porch over door which was removed (date unknown)

Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

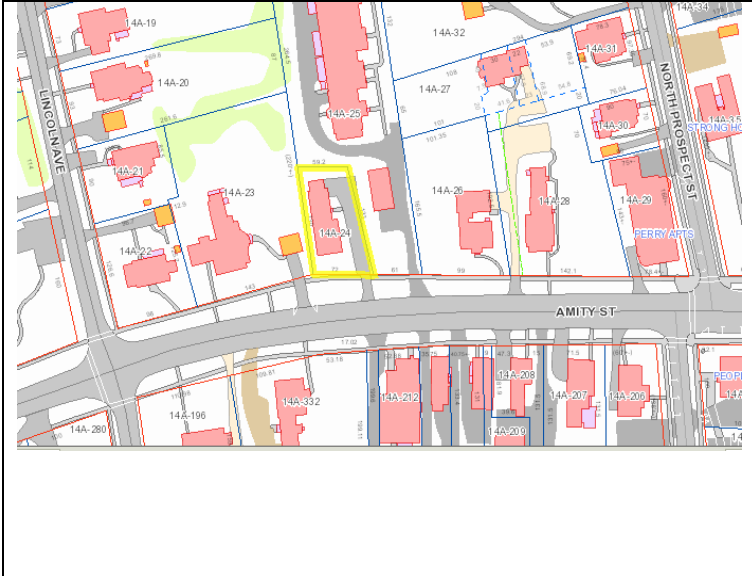
Acreage: .19 acre

Setting: Residential, rural college town.

Photograph



Locus Map



Recorded by: Ed Wilfert

Organization: LHDSC

Date (*month / year*): February 2016

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

AMHERST

155 AMITY STREET

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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.

Two-story Cape house with Gothic influence, featuring a distinctive ogee arch around centered front door. Symmetrical façade with central door flanked on either side with two windows. Dormers above provide light to second floor. A one-story connector featuring a small porch connects the main house to the single garage. Dormer (sliding?) windows appear to be modern additions. This old house is a Colonial cottage very similar to its neighbor, the Parke House, but does not have the central chimney. It has two dormer windows above the front of the house and more on the sides.

SELECTED TO NATIONAL REGISTER, (2/4/1993)

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.

It was part of the land and buildings sold by Edward B. Marsh to the University of Massachusetts' Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi in November 1895 (Book 481, p. 27), but it pre-dates the house at 151 Amity, which no longer exists in its original form and has been converted into a condominium complex. In 1881, Edward B. Marsh, builder of 151 Amity Street, acquired the house at 155 Amity Street from Tempe Linnell. Phi Kappa Psi granted this land and buildings to Maria C. Mann in September 1922 (Bk. 784, p. 22). Maria Mann sold the property to Charles A. Hosford and his wife Nellie in September 1936 (Bk. 917, p. 204).

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Map of 1873 of Amherst, MA

Pictorial Map of 1886 of Amherst, MA

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Form B (1988), online in MACRIS database.

Registry of Deeds, Northampton, MA.

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