

# 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*):  
Amherst Center

**Address:** 117 Amity Street

**Historic Name:** Thomson House

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

Original: Barn

**Date of Construction:** 1927

**Source:** Tax records (1927-1928)

**Style/Form:** Farmhouse

**Architect/Builder:** N/A

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Unknown

Wall/Trim: Wood/wood shingle

Roof: asphalt

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): Remodeled (1978); added a half-story and a porch (1993)

**Condition:** N/A

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

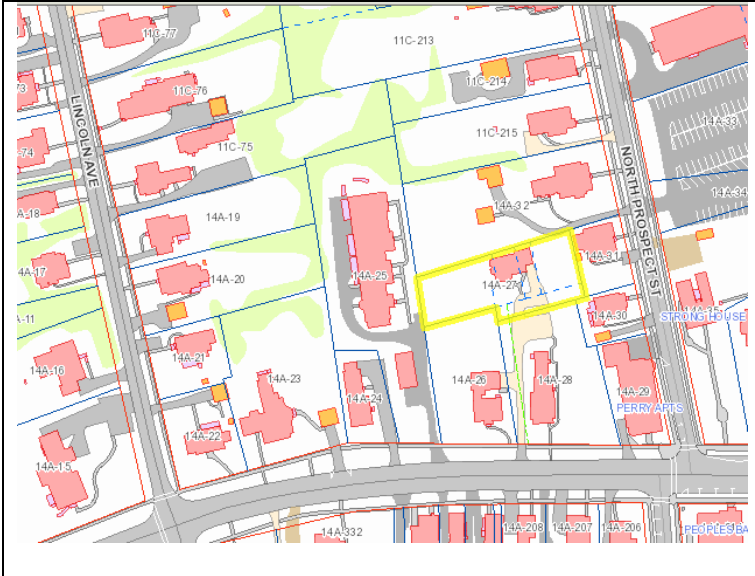
**Acreage:** .42 acre

**Setting:** Residential, rural college town.

## Photograph



## Locus Map



**Recorded by:** Ed Wilfert  
**Organization:** LHSC  
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# 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.*

The building is a modified cape/bungalow with a sloping hip roof on the main southern section. Various dormers bring light to a second floor. The main section of the house interlocks nicely with a smaller section, set back slightly. Each section has a door, the smaller section's door is set back to create a porch area; plain white posts hold up the roof. An addition section on the northern side (also set back slightly) consists of a signal garage with fenestrated barn-like doors that swing outward (possibly original to the 1920s). A long, narrow series of single panes appears above the garage. Two series of triple windows appear in the roof of the smaller section. This triple-window motif is seen on the ground floor as well. A large bay window appears on the southern side of the house. Furthermore, the house is built away from the road, behind the other homes around it.

## 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.*

Originally part of the 111 Amity lot. The building, constructed for Andrew S. and Ida Fiske Thomson, was converted from or replaced a barn in 1927.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES



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