

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Photograph



Town/City: Amherst

Place : Amherst Center

Address: 111 Amity Street

Historic Name: Solomon Pitkin House

Uses: Present: Two-Family Residence, owner occupied

Original: Single-Family Residence

Date of Construction: 1835

Source: Historical register

Style/Form: Classical/Greek Revival/Georgian

Architect/Builder: Robert Cutler

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Fieldstone and granite

Wall/Trim: Brick

Roof: Asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates): Stairs taken out at some point (date unknown)

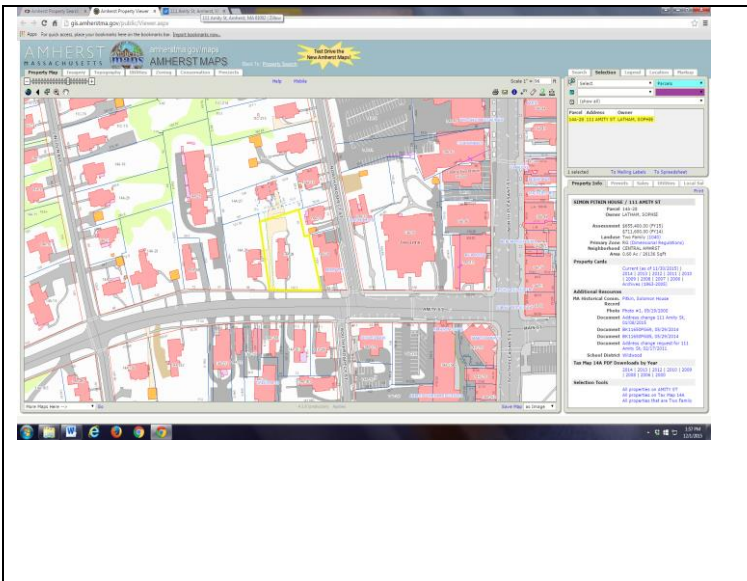
Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .6 acre

Setting: Residential, rural college town.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Ed Wilfert

Organization: LHDSC

Date (month / year): February 2016

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.

Two-story, light-colored brick building with front porch with doric, fluted columns. Façade door located on right side with fanlights on either side of door. Three casement windows along upper story create a symmetrical design, each with green shutters. Lovely beading/dentils along the edge of the porch roof. Interior features many fireplaces, large windows with carved casements. One-story section in back of house, clad in clapboard, houses an apartment.

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.

Constructed by Robert Cutler for Solomon and Nancy (Ives) Pitkin of Ellington, Connecticut, who came Amherst in 1831. Pitkin bought the property in 1833, had the house built in 1835, and occupied it until 1843-1844. Solomon Pitkin owned the brick store and was active in the first bank in Amherst, serving as president from 1836-1841. The building was probably rented out until 1852, sold to Pitkin's business partner William Kellogg, then bought by Professor Aaron Warner, already in residence, Professor Warner sold it to his daughter, Mary, the wife of Professor Edward Crowell, in 1876. The Crowell family owned until 1948. Their daughter, Annie, ran a private kindergarten school between 1919-1938. A number of Amity neighbors in the 19th and early 20th centuries also ran schools.

Dr, Sheldon and Jennette H. Clapp owned the house between 1948-1988.

In 1927-1928, a barn at the back of the property was rebuilt into a house (now 117 Amity Street) and sold to Andrew and Ida Thomson and occupied until 1960. The photographer, Lincoln W. Barnes, and his wife occupied a building during the summers in the 1950s and 1960s, possibly the same building, but labeled "125 rear."

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