

HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

DISTRICT: SITE #:  
-- IP-2

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): The Gilchrest Homestead	OWNER (ORIGINAL): John Gilchrest
PROPERTY NAME:	OWNER: Dr. Jean Rosenthal
LOCATION: On the west side of Rt. 137 (Hancock Road) just north of IP-1.	ADDRESS: Old Street Road Peterborough, N.H. 03458
UTM REFERENCES: 18-743100-4757150	ACREAGE: .72 RANGE/LOT: IX-2-2
USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock	VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: See Site Map
DATE: 1817	
SOURCE: Tax Records	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The Gilchrest House, the latest of the three early hill farm houses (cf. IP1 & IP3) which survive along the Dublin-Hancock Road, is a red clapboard 1½ story frame cape cottage of 1817 with a slightly later 1 story southern ell. Similar to other nearby examples of Harrisville's most widely adopted early house type, it is five bays wide with two pairs of closely spaced 9/6 windows on the east (road) façade with a side-lighted center entry between them. It has no center chimney but two end ones (one interior, one exterior) and one is the ell. One picture window in the main body of the building and one in the ell mark the house's otherwise high level of integrity. (Continued)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Gilchrest House is a good surviving example of a cape cottage farmhouse built by a newcomer, in this case from New Ipswich, at the height of local hill farm prosperity, approximately half a century after the first small band of non-native settlers arrived in what was then Dublin. Owned by three successive generations of the Gilchrest family (cf. IP-1) until 1931, it shows evidence that it has continued to be well maintained during the ensuing years. This important homestead, therefore, satisfies Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places. Further, it retains considerable original fabric (framing, interior woodwork and hardware, etc.) and notable integrity of landscape pattern and building arrangement, thus qualifying it under Criterion C as well.

REFERENCES:  
Deeds  
History of Dublin  
Tax Records

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:  
Front elevation East  
Facing west

PHOTOGRAPHER: H. Taves

NEGATIVE FILE #: 10-19; 8/16/83

RECORDED BY: Shonk/Meath/Cini

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

Historic Harrisville, Inc.

DATE: September 1983



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### Physical Description:

Southwest of the house is a small, rough pine shed and root cellar ('B' on sketch map). A large nineteenth century barn (C), one of Harrisville's oldest, sits directly across the street from the main house. This barn retains its original multi-paned transom, doors and windows. A twentieth century barn (D) sits just south of the earlier barn on the same side of the road. A long rectangular horse shed (E), built circa 1970, sits near the tree line in a large open field south of the house. All buildings sit amidst open fields bounded with nineteenth century stone walls.

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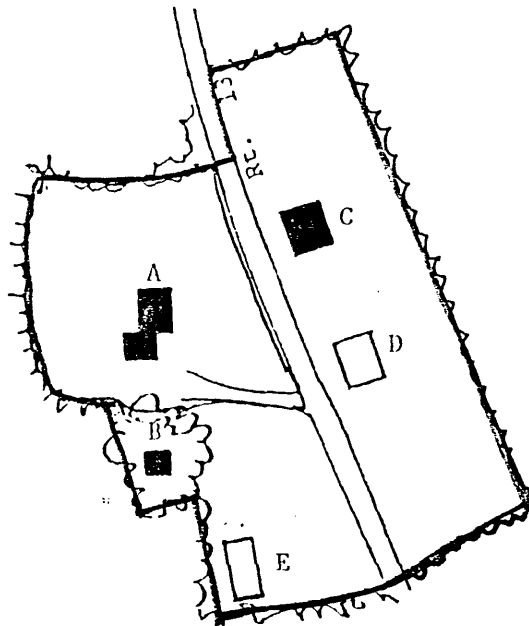
LOCATION:

On the west side of Rt. 137 (Hancock Road) just north of IP-1.

ADDRESS: Old Street Road  
Peterborough, N.H. 0345

ACREAGE: 4.36 RANGE/LOT: IX-2-

- A - House
- B - Root Cellar, 19th c.
- C - Barn, 19th c.
- D - Barn, 20th c.
- E - Horse Shed, 20th c.



SCALE 1"=200'

- - Contributing
- - Non-contributing

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Bounded on the north by the edge of trees, on the east by the edge of trees and Rt. 137, on the south by the edge of trees and on the west by the edge of trees.

Includes the immediate visual surroundings incorporating the features contributing to the property's architectural and historical significance.

Noted as property IP-2 on Town of Harrisville Map included with this nomination.

The boundaries of the property are indicated by the heavy black line on the sketch map above.

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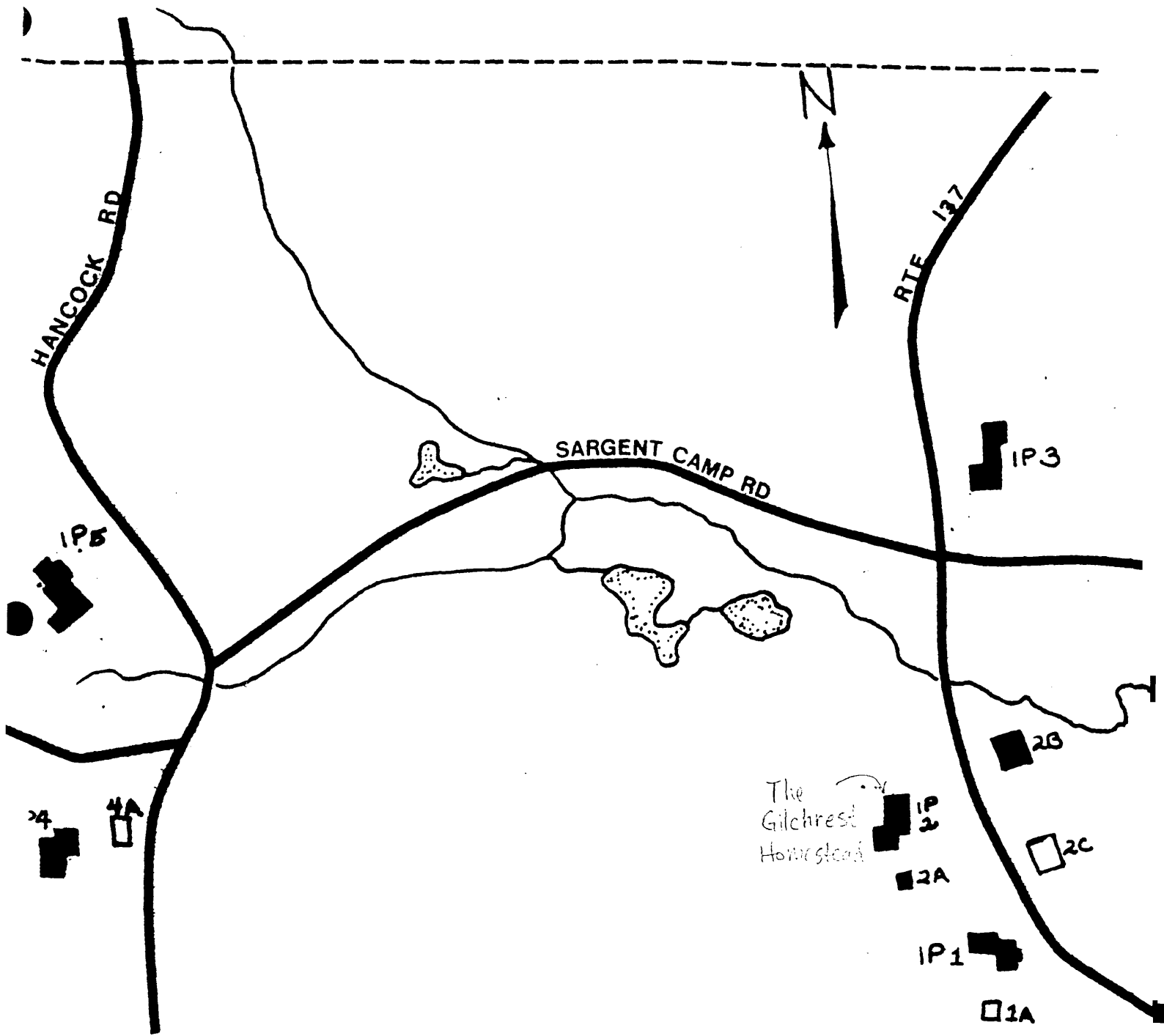
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Individual Properties IP-1 through IP-5

There are 7 contributing buildings and 3 non-contributing buildings contained in these properties.



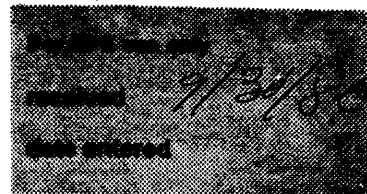
EASTVIEW PROPERTIES

1" = 1,000'

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Harrisville MRA  
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

~~Substantive Review~~ *over*

Patrick Andrus 1/14/88

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Beech Hill Summer Home ✓  
District

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Ward Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Betty L. Savage 1/14/88

2. Chesham Village District

~~Entered in the National Register~~ Keeper

Shelton Byers 1/24/88

Attest

3. Eaton, Moses, Jr., ✓  
House

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Betty L. Savage 1/14/88

4. Gilchrest Homestead ✓

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Betty L. Savage 1/14/88

5. Glenchrest ✓

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Betty L. Savage 1/14/88

6. Harrisville Rural District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

J. Rogers 2-18-87

Attest

7. Pottersville District

~~Entered in the National Register~~ Keeper

Shelton Byers 1/24/88

Attest

8. Silver Lake District

~~Entered in the National Register~~ Keeper

Shelton Byers 1/24/88

Attest

9. Stationmaster's House ✓

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Betty L. Savage 1/14/88

10. Townsend, Jabez, House ✓

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Betty L. Savage 1/14/88

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