

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

Historic Name (s) ELI MORSE SAWMILL FOUNDATIONS		22. Map & Lot No. 6 - 10	
Original Owner Eli Morse		23. Original Range/Lot IV - 14 - 1	
Present Name ELI MORSE SAWMILL		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Monadnock	
3. Owner's Name Frances & Edith Hender <del>son</del>		25. UTM Reference 1   8   7   3   7   4   3   4   7   5   3   5   2   Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address 34 Bradbury St., Cambridge, MA. 02138		26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Location Off Old Marlborough Road		27. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	
6. Open to Public Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local State Institutional	28. Significance Evaluation
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission		29. Theme Primary Early industry Secondary Archaeology Other	
<p>NOT IN LAKE DISTRICT</p> <p>SEE CONTINUATION SHEET FOR SKETCH MAP</p>		11. Architect	30. Endangered Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		12. Builder Eli Morse	31. Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>
		13. Date c.1765	32. Major Alterations & Date
		14. Style (stone rubble)	33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input type="checkbox"/>
		15. Original Use Sawmill	
16. Present Use none			
17. Condition Interior Exterior foundations only			

18. Description

All that remains of the Eli Morse sawmill are the foundation walls, consisting of large stone boulders laid up dry, without mortar, and measuring 10 ft. on N. side and two walls 23 ft. each on E. & W. Across the small stream, about 20 ft. to the east is another parallel wall of about 23 ft. To the west are foundation stone walls of extensions or outbuildings, varying in size.

19. History

The proprietors at their first meeting, Sept. 1764, requested Eli Morse (1722-1814) to build the town's first sawmill, and gave him "encouragement money" to do so. The mill was constructed soon thereafter by Morse, who was one of the town's first permanent settlers, later its town clerk, and builder a few years later (c.1767) of the first grist mill. The sawmill was later operated by his eldest son, Peter Morse (1761-1823), who was fatally injured there by a rolling log & died shortly afterward. The mill ceased operation before 1886.

20. Significance

Dublin's first sawmill and earliest industrial site in town, dating to the pre-Revolutionary period, built by key pioneer in the settlement of the town.

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21. Source of Information

History of Dublin (1853 ed.), p.9  
 History of Dublin (1920 ed.), p.629  
 Univ. of N.H. "Archaeological Assessment of Route 101 Bypass" Report, July 1978.  
 Dublin Days, p. 21

24. Prepared by:  
LS/WLB

25. Organization

26. Date 10/10/80

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37. PHOTO LUCY SHONK - 7/1981

I verify that the appearance of this structure has not changed since the photos were taken.

Roll No. 37

Picture No. 2 & 6

Direction Facing EAST - WALL OF FOUNDATION - NEXT TO STREAM.

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FOUNDATION WALL



DETAIL OF WALL

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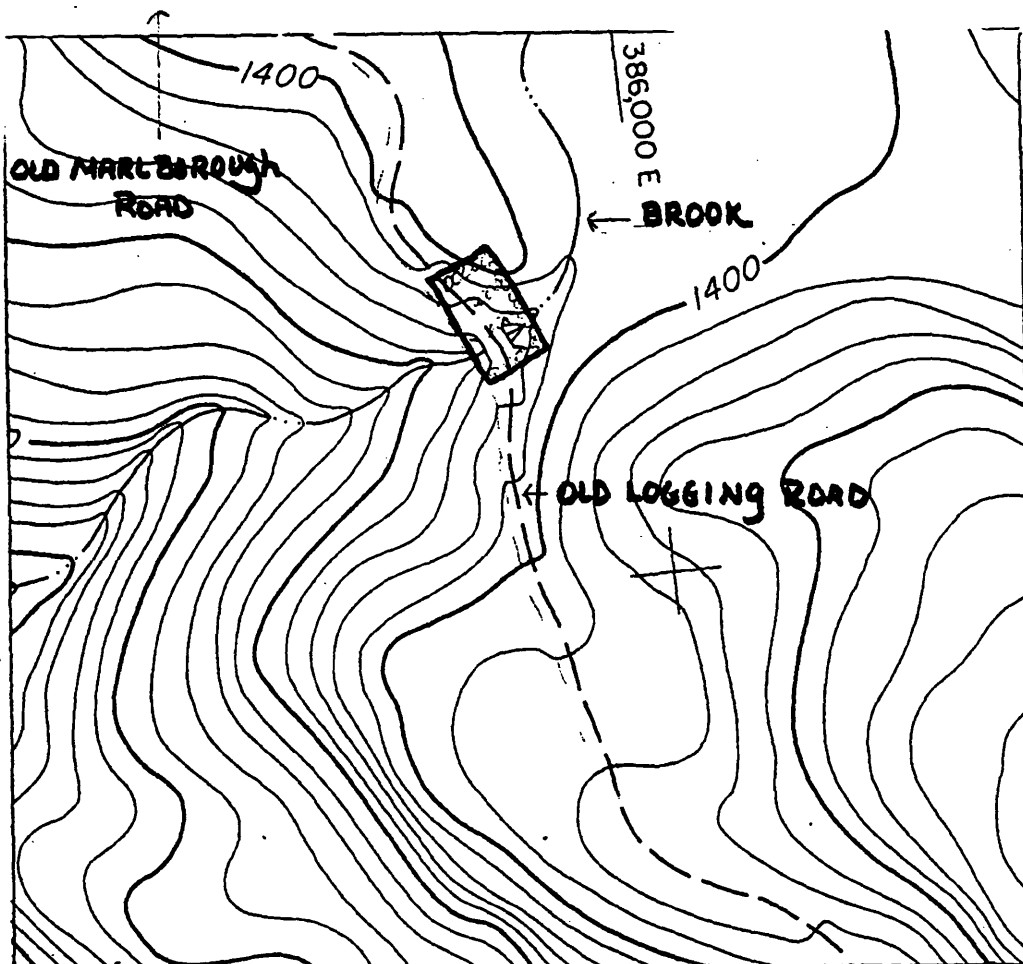
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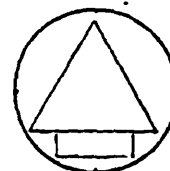
FACING NORTH

## HISTORIC NAME

The El Morse Sawmill Foundations



PROPERTY OWNER: Frances and Edith Henderson  
 SITE NUMBER: 124  
 PROPERTY NAME: El Morse Sawmill  
 ADDRESS: Off Old Marlborough Road



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1"= 200'

Bounded on the north, south and west by stone foundation walls and on the east by the old road. (Boundary defined by perimeter of sawmill foundations. Now overgrown with trees.) .20 acres

## HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DUBLIN, N.H.

## JUSTIFICATION:

Boundary defined by surface distribution of archaeological remains, contributing to historical significance.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Dublin Multiple Resource Area  
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 61. Strong, Capt. Richard, House      ~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper      accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 62. Strongman, Henry, House      Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper      Melores Byers 12/15/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. Strongman, William, House      ~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper      accept Patrick Andrews 12/15/83  
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- 64. Townsend Farm      Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper      Melores Byers 12/15/83  
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- 65. Wales, Mary Anne, House      ~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper      accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
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- 66. Weldwood      Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper      Melores Byers 12/15/83  
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- <sup>50</sup>67. Windmill Hill      ~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper      accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 68. Wood House      Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper      Melores Byers 12/15/83  
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- 69. Morse, Eli, Sawmill Foundations      Substantive Review *for* Keeper      accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
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