

HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

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DISTRICT: SITE #:
-- IP-20

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC):
The Elbridge G. Bemis House

PROPERTY NAME:

LOCATION: On Chesham Road just west of
the George W. Bemis House (IP-21)

UTM REFERENCES: 18-733150-4757600

USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock

DATE: 1855

SOURCE: Tax Records

OWNER (ORIGINAL): Elbridge G. Bemis

OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. R. Brouillette

ADDRESS: RR #1, Box 153,
Marlborough, NH 03455

ACREAGE: RANGE/LOT: IX-20-3

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:
See Site Map

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The 2 story, three bay, side hall plan Elbridge G. Bemis House, virtually identical except for its white color to the George W. Bemis House next door (IP-21) of three years earlier, is a fairly sophisticated interpretation of the popular mid-19th century Greek Revival farmhouse. Notable characteristics of the style displayed by this house include pronounced cornice return and corner pilasters and a right hand bay door surround with heavy entablature and full length sidelights. The house also features a two story ell with single dormer to the east. It has been expanded by the addition of a large enclosed porch in front of the ell and east of the main body of the house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Elbridge G. Bemis and George W. Bemis Houses as a pair are significant as good, little altered examples of mid-19th century Harrisville's most widely adopted residential style (cf. IP-5, the Jabez Townsend House, in Eastview as well as others in Harrisville Village, Pottersville and Chesham). They achieve local historical importance as houses built for brothers, members of western Harrisville's most prominent family, who owned the prolific Bemis and Symonds saw mill and woodenware shop across Chesham Road (at IX-20-6, in operation from 1849 to the late 19th century). They satisfy Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

REFERENCES:
Deeds
History of Dublin
Tax Records

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:
Front elevation (south facade)
Facing north

PHOTOGRAPHER: L. Shonk

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SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:
Historic Harrisville, Inc.

DATE: September 1983



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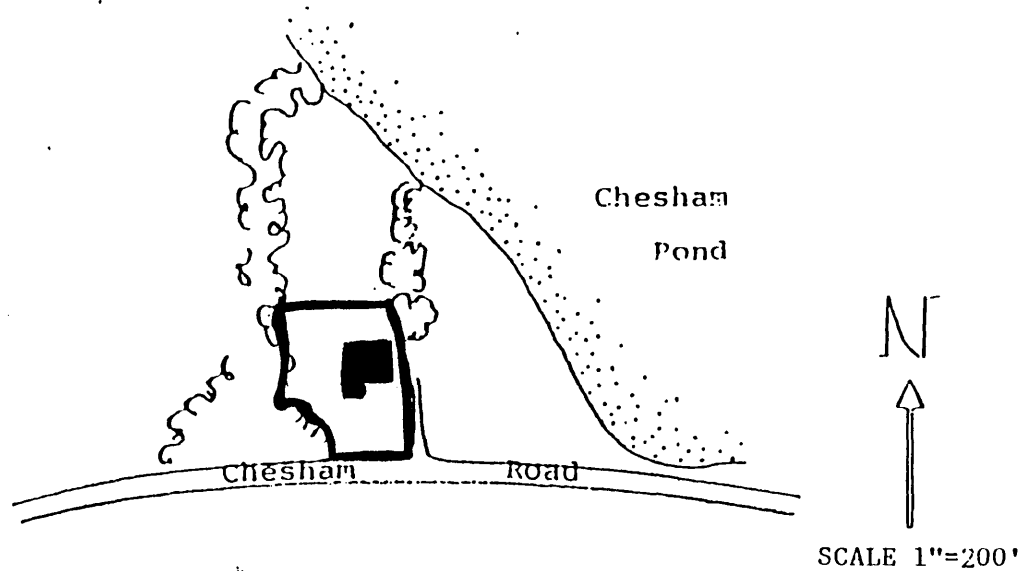
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- Contributing
 Non-contributing

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Bounded on the north by an arbitrary line 100' north of the house, on the east by a line of trees and the driveway, on the south by the Chesham Road and on the west by a line of trees.

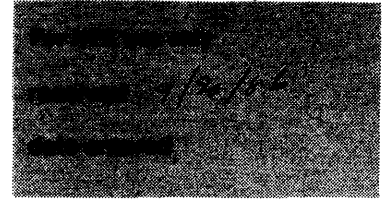
Includes the immediate visual surroundings incorporating the features contributing to the property's architectural and historical significance.

Designated as IP-20 on the Town of Harrisville Map.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Harrisville MRA
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. Acre (The) ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 12. Adams, Moses, Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | return S |
| | | Attest | |
| 13. Adams Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 14. Aldworth Manor ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 15. Adams, John, Homestead--Wellscroft ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 16. Bancroft, Timothy, House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 17. Beal, Persia, House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 18. Bemis, Elbridge G., House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 19. Bemis, George, House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 20. Cheever, George, Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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