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UTM REFERENCES: 18-732000-4756875	ACREAGE: 4.6 RANGE/LOT: 1X-22-1,2,3
USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock	VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:
DATE: 1791/c.1904	See Site Map
SOURCE: Dublin Town History	

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Mrs. Sara W. Coe of New York City, who purchased the farm in 1904, made the pivotal decision to adapt its buildings to her need for a summer residence rather than raze or build among them. (A similar decision was made by the Wells family at the Willard Homestead, IP-22, with a greater degree of alteration to the buildings and their setting.

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DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:
 East side elevation & barn
 Facing northwest

PHOTOGRAPHER: **L. Shonk**
 NEGATIVE FILE #: **13-24; 8/23/83**
 RECORDED BY: **L. Shonk, M. Cini**
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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

dormers also facing south. A more recent two-sided bay projects to the right of the fieldstone chimney. The eastern gable end of the older section attaches directly to a shed which in turn connects to a large three story barn. This red clapboarded barn features two additional flanking sheds and a prominent square cupola.

The small white frame cottage to the west of the main house is of two 1½ story gabled sections at right angles to each other. The front section has a covered entry porch which faces west.

The two story freestanding embankment barn across the road has, like the rest of the property, benefitted from a careful, responsible maintenance program. Smaller yet similar to the attached barn, it is also red clapboarded with white trim and carries a square cupola. Its large ground level center entry door is topped by a multi-paned transom with glazing intact. (Note the superior condition of this barn to that of the similar one at the Gilchrest Homestead, IP-2) On a steep slope, this barn's western side is supported by piers.

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On the other hand, at the Childs estate, IP-15, Fasnacloch, IP-16, and Wellscroft at IP-23, new mansions were erected during the period.) What has been called the Mason Farm for the last half of the 19th century was variously known as "Brookside" and "Mrs. Coe's Cozy (or Crazy) Camp" during her tenure.

The current owner and full-time occupant, an associate of the Mason family who had owned the property from 1867-1904, has seen to it that the buildings are maintained in good repair and that the land is well cleared and its appurtenances (fences, stone walls, etc.) kept up.

The farm's architectural significance is enhanced by the good condition in which it survives. Further, the farmhouse-barn complex is one of Harrisville's best examples of "additive architecture" (cf. the nearby Josiah Knight Farm in Chesham, CVD-1, and IP-14, on the Chesham Harrisville Road). The freestanding barn, whose embankment placement is unusual in Harrisville, illustrates an additional locally popular building arrangement, the location of the barn across the road from the house (cf. the barn at the Gilchrest Homestead, IP-24, and that at Silver Lake Cottage IP-24.

This property, through both its historic and architectural significance, merits inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C.

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DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Guest house front south elevation
facing north

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DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Barn front (NE) elevation
facing southwest

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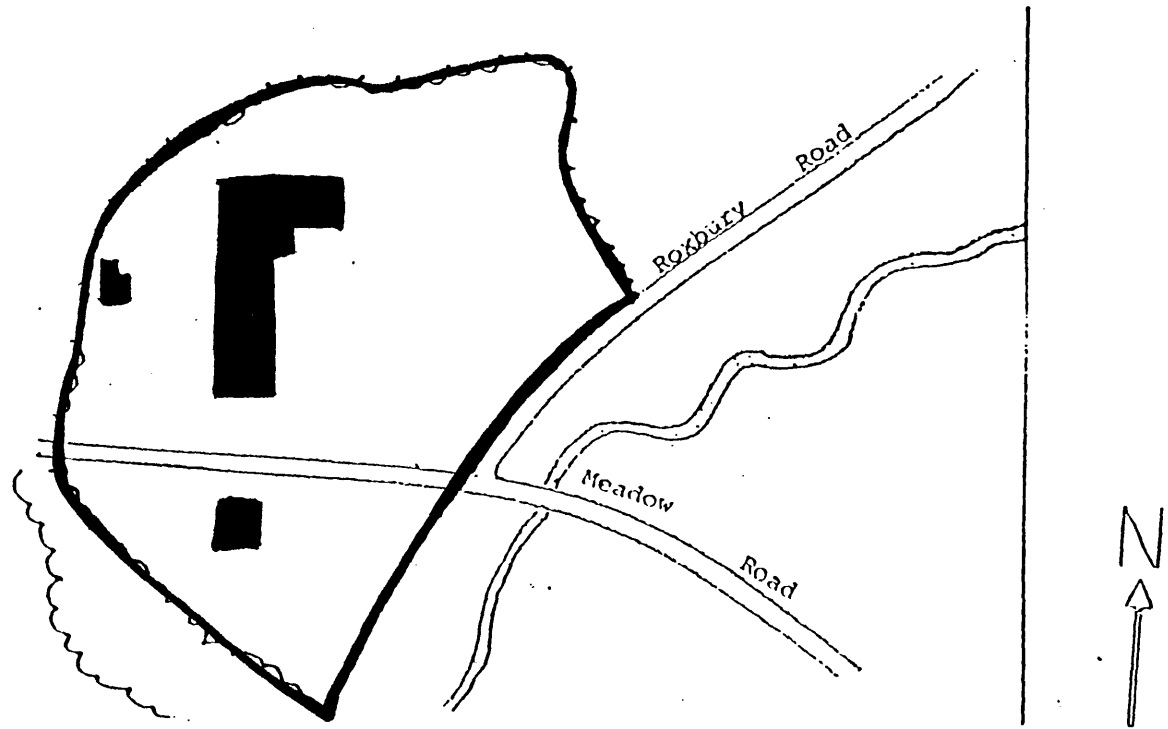
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INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

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SCALE 1"=200'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Bounded on the north and northeast by the edge of trees, on the west by the Roxbury Road and an arbitrary line extending from the Roxbury Road to the edge of the trees south of the barn. Bounded on the south and east by the edge of trees.

Designated as IP-19 on the Town of Harrisville map.

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

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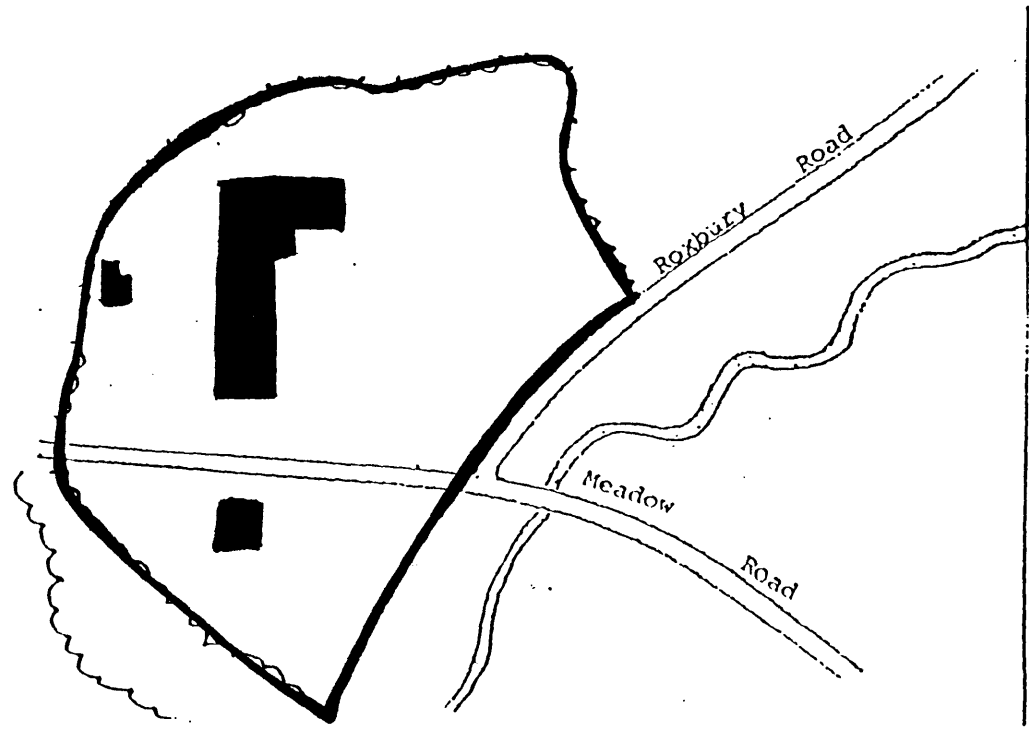
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Harrisville MRA
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 21. Clymer House ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | | Attest | Betty L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 22. Farwell, Corbin C., Homestead ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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| 23. Fasnacloich ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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| 28. Silver Lake Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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| 29. Smith--Mason Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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| 30. Willard Homestead ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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