

United States Department of the Interior  
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**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instruction in National Register Bulletin How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (formerly 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**historic name Bennington Village Historic Districtother names/site number N/A**2. Location**street & number Antrim Road, Main Street, School Street, Cross Street, Francetown Road, South Bennington Road, Acre Street, Old Stagecoach Road, Starrett Rd., Bible Hill Rd. not for publication ☐city or town Benningtonvicinity ☐state: New Hampshire code: NHcounty: Hillsboroughcode: 011zip code: 03442**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Elizabeth D. Murphy, SHPO  
Signature of certifying official/Title

4/15/10  
Date

NH  
State or Federal agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau or Tribal government

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register  
☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined eligible for the National Register  
☐ See continuation sheet.  
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.  
☐ removed from the National Register  
☐ other, explain

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature]

4/19/10

**5. Classification****Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private  
☒ public-local  
☒ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

☐ building(s)  
☒ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

122	25	buildings
6	4	sites
9	2	structures
0	0	objects
137	31	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing.**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources  
previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use****Historic Function**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
COMMERCE/general store  
GOVERNMENT/town hall  
RELIGION/church  
INDUSTRY/manufacturing facility  
TRANSPORTATION/rail related  
EDUCATION/schools

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling  
COMMERCE/general store  
GOVERNMENT/town hall  
RELIGION/church  
INDUSTRY/manufacturing facility  
INDUSTRY/energy facility  
EDUCATION/schools

**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC/Federal  
MID-19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY/Greek Revival  
LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate  
LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne  
20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS/Colonial Revival

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	granite, brick
walls	wood, brick
roof	asphalt, slate, metal
other	

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheets.



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**Narrative Description**

Overview

The Bennington Village Historic District is located in the middle of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire. It is a cohesive town center, which comprises one large historic district. Originally on the edges of two towns, the village became the town center of Bennington in 1842 and has always been the town's commercial, industrial and population center. The densely-built village developed around a concentrated source of waterpower, primarily along the east side of the river. Bennington Village contains buildings from throughout its history. There are nearly 120 separate properties, the majority of them residential. The public buildings are clustered in the village center, with residences along the roads radiating out on all sides. The Monadnock Paper factory anchors the north end of the district. Most buildings in this densely settled village are sited on small parcels. Overall, the historic district contains approximately 130 acres.

Bennington Village is a collection of vernacular buildings from all periods of the town's development. Most have the basic elements of their architectural period or style, but there are few high style buildings. The properties in the village are closely spaced, mostly small lots. Houses were primarily built as single-family homes. There have always been a number of rental properties. Buildings are mostly wood-frame with clapboard or vinyl siding. There is a small collection of about seven brick houses from the early 1800s. All early foundations are granite, and granite was used into the 1890s. Brick became the principal foundation material during the late nineteenth century. A few houses have mortared stone foundations. Houses from the 1920s and after have concrete foundations. There are various stone retaining walls in the village due to its hilly terrain. Slate roofs remain on Bennington houses (#17, #19, #27, 79, 96 and 100) and the barn of #82. Throughout the village, sidewalks line the streets. Most are concrete slab sidewalks from the early twentieth century. The current pattern of sidewalks and paths matches that shown in historic photographs of the village.

The public buildings are located throughout the village, primarily around the intersection of Main Street, School Street and Francestown Road. They include the Congregational Church (#54), Town Hall (#48), Pierce School (#52) and Public Library (#77), as well as the modern fire station (#49) and Historical Society (#36). Public spaces include the Monument Square (#53) and the Sunnyside Cemetery (#32). The former railroad station stands on the west side of the river (#107). Of the several small commercial buildings (#42, #44, #75, #76), all but one now contain apartments. The only remaining mill building is the Monadnock Paper Mills (#2) at the north end of the village. Two other former mill sites now have electrical power plants associated with the paper mill (#43, #112). The dams (#4, #43a, #112a) are concrete gravity dams from the early twentieth century.

Nearly eighty percent of the properties in the village contribute to the historic district. There are 122 contributing buildings (twenty-three of which are outbuildings), nine contributing structures and six contributing sites, which contribute for archaeological potential. Buildings erected ca. 1960 and after do not contribute. There are twenty-five non-contributing buildings (more than half of which are outbuildings) and two non-contributing structures. Non-contributing buildings include only four buildings that are old, but retain no integrity. Only a few parcels within the district boundary have no built resources on them. Four of those are counted as non-contributing sites.

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This National Register of Historic Places nomination is based on the 2007 NHDHR (New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources) Area Form for the Bennington Village Historic District, prepared by the same authors, Lynne E. Monroe and Kari Laprey of Preservation Company. The boundaries and contents of the historic district were identified and it was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. The National Register listing process was undertaken by the Bennington Historical Society just as the National Register digital photograph policies were being adopted, so the old procedure was followed for this project. Black and White photographs taken in October 2007 were reprinted from the original negatives. All survey photos from the 2007 Area Form were included, so that photo and property numbering would not have to be adjusted. This facilitated labeling of photographs by volunteers, and re-use of the photo key maps and photograph lists from the earlier survey.

The following description, excerpted directly from the NHDHR Area Form, includes Geographic Context, which explains the location and layout of the village and the complex street pattern that defines it. An overview of Architectural Development follows, tying together the buildings in the village and placing them in architectural periods. Individual Property Descriptions include brief description and historical information. In the absence of a detailed published town history or other documentation, an attempt was made to use primary materials to identify the relationship of property owners to each other and the village as a whole.

Geographic Context

Bennington is located in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. It is in the northwest part of Hillsborough County, near the corner where Cheshire, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties adjoin. The towns surrounding Bennington are Hancock on the west, Antrim northwest, Deering northeast, Franconia east and Greenfield on the south. Bennington is about equidistant (9-10 miles) between the larger communities of Peterborough (south) and Hillsborough (north).

Bennington Village is the town center, and the most densely settled area of this small town. The surroundings are hilly and sparsely settled. The village, in the valley of the Contoocook River, developed from the late eighteenth century and existed well before Bennington was incorporated as a town in 1842. The area initially fell largely within the town of Hancock and was known as Hancock Factory, while to the east was the unincorporated "Society Land." The Contoocook River, which flows south to north through southwestern New Hampshire to the Merrimack River in Concord, drops more than seventy feet over a 1.2-mile stretch in Bennington. These "Great Falls" were the principal factor in the town's historical development.

There were five dams where industries operated throughout the nineteenth century. One was the upper or Powder Mill dam south of the village, outside of the district boundaries. Three of the four dams within the village center remain (one was removed). All of the dams and water rights are now owned and maintained by the Monadnock Paper Mills. At the southwest edge of the village is the second dam, now Monadnock Dam and Power Station (#112), which was the location of an early paper mill, followed by the Goodell Cutlery Company. The third dam (#43a), now Pierce Power Station, is just below (north of) the bridge in the middle of the village. This was the first dam and powered Joseph

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Putnam's saw and grist mills, which were run by a series of owners into the 1890s, when a hydro-electric plant was built. The river splits around a narrow island. The fourth dam on the eastern branch was removed in the 1920s from the rear of #36. It was the site of the cotton factory built in 1810, which later became a cutlery shop. The fifth dam, the High Gate or Paper Mill Dam (#4), has always been associated with the paper mill (#2) at the north edge the village on Antrim Road.

From the first settlement here in the late eighteenth century, there was a bridge where the crossing is now (#105) between the east and west sides of the village. As local and regional roads were built, they converged at the bridge and nearby mills. The village developed with a series of intersections of roads coming together from more than eight different directions. The settlement and road patterns were defined by the mill sites and the bridge location. The village was not laid out as a unified entity, but developed at the edges of two towns. When Bennington was formed in 1842 with this village as its center, the existing settlement patterns were reinforced. The map of the new town showed the current pattern of intersecting roads already fully established (Anonymous ca. 1842).

The south to north flowing Contoocook River has always defined transportation patterns in the region. Bennington was located on the Peterborough & Hillsborough Railroad, which ran south-north between the two said towns. The railroad tracks (which remain in place but not in use) also parallel the Contoocook. At Bennington Village, the railroad is on the west side of the river. The former depot remains standing on the site to which it was moved ca. 1934 from across the road. At the north end of the village, the tracks cross a bridge (#3) to the east bank of the river where the Monadnock Paper Mill (#2) had its own railroad siding until the 1980s.

US Route 202 has been an influential factor since it was created as a federal highway in 1935, following older south-north transportation routes passing southwest-northeast (posted as W-E) through New Hampshire. In Bennington US 202 now defines the western edge of the village. The bypass on the west side of the river was built ca. 1955 to avoid the densely settled village and the two river crossings.

Bennington Village is the point of intersection of other regional highways, along historic roads. Routes NH 31 and NH 47 meet in the village to join US 202. NH Route 31 comes from the southeast into Bennington Village on Greenfield Road. From Main Street, NH 31 crosses the Bennington Village Bridge (#105) and joins US Route 202 north for a concurrent stretch into Antrim. NH Route 47 comes into Bennington from the northeast along Frankestown Road, crosses the bridge and ends at Route 202. In the village center, the separation of one-way traffic on School Street (east-bound) and Cross Street (westbound) has been in operation for at least fifty years. Main Street has two-way traffic, resulting in complicated traffic pattern.

Main Street, as presently defined, is the main street through the middle of the village, south-north between Greenfield Road and Antrim Road. Antrim Road was the main route north up the river before the existing US Route 202 was built. Antrim Road follows the east side of the river and houses along the west side of the street back up to the riverbank. The stretch of Antrim Road that passes through the Monadnock Paper Mill (#2) property, and crossing of the Contoocook (site of #1) dates from the 1830s. Earlier northbound traffic followed what is now Bible Hill Road (formerly Old Antrim Road) to the northeastern corner of town, where the original east-west route through the area



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(North Bennington Road) crossed the river to Antrim. Bible Hill Road rises uphill at the north end of the village. Historically known as Whitney's Hill, the houses along both sides of the road overlook the village to the south. The earlier houses face south (#14, 15, 29) toward the village, and other houses have south facing bay windows on their side elevations.

Starrett Road is a short, turn-of-the-century street of worker housing, near the paper mill, between Antrim and Bible Hill Roads. The street rising uphill from Antrim Road near the mill dam (#4) has houses closely spaced on either side. Now known for the Starretts, its builders, this was once called Bailey Avenue and was known in the early twentieth century as "Greek Alley" (Plan ca. 1904; Glynn 2008).

Just above the Antrim Road-Bible Hill Road intersection, Old Stagecoach Road forks northeast from Bible Hill Road. At one time it was called Dodge Hill Road (Norris 1887) and more recently was Old Cemetery Road (Plan ca. 1904). Now a dead-end, this was the original route to Francestown. The Catholic Mt. Calvary Cemetery and the Town's Evergreen Cemetery are set apart from the village center in the rural outlying area.

The village cemetery, Sunnyside Cemetery (#32), is located on the east side of Main Street in the middle of the village. The cemetery is on the corner of Eaton Avenue, a right-angle side street connecting to Francestown Road. This street originated in the 1880s and was called "Cheney's Old Street" for the owner of one of the properties (Norris 1887; Plan ca. 1904). Most of the houses on Eaton have lost integrity.

On the west side of Main the Historical Society property (#36) was the site of the cotton factory and later cutlery shop. Main Street has a row of closely spaced houses set back slightly from the road, backing up to the riverbank (#41, #40, #39). A sidewalk runs along the west side of the street, with driveways and paths to the houses. On the east side of Main Street, several historic buildings were located where school parking lot is now. The Pierce School (#52) was built in 1929 where a tavern had previously stood on the east side of Main Street. The school now forms a focal point of the village center. On the west side of Main Street, the Bennington Garage (#51) is a concrete block automotive shop.

At the heart of Bennington Village, Cross and School Streets, both one-way, connect Main Street and the village bridge (#105). School Street was originally the main street, from Hancock Road and the bridge to Main Street. It was called School Street because of the schools in the Town Hall (#48) and on the site of the Fire Station (#49). Cross Street evolved from a path above the riverbank, accessing the mills below (site of Pierce Power Station, #43). School Street was the path of the first state highway or Trunk Line in the early 1900s. Cross Street was expanded ca. 1928 (Glynn 2008) and widened again ca. 1934 (Plan 1933). School Street has a sidewalk along its south side past the Town Hall. There are sidewalks on both sides of Cross Street. Bennington was a pedestrian community throughout its history. Sidewalks and paths are an important part of the village character.

Bennington had no designated "common" at its center, but the various road junctions developed with open space in the middle, forming a series of small triangular spaces called "Squares" (Plan ca. 1904). In the north, the junction of Antrim and Bible Hill Roads was known simply as "The triangle." The present Monument Square (#53) is a small grassy triangle in front of the Congregational Church where



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the soldier's monument and watering trough are now located. There was a bandstand on the site from 1895 to 1949, and this was called "Bandstand Square." The Civil War Monument originally stood diagonally across Main Street in the junction of Main and Cross Streets. "Liberty Square," created in 1903, the monument surrounded by a chain fence on low granite posts. These spaces and the broad area of Main Street between them became known generally as "The Square." The monument was moved in 1949 to improve traffic flow onto Cross Street. Another key intersection, where Cross Street and School Street intersect at the east end of the bridge, was once called "Engine House square." It was reconfigured ca. 1934 with bridge construction and is now part of the 1975 fire station lot (#49).

From Main Street, Francestown Road (now NH 47) was built in the 1830s as a more direct route to Francestown and the Second NH Turnpike. Rows of closely spaced houses were built along the new road over the next few decades. The east edge of the historic district is defined by a change in density and age of resources.

Main Street south of "The Square" has buildings along both sides. Those on the west side are set back with front lawns. Buildings on the east are closer to the street. Sidewalks are located on each side of the road down to Greenfield Road. Sidewalk continues on the south side of Greenfield Road to the Catholic Church.

The south end of the village contains the junctions of roads to points south and southeast. Greenfield Road, which is NH 31, forks southeast from Main Street into the historically rural area beyond, continuing past Whittemore Lake on the south edge of town. Old Greenfield Road crosses between South Bennington Road and Greenfield Road. South Bennington Road south of Main Street follows the east side of the river, past the former Powder Mill site and into Greenfield in the area known as South Bennington.

West of Main Street, Acre Street is a right angle side street between Main Street and School Street next to the bridge. The street parallel to the river was first called Grove Street and then Mill Street referring to a sawmill nearby (rear of #95). The southern end of Acre Street was called Knight Street for the owner of one of the houses (#88) (Plan ca. 1904; Sanborn 1924). This residential street is lined by concrete sidewalks and some street trees.

Bennington's Bridge (#105) over the Contoocook has been the site of a river crossing since the first settlement of the area. The existing bridge dates from 1934. School Street ends west of the bridge at the junction of Hancock and Pierce Hill Roads. The west side of the river is defined by the former railroad station (#107) and the Monadnock Power Station (#112) on Hancock Road.

Pierce Hill Road runs west up hill from the village into the rural hilly area west of Route 202. This was an early road between Bennington, and the hilly rural part of Hancock, on one of the roads between Hancock and Antrim. Pierce Hill Road leads past the Pierce-Verney Farm, home of the Monadnock Paper Mill Owners. Formerly this road was called Darrah Street and Baldwin Road for other property owners (Norris 1887; Plan ca. 1904). The Pierce-Verney property relates historically to the village, but is set apart from the dense village center, so is not included in this Bennington Village Historic District. North of Pierce Hill Road, the tracts of wooded land east of Route 202 to the River formerly owned by the Monadnock Paper Mills, now Town Forest.

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From west of the bridge, Hancock Road parallels the west side of the river to the junction of Route 202. Along Hancock Road is a row of early nineteenth century houses like those in the village. The small properties on the east side of the road back up to the railroad tracks which parallel the west bank of the river south of the Monadnock Dam (#112a).

US Route 202 forms a distinct edge to the Bennington Village Historic District and is used as the boundary for the purposes of this study. The bypass, built ca.1955 north from Hancock Road, branched northwest off the older road in a straight line, crossing Pierce Hill Road and running west of the river to rejoin the older Antrim Road just above the bridge (#1) and paper mill. North of Bennington, Route 202 passes directly through Antrim's main village center.

South of the Route 202-Hancock Road, along the west side of Route 202 is a row of late nineteenth century sidehalls. These houses related to the village historically, but are now located on a busy highway. The boundary of the historic district could be adjusted if further study was determined to be advisable. South of Bennington, Route 202 follows the older road along the west bank of the river (Powder Mill Pond) and the parallel railroad tracks. In Hancock, a new straight section of highway opened in 1959, bypassing the historic town center.

Architectural Development

*Federal Style ca. 1780-1830s*

The first construction in the village took place in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, during the Federal period. The earliest houses in the district are 1½-story, 5 x 2 bay "capes." All of these were likely built with center fireplace chimneys, few of which remain in place. The most common chimney placement in Bennington's early 1½-story houses now is twin chimneys in the end walls, forward of the ridge, centered on the end walls of the front rooms. These chimneys are believed to be later replacements original center chimneys (Glynn 2008).

Between School and Cross Streets, #50 is the oldest house in town, built ca. 1788 and moved ca. 1839. This originally had a center chimney (Glynn 2008); the later front end chimneys could date from when the house was moved. Another center chimney cape, with chimneys later rebuilt, was #80 on Greenfield Road, the earliest part of which is dated ca. 1790 (Glynn 2008). On South Bennington Road, #85 is 4 x 3 bays and appears to be one of the earlier capes in the village. The most intact early house is # 25 on Bible Hill Road. This south-facing 5 x 2 bay house has center fireplace chimney and simple transom over the front door. At the lower end of Bible Hill Road, #15 which faces the village to the south, had a center chimney and retains its distinctive Federal style entry with fanlight and 12/12 windows. Another early 1½-story house is #29 on Old Stagecoach Road.

The similarities between the 1½-story houses built in the village during the early 1800s, suggest common builders. Dated ca. 1805, #82 at the beginning of South Bennington Road is a 5 x 4 bay house, which now has a centrally placed chimney but previously had two chimneys on the end walls. Like many of these houses, it has later nineteenth century 2/2 window sash. Several 1½-story "capes" are located on Hancock Road. #114 is 5 x 2 bays with an ell and small barn. Its chimney is gone. #116 is 5 x 1 bays with its chimneys rebuilt. Both were built ca. 1810. They had simple entry trim

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with Federal style half-length sidelights, which #114 retains. Across the road, #117, dated ca. 1798 is 5 x 3 bays with chimney in one end wall.

The 1½-story, 5 bay, laterally oriented form was used into the early 1830s, the end of the Federal period. Two nearly matching houses stand side-by-side on Main Street (#70, #71) and a third (#74) was the same originally. On the corner of School Street, #70 is 5 x 3 bays with end chimneys in the front rooms. An ell connects to an early barn. #71 is also 5 x 3 bays with the same chimney placement, an ell and nearly connected barn. Both of these houses were updated in the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries with new entry porches and 2/2 window sash. Other houses of this type are #63 and #66 on Franchestown Road. There are early nineteenth century barns associated with #25, #70 and 71 and #81.

Brick 1½-story houses were also built in the early 1800s. On Pierce Hill Road, #110 is 5 x 4 bays with four end chimneys. It retains a Federal style entry with fanlight. Three early brick capes were later enlarged with the addition of gambrel roofs. The first was #37 which has Mansard-type dormers. The former schoolhouse #16 is similar. On the west side of village, #108 has Colonial Revival style features from the early twentieth century.

One of the larger Federal period houses was the Benjamin Whittemore House (#14) which is brick, two stories with a hip roof and Federal style entry. Brick was used for several ca. 1830 buildings owned by the Whittemore family. A brick boardinghouse (#39) is 2½ stories, 5 x 2 bays. The Brick store (site part of #52) was a 2½-story gable front brick building which stood into the 1990s. On Franchestown Road, #58, built ca. 1836, is a two-story, Federal style house, 5 x 2 bays with twin end chimneys.

*Greek Revival Style 1830s-1860s*

The two 1839 buildings that stood in the center of town, the Church (#54) and the hotel (now gone, site of #52) were in the Greek Revival style. The Bennington Congregational Church has a pair of Greek Revival entries, pedimented gable end on its façade, and a square bell tower. Historic photographs show that the hotel, later the Adams Tavern, was a large, 5 x 5 bay wide gable front building with center entry and overhanging front gable on square pilasters sheltering a two story porch.

Bennington has several houses in the wide gable front form with 5 bay center entry facades. The G.A. Whittemore on Antrim Road (#35) is a brick wide gable front house with Greek Revival and Gothic elements. It is dated ca. 1836. On Hancock Road, #118 retains its Greek Revival entry trim and 6/6 windows, while #113 has less integrity.

A small number of sidehall plan houses were built in the Greek Revival period. The home of paper mill owner G.P. Hall on Antrim Road is a 2½-story sidehall with a recessed entry. On Franchestown Road #64 is a 2½-story sidehall, which has lost its Greek Revival style trim.

*Italianate and Gothic Styles, Vernacular Sidehalls 1860s-1890s*

The sidehall plan house became the predominant type in the 1860s. Houses were built with basic Italianate period elements such as door hoods on brackets and bay windows. On Franchestown Road, #67 built ca. 1870, is a large 2½-story sidehall farmhouse with door hood, bay windows, cross gable



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ell and large attached barn. On Bible Hill Road, 2½-story sidehalls from ca. 1865 and ca. 1868 are #26 and #28. The latter has wood shingled bay window added ca. 1900. The Kimball House (#17) is a large 2½-story sidehall with door hood and bay windows. It retains high integrity with granite foundation, clapboard walls, 2/2 windows and slate roof. These three houses, like others of the period, have attached carriage barns, 1½ stories oriented gable end to the street. On Antrim Road, #12, now Alberto's restaurant is a 2½-story sidehall dated ca. 1874. The Congregational Parsonage built in 1884 on Antrim Road (#34) is also a 2½-story sidehall with door hood and bay windows. Another house of this type is #38 on Eaton Avenue. The first houses to be built on Acre Street were sidehalls (#96, #98) on granite foundations, with door hoods on brackets and side porches. #98 is a large 2½-story sidehall with ell and connected carriage barn. #96 has door hood on brackets and bay window typical of the period. A small, well-preserved 1½-story sidehall built ca. 1880 is #65 on Francetown Road. It retains door hood over double doors and 2/2 window sash.

Three of the larger late nineteenth century houses are 2½ stories, laterally oriented with center entries flanked by bay windows. North of the cemetery, now gutted, #31 is 2½ stories, 4 x 2 bays with two story bay windows. On Main Street #73 is 2½ stories, 3 x 2 bays with two story bay windows. The Herrick House (#41) is 5 x 2 bays with one-story bay windows and entry porch between.

The Bennington Town Hall (#48) built in 1871 is Italianate in style. It is 2½ stories, oriented gable end to the street, with Italianate door hoods over the entries, cornice brackets, and tower above the roof. Other public buildings stood nearby on the other side of School Street. The Engine House built ca. 1887-88 and demolished ca. 1933 was 2½-story gable front building with bell tower. The Grammar School, built in the late 1890s and used as the Sons of Veterans Building until town down in 1975, was 1½ stories, gable front with center entry (Bennington Historical Society 1989:33-34). At the south end of the village, the Catholic Church (#81) built in 1895 is a large Victorian Gothic building with pointed arch windows and trefoil openings in the bell tower.

*Queen Anne Style, Vernacular Sidehalls 1890s-ca. 1910*

The cutlery business was at its height at the turn-of-the-century and a period of expansion for the paper mill took place in the early 1900s. The older Monadnock Paper Mill at the north end of the village was replaced by a new large brick factory (#2). It has characteristic industrial panel brick walls with tall segmental arch topped windows. The two-story factory extends back from Antrim Road. A canal (#4a) parallels the road from the paper mill dam (#4) to the factory mill wheel and returns to the river through a tailrace (#2f).

Related to the industrial growth was residential development which was ongoing from the 1890s to around 1900. Worker housing was built on Starrett Road near the paper mill, on Acre Street, and on in-fill lots throughout the village. The village continued to have a mix of rental and owner occupied homes. Most were single family, but increasing numbers of houses had two units.

The most elaborate Queen Anne style house is the Paper Mill Superintendent's House on Antrim Road (#33). It has asymmetrical cross gable form, flared skirt and bands of cut shingles. On Bible Hill Road, #18 which was the home of a mill supervisor has a 2½-story sidehall form with decorative shingles and Queen Anne features. It is now in abandoned condition. #7, which is one of the larger houses on Starrett Road has a cross gable form and wraparound porch. On Acre Street #89 has 1½-



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story cross gable form, decorative wood shingles and other Queen Anne features. This is one of three Acre Street houses on foundations of mortared granite blocks, built in the 1890s. The others are #92 and #97. At the south edge of the village, #86 on South Bennington Road is a 2½-story sidehall with bay window and Queen Anne style decorative shingles. #97 on Acre Street also has decorative shingles in the front gable. At the west edge on Pierce Hill Road, #109 is a 1½-story sidehall with recessed entry, built ca. 1895.

The sidehall remained the most common house plan. Two-family residences tended to be divided upstairs and down, retaining the side hall entry location. A distinctive two-family house is 20 Acre Street, #94, which has two-story front porch below the overhanging front gable. Most houses on Acre Street are 1½-story sidehalls. They include #88, 7 Acre Street, #90 at 15 Acre which retains good integrity, #92 and #93, 100 and 101. Typical are the brick foundations and 2/2 windows.

Carpenter William McCoy built two 1½-story sidehalls (one later enlarged to 2½ stories) on Francestown Road ca. 1895 (#68, #69).

Starrett Road at the north end of the village was laid out in the 1890s and rows of 1½-story sidehalls built on it ca. 1900. On the east side of the street, four small houses were built and owned by the Starretts (#8, 9, 10 11). All have brick foundations, simple trim and were built with 2/2 windows. Across the street, #5 and #6 are similar 1½-story sidehalls.

*Colonial Revival Style, ca. 1900-1950*

The G.E.P. Dodge Library (#77) built in 1906 combines Romanesque with Colonial Revival elements. It is brick, 1½ stories, with a hip roof. Monadnock Paper Mills used brick Colonial Revival style construction for its office building (#2a) erected in 1923 at the front of the complex, and the garage built across the road (#2b) in 1928. Monadnock acquired and rebuilt the three dams (#4, #43a, #112a) which remain a defining element of the village. The two brick power stations (#43, #112) were built in 1921 and 1923. There are several small wood-frame commercial buildings in the village, all altered with new siding and windows (#42, 44, #75 and 76). The Pierce School (#52) built in 1929 as a gift from the paper mill owner, is a simple Colonial Revival style brick building.

After the period of residential construction around 1900, few new houses were built in Bennington after about 1910. One house on Bible Hill Road (#22) dates from ca. 1920. Storekeeper Fred Knight built a new house (#45) next door to his store on Cross Street. It is two stories with a hip roof. The Catholic rectory (#79) is a Square House built in the 1930s. A few houses were updated with Colonial Revival porches, such as #12, #71 and #108. About nine houses in the village have early twentieth century garages.

*Post 1950s Buildings*

Bennington Village contains few new, late twentieth century houses that do not contribute to the historic district. Three are located on Bible Hill Road: #19, 20 and 27. On the corner of Acre Street and School Street at the east end of the Bridge is a new multi-family house (#104). On the riverbank behind this is an older building completely rebuilt into apartments (#103). Seventeen properties have modern garages and small barns. The Monadnock Paper Mill complex was extended to the north in the 1980s and has a new (1990s) addition in the east front corner, in place of an older structure. In the center of the village, the Bennington Garage (#51) is a concrete block structure built ca. 1955-1960

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around the older gas station. The Pierce School was recently enlarged with a long addition along Francestown Road. Since the historic period several buildings are gone from the area around the school, including the Brick store and the Crystal Springs house.

Individual Property Descriptions

Descriptions of the individual properties in the historic district follow. Every property was assigned a property number and is addressed below in that order. Photographs are arranged in close to the same order. The numbers of buildings and photographs taken differ, so the property and photo numbers do not coincide, although ordered the same.

Numbering began at the north end of the village at the Antrim Road bridge over the Contoocook and the Monadnock Paper Mills, then turned onto Starrett Road east of the factory. Returning to Antrim Road, property numbering proceeded south along Antrim Road to Bible Hill Road, then out one side of Bible Hill Road and back the other. The remainder of Antrim Road and north end of Main Street follow, then Cross Street and School Street. Francestown Road is covered, before returning to Main Street. From the intersection of Francestown Road and School Street, Main Street properties are documented, first the west side of the street, then the east. The upper ends of Greenfield Road and South Bennington Road are next. Returning to Main Street again, property numbering follows Acre Street to its end at School Street near the Bennington Village Bridge. The western side of the Contoocook is covered last, Pierce Hill Road and then Hancock Road.

**ANTRIM ROAD**

**#1 Antrim Road Bridge over Contoocook, ca. 1929 Contributing structure Photos 1-2**

The bridge on Antrim Road, just below where it joins US Route 202, forms the north end of the district. The first covered bridge at this crossing was built ca. 1830 along with the new route to Antrim. The present bridge was built ca. 1929 (Bridge #088/095). At that time, it was located on US Route 202 which passed through Bennington Village before the bypass was built in the 1950s.

It is a concrete arch bridge. The railing is a cast concrete parapet with distinctive curved ends. Along the southeast side of the river is the Monadnock Paper Mills property. This bridge was identified as eligible for the National Register during the NHDOT Thematic Review of Concrete Arch bridges. It is in original condition, of State significance formerly on US Route 202 a major highway. The bridge was designed by the NH Highway Department and built by Caughey & Pratt. It is typical of the 1920s period, similar to the Luten arch bridges patented by Daniel B. Luten in the early 1900s. This Contoocook bridge is notable for having the longest clear span of any spandrel filled arch bridge of its type in the state.

**#2 117 Antrim Rd. (09-21) Monadnock Paper Mills, ca. 1904 Contributing building Photos 3-8**

There has been a paper mill on this site since 1835. A new mill was built after a fire in 1867. This was expanded in 1885 and stood until after the present mill was built in the early 1900s. The factory sits at a bend in the river on a broad expanse of flat intervale. The complex is a key element of the

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village and would independently meet the National Register criterion for its significance as an intact, operating paper mill.

The large brick factory that remains in operation today was built between 1902 and 1905. The historical record is inconsistent as to the date of construction. Probably it was erected after Arthur Pierce acquired the property in 1904. The new mill was built next to the old (Plan ca. 1904), so the factory operation undoubtedly continued during construction. According to a long-time employee, the new mill was started up in 1903. Company insurance plans date the oldest sections of the building 1902 and 1903. However, the present MPM history on the company website dates the mill to 1904 after Pierce acquired it, and the Bennington Historical Society book dates a historic photograph of mill construction to 1905 (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969; [www.mpm.com](http://www.mpm.com); Bennington Historical Society 1989; Industrial Risk Insurers 1983).

The complex is roughly L-shaped, set back from the road. The short front leg is parallel to Antrim Road and the long main block extends back perpendicular (about 24 bays long). The building consists of a series of rectangular blocks, all two stories with flat or low pitched roofs. The windows have segmental arched lintels and granite sills. Throughout the factory they contain metal multi-pane sash in place of the original tall, paired, wooden sash. The original windows were 6/6 or 9/9 double hung with six-pane awning windows above. Window heights vary in each section of the complex. Parts of the first floor have small windows, segmental arched with awning windows. In some places windows have been bricked in.

The southeast corner of the complex, set back from Antrim Road, is the most recent addition, built in 1990 (Photo 11). This new section is brick, gable end to the road, with segmental arch windows. It was built in place of an older wooden structure, which contained the pulp room. The central front block of the mill, parallel to Antrim Road, is where the front entrance to the factory is located just behind the office building (Photos 9 and 11). This block is two stories with a low pitched gable roof, with projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends. The panel brick walls have brick piers and recessed panels with segmental arch topped windows. These now contain glass block windows. The building rises with the ground slope and this section is higher than the rest. Historically this was the rag and digester building.

The southwest corner of the factory contains the "Beater building." This section is 80 x 135 feet, 6 x 13 bays (Photo 5). It two stories, slightly lower than the adjacent blocks. The first floor has small windows. Second story windows here and in the adjacent machine building were replaced with metal sash by the 1960s (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). In the front (southwest) corner of the mill, projecting toward Antrim Road is a small 27' x 17' brick structure, which is the wheel house (Photo 5). This is one-story with a low pitched gable roof. The water flows through a below-ground penstock along the front of the factory from the canal (#4a). The mill was primarily water-powered for much of its history. The mill wheel powered the machines through a series of shafts and pulleys. In 1962 the water wheel was connected to a 2300 V generator and the line shafting removed (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969).

The long, narrow (70' x 254') machine building extends north from the road (Photos 3, 4 and 6). It is two stories with a slightly peaked roof. The northwest elevation is twenty-five bays long. Historic



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photos show the building is 6 bays deep). The paper machines were located upstairs, the shafting, belts and tanks below. The walls are panel brick with tall segmental arch windows. First floor windows are bricked in. The neon sign on the machine room roof dates from 1965 (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). At the front of the factory's northwest elevation is two-story addition with corrugated metal walls, built ca. 1989 (Photo 5). In the center of the northwest elevation is a two-story projection, sheathed in corrugated metal, 43' x 28', also added ca. 1989 (Photo 4) (Factory Mutual Insurance Company 2005). The north end of the machine building contains the repair shop. At the end, a one-story section, 66' long was added in 1982 for storage.

The northeast part of the factory, in the rear of the machine building, contains the finishing department. The original finishing building was 86' x 126'. An extension of equal size was added to the north in 1937 (Photo 8). The new section was similar to the original two-story brick factory, but with brick panels topped by corbelling, and tall rectangular windows with multi-pane metal sash. The new space contained the cutter room in which high speed cutters and trimmers were installed. The old cutter room became shipping (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). The northern end of the building, north of the finishing room, was added in the 1980s. It is eight bays long, 86' x 90'. The walls are concrete block, blank, with small rectangular openings near the top. A railroad siding ran into the factory off of the B & M line, with a loading dock running the length of the southeast elevation of the building. The siding was removed in the 1980s. The loading dock has a shed roof and is enclosed with T-111 siding (Photo 8).

The boiler house is located in the center rear of the factory. The tall round brick stack, built ca. 1904, rises above. Three modern tall metal exhaust stacks also rise above the building. Historically, steam power from coal-fired boilers ran some of the engines in the factory. The first electricity to supplement the water power was generated by steam turbines. Additional steam turbines were installed in 1926 and 1950. The boilers burned a car load of coal a day. There was a separate railroad siding for coal cars and a 60'-high coal elevator (not extant). Oil replaced coal as fuel just after WWII. New boilers were installed in 1960 (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969).

Attached on the rear, southeast corner of the building is the warehouse (for pulp storage) built in 1921. The contractor was Aberthaw Construction of Boston (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). The two and three-story structure is concrete with brick panels and bands of metal awning windows. It is 5 x 5 bays with a flat roof (Photo 8).

At one time, the rag and wood pulp was produced on site. Today, all of the pulp is purchased and shipped to the factory. Many different kinds of pulp are used, and combined into the various papers. From the dam (#4), river water passes through the canal (#4a) and into a settling basin built, then through a filtration process. In the stock-preparation or beater room, the pulp, processed water, chemicals and dyes are mixed. The machine room contains the Fourdiner paper machines, where the mixture is spread onto wire screen and the water removed. Since the 1970s, the waste-water has been processed in the treatment plant before being discharged back into the river upstream to the north. Each finished roll of paper is tested in the quality control lab. In the finishing room or cutter room, the paper is cut and trimmed and packaged in rolls or sheet form. The smoothing process called calendaring was performed on some orders (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969).



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Monadnock Paper Mills continued to operate through the twentieth century as other paper plants closed. In 1948, Gilbert Verney, father of the present owners, purchased the plant from the estate of Col. Arthur Pierce. At that time, a variety of grades of paper including bond, mimeo and duplicator paper, mostly in 8½ x 11 size, were produced. Verney revived and updated the factory. In 1958, quality offset and opaque papers were developed and refined. In 1962 the company added premium text and cover grades to its line. In 1967 technical specialty and converting papers were developed. During the 1950s-60s the paper machines were rebuilt. Over time, all of the older machinery has been replaced. In 1980 off-machine coating equipment for aqueous dispersion coatings was installed. In 1989 the capacity of the Number One paper machine was increased. The following year cross-machine computer controls were installed to improve consistency. In 1998 a non-woven melt blown manufacturing facility was acquired for producing filtration papers ([www.mpm.com](http://www.mpm.com)). Today, Monadnock produces a variety of technical and specialty paper products for business and education, including graphic arts papers, premium uncoated text and cover printing papers and "non-wovens."

**#2a Monadnock Paper Mills Office, 1923 Contributing Building Photos 7, 11**

On Antrim Road in front of the brick mill, sits the small brick office. This 1923 Colonial Revival style structure replaced a wooden office building which had been part of the original mill. It is 1½ stories with a hip roof, 5 x 2 bays. The foundation is granite. The center entry is sheltered by a pedimented gable on paired Doric pilasters. On the roof, tiny round dormers contain attic vents. The windows have concrete sills and splayed lintels and contain double-hung 6/1 sash. The corners are trimmed with concrete quoins. The brick front steps lead up from a semi-circular driveway.

**#2b Forge Shop, 1937 Contributing building Photo 6**

Just off the northwest corner of the factory is a small one-story brick building which was the forge shop (Industrial Risk Insurers 1983). It is one-story with a flat roof and a square brick chimney.

**#2c Shed, ca. 1950 Contributing building Photo 7**

Near the back (north) end of the factory is a shed or garage dated ca. 1950. It is brick, 18' x 50', one-story with a shed roof.

**#2d Tailrace, 1904 Contributing Structure Photos 9-10**

From the mill water wheel, this stone-lined canal returns water to the Contoocook opposite the mill. The walls are mortared rubble stone, roughly coursed. On the far side of Antrim Road, the tailrace continues to the river through a wider, unlined canal. The date of this structure is unknown but it is at least as old as the 1904 factory.

**#2e Bridge, 1988 Non-contributing Structure Photo 10**

This is a new steel girder and concrete deck bridge, supported by low concrete abutments above the stone mill tailrace. The bridge (NHDOT #091/094) carries Antrim Road over the canal. There was always a bridge in this location. The previous structure probably dated from the earlier twentieth century Route 202 period.

**#2f Antrim Road (09-20) Monadnock Paper Mills lawn Contributing site**

Across the road from the factory, open lawn extends between Antrim Road and the river below the bridge (#1). This open space contributes to the setting of the factory and forms the viewscape at this gateway into the north end of the village. An 80-foot flagpole was erected in 1967 (Monadnock Paper

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Mills 1969).

**#2g Antrim Road (09-19) Monadnock Mills Garage, ca. 1928 Contributing building**  
**Photo 13**

On the southwest side of the road opposite the factory is an open parcel, now paved parking, with a brick garage on it. The garage is one-story with a low-pitched shed roof. The walls are brick with concrete foundation and trim. There are six vehicle bays with large doors, wooden with multiple rectangular lights. At one time, the company horses were kept in a barn built on this site in 1912. In 1925 the first truck was purchased. It was kept in a garage (not extant) behind the mill. The barn was taken down and the garage built in 1928. Several adjacent worker houses were also removed.

**#3 Railroad bridge, ca. 1878/1930 Contributing structure Photos 14-15**

The railroad tracks cross the Contoocook just below the paper mill dam (#4). The tracks are located on the west side of the river to the south and cross to the east side to run along the east side of the Monadnock Paper Mills property.

The timber trestle railroad bridge, on a series of timber trusses and granite piers, crosses the river, and passes over Antrim Road and the mill canal (#4a). The substructure below the deck of this bridge is historic. The covered bridge structure on top burned April 30, 1965. The B & M made temporary repairs and freight service to the paper mill resumed three weeks later (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). The configuration of the bridge, its built up approaches, timber trestles and granite abutments are the same as the original bridge built ca. 1877-78 (Norris 1887) with the addition of a central timber truss pier. The existing bridge structure is dated ca. 1930 by NHDOT (#093/094). The railroad frequently used this type of trestle structure for bridge approaches and to cross river floodplains. The trestles were constructed of peeled, creosoted logs with sawn timbers for bracing.

The Bennington Railroad Bridge as rebuilt ca. 1930 is steel I-beam bridge supported at either end by tapered rectangular piers of rectangular granite blocks. Two wooden trestles support the central span over the river bed. There are six timber trestles of graduating height under the north approach, two under the south. The bridge deck is open with pipe railings along the sides. Closely spaced ties support the rails.

**#4 Paper Mill Dam, ca. 1920 Contributing Structure Photo 16**

This is NH Dam #22.06. It is known as the Paper Mill or High Gate Dam. The first dam at this site was built ca. 1835 for the first paper mill. The historic dam was stone, probably granite blocks like shown in the 1887 birds-eye (Norris 1887). The construction date of the existing concrete gravity dam is not identified. The dam creates a reservoir to serve the canal and penstock running to the internal water wheel within the factory. The gates are located at the east end of the dam, next to the road.

**#4a Antrim Road (09-23) Canal, ca. 1920 Contributing Structure Photo 15**

The mill canal runs from the upper side of the dam, under Antrim Road and along the north side of the road to the paper mill. Water is used to formulate the pulp and an underground penstock pipe carries the water to the mill water wheel below the southeast corner of the factory. The canal, now concrete, has always been in this location (Norris 1887; Plan ca. 1904).

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**#4b Bridge, Antrim Road over Canal, 1922 Contributing Structure**

Antrim Road passes over the mill canal on a concrete T-beam bridge dated 1922 (NHDOT # 095/093).

**STARRETT ROAD**

**#5 18 Starrett Road (09-25) ca. 1905 Contributing building Photo 17**

The first house on the northwest side of the street was built shortly after the others, on a lot owned by the Starretts (Plan ca. 1904). The 1½-story sidehall is 2 x 2 bays with a shed roofed extension along the north elevation. The foundation is granite block. The walls are vinyl sided. Some 2/2 windows remain. There is a tall brick stove chimney. A new sun-room projects from the southwest corner.

**#5a Garage, 1990 Non-contributing building Photo 18**

Set back is a small, new garage, oriented gable end to the street with T-111 siding.

**#6 22 Starrett Road (09-26) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 19**

This 1½-story sidehall is similar to those on the opposite side of the street. It is sheathed in vinyl siding, but retains the original door and 2/2 windows. A brick stove chimney pierces the ridge. An enclosed sun-porch and various extensions project from the south elevation. The foundation is covered with concrete. Early owners of this house were the Putnam Brothers (Plan ca. 1904). Later it was the home of the Bavelas family. Thomas who was an engineer at the paper mill and his wife Aphrodite came from Greece in 1910. Their son Andrew lived here after (Glynn 2008; Census 1930).

**#6a Garage, ca. 1950 Contributing building Photo 20**

Set back from the road is an older one-car garage, oriented gable end to the street. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The overhead garage door is off-center. The eaves overhang, with exposed rafters. This garage is old enough to contribute to the historic district.

**#7 30 Starrett Road (09-27) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 21**

At the upper end of Starrett Road is a larger cross-gable plan house. It is 1½ stories with overhanging eaves (no returns) on simple cornice brackets. The entry is located under the porch which spans the south elevation of the front block and east side of the wing. The porch has a shed roof on turned posts. The house has a brick foundation. The walls are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The windows contain original 2/2 windows. Original shed wall dormers break the front roof slopes.

This house was owned by Charles and Nellie Bailey and this street was once known by their name (Plan ca. 1904). Born in Vermont in 1858, Bailey worked as a laborer in the cutlery shop. The Baileys were married in 1886 and had four children (Census 1900). Their land extended north and west (Plan ca. 1904).

**#7a Barn, ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 22**

Just slightly detached from the north corner of the house is a historic barn. It is oriented laterally to the street. The siding is board and batten. The front slope of the roof is ornamented by patterned asphalt shingling. This elaborate lozenge pattern shingling is a unique and notable feature.

**#8 19 Starrett Road (10-51) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 23**

This is the uppermost house in a row of four matching houses on the east side of the street. It has a



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brick foundation and retains original 2/2 windows, paired in the front gable end. The walls are sheathed in wood shingles, trimmed with flat boards. The eaves project with returns on the gable ends. A brick stove chimney pierces the ridge. All four houses have small one story ells in the rear. The full-length sidelights on the back door of this house are probably modern. The front door is new.

The four houses (#8 through #11) were built and owned by W.C. and F.C. Starrett (Plan ca. 1904) owners of the saw mill and lumber business in the village. Their home was on Acre Street (#96). These houses were rental properties, occupied mainly by employees of the nearby paper mill.

**#9 17 Starrett Road (10-52) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 24**

This house retains its brick foundation and clapboard siding. Across the façade is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century porch with shed roof. One end is enclosed; the rest is supported by simple posts ornamented with tiny sawn brackets. A modern picture window is located under the porch. The windows contain new 1/1 sash. Across the front yard and below the adjacent house above are mortared stone retaining walls. In the early twentieth century this house was occupied by Christos Cordatos. He was a beater at the paper mill, who came from Greece in 1912 (Glynn 2008; Census 1930).

**#10 15 Starrett Road (10-53) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 25**

On the front of this 1½-story sidehall is an added vestibule with gable roof. The house retains its sidehall form, brick foundation and paired front windows which have original 2/2 sash. Windows on the first floor are double-hung 1/1 replacements. A brick stove chimney pierces the ridge. A shed dormer is located at the front of one roof slope. On the other is an overhanging wall dormer. The front yard is contained by a concrete block retaining wall. In the early twentieth century this was the home of Arthur Kuneless and his family. He came from Greece in 1920 (Census 1930; Glynn 2008).

**#10a Garage, ca. 1930 Contributing building Photo 26**

A large single-bay garage, is set below the house, close to the street. The foundation is rusticated concrete block. Side windows contain 2/2 sash. The walls and trim are covered with vinyl siding.

**#11 9 Starrett Road (10-54) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photos 27-28**

This is the first house on the right at the bottom of the street. Like the others, it is a 1½-story sidehall on a brick foundation. It has two windows in the gable end, though not paired like the others. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, with simple flat trim. The overhanging eaves with returns and molded cornices are original. The windows and doors are new, as are the wooden front steps. There is a small ell section in the rear, with the back door sheltered by a simple hood.

**#11a Garage, ca. 1980 Non-contributing building**

The garage appears to date from the late twentieth century. The two-car garage has two overhead doors on the front gable end. The walls are sheathed in wide novelty siding; the front gable, in vertical boards.



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**ANTRIM ROAD**

**#12 79 Antrim Rd. (10-55) Alberto's Restaurant, ca. 1874 Contributing building Photo 30**

This large 2½-story sidehall with wing has been Alberto's Restaurant since ca. 1945, and is still owned by the same family. It is located on the corner of Antrim Road and Starrett Road, opposite the Paper Mill Dam (#4). The foundation of the main block is granite. The cross gable and rear additions are on concrete block. The two story wraparound porch also dates from the early twentieth century. It is supported by Doric columns and has a simple wooden balustrade. The walls are sheathed primarily in clapboards; the façade is vinyl sided and parts of the rear are T-111. The windows throughout the building contain modern 1/1/ sash. The sidehall entry contains an early twentieth century door with large square light, and is flanked by original sidelights. The upstairs door onto the porch is similar. The house is set back from the road, with parking lot to the south and west.

This house is dated 1874 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:106). In 1892 and 1905 it was owned by J. Cody who also owned houses across from the paper mill (not extant, site of #2b) (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). This was a two apartment house. The Cuddemi family acquired it in the 1930s and moved here from Acre Street. Alberto "Bat" Cuddemi and his mother opened Alberto's restaurant in the building ca. 1945, relocating from Cross Street. The family lived in the upstairs apartment after that time (Glynn 2008).

**#13 55 Antrim Rd. (10-56) G.P. Hall House, ca. 1840 Contributing building Photos 31-32**

The Hall House is a 2½-story sidehall with recessed entry reflecting the Greek Revival style. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with simple Greek Revival trim including corner boards projecting eaves with returns and molded cornice. The windows contain later nineteenth century 2/2 sash; a 6/6 remains in the gable end. A twentieth century enclosed porch spans the side elevation. A large 2 ½-story ell projects to the rear, with a modern deck and attached garage off of it.

Gilbert P. Hall (1813-1867) was a paper manufacturer. In 1834, he married Elizabeth R. Butler, daughter of early local paper-maker Moody Butler. They lived in Lowell before moving to Bennington in the 1840s with their several children (Hayward 1889:636). In 1850 the family had two young women and two young men who worked in the paper factory living with them (Census 1850). The house passed out of the Hall family around 1870. In the late nineteenth century it was owned by William L. (1825- ) and Josephine Taylor (Hurd 1892) who married in 1872. He was a farmer (Census 1900). Taylor and Chase owned the house in the mid-twentieth century (Plan n.d.). Mary Chase (1870- ) was here in 1930. Her sons Alfred, Steven and Howard were farmers (Census 1930). Later Al Chase lived here; he was a piano tuner (Glynn 2008).

**#13a Barn, ca. 1900 Contributing building**

Set back from the road, beside the house, is a large carriage barn. It is oriented laterally to the road with two modern overhead garage doors on its north gable end.

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**BIBLE HILL ROAD**

**#14 4 Bible Hill Road (10-57) Benjamin Whittemore House Contributing building  
Photos 33-36**

This brick, Federal style house, two stories with a hip roof, is dated ca. 1803-04 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:106). It is 5 x 2 bays with twin chimneys in the rear wall. It faces south into the intersection of Bible Hill and Antrim Roads. The center entry has a segmental arch fan light and half length sidelights. Windows have splayed granite lintels and 6/6 sash. Federal trim includes the ornamental reeded frieze below the eaves. The foundation is granite. The ell has been rebuilt and enlarged. Large trees grow on either side of the house. The intersection in front of the house is known as "The Triangle." It is presently defined by a curved, poured concrete retaining wall of recent date.

Benjamin Whittemore (1779-1857) of Greenfield and his new wife Deborah Perry settled in Hancock Factory village ca. 1809. He and his brother Amos built the cotton factory across the street (site of #36, 10-12). Children included Sylvia (1811-1843), Amos (b/d 1813), Emily (1814- ), Charles Perry Whittemore (1816-1874), Timothy Clark Whittemore (1820- ), Phebe Louisa (1822-1841) and Abby Maria (1825-1843). Charles farmed and Timothy worked as a clerk; both were living at home in 1850 (Census 1850). Later they lived nearby on Main Street (#40) (Chace 1858). Benjamin and Deborah Whittemore were members of the Congregational Church in Hancock and were influential in founding the Congregational Church in Bennington in the 1830s. He died in 1857, and she died later that same year (Hayward 1889:122, 1021). F.W. Whittemore owned the house in 1892 (Hurd 1892). In the early twentieth century, Monadnock Paper acquired the property. It was rented many years by Zanga who was the chauffeur for the company. Later it was owned by Carazas and then by Steve Chase until ca. 2000 (Glynn 2008).

**#15 10 Bible Hill Rd. (10-58) Woods House, ca. 1810 Contributing building Photos 37-39**

The second house on the west side of Bible Hill Road is a small 1½-story cape, which is oriented south overlooking the village. The center chimney has been rebuilt with a smaller stove chimney. The 5 x 2 bay house has a Federal style center entry with pilasters, semi-elliptical fanlight and sidelights. The windows contain 12/12 sash. The foundation is granite block. Walls are sheathed in clapboards trimmed with corner boards, narrow frieze and slightly projecting eave returns. The broad ell appears to be rebuilt.

Jesse Woods of Groton, Massachusetts was married to Esther Burt and lived in Hancock Factory village. Sons Eben F. (1834- ) and Walter D. (1829- ) worked as paper makers and then turned to the cutlery business. Esther Woods worked as a dressmaker and lived here with her sons and her younger sister after Jesse died. W.D. Woods married into the Whittemore family. This house passed to E.F. Woods (Chace 1858; Hurd 1892). He was married in 1855 to Mary Bullard of Antrim and a daughter Jennie was born the following year. The Woods brothers were cutlery manufactures, and joined Goodell in business in 1872. In the late nineteenth century, Eben and Mary Woods worked in the Goodell plant in Antrim to which they commuted daily (Census 1850, 1860; Hurd 1885; Hurd 1892). In the mid-twentieth century this was the property of R. Davidson (Plan n.d.).

**#16 16 Bible Hill Rd. (10-59) ca. 1830/1920 Contributing building Photos 40-41**

This small brick house was originally one of two village schoolhouses. The construction date is not

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known, but probably it was built around 1830 like other brick buildings in the village. The building became a residence after 1871. The gambrel roof was added in the early twentieth century. (It was not shown in a historic photograph dated 1912.)

The high gambrel roof has straight sides and a low pitched gable above. The sides are sheathed in wood shingles (staggered butt). Two shallow dormers are topped by overhanging peaked lintels. First floor windows contain original 2/2 sash. Upstairs are newer 1/1. Across the façade is an early twentieth century sun-porch with large 6/6 windows. On the south elevation facing the village is a small bay window. Small one-story ells project to the side and rear. The north side of the lot, below #17 is defined by granite retaining walls.

After the central school opened in the Town Hall (#48), this became the home of Charles H. Kimball (Hurd 1892) and his wife Charlotte. He was born in 1848, grew up at #111, and was in the cutlery manufacturing business with his family (site of #36). They were married ca. 1873 and had two children (Census 1900). In the twentieth century, this was the home of Judge Henry Wilson (b. 1883) who held the local court in the Town Hall. He was also an insurance agent. The house passed to his son-in-law Lawrence (Chip) Parker (Census 1930; Glynn 2008).

**#17 22 Bible Hill Road (10-60) F.H. Kimball House, ca. 1870 Contributing building**  
**Photo 42**

Frederick H. Kimball's house was built by carpenter Albert Goodwin of New Boston (Hurd 1885). The house is dated ca. 1870 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:113), though Kimball was not married until ten years later. The large 2½-story sidehall has a shallow cross gable and a three story bay window/tower on the south elevation. The foundation is dressed granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards and retain original narrow corner boards, frieze, eave returns with molded cornice. The roof is slate. The windows have original 2/2 sash, with narrower paired windows in the front gable. The entry has double doors with rectangular lights sheltered by a door hood on Italianate style brackets. The bay window is topped by a pointed octagonal roof. Attached to the cross gable is a 2½-story carriage barn. It has a 2/2 window, hayloft door and vehicle bay on the gable end façade. This is one of the best preserved homes in the village and would independently meet National Register Criterion C as a Victorian era dwelling.

Fred Kimball (1857- ) was in the family cutlery business (site of #36, 10-12) with his brother Charles who lived next door (#16). Fred and Nettie Kimball were married in 1881. They had three daughters (Census 1900). Kimball lived here into the early twentieth century (Plan ca. 1904). He became owner of the factory (site of #36), which closed by ca. 1920. This house was owned by the Kimball family until around 1960. It was made into two apartments at that time (Glynn 2008).

**#18 30 Bible Hill Road (10-61) Dodge House, ca. 1905 Contributing building Photo 43**

Abandoned and in deteriorating condition, this home was one of the more high-style Queen Anne houses in the village. It retains many original features, but will not retain structural integrity much longer. The foundation is rusticated concrete block. The 2½-story sidehall has a cutaway corner, cross gable, and front porch. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with staggered butt shingles in the gable ends. The windows have 2/1 sash, much of it missing. Just barely attached to the back corner of the house is a small carriage barn just like the one next door at #17. This lot was owned by J.F. Dodge



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in the early 1900s (Plan ca. 1904). The house was likely built soon after. Optician John F. Dodge (1875- ) and wife Mary moved her from elsewhere in town (Census 1910). For many years, this was the home of the Diamond family. Mr. Diamond was a supervisor at the paper mill (Glynn 2008).

**#19 34 Bible Hill Road (10-62) ca. 1960 Non-contributing building Photo 44**

One of a small number of non-contributing houses in the vicinity, 34 Bible Hill is a simple Ranch house, one story with low pitched gable roof. Ranch characteristics include the high, small windows and the picture window. Buildings erected in 1960 and after do not contribute to the historic district. The fifty-year cutoff date for the period of significance is somewhat arbitrary, but mid-20<sup>th</sup> century in-fill construction was not a significant trend in Bennington's development.

**#20 40 Bible Hill Road (10-63) ca. 1975 Noncontributing building Photo 45**

This late twentieth century house is 1½ stories, 3 x 2 bays with a center entry. The walls are sheathed in wood shingles. The roof is new metal. A concrete block stove chimney is located on one gable end.

**#21 50 Bible Hill Road (10-64) ca. 1885 Contributing building Photo 46**

This 1½-story sidehall has a small wing and connected carriage barn, extending to the rear and exposed on the downhill side. The house is 2 x 3 bays on a granite foundation. The sidehall entry has a new door. The first floor windows were replaced with larger three-part picture windows. A gable wall dormer on the south roof slope contains narrow paired sash. The walls are vinyl sided. The wing has an original door and a brick foundation. The barn has a mortared rubble stone foundation and retains some 2/2 windows, though most are replaced. The walls are vinyl sided. The north edge of this lot, near #22 is lined by mature maples.

The first known owner of this house was George Woodbridge (1861- ), a watch maker (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). He and wife Annie were married in 1887 and had no children (Census 1900).

**#22 56 Bible Hill Road (10-65) ca. 1932 Contributing building Photo 47**

This small early twentieth century house has a Bungalow type form. It is gable end to the street with a low upper story under the gable roof. Across the façade is a sun-porch, with parapet and 2/2 window sash. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. Most windows have new 1/1 sash. The roof is new metal. The foundation is concrete.

This house was built in 1932 by Paul Cernota with the help of friends and neighbors. Mr. Cernota was born in 1888 in Czechoslovakia and moved to a house on Starrett Road in 1927 with his wife, Mary Fritz Cernota and his children Raymond and Stella. When the house was completed in 1932, Paul moved from Starrett Road to his new home on Bible Hill Road where he and Mary had four more children – Albert, Edward, Arnold, and Arthur. The house is now occupied by Edward Cernota. Paul worked in the Paper Mill as machine tender and in later years he was the watchman before he retired in 1960; Paul died in 1968.

**#22a Barn, ca. 1939 Contributing building Photo 48**

The barn north of the house was built in 1939 by Paul Cernota, with the help of friends and neighbors, using the lumber from trees felled by the 1938 Hurricane (Cernota 2009). The small barn has metal clad gable roof. The walls are sheathed in horizontal board siding. The building is set apart from the

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house, north toward the end of Starrett Road. The barn is of sufficient age to contribute to the historic district.

**#23 59 Bible Hill Road (10-75) Knowles House, ca. 1893 Contributing building Photo 49**

The uppermost house on the east side of Bible Hill Road, this house is set back on the hill above. Across the front yard are two tiers of fieldstone retaining walls. The lower wall is mortared; the upper is dry-laid. Concrete steps lead up to the house. The yard contains large mature maple trees. The house is a 1½-story sidehall on a brick foundation. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, with narrow corner boards, frieze, projecting eaves with returns. The windows contain 1/1 replacement sash. On the façade is a bay window under the full front porch. An ell extends to the rear. The rear section has been enlarged and an upper story added.

This house was built in 1893 and owned by Robert Knowles who was a machine tender and later foreman at the paper mill. He was Scottish, born in 1858. He and wife Mary had two children before immigrating to the U.S. in 1887. They went first to Wisconsin and were in New Hampshire by 1890 where more children were born. Two sons and a daughter went to work in the paper mill. Mary Knowles and son Philip a machinist lived here in 1930. Phillip Knowles worked for Monadnock Mills longer than any other person (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969; Plan ca. 1904; Census 1900, 1920, 1930). During World War II there was a small outbuilding built for spotters. The building was manned 24 hours a day, all day, until the war was over (Pope 2009).

**#23a Garage, ca. 1920 Contributing building Photo 50**

Close to the street, north of the house is a large early twentieth century garage. It has a hip roof and wood shingled walls. One of the two garage bays contains the original double hinged doors; the other has a later overhead door. A workshop section has single door flanked by 6/6 windows.

**#24 51 Bible Hill Road (10-76) ca. 1990 Non-contributing building Photo 51**

A 1½-story house is located on the site of an older building, but was either replaced or completely rebuilt. The existing structure appears entirely new. A portion of granite foundation is evident, but the walls, doors and windows are modern. A driveway passes in front of the house, which is oriented south. Across the front (south of the house) is a low stone retaining wall. During the later nineteenth century into the early 1900s, Henry J. Burt (1843- ) and wife Lydia lived on this property (Hurd 1892; Census 1870).

**#24a Garage, ca. 1930 Contributing building Photo 52**

Close to the road, south of the house is an early twentieth century garage, which retains integrity. It has clapboard and asphalt shingled walls and double hinged doors on the front gable end. This typical early garage retains the ability to contribute to the historic associations of the district.

**#25 43 Bible Hill Rd. (10-77) ca. 1790 Contributing building Photos 53 and 54**

This center chimney cape appears to be one of the older houses remaining in the village. It is 5 x 2 bays, facing south, low posted with a small transom over the center entry. The small windows have late nineteenth century 2/2 sash. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The roof is metal-clad. A small 1½-story wing extends to the east. On its offset front gable end is a small "lazy window." A porch across the north (rear) elevation of the house has been enclosed.

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The original owners of this house have not been identified. From around 1870, this was the home of George O. Fish, paper-maker. It passed to his son George Edward Fish born 1855 (Hurd 1892). Edward Fish also worked in the paper mill. He had six children born by his first wife, and more by his second who he married ca. 1896 (Census 1900).

**#25a Barn, ca. 1850 Contributing building Photo 54**

Off the end of the wing is a small barn, which appears to be one of the earlier New England barns in the village. It is oriented gable end to the street. The walls are sheathed in vertical board siding. The center entry has large double hinged doors. The foundation is rubble stone.

**#26 39 Bible Hill Road (10-78) Fleming House ca.1865 Contributing building Photo 55**

The Fleming House is one of several large sidehall houses on this street. It is 2½ stories, 3 x 3 bays with a 2½-story wing and attached carriage barn. The foundation is brick. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with narrow corner boards and frieze, projecting eaves with returns. Most windows have original 2/2 sash, some have new 1/1. The front door is new. The entry porch is rebuilt but has original turned posts. The barn is gable end to the street with hayloft door and vehicle bay. The yard contains mature maple trees.

Built after 1858 (Chace 1858), it was the home of John (b. 1813) and Orinda Fleming for many years. They had three daughters and three sons born between 1850 and 1860. The house passed to daughter-in-law Mrs. Annie Fleming (Census 1870; Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). She worked as a dressmaker (Census 1900). Her son John A. Fleming and his wife lived with her; he was the railroad station agent (Census 1910). Through much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this house contained two apartments (Glynn 2008).

**#27 31 Bible Hill Road (10-79) ca. 1960 Non-contributing building Photo 56**

This ranch house with attached garage dates from after the period of significance of the district. It was built by Charles Lindsey, owner of what is now the Bennington Garage (#51) (Glynn 2008). The long one-story house has attached two-car garage at one end. The walls are vinyl sided. The yard has fieldstone walls and mature maples. Lindsey's parents' home was next door at #28.

**#28 27 Bible Hill Rd. (10-80, 10-80A) N. Whitney House, ca. 1868 Contributing building Photos 57-59**

The Nathan Whitney House is a 2½-story sidehall with Italianate style elements. It closely resembles the Kimball House across the road (#17) and probably had the same builder. The front entry has a door hood sheltering the original door with arched lights. The tall windows contain 6/6 sash. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner boards and frieze. The eaves have molded cornices and returns. Projecting from the side elevation is an elaborate bay window added ca. 1890 (Norris 1887). The three-sided 2½-story bay window is topped by a gable roof above cutaway corners. The walls have decorative shingles and a curved, recessed upper window. An ell connects to an attached carriage barn. The barn is 1½ stories with a gable roof, oriented laterally to the road, and a vehicle bay on the front. The house, bay window, ell and barn have slate roofs. The barn was originally a church which stood on this property before the house was built. The Society Land Baptist Church was built in 1826 and used until ca. 1852 when the congregation moved to South Antrim (Hayward 1889:291; Bennington Historical Society 1989:52). This is the southernmost house on Bible Hill Road above the fork of Old Stagecoach Road. The south part of the property is defined by



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several granite fence posts.

The house was built for Nathan Whitney who moved to Bennington to work in the paper mill with his brother Samuel. Previously Nathan Whitney (born 1828) lived in Westminister, Massachusetts with his first wife Mary Tolman and their two children, Frank E. (born 1853) and Caroline. Whitney married his second wife Charlotte Belcher in 1864 and their two sons William B. and Samuel E. were born in 1866 and 1867 before the family moved to Bennington in 1868 (Hurd 1885). Nathan and Charlotte Whitney lived in this house into the 1910s. Two of their nieces lived with them (Census 1900, 1910). The next owners were the Lindsey family, John and Ora Lindsey and their three children. He worked in the paper mill, then in auto sales. The Lindsey family had a orchestra and performed all around the area raising money for the war (WWII) effort (Glynn 2008).

**OLD STAGECOACH ROAD**

**#29 7 Old Stagecoach Road (10-48) ca. 1790 Contributing building Photos 60-61**

The front of this 1½-story cape is completely obscured by a hemlock hedge. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with flat trim. The roof is asphalt shingled. Some windows have 2/2 sash. The foundation appears to be stone. The façade is asymmetrical, with off-center entry. An oriole window projects one side. Attached to the back corner of the house is a modern garage with board and batten siding. Historically a wing and attached outbuildings extended parallel to the road (Norris 1887).

In the 1850s-60s this was the home of Thomas Dodge basket maker (1800- ) and his wife Lois (Chace 1858; Census 1850, 1860). This house and the one next door were owned by in the late nineteenth century by S.A. Walker (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). In the early twentieth century George Holmes lived here. Recently this was the home of renowned painters Sidney and Barbara Willis (Glynn 2008).

**#29a Studio, ca. 1970 Non-contributing building**

The Willis' studio is a small wooden building with gable roof and high transom light with multi-pane windows on the front (north) elevation. The studio is not of sufficient age to contribute to the historic district at this time. However, in the future it could be individually eligible for its associations with these successful late 20<sup>th</sup> century artists.

**#30 3 Old Stagecoach Rd. (10-49) Walker House, ca. 1840 Contributing building  
Photos 62-64**

This house, on the corner of Bible Hill and Old Stagecoach Roads, overlooks the village center. It is a 1½-story, 5 x 2 bay cape-like main block with a large wing. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner boards, frieze and eave returns. The center entry is sheltered by a porch with modern metal supports. To one side is a one-story bay window. Small gable dormers are located on the front roof slope. Windows have 2/2 sash with flat trim. An ell projects to the rear (north) toward Old Stagecoach Road. At the back is a small shed with hinged doors. This has been the configuration of the house since the late nineteenth century. Previously a road ran in front of the house to a large barn (not extant) (Norris 1887).

This was the home of William B. Walker (Chace 1858). Walker (b. 1801) from Rhode Island was a cotton manufacturer who lived in the Hillsborough area, and around 1840 moved to Bennington to run

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the cotton factory (site of #36) for Amos Whittemore. This was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker for several decades (Hayward 1889:945-946). In the 1880s, this property and the one next to it were inherited by son Saladin A. Walker (b. 1827) who lived at the time in Pennsylvania (Hurd 1892). He owned the houses into the early twentieth century (Plan ca. 1904). S. A. Walker worked as a cutlery manufacturer, and was married in 1850 to Frances A. Whittemore daughter of Amos. She and a growing family had lived in Bennington while he went elsewhere for business, then they all moved to Pennsylvania (Hayward 1889:946). The Bennington houses were rental properties. For some years, this one was rented to Allen and Isabella Gerrard who came from Scotland in 1884 with their son. He worked in the paper mill (Hurd 1892; Census 1900). During the mid-twentieth century, this house was owned by Anne Lindsey Knight whose parents lived at #28 (Glynn 2008)

**MAIN STREET****#31 9 Bible Hill Road (10-50) ca. 1880/2009 Non-contributing building Photo 73**

At the intersection of Main Street and Bible Hill Road, this house is set back from the road, just above the village cemetery (#32). The building has always occupied a prominent site on the hillside above the cemetery. However, the house was recently gutted, enlarged and renovated into a multi-unit dwelling. It has its historic location, 2 ½ story, side gable form and basic fenestration pattern, but little other integrity.

The front yard is retained by a high concrete retaining wall, built of large concrete slabs, re-laid ca. 2009 in place of the two terrace configuration the property had before. The central concrete steps remain. The house stands on its historic brick foundation. The 2½-story house retains its pair of center entries. The building is 4 x 2 bays, but the middle two window openings were eliminated during the renovation. The two 2-story bay windows are original, the one-story front porch is not. The walls were stripped down to the sheathing boards. Now they are covered in vinyl siding. The window sash are new. The twin brick stove chimneys were removed. The gable roof has the same overhanging eaves with returns. The shingles are asphalt. A large 2 ½ story ell was built on the rear where there were one-story ells. The inside of the house was gutted down to the framing prior to renovation. The new landscaping, rebuilding of retaining wall and paved parking area on the north side of the house have caused the house to lose its integrity of setting. It has only its basic form and massing to contribute to the streetscape.

This house was built prior to 1887 (Norris 1887). In the early 1900s, it was the residence of Samuel D. and Martha Downs, owners of the brick store (not extant) (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). The house had two one-story ells, one on each back corner and apparently served as a duplex. More recently, the property was owned by Charles Lindsey who built the Bennington Garage (#51) (Glynn 2008).

**#32 Main St./Eaton Ave. (10-85) Sunnyside Cemetery, ca. 1850/1913 Contributing site  
Photos 74-75**

The village cemetery, known as Sunnyside Cemetery for its south facing slope, is located on the hillside above Main Street. Eaton Avenue forms the south edge of the parcel. The cemetery is set back on the hill shaded, by mature maples with scattered evergreens. There are many gravestones and some family monuments. A series of stone retaining walls define the site. Along Eaton Avenue is a

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mortared stone wall. The rear of the cemetery is marked by a dry-laid wall of large boulders and granite. This site was originally used as a private cemetery by the Whittemore family. In 1850 this was sold to the Town and was the main local cemetery for the next fifty years (Roper 2007). The concrete block tomb at the front dates from 1925. Along the street is an iron fence with mortared stone pillars which was donated in 1913 by George Andrew and Augusta Whittemore (Roper 2007). The fence, retaining walls and grave markers all contribute to the historic site. The cemetery meets Criteria Consideration D because it is an integral part of the district, located in the heart of the village.

**ANTRIM ROAD**

**#33 54 Antrim Road (10-15) Superintendent's House, ca. 1900 Contributing building**  
**Photos 65-66**

Located on Antrim Road north of Main Street, backing up to the riverbank, this small Victorian house was built as the Monadnock Paper Mills Superintendent's house. It has a two story cross gable form with clipped gable roofs. The building retains a high degree of architectural integrity. Stick Style ornament includes flared decoratively shingled skirt, exterior brick chimney, cutaway corners, cornice brackets and second story oriel window on the façade. A long wing extends to the attached hip roofed garage, which is modern. The windows contain 1/1 replacement sash. The walls are clapboarded. The foundation is brick.

**#34 48 Antrim Rd. (10-14) Congregational Parsonage, ca. 1884 Contributing building**  
**Photo 67**

The parsonage for the Congregational Church was built through subscriptions from local families. It was owned by the Church into the mid-twentieth century. The house is a simple 2½-story sidehall, with Italianate door hood on brackets, and bay windows. To one side of the new six-panel door is a narrow sidelight. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in vinyl which covers all trim. The windows retain original 2/2 and narrow 1/1 sash. A small ell projects from the rear. This property backs up to the riverbank.

**#34a Garage, ca. 1980 Non-contributing building Photo 67**

A small garage is oriented gable end to the street. It may be an earlier 20<sup>th</sup> century structure, but the present appearance of the garage is modern so it does not contribute to the historic district.

**#35 46 Antrim Rd. (10-13) George Alfred Whittemore House, ca. 1836 Contributing building**  
**Photos 68, 70**

This brick, 1½-story, 5 x 4 bay house is oriented with its wide gable end to the street. It was originally built in the Greek Revival style and updated with Gothic window and Italianate door hood in the mid-1800s. The front entry is centered on the façade. A side door on the south elevation retains original partial sidelights and granite lintel. Windows have painted granite lintels. They contain late nineteenth century 2/2 sash, except the central upstairs window which is 9/6 topped by a pointed arch louvered opening. The foundation is granite. Two chimneys are located in the front wall and one is centered in the rear. The upstairs is lit by small dormers with gable roofs. Most of the bricks for this house and others in the village came from a brickyard off Route 31 near Whittemore Lake in the southeast part of town (Glynn 2008). This property is located just above the site of the



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Whittemore/Kimball mills (#36). It backs up to the river. A small garden shed was not counted.

George Alfred Whittemore (1807- ) and his first wife Nancy were married in 1836. Their only son Samuel Kimball Whittemore was born in 1838. George Alfred, who came to town from Greenfield in 1831, was a storekeeper in partnership with his brothers who owned the cotton factory (site of #36). He was a major contributor to the Congregational Church and served a term as State Representative. George Alfred Whittemore was Bennington's postmaster from ca. 1830 to ca. 1860 (Hurd 1885; Hayward 1889), first in the brick store (not extant) and then here in his home (Chace 1858). Nancy Whittemore died and he married his second wife Mrs. Sarah Sleeper in 1844. G.A. Whittemore lived here as late as 1892 (Hurd 1892). Son Samuel K. Whittemore moved to Chicago. During the early twentieth century this house was owned by F.L. and M.W. Keiser (Plan n.d.). Frank L. Keiser was born in Ohio in 1868 to a New Hampshire native who returned here with her children. Frank and Minnie Keiser were married in 1900 and his mother and sister lived with them. He worked as a cutlery grinder. She was a milliner (Census 1900). She sold to the Monadnock Mills in 1919 (Plan n.d.). Most recently this was the home of Paul Kyte (Bennington Historical Society 1989:105).

**MAIN STREET**

**#36 36 Main St. (10-12) Bennington Historical Society, ca. 1992 Non-contributing building**  
**Photos 70 and 71**

The present Bennington Historical Society property was the site of the Kimball Cutlery Factory, originally the Whittemore cotton mill, which was taken down when the property was acquired by Monadnock Paper Mills in 1921. MPM sold the lot to the Historical Society around 1990. The front part of the building is an older relocated structure. It is one story with a gable roof, oriented gable end to the street. A bell tower tops the ridge. The main block to the rear is new construction, one story with gable roof oriented laterally to the road. The walls are sheathed in clapboards trimmed with corner boards, projecting eaves with returns. The foundation is concrete. The roofs are asphalt shingled. The bell tower is square with a bell-cast pyramidal roof. The front of the lot is defined by a new iron fence on granite posts.

The small one story gable front building has been moved multiple times. Originally it stood near the cemetery where it was the "pest house." Then it was located on the northwest side of Cross Street and was the tramp house. It was moved next to the Town Hall where it had housed the jail, then fire engines, then the police station before it was moved to its present site. In its current form, the building does not retain enough integrity to contribute to the district for those associations.

Funds for construction of the Historical Society building were raised from semi-annual ham and turkey dinners over a 28 year period. The meeting hall was named for donor Pearl Walker, a local summer resident (Glynn 2008).

**#36a Mill site on riverbank Contributing site Photo 72**

The rear of the lot along the riverbank is overgrown. The remains of stone foundations of mill and/or dam are visible. The site is counted as contributing to the historic district for its archaeological potential.

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**#37 35 Main St. (10-17) Amos Whittemore House, ca. 1830/ca. 1880 Contributing building  
Photos 76-77**

Set back from the road, between Eaton Avenue and the Pierce School property (#52), this 1½-story brick house faces south, with 5-bay, center entry façade. Originally a "cape," a gambrel roof was added prior to 1887 (Norris 1887). On the front end the shadow of a gable roof is visible. The roof slopes are lined by five shallow dormers with peaked lintels. The windows have 6/6 vinyl windows. The Victorian entry porch has a gable roof on chamfered posts with a jig-sawn railing. The double doors have rectangular lights. Historically this house had a large two story wing where the modern garage (#37a) is now.

The house has integrity for its late 19<sup>th</sup> century period and retains some ability to contribute to the district for its earlier associations with the Whittemore family. The original owner from 1830 was Amos Whittemore Jr. (Bennington Historical Society 1989:106). He inherited the cotton factory across the road (site of #36) at a young age, and built a large addition to the factory, as well as the brick boardinghouse (#39) and the brick store (not extant, part of school site). Later he and Samuel Baldwin converted the mill to a cutlery shop. Amos Whittemore Jr. (1802-1881) and his wife Ruth Bullard were married in 1825 and lived elsewhere before moving into this house where they raised four daughters (born 1830-1843). Whittemore was the builder of the Congregational Church (#54) and treasurer of the Congregational Society for forty years. He served in the State Legislature and then as a State Senator. Late in life, he was chairman of the committee to build the Town Hall (#48) (Hurd 1885).

This house passed to daughter Josephine Woods, wife of Walter Dana Woods. They had occupied another Whittemore house nearby from their marriage in 1856 and had two children, Edward D. and Mary, born in the 1860s. Woods ran the brick store (owned by his father-in-law) about eleven years, and was in the cutlery business with his brother Eben F. Woods (#15) about fifteen years, retiring due to ill health (Hayward 1889:1044). Walter and Josephine Woods moved into this house in the 1880s and the roof was raised to enlarge the house about that time. In addition to the main unit, the Woods' rented space to cutlery shop employees. Josephine Woods lived here throughout her life (Plan ca. 1904). The property was later acquired by the Monadnock Paper Mills (Plan n.d.).

**#37a Garage, ca. 1990 Non-contributing building**

Behind the house at the end of the wing is a new garage is has T-111 siding and overhead doors.

**#38 30 Eaton Avenue (10-27) ca. 1875 Contributing building Photo 78**

The first house on Eaton Avenue was standing prior to 1887 and was owned by S. E. Staples (Norris 1887; Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). It is a 2½-story sidehall with Italianate door hood and 2-story bay window. The foundation of the main block is granite; the bay window is on brick. The entry has a new metal door and sidelight. The walls are vinyl sided. The windows have 1/1 sash. Two stove chimneys pierce the ridge. A wing projects form the southeast corner.

**#39 34 Main Street (10-11) Whittemore Boardinghouse ca. 1830 Contributing building  
Photos 79-82**

A large brick Federal style dwelling is set back from Main Street, just south of the former Whittemore/Kimball mills site (#36). The 2½-story, 5 x 2 bay brick building rests on a granite

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foundation. The windows have double-hung, wooden 12/8 and 12/12 sash, and wooden trim. The gable roof is asphalt shingled with slightly projecting eaves. Two chimneys are built into each end wall. The upper story is lit by 6/6 window with small square openings on either side. The center entry has new door, sidelights and transom and rebuilt entry porch. This house sits on the bank above the river. Until it was torn down ca. 1960, there was another building north of this one connected by a series of sheds. At one time it was used as the office for the adjacent Kimball Cutlery shop (Glynn 2008; Norris 1887; Sanborn 1924).

The brick boardinghouse was owned by Amos Whittemore for workers in his cotton factory next-door (site of #36). His own house was across the street (#37). This building, originally ten rooms, became a two-family residence early on. Whittemore owned the building throughout his life, then it passed to his brother George Alfred Whittemore (Hurd 1892). In the mid-twentieth century the owner was A. Sawyer (Plan n.d.).

**#40 30-32 Main Street (10-10) ca. 1850 Contributing building Photos 79-80, 83**

This is a two family dwelling made up of two connected blocks. The north part appears to be older (Glynn 2008). It is 1½ stories, laterally oriented, connected by a small wing to a larger 2½-story sidehall house. Both parts were owned by the Whittemore family. They were connected before the 1880s, part of a row of connected buildings along the riverbank (Norris 1887; Sanborn 1924). The cape has a rebuilt central stove chimney and small gable dormers on the front of the roof. The foundation is granite. The walls of the entire structure are sheathed in vinyl. All windows have the same late nineteenth century 2/2 sash.

In 1858 the two houses were owned by C.P. Whittemore (Chace 1858). Charles Perry Whittemore (1816-1874) was the son of Benjamin Whittemore (#14). He and Abby Whiton were married in 1840 and they had two daughters. He worked as a paper manufacturer. His brother was Timothy C. Whittemore (Hayward 1889; Census 1860). They moved away. In 1892 this property was owned by M. Heath (Hurd 1892). C.E. Eaton sold this property to the Monadnock Paper Mills in 1912, according to company records (Plan n.d.). During the later twentieth century this building was owned by Herman Skinner, followed by Walter Cleary and passed to Joyce Cleary Miner (Glynn 2008).

**#41 28 Main Street (10-09) Herrick House, ca. 1890 Contributing building Photo 84**

Located on Main Street, near the intersection of Cross Street, this is a large 2½-story, 5 x 2 bay house. The walls are sheathed in clapboards trimmed with narrow corner boards and projecting eaves with returns. The windows have recent 1/1 sash with 12/12 dividers. The façade features center entry flanked by one-story bay windows with connecting entry porch between. The porch has turned posts with brackets. The hip roof of porch and bays is continuous. The 1887 bird's eye suggests a smaller house formerly stood on the site (Norris 1887).

From 1892 until the 1920s, this house contained the Bennington Post Office, millinery (and later gift) shop and residence of George L. and Emma Herrick. They were married in 1889 (Census 1900; Hurd 1892). The house was probably built about that time; a smaller building was on the site previously (Norris 1887). In the mid-twentieth century this property was owned by L. Steven (Plan n.d.). It was converted to apartments in the late twentieth century.



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**CROSS STREET**

**#42 5 Cross Street (10-07) ca.1895 Contributing building Photos 85-87**

This small 1½-story building at the upper end of Cross Street is now located on the same parcel as the building next-door (#44). The former commercial building was converted to apartments in the late twentieth century. Oriented gable end to the street it has clapboard walls with eave returns and molded cornice. The roof is slate. A modern brick fireplace chimney is located on one side. The foundation appears to be stone with concrete over it. The façade has modern door and multi-pane window with paired windows above. Marking spaces are located between this building and #44. The structure is built into the hillside. Mortared stone retaining walls extend on either side. The lower level is exposed in the rear. This building historically contained a pool hall and a bar. The façade had a porch and center entry. Attached to one side was a small barber shop (not extant), which contained the first restaurant of Albert Cuddemi (see #12). More recently, the building contained a laundry-mat (Glynn 2008).

**#43 Off Cross St. (10-08) Pierce Power Station, 1921 Contributing building Photos 87-89**

The Pierce Power Station is set back from Cross Street on the riverbank. The rectangular one story building has a flat roof. The walls are concrete with brick panels. It is 3 x2 bays with large multi-pane windows and wooden double doors. Along the south side of the building are the gates. The dam extends across the river to the west.

This was the first mill site in the village. The 1780s Putnam grist mill stood on the site of the power station. The sawmill was just above, toward the bridge (Chace 1858). The original Putnam mill, enlarged and altered, remained standing throughout the nineteenth century (Hayward 1889:283). In 1895 the Antrim and Bennington Light and Power Company was formed and built a power plant on the site. This and the dam were purchased by Monadnock Paper Mills ca. 1921 and the present building erected. The turbines are 220 and 550 KW.

**#43a Pierce Dam, ca. 1921 Contributing structure**

The existing concrete gravity dam was rebuilt by the Monadnock Paper Mills along with the power plant. It is NH Dam #22.04. The concrete dam has long poured concrete trailing walls on the downstream side.

**#44 7 Cross St. (10-07) Knight/Edmunds Store, ca. 1906 Contributing building Photos 89-91**

Like other former commercial buildings in the village, this now contains apartments. Supported by a brick foundation, it is two stories with a low-pitched gable roof and a single-story shed roofed extension on concrete foundation along the west side. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. Although the windows contain replacement 2/2 sash and the doors are new, the building retains its original configuration and form. Historically there was a storefront with large windows and center entry. The rear is supported by a modern retaining wall of large concrete forms. The lower level of the building is exposed on the rear. The property retains the ability to add to the historic associations of the village. The historic form and commercial use are recognizable although the storefront is gone.

This was the store of Fred A. Knight, built ca.1906 (Glynn 2008). He was a meat market man (Census 1900). Later he built the house at #45. The store was taken over by Odell Young (Plan 1933). Aaron

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and Lizzie Edmunds owned the property later. He worked in the paper mill and she ran the store. The upstairs was unfinished until an apartment was made for her mother Mrs. MacDonald. Lizzie Edmunds lived over the Post Office. Most recently the storefront was used as an attorney's office, before the building was made into apartments.

**#45 9 Cross Street (10-06) F. A. Knight House, ca. 1925 Contributing building**  
**Photos 90-93**

Knight lived next to the store in a two-story, early twentieth century house. It is 3 x 2 bays with a hip roof. The foundation is concrete. The walls, originally wood shingled, are now sheathed in wide aluminum siding. The windows retain the original double-hung 8/1 and 6/1 wooden sash. The center entry is sheltered by an enclosed porch with hip roof and brick foundation. The rear of the house is supported by a mortared stone retaining wall. The lower portion is reinforced with large modern concrete blocks. A large barn (#46) stands immediately beside the house.

This site was associated with the older barn #46 (10-5) and had earlier buildings on it (Bennington Historical Society 1989:8; Sanborn 1924). Fred A. (1869- ) and Grace Knight, who owned the adjacent barn and the adjacent store #44 built this house in the 1920s (Plan 1933). They had lived elsewhere in the village previously (Census 1920). He grew up in the Arnold Burt homestead west of the village (Hayward 1889; Hurd 1892).

**#46 Cross St. (10-05) Knight Barn, ca.1880 Contributing building Photo 92-95**

A nineteenth century barn is now on a separate parcel from the Knight house (#45), but the buildings are still attached by a small connector. The barn, oriented gable end to the street, was renovated ca. 1925 with wood shingle siding and windows like those on the house. The large door is bead-board, topped by a long transom. The foundation has been reinforced with poured concrete. Attached to one side of the barn is a laterally oriented 1½-story section with two garage bays. Each has double hinged doors. The rear elevation of the barn is sheathed in asphalt shingles and has several small stall windows. Below is a retaining wall of large boulders.

Originally this outbuilding was associated with the nearby house now on the other side of Cross Street (#50). In the early twentieth century, the land on this side of the street was owned by Fred Knight who had the store at #44 and built the house #45.

**#47 11 Cross St. (10-04) ca. 1895 Contributing building Photos 96-97**

A small 1½-story gable front house with a center entry is located at one end of Cross Street, next to the bridge (#105), on the corner of School Street. The small lot is bordered by the riverbank. The house has a brick foundation. It retains its 1½-story gable front form with projecting eaves and returns. The siding is vinyl and windows are new replacements. Spanning the southwest elevation is a two-story lean-to addition. The front yard has a modern picket fence. The driveway west of this house at one time continued along the rear of the adjacent buildings. The sloping rear bank has a low cobblestone foundation behind this property. This building dates from after 1892 (Hurd 1892). In the early 1900s it was owned by Fred Miles who was a house carpenter and also served as the Town water commissioner (Plan ca. 1904; Glynn 2008; Census 1930).

In the nineteenth century there were other buildings west of this one, closer to the bridge (Hurd 1892; Norris 1887). The last were removed in the bridge work of 1933-34 when the crossing was shifted

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over slightly. One small building owned by the Town was moved to behind the Town Hall and was used as an Engine House, then moved again to become part of the Historical Society (#36).

**SCHOOL STREET**

**#48 7 School St. (07-73) Bennington Town Hall, 1871 Contributing building Photos 98-100**

The Bennington Town Hall is located east of the bridge on the south side of School Street. Built in 1871, the first floor of the building contained the village school until 1929. The hall upstairs was used for meetings, as the school gym and stage, and for a time as the "Dreamland" movie theater. The large 2½-story, Italianate style building is oriented gable end to the street. It is 3 x 6 bays with the front door centered on the façade and paired doors on each side elevation. The doors are wood panel, topped by transoms and sheltered by door hoods on brackets. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner boards and modillion brackets under the eaves. The tall windows contain 6/6 replacement sash. A porch on chamfered posts spans the east elevation. Atop the roof is a square belfry with a bell-cast pyramidal roof above a projecting cornice and arched openings. Two brick stove chimneys pierce the ridge. The ground is cut away on the west side of the building to access basement vehicle bays, used by the Fire Department from 1932 to 1975.

**#49 School Street (10-01) Fire Station, 1975 Non-contributing building Photo 101**

Across the street from the Town Hall, the Bennington Fire Station was built in 1975 by the Volunteer Fire Department. It is a 1½-story building with gable roof oriented laterally to School Street. The lower walls are brick. The gable ends are sheathed in vinyl siding. Shed dormers line the roof slopes. On the façade are three vehicle bays with new overhead garage doors.

Before 1975 this was the site of the old Grammar School (built ca. 1890s), which was occupied by the Sons of Veterans after 1929. To the west of the Fire Station, the junction of Cross and School was reconfigured ca. 1933. Prior to that time, the fire engine house stood there. It was taken down after the fire trucks were moved into the cellar of the Town Hall in 1932. The intersection of Cross and School Streets was called "Engine House Square" at one time (Plan ca. 1904). Presently the small area of grass in the intersection west of the fire station is marked by a wooden flagpole and a small welcome sign.

**#50 12 School Street (10-02) ca. 1788/1839 Contributing building Photos 102-104**

Set back from School Street, backing up to Cross Street is a 1½-story, center entry house, with two brick chimneys in the end walls of the front roof slope. The house has a granite foundation. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with a wide water table. The eaves are close cropped. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The center entry has full length sidelights with minimal trim. The windows contain wooden 12/8 sash. A small jog off the northeast corner is the remnant of a two story wing which was removed ca. 1934. The side door is sheltered by an Italianate hood on brackets. The north side of the lot along Cross Street is lined by a mortared granite block retaining wall.

This is the thought to be the oldest extant house in town. It was built by Joseph Putnam in the 1780s and originally stood on the site of Pierce School (#52). It was moved across the road ca. 1839 for construction of the hotel on that site (Glynn 2008; Bennington Historical Society 1989:115-116). The



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house stood slightly to the north of its present spot, closer to what is now Cross Street, until that road was widened in 1928 (Glynn 2008). Moved during the historic period, it retains the ability to contribute to the district. Highway work in 1934 involved removal of part of the ell and construction of the stone wall on Cross (Plan 1933). Late nineteenth century bay windows and a sun porch added to the façade were removed ca. 1978.

Joseph Putnam sold his property in town to Ebenezer Burt (1757-1831) in 1806. Burt occupied this house on its original site. It was moved when Arnold Burt built the hotel in 1839. It became the home of Ebenezer Burt's grandson, Abraham (or Abram) Burt (1813- ) who took over the nearby saw and grist mills (site of #43) (Hurd 1885). Probably he lived here from the time of his marriage in 1840 to Almira Barrett. They had two daughters. Burt's second wife Harriet lived here into the early 1900s (Hurd 1892; Census 1900).

In 1922, the house was purchased by the Sylvester family (Plan 1933) who moved from Starrett Road (Glynn 2008). Louis Sylvester (1880-ca. 1930) and his wife Caroline were French Canadian. He worked in the rag room of the paper mill. They had two sons and two daughters born between 1908 and 1920. The sons went to work in the paper mill (Census 1930). The house passed to their grandson David Glynn who restored it in 1978. It was David's Inn and then Petite Maison Restaurant (Bennington Historical Society 1989:116). The property was recently sold.

**MAIN STREET**

**#51 20 Main St. (10-03) Bennington Garage, ca. 1936/ca. 1960 Non-contributing building  
Photos 105-107**

The original garage built ca. 1936 was a one-story wooden Mobil filling station, some of the walls of which remain visible on Cross and School Streets. Most of the structure is enveloped by the concrete block section completed about 1960. The long, rectangular concrete block structure with flat roof parallels Main Street. On the façade are a large overhead garage door, a plate glass window, a doorway and two casement windows. Two large overhead garage doors are located on the north elevation off Cross Street. The older wood-frame structure is in the rear (west). The walls are sheathed in wide clapboards. On the north gable end is a large vehicle bay with overhead door. A one-story shed extension spans the rear. Windows on the south elevation have large, wooden 6/6 sash. Paved parking lot fills the property on all sides of the garage. Although the old garage is evident, the appearance of this property dates from just after the historic period of the district. The original historic identity of the 1930s gas station is gone, so the property does not contribute.

Before the garage, an earlier building stood on the corner of Main and School streets. Known as the Adams Inn, it was built ca. 1890 by the owner of hotel across the road (site of #52), which burned down in 1915 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:101). A store was located in one section of the inn (Sanborn 1924). In the early twentieth century the owner was John Day (Glynn 2008; Census 1920). The original gas station was built by Charles Lindsey (born 1919) who had grown up in town. His father John Lindsey worked as a machine tender in the Monadnock Paper Mill and then went into the auto business. The Lindseys lived on Bible Hill Road (#28, #27). Charlie Lindsey expanded the garage ca. 1960 and later sold to the present owners (Census 1920, 1930; Glynn 2008).

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The north corner of the present garage parking lot is about where the Civil War Monument (now part of #53) stood from 1903 to 1949, on a triangular grass lot with low chain fence on granite posts around it. The site has been enveloped by the garage property since the Civil War Monument was moved across the road (#53) in 1949. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there had been a small open triangle in the fork of Main and Cross Streets, used as parking for carriages and wagons (Bennington Historical Society 1989:3-7). The town scales (for weighing hay and farm produce) were in this vicinity (Norris 1887). The area was known as Liberty Square (plan ca. 1904).

**#52 19 Main Street (10-20) Pierce School, 1929 Contributing building Photos 108-109**

The front block of this brick, Colonial Revival style school was built ca. 1929. It was a gift to the Town by paper mill owner Col. Pierce. Recently a long addition was built parallel to Francestown Road and extending to the rear (north). Despite the large addition, the school retains the ability to convey its historic associations and plays an major role in life in the village center. The 1929 brick block is clearly visible facing Main Street. It is 2½ stories with a five bay façade and center entry. The focal point is the two story portico with entablature supported by Doric columns and pilasters. The front entry has a pair of wood panel doors topped by a semi-elliptical fanlight. Windows contain double-hung 6/6 sash and have splayed brick lintels with keystones. In front of the school is a flat lawn with concrete sidewalks. The large one-story addition, parallel to Francestown Road, is wood framed, sheathed in vinyl siding with brick sections. The school's main entrance is now in the southwest corner. The addition, attached to the historic main block, is not counted as a separate non-contributing building.

The intersection of Main and Francestown Road has always been the central point of the village. From 1839 to 1915, this was the site of a large tavern/hotel. Before that, Joseph Putnam's house was here, until moved across the road (#50) for construction of the tavern. The Pierce School property encompasses several historic lots. What were formerly separate parcels, 10-18, 10-19 and 10-21, are included in present 10-20. North of the school stood the former Brick Store, taken down in the 1990s. Next north was the Crystal Springs House, long a five-unit tenement, which burned in 1969. The house just east of the school on Francestown Road also came down recently.

**#53 Main St. & Francestown Rd. (07-14) Town "square," Civil War Monument**  
**Contributing site Photos 110-112**

A small triangular lot owned by the Town is located in front of the Congregational Church in the intersection of Main Street and Francestown Road. This has long been a small town square. The 1887 bird's-eye shows a small bandstand. The iron watering trough was installed in 1893. It was made in Hillsborough. Originally it stood on the other side of the sidewalk. was moved over slightly and restored by the Historical Society ca. 1980 (Glynn 2008). From 1895 to 1949 an elaborate bandstand stood on this small park space (see historic photographs). The Civil War monument was moved here in 1949 from the fork of Main and Cross Streets. Recently (since ca. 1990) the grass triangle was reduced in size for parking. The site is a contributing element of the historic district; the memorial and watering trough components of the site.

**#54 5 Francestown Rd. (07-13) Congregational Church, 1839 Contributing building**  
**Photos 110, 113-115**

The Bennington Congregational Church is a large Greek Revival style building set back from Main

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Street on the corner of Francestown Road. The church is 2½ stories with a gable front façade. It retains a high degree of integrity from the historic period. The building meets Criteria Consideration A for religious properties because it is part of the historic district. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner pilasters, narrow frieze and pedimented gable end. The paired entries contain original wood panel doors flanked by sidelights and framed by fluted boards with corner blocks. The three windows above contain 6/6 sash flanked by wooden shutters. In the gable end an older 12/8 window is topped by a pointed arch fan. The side elevations have three large windows with round arched tops, now partially covered by louvered shutters. These windows date from the early twentieth century (according to historic photographs). The bell tower is square, two-tiered, with simple balusters and pointed finials. There are clock faces on three sides and a square window on the rear. The belfry has round arched openings. The rear portion of the building is the vestry, built ca. 1900, oriented with its gable end toward Francestown Road. It has a foundation of small granite blocks. The walls are sided like the main block. Windows have 2/2 sash. The door is sheltered by a peaked gable hood on stick brackets.

Area residents formed a Congregational Church in 1833 and built this meetinghouse in 1839. The builder was cotton mill owner Amos Whittemore (#37). Carpenter Wesley Wilson (#80) finished the interior. It became the Bennington Congregational Church when the Town was established a few years later. The bell was installed in 1853. The Town Clock dates from 1917. The interior was remodeled in 1979 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:45). Village residents were active in the church, which had a series of ministers. Deacons were Isaac Baldwin (from 1840), Francis Burnham and John J. Whittemore (1845), Charles Coggin and Charles H. Kimball (1875) and Nathan Whitney (1885) (Hayward 1889:292).

**FRANCESTOWN ROAD**

**#55 9 Francestown Rd. (07-12) Former Grange Hall, ca. 1860/1900 Contributing building Photo 116**

Now a two-family residence, this was formerly the Bennington Grange Hall. It stands directly beside the rear of the church (#54). The lower level originated as the jewelry shop of H. Lakin who lived next door at #56 through the second half of the nineteenth century. A second story was added to create the Grange. The organization formed in 1894 and was active into the mid-twentieth century (Glynn 2008; Bennington Historical Society 1989:109). The appearance of the building dates from ca. 1900. It retains the ability to contribute to the historic district for the period after ca. 1900, though now in residential use. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. Windows contain ca. 1900 2/2 sashes. The sidehall entry has a new door, sheltered by a historic door hood on brackets.

**#56 11 Francestown Rd. (07-11) Lakin House, ca. 1840 Contributing building Photo 117**  
 This small early 19<sup>th</sup> century house consists of a low 1½-story sidehall with a long wing. The foundation is granite. The entry has Federal half-length sidelights. Some windows have older 12/8 and 12/12 sash. A porch on plain posts spans the façade. Projecting from the wing is a two story bay window-tower with a hip roof. This was added prior to 1887 (Norris 1887). At the east end of the



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wing is an attached shed. Historically a larger barn stood in its place.

Throughout the second half of the nineteenth century this was the Lakin home (Chace 1858; Hurd 1892). Hartwell Lakin (1820-189?) and Minda Barker were married in 1851. He was a jeweler with a shop next door (#55) (Hayward 1889:734). After his death, Mrs. Lakin worked as a dressmaker and lived here into the early 1900s. They had no children (Census 1900).

**#57 14 Francestown Road (10-22) ca. 1865 Contributing building Photo 118**

Now the first house east of the Pierce School, this is a 2½-story 5 x 2 bay house with two-story front porch. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The porch has plain square posts. The façade is asymmetrical and the former storefront entrance remains, flanked by larger windows. Most of the windows are 2/2 sash, with some 6/6 above.

The ground floor of this house was commercial space and contained a candy shop for many years in the early twentieth century (Bennington Historical Society 1989). As of 1892 this was the home of Mrs. P. Stewart (Hurd 1892). She was Philletta Burt (b. 1846) daughter of William P. Burt of #60. She and first husband John Martin had one daughter M. Louise (1869- ), before Martin died in 1873. In 1884 the widow married Charles B. Stewart (Hayward 1889). This house was owned in the early twentieth century by the Dunbar and Shea families. Two sisters ran the candy shop. Patrick Shea was a finisher in the paper mill (Census 1920, 1930). Second generation Irish, he had five children including Dorothy Shea who later owned the house (Glynn 2008).

**#58 16 Francestown Rd. (10-23) Burt/Lawrence House, ca. 1836 Contributing building Photo 119**

Set back from the street is a large two-story, 5 x 2 bay I-house with 2½-story ell. The foundation is granite. This house retains a high degree of integrity. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with flat trim and pedimented gable ends. Windows have later nineteenth century 2/2 sash. The gable ends are vented by small louvered fans. The entry porch has fluted Doric columns. The entry is flanked by full length sidelights. Brick chimneys are located on the end walls.

This house was built ca. 1836 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:110). This was the home of Benjamin Burt (1803-1870) and Lucy Wilson who married in 1831. He and his brother Abram of #50 owned the grist and sawmills site of #43. His mother Abigail lived with them in 1860. Mrs. Lucy Burt lived here until the turn of the century.

The house passed to a great niece of Benjamin Burt, Francis Susan Holmes Lawrence wife of Albert B. Lawrence from Newburyport. He became foreman of the blade department of Goodell Cutlery in Bennington (Hayward 1889:414). Their daughters were Edith (born 1870) and Marian (born 1885). Edith Lawrence, a music teacher, lived throughout her life (Census 1930). She was an amateur photographer and her glass plate negatives are now in the collection of the Historical Society. Paul and Ruth Cody cared for her and inherited the property (Glynn 2008).

**#58a Barn, ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 120**

Set back is a small detached barn, oriented laterally to the street. It is supported by a mortared stone foundation. The walls are vertical boards. There is no barn door, but narrower openings with plank doors on strap hinges.

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**#59 17 Francestown Road (07-10) ca. 1855 Contributing building Photo 121**

This is a 2½-story 5 x 2 bay house with center entry. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with simple corner pilasters. Windows and doors have flat trim. Sash are 2/2. The door is new. One of two brick stove chimneys remains. Historically a porch spanned the façade (Norris 1887; Sanborn 1924). Across the front yard is a low granite wall.

This house was labeled M.P. Burnham in 1858 (Chace 1858). In the late nineteenth century, it was owned by Amos A. Martin (Hurd 1892). He and wife Melissa were married in 1886. Martin operated the drop hammer in the cutlery shop (Census 1900). Later he was a cattle dealer. He and his brother-in-law lived here many years (Census 1920).

**#60 19 Francestown Rd. (07-09) W. Burt House, ca. 1840/ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 122**

This was a 1½-story sidehall house, enlarged ca. 1900 to 2½ stories (Glynn 2008; Norris 1887). The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding and the windows have new 1/1 sash. A porch with parapet and square posts spans the façade. An ell connects to a small barn altered with a twentieth century picture window.

The earliest identified occupant of this house was farmer W.P. Burt (Chace 1858). His brother lived at #58. William P. Burt (1816- ) and Betsey Clark of Deering were married in 1842. Son William was born the following year, and a daughter Phylletta in 1847. Mrs. Burt died in 1871. In 1872 W.P. Burt married Mrs. Louisa (Ames) Needham of Peterborough and moved to that town. William Burt Jr., a house painter, and his wife Mary apparently lived in this house (Census 1850, 1900). In the early to mid-twentieth century this was the home of Maurice and Florence (Flossie) Newton. He worked in the paper mill (Glynn 2008; Census 1930).

**#61 20 Francestown Rd. (10-24) Gray/Peavey House, ca. 1840 Contributing building Photos 123-124**

Set back on a sloping lawn is a 1½-story cape with an attached barn. A front porch spans the façade. The 5 x 3 bay house has one chimney on the front roof slope. The main block has a granite block foundation as does the front porch. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with wide corner boards, frieze, and projecting eaves with returns. The windows contain 6/6 sash. The front yard is defined by granite retaining walls and steps. Open lawn with mature trees surrounds the house. A long one story ell projects from the rear and connects to a small barn. The barn has a rubble stone foundation, exposed on the rear, and walls sheathed in vertical boards.

This house was occupied by D. Gray in 1858 (Chace 1858). As of 1850 David Gray (1822- ) and his brother Alfred lived together. Both were teamsters (Census 1850). Later Charles and Eliza Gray apparently lived here. He was a house carpenter, as was his son Augustus (b. 1843) (Census 1860). The next occupant was Charles Peavey (1826- ) a drover and his wife Ada (1838- ). He lived here into the early 1900s (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). Charles F. Peavey served terms a selectman, town clerk and moderator in 1860s-70s (Hayward 1889:229). For many years in the early twentieth century, the Cram family rented the house (Glynn 2008). Ruel and Effie Cram and her brother James Ross lived here. Cram was a machinist and engineer at the paper mill (Census 1920, 1930).

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**#62 23 Francestown Rd. (07-08) Eaton House, ca. 1850 Contributing building Photo 125**

This 2½-story sidehall has contained two apartments for many years (Glynn 2008). The facade is altered; the side elevations retain their historical appearance. The foundation is granite, the siding is vinyl. Some 2/2 windows remain, others are new 1/1. The entry porch and doors are new. A two-story bay window projects from the west elevation. A 1½-story wing extends to an attached garage. The small gable front structure has a flat roofed bay added to one side.

There has been a house on this site since the mid-nineteenth century. Early owners were William Eaton (1816-?) and Orthana A. Burt (1820-1885) who were married in 1841 and had two children. Eaton was a carpenter (Chace 1858; Census 1860). Charles E. Eaton (b. 1848) was married in 1875 to Ann Cochran of Antrim and they owned this house through the turn-of-the-century. They had no children (Hurd 1892; Census 1900).

**#63 25 Francestown Rd. (07-07) Abbott/Griswold House, ca. 1840 Contributing building Photo 126**

This 1½-story, 5 x 2 bay house has an early twentieth century enclosed porch across the facade. The windows of the porch contain 2/2 sash. On the main block the windows have replacement 1/1 sash. The foundation is granite. The walls are vinyl sided. On the ridge are two brick stove chimneys, one at the end, one central. At one time there was an ell and attached outbuildings (Norris 1887).

This house was occupied in the mid-nineteenth century by Samuel Abbott (b. 1800), a butcher, his wife Polly and daughter Clara (1845- ) (Census 1860). During the late nineteenth century this property was owned by the Griswold family, possibly related by marriage to the Abbott's (Hurd 1892). The farm of George and James J. Griswold was #67. They also owned #66. George B. Griswold (1896- ) and wife Marion (Shea) lived in this house. He was a finisher at the paper mill and later stock clerk in the cutlery factory. They had two sons Benjamin and Charles, and two daughters, Barbara and Shirley (Census 1920, 1930). Marion Griswold lived here throughout her life (Glynn 2008).

**#64 30 Francestown Rd. (10-31) Page House, ca. 1850 Contributing building Photo 127**

On the corner of Francestown Road and Eaton Avenue is a 2½-story, 3 x 4 bay sidehall. The foundation is granite foundation. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. Windows have late nineteenth century 2/2 sash. The entry has new sidelights and door. Historically it was a Greek Revival entry with half length sidelights (Bennington Historical Society 1989:112). A brick stove chimney pierces the ridge. An ell connects to a small barn. Oriented gable end to the street this has a lean-to shed along one side. A blacksmith shop stood east of the house until it was torn down ca. 1910.

In the mid nineteenth century this was the home of Mrs. Page (Chace 1858). Mehitable Dodge (1791-1883) and Jonathan Page or Paige from Antrim were married in 1815. They had a son and three daughters born in 1816 to 1827. The date of this house's construction has not been determined, probably the 1840s-50s. Harriet (1827-1860), who worked as a seamstress, lived here with her mother after Jonathan Page died in the 1850s (Chace 1858; Census 1850, 1860). Mrs. Page, who outlived all her children, died in 1883. In 1892 the house was owned by E. or F. M. Twitchell (Hurd 1892). At the turn-of-the-century, Charles Senna owned the house and shop before it came down (Plan ca. 1904). Carl Sanes (1873- ) and his wife were Swiss. They came to the U.S. in the early 1890s. He was a



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cutlery grinder (Census 1900). At one time, this was the house of Martha Parker, who was the school nurse (at #52) (Bennington Historical Society 1989:112).

**#65 27 Francestown Rd. (07-06) Caldwell House, ca. 1880 Contributing building Photo 128**

This well-preserved late nineteenth century 1½-story sidehall has Italianate door hood and bay windows. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. Windows have flat trim with a thin molding on the lintels and contain original 2/2 sash. The original double doors have rectangular lights. Three-sided bay windows are located on façade and side elevation. A wing projects to one side, also on granite. It has a porch and side entry with original Victorian door.

This house was built in the 1880s for widow Mrs. Josephine Caldwell (1839- ) and her daughter Daisy (Hurd 1885; Hurd 1892). They lived here into the 1910s. Daisy worked as a clerk at the cutlery shop (Census 1910). She married Harry Ross (1873- ) a finisher in the cutlery shop and they lived here (Census 1930; Glynn 2008).

**#66 35 Francestown Rd. (07-05) Wilkins House, ca. 1820 Contributing building Photo 129**

Until the 1890s, this was the easternmost house on this side of Francestown Road (Norris 1887). The Federal period cape is 5 x 2 bays. The center entry has original half-length sidelights, sheltered by Victorian entry porch. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with flat trim. The eaves are close cropped. Windows contain wooden 6/6 sash. The door is wood panel with square light, from the early twentieth century. The porch of similar date has turned posts, brackets and jig sawn pattern railing. On the front roof slope are two dormers with gable roofs and the same windows as the main block. The only chimney is a modern exterior brick fireplace chimney on the east elevation. A shed behind the house was not counted.

This house appears older than the 1839 date when Francestown Road was laid out. Possibly it was moved. From the mid-1800s, this was the home of Jesse Wilkins (b. 1819) a blacksmith. He and wife Mary had one daughter Sarah (1845- ) (Chace 1858; Census 1860). Mary Wilkins lived here till the end of her life (Hurd 1892). The house passed to Sarah who married George Griswold and lived at #67 and then to J.J. Griswold. It was one of three houses owned by that family. Later this house was acquired by the Bell family who lived next door (#68). Muriel Bell Bowker lived here throughout her life (Glynn 2008).

**#67 38 Francestown Rd. (10-32) Griswold House, ca. 1865 Contributing building  
Photo 130**

The Griswold House is a large farmhouse, the easternmost on this side of Francestown Road. The 2½-story sidehall has a 2½-story cross wing and a 1½-story ell, which connects to a large barn. The house is set back on a terraced lawn. Historically, farmland associated with this house extended to the north and east (Plan ca. 1904). The foundation of the house is brick on top of fieldstone. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding, but otherwise the house is unchanged. The entries have original doors with arched rectangular lights. Windows contain 2/2 sash. The door hood on brackets, side porch on chamfered posts and two-story bay window on the front of the wing are original. The barn is gable end to the road, with a large bead board door. The transom above is replaced. The ground slopes down behind this bank barn. Attached to the front corner is a small shed, possibly a milk room.

George P. Griswold married Sarah Wilkins and this house was built across the road from her parents'

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(#66). Born in 1840 in New York, Griswold was a farmer and butcher (Census 1880a). His property extended north and east of the road (Plan ca. 1904). Son James J. Griswold (b. 1864) became a farmer like his father (Census 1870). He and wife Flora were married ca. 1890 (Census 1930). They had three children: George B. Griswold (b. 1895), William A. (1897) and Marion (1908). Sarah Griswold lived here throughout her life and her mother Mary Wilkins moved in with them (Census 1900, 1910). The house passed to Marion Griswold who had worked as a finisher in the cutlery shop as a young woman (Census 1920, 1930). She married Cleary and they had a poultry farm into the 1960s. She was also the post office clerk. The house is now owned by her son William G. Cleary (Glynn 2008).

**#68 41 Francestown Rd. (07-04) Bell House ca. 1895 Contributing building Photo 131**  
 Carpenter William McCoy built his own house (#69) and this house, which became the Bell House (Bennington Historical Society 1989:111-112). Originally this was a 1½-story sidehall like #69. It was enlarged into a 2½-story sidehall shortly after it was built (Bennington Historical Society 1989:111-112). The main block is 2 x 4 bays. A 2½-story ell extends to the rear connecting to a former barn now residential. The foundation is no visible, but is assumed to be brick. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. The house was enlarged again in the early to mid twentieth century with an enclosed wraparound sun porch, plus a screen porch and porte-cochere off one side. The wooden 9/1 and 6/1 sash date from the same time.

McCoy owned the two houses in 1905 (Plan ca. 1904). This became the home of Arthur and Elizabeth Bell who were married ca. 1906. Previously he lived in worker housing opposite the paper mill (not extant, site of #2b). Daughters Christine and Muriel were born in 1908 and 1912. Bell was the paper mill bookkeeper and later general manager, until his retirement in 1950 (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). Christine Bell also worked in the mill office (Census 1920, 1930). Their property contained fourteen acres, extending to Greenfield Road. They gave land for construction of the Catholic rectory there (#79). The Bells owned both McCoy houses and acquired #66. The Bell estate included all three until recently when it was subdivided. This house retains ownership of the eight acres to the south, but this wooded land is not included in the historic district, only the house lot on the road.

**#68a Shed, ca. 1895 Contributing building Photo 132**  
 This small outbuilding sits on the hill west of the house. It is 1 x 1 bay with a gable roof and narrow doorway. This was reportedly occupied by McCoy while he was building the main house (Bennington Historical Society 1989:111-112).

**#68b Garage, ca. 1920 Contributing building**  
 A long shed or garage stands back from the road in the yard west of the house. It has a gable roof, oriented laterally to the road.

**#69 45 Francestown Rd. (7-3) McCoy/Bell House, ca. 1895 Contributing building Photo 133**  
 The McCoy House is a well-preserved 1½-story sidehall. It has a brick foundation and clapboard siding with narrow corner boards, frieze, and projecting eaves with returns. The sidehall entry is sheltered by a small porch with turned posts and brackets and jig sawn pattern railing. The hip roof extends over the one-story bay window. Windows have 2/2 sash, flanked by wooden shutters with a cut-out bell shape. A 1½-story wing has side door under a door hood on brackets. This hood was originally over the front door and was moved when the porch was built in the early 1900s. The

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attached small barn built at that time has 2/2 windows like the house and retains its interior side rolling door and hayloft door.

This was the home of carpenter William McCoy (1865- ) who built it and the house next door (#68). William and Ada McCoy were married ca. 1904. A son and a daughter were born in 1905 and 1913 (Census 1920). This house was later part of the Bell estate.

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**#70 16 Main St. (7-85) John Whittemore House ca. 1832 Contributing building  
Photos 134-141**

This well-preserved early nineteenth century home occupies a prominent corner in the center of the village. The 1½-story, center entry house faces Main Street and the Congregational Church opposite. The ell and attached barn extend west parallel to School Street toward the Town Hall. The sides of the yard are defined by picket fence on granite fence posts, the same as the fencing shown in late nineteenth century photos of the house. The front section of fence is gone. Two trees were recently planted in the front yard to replace older ones.

The house has a granite foundation. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with narrow corner boards, water table and frieze under the close-cropped eaves. The slightly projecting eaves have molded cornices and end returns. The roof is asphalt shingled. The twin brick chimneys are located forward of the ridge in the front of the end walls. These are believed to be later replacements of a central chimney (Glynn 2008). The windows contain historic 2/2 sash. The central entry porch dates from the early 1900s. Previously, the entry had Federal style fan and sidelights (see historic photo). The doors are double Italianate style doors with rectangular lights. The porch has flat roof on chamfered square posts with simple balustrade. The porch spanning the south side elevation is the same, with no railing. The house is 5 x 3 bays, with a four bay long, 1½-story ell connecting to the barn and sheds which are oriented laterally to the road. The ell is supported by a mortared stone foundation and has a central brick fireplace chimney.

The attached barn extends across the back of the ell and a slightly lower carriage barn extends beyond at right angle to the house. The side yard and driveway provide access to the four vehicle bays. It extends to the lot line with a short distance to the adjacent barn of #71. The small back yards extend to the Town Hall lot. To the north of this property across School Street is the Bennington Garage (#51). Immediately south on Main Street is another 1830s cape (#71), nearly identical to this one, including the configuration of ell and barn.

This house is dated ca. 1832. It was the home of John J. Whittemore (1810-1859) and wife Sarah Bullard who married in 1834. John Whittemore was in business with his brother in the cotton factory (site of #36) several years. Active in the community, he was deacon of the Congregational Church and served the Town of Bennington in the legislature and as selectman. Children were: George Andrew, John Albert, and Ella. In 1866 both sons were married. John Whittemore (1843-1875) to Clara R. Cochran of Antrim and George Andrew Whittemore (1837-?) to Augusta J. Baldwin daughter of Samuel Baldwin of Pierce Hill Road (#108). This house passed to George Andrew and Augusta



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Whittemore who lived here throughout their lives. They had no children. George Andrew Whittemore served as town treasurer several years, succeeded his uncle Amos as treasurer of the Congregational Society, and in 1885 was on the committee to secure the parsonage. George Andrew Whittemore was a storekeeper, and Postmaster from 1862 to 1885, first in the brick store (not extant) and then in this house. His sister Ella Whittemore (1848- ) was assistant postmaster for fifteen years. She was married in 1869 to Royal V. Knight.

This house was later owned by Helen Whittemore Young (Glynn 2008). Her husband kept the nearby store (#44) with Harry Ross at one time. The house was acquired by Paul Cashion who lives next door (#71). It is the home of his daughter, the late Joan Schnare, who was principal of the Pierce School (Glynn 2008).

**#71 12 Main St. (7-84) ca. 1832 Contributing building Photos 134, 141-144**

This 1½-story cape is 5 x 3 bays with two brick chimneys in the front of the ridge in the end walls, like #70 next door. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with simple flat trim and eave returns. The roof of the main block is asphalt shingled. The center entry contains Italianate double doors with arched lights. The windows are 2/2 with flat trim and a molding around the edge. The entry porch on Doric columns dates from the Colonial Revival period. The 1½-story ell projecting to the rear has a slate roof. The ell does not quite attach to the barn, which projects at right angles to the house. The front yard is defined by a picket fence on granite posts. It is shaded by a pair of mature trees. Immediately to the south is #74.

This house was built around the same time as #70. Its first occupants are not identified. The 1858 map labels this house J. Huntington. John Huntington (1783-?) was living in Society Land as early as 1810. He was a farmer. John and Rispah Huntington apparently lived there throughout their lives. She was here in 1870 (Census 1810, 1850, 1870). In 1892 this house was owned by Mrs. E. Barrett (Hurd 1892). Mrs. Joslin, who sold newspapers and was related to the Joslins of the Brick store (site of #52), lived here in the early twentieth century. The house has long been owned by Paul and Betty Cashion. Her sister lived next door at #74. He had grown up on Acre Street (#92), and became the boss at the paper mill (Glynn 2008).

**#71a Barn, ca. 1832 Contributing building**

Just slightly separate from the house is a large barn with slate roof. It is an English barn, oriented laterally to the street with entries on front and rear. The front is sheathed in clapboards; the rear in vertical boards. There are two doors on the façade and one on the first floor in the rear, with basement level entry below. The south end of the barn nearly touches the sheds at the back of the adjacent house (#74).

**#72 11 Main Street (7-15) ca. 1830 Contributing building Photo 145**

This building is located on the east side of Main Street next to the Congregational Church (#54). It was known as the "town line house" or "long line house" because it was located right on the dividing line between Society Land and Hancock. The long, two-story building is 6 x 2 bays on the ground floor, four bays above. The house has always contained two units. The two center entries have new doors and sidelights and an entry porch on Doric columns where there was once Greek Revival style trim. The walls are vinyl sided, but the trim of the pedimented gable end remains evident. The

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foundation is granite. The windows throughout contain late nineteenth century 2/2 windows; original sash were 12/8. The chimneys (now gone) were located at either end of the ridge (Bennington Historical Society 1989:65). At the back of the ell near the front of the church was a barn (Glynn 2008). The building now contains multiple units including a restaurant in one half and laundromat in the ell. There is now a driveway and parking area along the north side of the building, extending to the adjacent town square (#53).

The construction date has not been identified. The building was labeled J. Butler in 1858 (Chace 1858). Probably this was John D. Butler who owned #78. From 1885 to ca. 1892, Edward I. Dodge had the post office in a one-story section (not extant) attached to the south side of the house. He also kept a small store. Dodge served as selectman in the 1880s. He and wife was Mercy Adalette Burt were married in 1863 and apparently lived here throughout their lives. His father was living with them in 1870. They had no children (Census 1900; Hayward 1889:293). E. Dodge and W. Cashion shared the house in 1892 (Hurd 1892). Who lived here is not identified. William Cashion (1837-?) came to the U.S. from Ireland in 1857. His wife Mary came at the time of their marriage in 1876. Sons were Patrick, Richard and William (Census 1900). The house was purchased in the 1920s by barber Steve Yakovakis who emigrated from Greece in 1920. The second unit was rented to a paper mill worker (Census 1930; Glynn 2008).

**#73 9 Main St. (07-16) Proctor House, ca. 1865 Contributing building Photo 146**

This 2½-story, 3 x 2 bay house with twin stove chimneys on the ridge is located on a small lot between the adjacent houses. The foundation is not visible. The walls are sheathed in clapboards and have original corner boards, eave returns and molded cornices. Flanking the central bay are two-story bay windows. The cornice above the first floor extends between as the roof of an entry porch. The windows in the bays have narrow 1/1 sash. Other windows have original 2/2. A house stood in this location in the 1850s (Chace 1857), but the Italianate form and style of the present house suggests it was built later. Luke Proctor (1831- ) lived here in 1870. He was a carpenter. He and wife Eliza had two children (Census 1870). L. Proctor's estate owned the house in 1892 (Hurd 1892). In the mid-twentieth century Mrs. Jane Church owned the house. She had six children. The house is still in her family (Glynn 2008).

**#73a Garage/workshop, ca. 1930 Contributing building**

Set back at the end of the driveway southeast of the house is a small one-car garage. It has double hinged doors on its front gable end. A brick stove chimney rises at the back.

**#74 8 Main St. (07-83) ca. 1830/ca. 1900 Contributing building Photos 147-148**

This house was originally a 1½-story cape like the two houses to the north. Around 1900, a second story and new roof were built above (Bennington Historical Society 1989). The house has long contained two units, one upstairs, and one down (Glynn 2008). It is 2½ stories with twin stove chimneys and is 5 x 2 bays. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner boards and water table. The eaves project with returns and molded cornice. The windows have 2/2 sash from ca. 1900. Centered on the façade is a 2-story enclosed entry porch, which was a slightly later addition. A narrow ell projects from the rear. It was also raised to 2½ stories ca. 1900. The ell terminates in a 1½-story shed with vehicle bay and knee-wall windows. At the end is an attached garage with double hinged doors.

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The early owners of this house have not been identified. It was labeled J. Robbins in 1858. Possibly this was Jason Robinson, a carpenter (Chace 1858; Census 1860). Mrs. E. Barrett owned it in 1892 (Hurd 1892). From the 1930s until the 1990s, the house was owned by Theresa and Fred Gibson. They had previously lived with her mother Kate Cashion on Acre Street. Brother Paul Cashion lived next door (#71). The Gibsons occupied the downstairs and for many years the Cody family rented the upstairs unit. Mary Cody lived here with her sons Bill and Dick who worked in the paper mill. She was the widow of Patrick Cody (born 1875); they had married in 1898 (Glynn 2008; Census 1900, 1930).

**#75 7 Main St. (07-17) Former Post Office, ca. 1910 Contributing building Photo 149**

This former commercial building is 1½ stories with a central entry. Its form remains, but the entry porch, glass doors, and wooden fire escape are new. The foundation is brick. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. A stove chimney pierces the gable roof. The windows are replacements. This building originally contained a saloon. It housed the Bennington Post Office from the mid-1920s into the 1990s. The upstairs apartment was occupied for many years by Mrs. Lizzie Edmunds who ran the store on Cross Street (#44) (Glynn 2008).

**#76 6 Main St. (07-82) Bennington Country Store, ca. 1925 Contributing building Photo 150**

This small store is a wood-frame, 1½-story gable front structure with center entry. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding, but retain corner boards and frieze and eave returns. The foundation is concrete. The entry is recessed with glass reveals. Square plate glass windows are on either side. The window sash above are new. A shed roofed extension spans the north elevation. This was added after ca. 1950 when the old house on the site was taken down (part of the ca. 1835 Moody Butler House) (Sanborn 1924; Bennington Historical Society 1989:104). The store was originally a drugstore owned by pharmacist Charles Smith. He built the house to the rear at 4 Main Street (#87) (Glynn 2008).

**#76a Garage, ca. 1990 Non-contributing building**

Set back from the street is a large modern garage. It has a broad gable roof and wide overhead garage door, two-cars wide.

**#77 2 Main St. (07-81) Dodge Public Library, 1906 Contributing building Photos 151-153**

Located at the southern end of Main Street, on the corner of Acre Street, is Bennington's small red-brick library. The G.E.P. Dodge Public Library was built in 1906. It was funded by George Edward Payson Dodge of Chicago, at the request of his aunt Mrs. Addie Dodge (#72) who was librarian for many years. He was a Bennington native, born 1839, who moved away as a child and became a successful Chicago businessman (Bennington Historical Society 1989:55).

The library is one tall story high with a hip roof. The front block is 3 x 1 bays with a center entry, a cross gable extends to the rear, one bay wide with four narrow windows on the sides. The library has a dressed granite foundation. The walls are brick with brick cornice and dentils under the eaves. The roof is slate. A brick chimney with ornamental corbelling projects from the ridge. The tall windows are double-hung with a transom above. They have granite sills and lintels with labels at the ends. The façade features a recessed arched entry, below the carved stone sign and projecting pedimented front gable. The building reflects the Romanesque style in its round arch and rusticated stonework, and the



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Colonial Revival style in its form, cornice and pediment ornament. Acre Street runs along the south side of the lot. Behind the library is 4 Main Street (#87) fronting on Acre.

**GREENFIELD ROAD****#78 8 Greenfield Rd. (07-18) site of house demolished ca. 2009 Non-contributing site  
Photos 154-155**

The early 1800s house that stood on the corner of Main Street and Greenfield Road was taken down in 2009. It had been the home of John Dustin Butler (1809-1887) and wife Mary C. Burnham who married in 1840 (Census 1860) and moved to Bennington in 1858. In the early 1900s the property contained two rental units for many years. It was known as the Butler Block and later the Durgin Block. The Main Street side of the building was damaged by a fire ca. 1980 and rebuilt using concrete block (Glynn 2008). The house was vacant for some years before it was demolished.

**#79 10 Greenfield Rd. (07-19) Divine Mercy Parish House, ca. 1930 Contributing building  
Photo 156**

This Parish Home was built for the creation of a new parish in 1936. The land was given by the Bell family of Frankestown Road (Bennington Historical Society 1989:45; Glynn 2008). The Square House is two stories with a pyramidal hip roof. The roof is slate. The foundation is mortared granite chunks. The walls are sheathed in aluminum siding. The windows have original 6/1 sash. The entry porch reflects the Colonial Revival. The exterior brick chimney and bay windows and are mid-twentieth century additions. The front yard includes pruned shrubs and stone retaining walls.

**#79a Garage, ca. 1930 Contributing building**

Directly beside the house is a long one-story garage with hip roof. It has three bays with overhead garage doors. The siding is aluminum. The foundation is concrete. There is a large paved driveway in front.

**#80 14 Greenfield Road (07-20, 20a) ca. 1790 Contributing building Photos 157-159**

Dated ca. 1790, this house was restored ca. 1980 by its owner David Glynn (Bennington Historical Society 1989:107). The back of the house may be the older section. The 1½-story, 5 x 2 bay cape originally had a center chimney (Glynn 2008). The entry with sidelights and the 12/8 wooden window sash dates from ca. 1980. At one time, the house had Federal/Greek Revival style entry and simple corner pilasters (Bennington Historical Society 1989:107). The house has always had a wing and attached carriage barn (Norris 1887). The barn was made into an apartment in 1980. Along the road, east of the house is open field with a long stone wall along the road.

This was apparently the home of W. Wilson (Chace 1858). Wesley Wilson (1810- ) was a carpenter and also did work as mason, painter and paperhanger. The interior of the 1839 meetinghouse was finished by Wilson when he was a young man (Hurd 1885). Wesley and Rachel Wilson had children Orville and Orlene born in 1839 and 1841 (Census 1850). Orville Wilson became a shoemaker. He and wife Lizzie were married ca. 1860 and lived elsewhere in the village (Census 1860). Wesley Wilson built several houses and "fitted up" others; further research is needed to identify which (Hurd 1885).

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From ca. 1869, this house was owned by George and Minnie Cady (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). He was a machinist from Massachusetts (b. 1860). They married ca. 1889 and had two daughters. He became foreman of the cutlery shop. Minnie Cady lived here into the 1930s. She worked as a dressmaker. Her mother Martha Bartlett moved in with her. The house was in the Cady family for 111 years until purchased by David Glynn ca. 1980 (Census 1900, 1920; Glynn 2008).

**#81 9 Greenfield Road (07-30) St. Patrick's Church, 1895 Contributing building  
Photos 160-161**

St. Patrick's Church was built in 1895. The church sits on a knoll above the road, just east of the intersection of South Bennington Road. The church meets Criteria Consideration A for religious properties, because it was an integral part of the historic district. It is a wood-frame Victorian Gothic building, oriented gable end to the road with a central front square tower with tall pyramidal roof. The belfry has trefoil shaped openings. The bell was installed in 1956. The walls are sheathed in wide aluminum siding; they were originally wood shingle. The tall narrow windows are topped with pointed arches. The front entry is sheltered by a Gothic hood with gable roof and pointed arch opening on heavy knee braces. The stone grotto west of the church dates from 1959 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:45).

**SOUTH BENNINGTON ROAD****#82 1 South Bennington Rd. (07-59) Burnham House, ca. 1805 Contributing building  
Photo 162**

This 5 x 4 bay cape has a brick chimney nearly in center. A historic photograph shows there were formerly two end chimneys in front of the ridge. The house has a granite foundation and clapboard sheathing with simple narrow trim. The front entry has new surround and door. The windows have late nineteenth century 2/2 sash. The side door on the south elevation has a Federal era transom above.

This house is dated ca. 1805 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:104). In the mid-nineteenth century this was the home of Deacon Francis Burnham (1785- ) who was a farmer (Chase 1858; Census 1860). According to the local history, this house was purchased by carpenter Wesley Wilson who refitted the house, shed, barn, and fencing "in the best style" (Hurd 1885). In 1892, this house was owned by Mrs. O. Rand (Hurd 1892). Lillian Mullin lived here, followed by the Mildred Atkinson. She had an antiques business, sometimes holding auctions in the barn, and her husband had a small meat market, Atkinson's Meat Market in the shed (Glynn 2008).

**#82a Barn and shed, ca. 1850 Contributing building Photo 163**

Off the corner of the house is a long outbuilding oriented laterally to the road. It consists of two sections, long and narrow with slate covered gable roofs. The northern half is one story with a door flanked by large 6-pane shop windows. The larger carriage barn to the south has a large vehicle bay with interior rolling door. The northern part of the barn is now an apartment.

**#83 4 South Bennington Road (07-31) ca. 1880 Contributing building Photo 164**

Built prior to 1887, this house was owned by E. George (Norris 1887; Hurd 1892). This was probably

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Edward George (1865-?), son of Michaiah George. He worked in a cutlery factory and later moved to Antrim (Census 1870, 1900, 1920). Long-time twentieth century owners of the house were the Ryder family who lived here until ca. 1960 (Glynn 2008).

**#84 5 South Bennington Rd. (07-58) ca. 1930 Contributing building Photo 165**

A small house was created ca. 1930 out of a relocated building to which a second story was added. The existing building is two-stories with a gable roof, and a shed extension along the north elevation in with the door in the front corner. The foundation is mortared rubble stone. The walls are wood shingled. Windows have 6/6 or newer 1/1 sash. This building was the former GAR building which stood near the Pierce School on Francetown Road (Glynn 2008; Bennington Historical Society 1989:109). It retains the ability to contribute to the historic district for its early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential associations.

**#84a Barn, ca. 1990 Non-contributing building**

Set back is a small barn which appears to be new. It is gable end to the street with board and batten siding and a large garage door.

**#85 9 South Bennington Rd. (07-57) ca. 1800 Contributing building Photo 166**

This is one of the earlier "capes" in town. It is 1½ stories, 4 x 2 bays with a narrower 1½-story wing. The foundation is stone. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. The windows have replacement 1/1 sash and vinyl trim. The wing is 3 x 1 bay with an early twentieth century door centered on it. The front door is new.

This house is labeled S.G. Knight on the 1858 map (Chace 1858). Samuel G. Knight (1825-1878) was a resident of Hancock (Hayward 1889:713). Later, this was the home of William (1839- ) and Mary Wilson (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). They were married ca. 1862 and had three children. He worked in the cutlery shop. Later they took in boarders (Census 1900). Jack Armstrong owned the house in the twentieth century and his daughter lives here now.

**#86 8 South Bennington Rd. (07-32) ca. 1890 Contributing building Photo 167**

In front of this house is a retaining wall of large fieldstones and boulders. The house is a 2½-story sidehall with a 1½-story wing. The foundation is brick. The walls are sheathed in wood shingles. The front gable end has decorative patterned shingles. The roof is slate. Windows have simple flat trim, most with new 1/1 sash in place of 2/2. Beside the front door is a one-story bay window. The wing projects from the southeast corner. It has an added sun porch across the façade.

A house (owned by E. Burt) stood in this location in the 1850s, but the appearance of this home reflects the later Victorian period and does not match that of the 1887 birds eye view (Norris 1887). The 1892 map labels this house Mattett (Hurd 1892). Probably this is Mallet. Fred Mallet (1869- ) owned the house in 1900. He was from Nova Scotia and worked as a temperer in the cutlery shop. He and wife Nellie were married in 1870. They had several children. Others boarded with them, including Mallet's brother who also worked in the cutlery factory (Census 1900).



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**ACRE STREET**

**#87 4 Main St./corner Acre St. (07-80) Smith House, ca. 1925 Contributing building**  
**Photos 168-169**

This early 20<sup>th</sup> century house is set back from Main Street behind the Library. Its lot fronts on Acre Street. The 1½-story house has a concrete block foundation. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The windows contain original 6/1 sash. An exterior brick chimney is located on the rear gable end. This house was built by the druggist who owned the nearby store (#76). Later Peggy Newhall LeClair had a beauty salon in the house (Glynn 2008; Sanborn 1924).

**#88 7 Acre Street (07-79) ca. 1905 Contributing building Photos 170-171**

Set back with a sloping front lawn, is a 1½-story sidehall with detached garage. The foundation is brick. The walls are clapboards with original corner boards, frieze and eave returns. The windows have flat trim and 2/2 sash. The entry contains original wood panel door with square lights. On roof slope has a gable wall dormer. The ell has a side porch on turned posts. This house was built after ca. 1904 (Plan ca. 1904). It was rented by Patrick and Eveline Cashion from their marriage ca. 1929. He had grown up in #92, and she was the daughter of the owner of #90. Pat Cashion like his brothers worked in the paper mill; he was a mechanic (Glynn 2008; Bureau of the Census 1930).

**#88a Garage, ca. 1930 Contributing building**

Just slightly detached is an early twentieth century garage with novelty siding and projecting eaves with exposed rafters. The overhead garage door is new.

**#89 8 Acre Street (07-60) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photos 172-173**

This small house on the south side of the street was built between 1892 and ca. 1904 (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). It is 1½ stories, gable front with a cross gable, and entry on the side elevation. The cross gable has a jerkin-head roof. This house like several others on the street has an unusual foundation of brick-sized granite blocks. It reflects the Queen Anne style in its decorative bands of wood shingles. The walls are clapboards with original trim. The eaves project with an ornamental verge board and corner brackets. Most windows have replacement 1/1 sash. One-story bay windows have paneled walls. The side porch is supported by turned posts. An early twentieth century sun porch with 6/6 windows spans the west elevation.

In the early twentieth century, this house was owned by Frank and Nellie Traxler from Ohio. He was a mechanic at the paper mill. She was a painter and played the piano in the movie theater in the Town Hall. Mrs. Traxler married her late husband's half brother, Albert Holt who had lived with them and was a machinist at the paper mill. The house was inherited by her daughter Louise Martell. It was rented to Charles Zabriskie for thirty or more years (Census 1930; Glynn 2008).

**#90 15 Acre Street (07-78) Knight House, ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 174**

This is a turn-of-the-century 1½-story sidehall with early twentieth century sun-porch on the façade. The foundation is brick. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The windows contain double-hung 6/6 sash. Brick stove chimneys are centered on the ridge of main block and 1½-story ell. The back door is sheltered by a porch on chamfered posts. The carriage barn is not attached.

This house was built between 1892 and ca. 1904. It was owned by Royal V. Knight (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). Previously the family lived near the Town Hall (house not identified). Knight (1851- ) was

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a carpenter. He and Ella Whittemore were married ca. 1870. They had three sons; George A. Knight became a grocer (Census 1900). The Knights lived here into the 1920s (Census 1920). For many years this was the home of Michael Powers. He worked as a truck driver (probably for the paper mill). He and his wife Bridget were from Northern Ireland, immigrating in the 1880s. Michael Powers died in the 1940s. The house passed to Donald Powers who was the Town Clerk. His wife Vincena was a teacher. She owned the house until recently (Glynn 2008).

**#90a Barn, ca. 1900 Contributing building**

The small carriage barn is now detached, but was formerly connected by a one-story shed (Sanborn 1924). The barn retains its historic appearance. It is 1½ stories with clapboard walls with the same trim and eave returns as the house. The windows have 2/2 sash. The vehicle bay contains a modern overhead door.

**#91 14 Acre Street (07-61) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 175**

A small house, set back from the street, was built prior to ca. 1904 (Plan ca. 1904). The 1½-story, 3 x 1 bay main block is oriented laterally to the street. A one-story enclosed porch with shed roof spans the façade. A one-story modern addition is attached to one side. This was the home of Melvin and Ruth Loomis (Glynn 2008). Despite the additions, the house retains some ability to contribute to the historic associations of the district as a small single-family dwelling.

**#92 16 Acre Street (07-62) ca. 1895 Contributing building Photo 176**

Several houses were built on this side of the street after 1892 (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). This is a simple 1½-story sidehall with off-set ell. The foundation is distinctive, small blocks of mortared granite the size of bricks. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. The windows have new 1/1 sash. The entry contains original wood panel door with square light. The small entry porch has a newer gable hood on original turned posts.

The early twentieth century owner was widow Kate Cashion. She was born in England and immigrated here in 1890. Her husband was second generation Irish, Patrick Cashion. They had five or six children born between 1897 and 1916. Mrs. Cashion lived here many years (Census 1920, 1930; Glynn 2008).

**#93 18 Acre Street (07-63) ca. 1895 Contributing building Photos 177-178**

This is a well-preserved 1½-story sidehall. It has 2/2 windows, clapboard siding and simple trim and eave returns. The foundation is brick. The front of the wraparound porch was enclosed in the early twentieth century. The side is open, supported on square posts with brackets. A lower 1½-story wing projects from southeast corner of the house. Brick stove chimneys are centered on each ridge. The house is set back on an open lawn with dry fieldstone wall along the street. This house was occupied in the early twentieth century by Fred Sheldon, a truck driver for the paper mill, and his wife May. They were married ca. 1923. His brother lived nearby (Glynn 2008; Census 1930).

**#94 20 Acre Street (07-64) ca. 1895 Contributing building Photos 178-179**

Located on the corner of Acre Street is a large 2½-story house, a two-family tenement. The façade features overhanging front gable over the two-story porch. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with original trim. The windows have 2/2 sash. A 2½-story wing extends from the southeast corner. At one time, one of the rental units was occupied by the Ayers family. She

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was the town librarian. He was a policeman. The road along the west side of this lot ran south to the former town dump (Glynn 2008).

**#95 22 Acre Street (07-66) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 180**

This two-story sidehall has a 1½-story wing which looks like a cape. The house was rebuilt following a fire. The main block has an enclosed porch across the façade. The windows have wooden 6/6 sash. Vinyl siding covers walls down to the ground on the main block. The wing has a brick foundation. Brick stove chimneys pierce the ridges of main block and wing. On the front of the wing is an exterior brick fireplace chimney. To the west on this parcel, a sawmill stood near the river bank at the south end of what is now the Monadnock Station Dam (#112a). In the mid- twentieth century, this was the home of Bill Cashion who had grown up at #92. He was killed attempting to rescue children from the fire (Glynn 2008).

**#96 24 Acre St. (07-67) Starrett House, ca. 1890 Contributing building Photo 181**

The Starrett House is a 1½-story sidehall with a long wing and attached carriage barn. The foundation is granite. The sidehall entry is sheltered by a door hood on brackets. Beside it is a three-sided bay window. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding, with wood shingles in the front gable. The roofs are slate. Windows have new 1/1 sash. The original double doors with rectangular lights remain. The wing has a sun porch and brick stove chimney. The barn is oriented gable end to the street with two large modern overhead garage doors. Large evergreens shade the front yard. To one side of the house a mortared fieldstone retaining wall lines the sidewalk.

Built between 1887 and 1892 (Hurd 1892; Norris 1887), this was the home of sawmill owners William Starrett (1861- ) and his cousin Fred Starrett. They were the developers of Starrett Road. Later, Lizzie Sargent lived here for many years, until her death ca. 1960. More recently this was the home of Bellisimo who was the boss at the Paper Mill (Glynn 2008).

**#97 28 Acre St. (07-68) Cuddemi House ca. 1895 Contributing building Photo 182**

This 1½-story sidehall reflects the Queen Anne style in its decorative shingled gables. The foundation consists of brick-sized granite blocks. The walls are sheathed in clapboards with flat trim. The gables are sheathed in staggered butt wood shingles. Gable wall dormers break the side roof slopes. A porch spans the side elevation. The windows have new 1/1 sash. The door is original wood paneled with a square light.

During the early twentieth century this was the home of Joseph Cuddemi (b. 1883). He and his wife were Italian and immigrated in the early 1900s. He worked in the paper mill. They had six children born between 1912 and 1926. The house was inherited by "Bat" Cuddemi of Alberto's Restaurant (#12) and then by his daughter Connie Smith. The upstairs unit was rented to Zachos (Glynn 2008).

**#98 19 Acre St. (07-77) ca. 1880 Contributing building Photos 183-184**

Located in the bend of the street, facing west, is a 2½-story sidehall with ell and attached barn, extending parallel to the south stretch of Acre St. The foundation is granite. The walls of main block and ell are sheathed in asphalt shingles. This earlier 20<sup>th</sup> century siding is the only major change to the house. The windows have original 2/2 sash. The doors are original wood panel doors with glass lights. Gable wall dormers are located on the north elevations of main block and ell. The barn is still sheathed in clapboards. On the front gable end are a vehicle bay with bead-board door and hayloft



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door above. The basement level is exposed in the rear (east) and now houses a tool grinding business in the lower level.

This is one of the two earliest houses on the street. Both were built before 1887 and were owned as rental properties by S.D. Downs who lived at #31 and was the owner of the Brick Store (not extant) (Norris 1887; Hurd 1892). At one time this contained two apartments, then the large Hugron family rented the entire house for many years (Glynn 2008). They moved from Hancock.

**#99 25 Acre St. (07-76) ca. 1880/1930 Non-contributing building (loss of integrity)**

**Photo 185**

This building was originally a house associated with #98 next door (Hurd 1892). It was made into a blacksmith shop and used as such into the 1920s (Glynn 2008; Sanborn 1924). Then it was converted back into a house. In 1933 it was owned by Charles Durgin (Plan 1933). A later owner was St. Lawrence (Glynn 2008). Other than its footprint and position in the streetscape, this house does not contribute to the historic district. The appearance of walls, windows and doors is entirely new. A historic photograph of the blacksmith shop shows a different roof line.

**#100 29 Acre Street (07-75) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 186**

This 1½-story sidehall is older than its concrete foundation suggests. The walls are sheathed in clapboards and the roof is slate. The windows and door are new. A lower ell projects from the rear. The house retains its basic form and plan, contributing to this street of small 1 ½ story sidehalls. In 1933 the owner was M. Cady (Plan 1933).

**#100a Garage, ca. 1970 Non-contributing building**

A late twentieth century garage is oriented gable end to the street with an overhead garage door and an early twentieth century door, probably reused.

**#101 31 Acre Street (07-74) ca. 1900 Contributing building Photo 187**

A 1½-story sidehall is located directly behind the Town Hall. An early twentieth century sun-porch spans its façade. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The windows have flat trim and 2/2 sash. A one-story wing projects from the south elevation. The original owners of this house have not been identified. House-painter George Dickey owned the house ca. 1930 toward the end of his life (Census 1930; Plan 1933).

**#101a Garage, ca. 1920 Contributing building**

The early twentieth century garage has two bays on the front gable end. This is an intact early garage the original double hinged doors have vertical panels with eight pane windows above.

**#102 Acre St. (07-69) Barn/garage, ca. 1924 Contributing building Photo 188**

This 2 x 2 bay, barn-like structure is shown on the 1924 Sanborn map, being built as an auto garage (Sanborn 1924). It was associated with the livery stable site of #104 (not extant). The entire property was owned by Emma Joslin in the 1930s (Plan 1933). This garage was sold later to Fred Miles who lived on Cross Street (#47) (Glynn 2008). The wood-frame building rests on a mortared stone foundation, areas re-done with concrete. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. There are two vehicle bays with double-hinged doors, and a hay-loft door above. Windows contain 2/2 sash. The gable roof has projecting eaves with exposed framing. A brick stove chimney pierces the middle of the ridge.

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**#103 1 School Street (07-71) ca. 1900/2000 Non-contributing building (no integrity)**

**Photo 189**

This property is set back from Acre Street, behind #104, near the wooded riverbank. It is a long, 2½-story, multi-family dwelling. An older building stood on this site, but it was completely rebuilt following a fire in recent years (Glynn 2008). The long, gable-roofed structure appears to retain its historic footprint and form of several sections, parallel to the riverbank. But the siding, windows and entries are all new. The building does not even appear to have the potential to yield information about its historic associations. The property backs up to the wooded riverbank.

**#103a Off Acre Street (07-70) Vacant lot Non-contributing site**

Under the same ownership as 07-71, this historically separate parcel has no buildings on it. The space is wooded riverbank. It was the site of a small woodworking shop which was a knife handle factory in the early 1900s. The building was vacant by the 1920s (Sanborn 1924) and has been gone for many years. There are not known to be any archaeological remains here.

**#104 34-38 Acre St. corner of School (07-72) ca. 2000 Non-contributing building (age)**

**Photo 190**

On the corner, oriented to Acre Street is a modern two-story, three-unit dwelling. In the nineteenth century there was a livery stable on this site (shown in historic photographs). In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century a gas station stood here. The existing new multi-family dwelling has a low pitched gable roof and a garrison front overhang. The walls are vinyl sided. Windows and doors are new. The building parallels Acre Street, facing the side of the Town Hall (#48). The site is modern, including shrubs and lawn.

**SCHOOL STREET**

**#105 Bennington Village Bridge, ca. 1934 Contributing structure Photos 191-193**

This stone faced concrete arch bridge (#096/087) was erected in 1934 by the New Hampshire State Highway Department. It is a concrete arch, rigid-frame bridge, consisting of a single span, closed spandrel, low flat elliptical arch. The bridge is faced with mortared stone blocks, the spandrel walls and pilasters at each end are stone. This type of stone facing was often used on concrete bridges of the 1920s-30s. The concrete bridge railing is faced with stone on both sides and has a granite cap. The stone is coursed, cut stone in broken ranges with granite voussoirs low, semi-elliptical arch.

A bridge stood in this location from 1783. When the first structure was replaced in 1799, Joseph Putnam was paid to build the east abutment, John Clark the west, and Abijah Hadley for provided the six 16" timber stringers (Hayward 1889:126). This crossing was known as the Upper or Putnam Bridge. The bridge that stood here 1886 was damaged by a flood, and the following year an iron bridge was erected which stood until ca. 1934.

The crossing was realigned slightly at that time, the western end shifted north (upstream). The old abutments were removed (Plan 1933). Bridge construction included changes to the junction of School and Cross Streets. The old engine house was taken down and the intersection widened enveloping

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much of its site. West of the bridge the Hancock Road junction was changed by moving the railroad station (#107), which remained in use a few more years, to the opposite side of Pierce Hill Road. The new bridge was damaged in the flood of 1936 and again in 1938 after which extensive repairs to the approaches were required. Flood control at the upstream dams was subsequently improved.

**PIERCE HILL ROAD****#106 Pierce Hill/Hancock Rd. (07-86) ca. 1880 Contributing building Photos 194-196**

At the west end of the bridge, this small parcel is located between the railroad bed and the riverbank. The small 1½-story house is oriented to Hancock Road. This house is shown on the 1887 birds-eye with an outbuilding (not extant) attached to a wing. The 1½-story sidehall is 3 x 3 bays. The walls are sheathed in clapboards trimmed with narrow corner boards and frieze. The eaves project with no returns. The windows have flat trim with a thin molding on the lintels. The wooden sashes are 6/6. A brick stove chimney pierces the ridge. The ground slopes down in the rear along the river bank.

This property was owned by G.M. Brown (Hurd 1892). George M. Brown (b. 1852) kept a variety store. His brother Bradford lived with him before his marriage (Census 1900). George Brown may have lived here as late as 1920 (Census 1920). The owner in the 1930s was Charles Dungen (Durgin) (Plan 1933). For some time Ruth Eldredge ran a tea room in the house, overlooking the river (Glynn 2008).

**#107 9 Hancock Rd. (09-12) Railroad Station/VFW, ca. 1892/1934 Contributing building  
Photo 197**

The former Bennington Railroad Station has been the VFW for many years. It is located north of Hancock Road west of the Village Bridge. The building, a combination passenger and freight depot, dates from 1892 (Wallace and Mausolf 1999:139). It originally stood south of the road, and was moved by the to its present location ca. 1934 when the new bridge (#105) was being built. The station remained in use only a short time after it was moved, because passenger service ended about two years later. The building retains the railroad's traditional two-color paint scheme on its wooden clapboards. The one-story rectangular form, with gable roof and wide overhanging eaves is typical of railroad depots. The corners feature elaborate turned spindle knee braces. The fenestration has been altered, with small rectangular windows inserted. A transom window indicates the location of a large freight bay. The roof is metal. The building retains some original brick foundation, with rebuilt concrete block sections. The entrance is centered on the south gable end. A long wooden wheelchair ramp is in front. A one-story addition with gable roof projects from the north end of the building. It has a concrete block foundation and a brick chimney. Long used as the Brown and Knight Post of the VFW, it retains its associations with the adjacent railroad tracks and has the ability to convey its historic function. The building was moved during the historic period and continued its historic associations afterward, so meets Criteria Consideration B.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, this parcel between the railroad and the bridge had the home of Alfred Gray (father of the later owner of #108) on it. It was a 1-½ story Federal house with front chimneys like others in the village (Bennington Historical Society 1989). From construction of the railroad in the 1870s until the 1930s, the railroad station was located on the same side of the tracks, south of the road. The site is



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now part of the Monadnock Power Station property (#112).

**#108 3 Pierce Hill Rd. (09-10) Baldwin House, ca. 1830/ca. 1910 Contributing building  
Photos 198-200**

A brick house is set back from the road on the hill west of the river. It is 1½ stories, originally a Federal style cape, now with a gambrel roof and Colonial Revival elements. A large wood-frame wing extends to the east. The gambrel roof was added after 1887 (Norris 1887). Probably it dates from the early twentieth century along with the Colonial Revival features. Shed dormers line the roof slopes. The roof is sheathed in wood shingles on the sides and asphalt on top. The foundation is granite block. The 5 x 3 bay house has a Colonial Revival style center entry sheltered by a simple porch on Doric columns. The windows have granite lintels and contain wooden double-hung 6/6 sash. The gable ends are vented by louvered lunettes. A porch on Doric columns spans the west elevation of the house. The wing is two stories in front, 2½ in the rear. It extends to a carriage barn area in the east end. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner boards and frieze. The windows have original 6/6 sash and wooden trim. The property is wooded around a small open yard. The ground slopes down toward the river on the east with a stone retaining wall along the railroad tracks. The front yard slopes down to the road. The western part of the lot is defined by a stone wall along the road.

Samuel Baldwin (1802-1885) a blacksmith from Hollis established himself at Hancock Factory Village in 1826. In 1830 he built this house and a shop west of the bridge and married Betsey Bell of Francetown. They had two sons and five daughters between 1833 and 1843. Baldwin became the first manufacturer of cutlery in town, in business with Amos Whittemore (site of #36). Mrs. Baldwin died in 1862. Samuel retired to farming in 1870. He married his second wife Mrs. Martha (Gregg) Lear of Manchester in 1871. She died in 1880 and he married Mrs. Margaret (Temple) Peaslee of Nashua in 1882, three years before his death (Hurd 1885). His son Samuel Dexter Baldwin (1834-1879) lived at home and was a successful cutlery salesman. Daughter Augusta J. Baldwin (1843- ) George A. Whittemore of #70 (Hayward 1889:323-324).

After 1885 this was the home of A. W. Gray (Norris 1887) who had grown up next door (site of railroad station). Augustus W. Gray (b. 1843) served in the Civil War and was married in 1866 to Eliza Abbie Wilkins. They lived elsewhere in town before moving here with their sons George A. and Charles H. Gray (Hurd 1885). He was a selectman and town moderator in the 1870s-80s. After she was widowed in the 1890s, Eliza married Mark N. Spaulding.

By 1900 this was the home of the Odell family (Census 1900; Plan ca. 1904). William H. Odell (1848- ) a machinist married Sarah J. Kimball of #111 in 1875. They lived in Hancock and moved back to Bennington ca. 1887. Children were Fred W. and Ethel O'Dell (Hayward 1889:789). He went to work in the cutlery shop (site of #36). She was a teacher (Census 1930). He became a partner in the Kimball Cutlery factory with his in-laws. More recently this was the home of Virginia and Russell Young.

**#109 15 Pierce Hill Rd. (09-09) C.P. Bartlett House, ca. 1895 Contributing building  
Photos 201-202**

This is a 1½-story sidehall with cutaway corner entry on the three-bay façade. The porch has one

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turned post. The walls are sheathed in clapboards, trimmed with corner boards, frieze, eave returns and molded cornices. The windows have flat trim and contain 1/1 replacement sash. An offset one story ell connects to a carriage barn, which is oriented laterally to the road. The barn door is located on the west gable end. Built after 1892 (Hurd 1892), this was the home of Sarah and Charles P. Bartlett (b. 1855) and their two children. Bartlett was a house painter. The family took in boarders. In 1920 one boarder worked with Bartlett as a painter, another was a sign painter, the third worked in a wood handle shop. Mrs. Bartlett kept the boarding house as a widow, renting to four men who worked in paper mill, rail yard and as school janitor (Plan ca. 1904; Census 1920, 1930). More recently this was the Powers place.

**#110 18 Pierce Hill Rd. (07-128) ca. 1802 Contributing building Photo 203**

Facing east toward the village is a brick, 1½-story, 5 x 4 bay house. Its gable end is to the street. The house retains three of its four brick end chimneys. The Federal style entry has a semi-elliptical fan and half sidelights. The windows contain 2/2 sash and have vinyl shutters. An ell connects to a small barn. This house dated ca. 1802, it is said to contain Moses Eaton stenciling (Bennington Historical Society 1989:116). Around 1820 this was the home of Merrick Wentworth (born ca. 1800) from Alstead. He built the dam and the first mill at the site of Monadnock Station (#112) (Hayward 1889:286). He operated a carding and cloth dressing mill a short time. Later he moved to Vermont (Bureau of the Census 1850). In the mid-nineteenth century this house was owned by David O. Smith (1811-?) a blacksmith. He and wife Mary had one daughter Helen born 1841 (Chace 1858; Census 1860). The property was then acquired by F. Morrill Hill (1825- ) and Persis Hill. He worked in the cutlery shop. They lived here from ca. 1870; Mrs. Hill was here into the early 1900s (Census 1870; Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). In the twentieth century this house was owned by the Diamond family (Glynn 2008). The original Diamond was Swiss and worked in the paper mill (Census 1930).

**#110a Garage, ca. 1980 Noncontributing building**

Set back from the road, southeast of the house, is a modern detached garage. It is one-story with a gable roof oriented laterally to the road, with an overhead garage door.

**#111 6 Pierce Hill Rd. (07-127) Kimball House, ca. 1850 Contributing building Photos 204-205**

This 2-story, 5 x 1 bay house faces east toward the village. The saltbox form is created by a lean-to addition where there was formerly an ell. The chimneys have been rebuilt. The main block retains its center entry and one-room deep plan. The walls are sheathed in new clapboards. The foundation is granite. Some 12/8 window sash remain, most are 1/1 replacements. The focal point is the center entry with Greek Revival style surround of pilasters, entablature and sidelights. This was the home of Caleb Jewett Kimball (1817-1896) a blacksmith and toolmaker (Chace 1858; Census 1860). He and Ruth Felt were married in 1842. They had six children. The family lived in Milford and Wilton in the 1840s, before moving to Bennington in 1851. Kimball commenced the manufacture of hoes and tools in 1860 and acquired the factory (site of #36). His eldest son George E. Kimball (1842-1912) was a partner in the business from 1873. Caleb J. Kimball was in charge of the Congregational Sabbath-school for many years. Younger sons Charles H. Kimball (1848-1912) and Fred H. Kimball (1857-1917) also joined the company. Their father retired in 1894 (Hurd 1885; Hayward 1889:284, 789). George E. Kimball lived here in the early 1900s (Plan ca. 1904). George A. Kimball was the owner later (Census 1910). Barbara Huntley, who was overseer of the poor, lived here for many years

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(Glynn 2008).

**#111a Garage, ca. 2000 Noncontributing building**

Behind the house (west), next to Pierce Hill Road is a new detached garage. It has a gable roof, oriented laterally to the road, extending as a salt-box in the rear. The façade has two overhead garage doors. The foundation is concrete. The walls are clapboard.

**HANCOCK ROAD****#112 30 Hancock Rd. (07-87) Monadnock Power Station, ca. 1923 Contributing building  
Photos 206-209**

The small hydro-electric plant is a brick Colonial Revival style building with a pedimented gable end. The one-story building is 4 x 1 bays. Brick walls are supported by a concrete foundation. The windows have large 12-pane metal sash with concrete sills and splayed lintels. On the front gable end are large double hinged doors with x-panels. The building on high concrete foundation stands at the west end of the Monadnock Dam (#112a). The property is located off Hancock Road between the railroad tracks and the river.

The first dam on this site dates from ca. 1802 when Merrick Wentworth and partner Gibson acquired water rights here from Joseph Putnam Jr. They sold in 1828 to the Union Manufacturing Company, consisting of local residents Miles Taylor, Moody Butler, John Dodge and Samuel Baldwin (Edwards 1990). Various industries were located here. Around 1872, this site became the Goodell Cutlery Factory which stood into the 1920s. The Monadnock Paper Mills acquired the property and built the power plant in 1923. Since then it has generated electricity for the paper mill.

**#112a Monadnock Dam, 1923 Contributing structure**

The second dam on the river in Bennington is located between Hancock Road and Acre Street. South of the Bennington Village Bridge (#105). The dam was rebuilt in 1923 by the Monadnock Paper Mills. It has an internal water wheel. The turbines are 175 & 300 KW. This is NH Dam #22.03. It is a concrete gravity dam. The tail races are stone lined. They are mortared rubble stone with concrete caps. These are the remains of the foundation and tail race of the cutlery shop. The earlier dam had granite block wing (Norris 1887).

**#113 19 Hancock Rd. (07-125) Newton House, ca. 1850 Contributing building Photo 210**

The Newton House is one of two wide gable front houses in this part of the village. It retains the characteristic 5 x 2 bay form and fenestration. The foundation is granite. The walls are vinyl sided. The windows and doors are new in the original locations. In front of the house are concrete curb and steps down to the curb at Hancock Road

This mid-19<sup>th</sup> century house was the home of Luther Newton (b. 1791) (Chace 1858) and wife Harriet (b. 1802). He was a peddler and day laborer. They had two children Emily (b. 1834) and Marshall F. (b. 1842). Emily married her neighbor John Flagg Jr. and they lived with her parents as of 1870 before moving to the house (not extant) on the site of #115 (Census 1850, 1870). The Newton family owned this house into the early twentieth century when Fred Newton lived here (Hurd 1892). In 1933, it was the property of newspaper reporter Mrs. Minnie Gordon, wife of William Gordon (Plan 1933;



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Bureau of the Census 1930). A later resident was Annabelle Call (Glynn 2008).

**#113a Garage, ca. 1990 Non-contributing building Photo 211**

Set back, at the end of the driveway is a new outbuilding, a large garage with a gambrel roof. On the front gable end are two overhead garage doors. The walls are sided with T-111.

**#114 23 Hancock Rd. (07-124) Winn House, ca. 1810 Contributing building Photo 212**

The Winn House is a 1½-story, 5 x 2 bay house with center entry. Like many in Bennington, it is a vernacular building from the Federal period. The low-posted, small house has a one-story ell connecting to a small attached barn. The original chimneys are gone. The foundation is granite. The walls are vinyl sided. The windows have late 19<sup>th</sup> century 2/2 sash, except for a mid-twentieth century picture window which occupies half of the façade. The center entry retains its simple trim and Federal style half length sidelights. The concrete front walk and steps date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, according to a historic photograph. The back door into the ell is sheltered by a late nineteenth century porch on turned posts. The attached outbuilding is two stories with a low-pitched gable roof, off set on the back corner of the ell. A vehicle bay contains a modern overhead garage door.

Built ca. 1810 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:118), the earliest known occupants were Archibald Winn (1810- ) and his wife Betsey who lived in town in the 1840s when Bennington was formed. He worked as laborer and daughter Abba worked in the paper mill as a young woman (Chace 1858; Census 1850, 1860). In the late nineteenth century E.A. Gould owned this house (Hurd 1892). In the early twentieth, it was owned by George Lovering (Plan 1933). For many years this was the home of Maurice and Isabel Wilson who were married ca. 1930. He grew up in #116 and went to work in the paper mill (Glynn 2008; Census 1930).

**#115 33-35 Hancock Road (07-122) ca. 2000 Non-contributing building Photo 213**

A new duplex occupies the site of an earlier home. It is two stories with a low-pitched gable roof. The paired entries are centered on the façade. The walls are vinyl sided. The foundation is poured concrete.

**#116 39 Hancock Rd. (07-123) Flagg/Wilson House, ca. 1810 Contributing building Photo 214**

Also built ca. 1810 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:118), is another small, low-posted 1½-story house with center entry. The 5 x 1 bay house has two brick chimneys, one set in on the ridge and one at the north end. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in vinyl siding. The entry and windows were replaced in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The original entry had simple Federal-era half-length sidelights. In front of the house, the lawn has two sets of cast concrete steps from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The original owner has not been identified. In 1858 J.W. Flagg owned this house and one on site of #115 (Chace 1858). He had been in town since the 1830s. John W. Flagg was born in Worcester in 1802 and moved to Alstead where he married Abigail Buchanan (1803-1852). They came to Hancock Factory Village in 1832 with their children. For twenty-five years Flagg was a paper-maker and manufacturer of writing and blank books. He served as town clerk of Bennington twenty years, and was representative from that town two years, besides serving several years as one of the selectmen and as moderator of annual town- meetings. In 1853, widower John W. Flagg was married to Dorcas P.

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Burt who had been living with the family for some years (Census 1850). Sons Henry L. Flagg (1826-1852) and John Flagg Jr. (1829- ) became paper makers. The latter lived next door in the house not extant (site of #115) (Hurd 1885; Hayward 1889:574). This house was acquired by Michaiah M. George (1837- ) who worked in the cutlery shop (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). He and wife Lucy moved from Massachusetts around 1860. They had six children. M. George served several terms in town offices during the 1870s-80s (Hayward 1889:229). He lived here and farmed as of 1910 (Census 1910). In the twentieth century this was the Wilson homestead. Ernest Wilson (b. 1884) became foreman at the paper mill. He and wife Lillian had four children born between 1904 and 1925. His mother Ella Wilson lived nearby (Census 1930).

**#117 40 Hancock Rd. (07-88) ca. 1798 Contributing building Photos 215-216**

This house is dated 1798 according to signage. It is 1½ stories, 5 x 3 bays. The foundation is granite. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The windows have flat trim and late nineteenth century 2/2 sash. The door is new, sheltered by a modern door hood. There is a brick stove chimney at one end of the ridge. A one-story wing projects from the south elevation. This is new or rebuilt. A dry-laid fieldstone retaining wall defines the front lawn. The original owners of this house have not been identified. At the end of the nineteenth century it was owned by James L. Ross (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904). More recently, the owner was Freda Paige Barrows. The current owners, the Wadleighs had a hairdresser's shop for twenty-five years (Glynn 2008).

**#117a Barn, ca. 1980 Non-contributing building**

The detached outbuilding was built as a gift shop (Glynn 2008). It is 1½ stories, gable end to the street. The walls are sheathed in clapboards. The larger of two entries has double hinged barn doors. A modern oriel window is located upstairs.

**#118 211 State Route 202 (07-89) Rogers House, ca. 1860 Contributing building Photos 218-219**

This is a narrow lot on the east side of US Route 202 at the junction of Hancock Road. The property is bordered by the railroad tracks on the rear (east). It is a 1½-story, wide gable Greek Revival style house, 5 x 1 bays. The center entry has Greek Revival trim and sidelights. The doorway and windows, which have historic 6/6 sash, are topped by a slightly peaked lintel. A new brick fireplace chimney pierces the ridge. The one story ell in the rear appears to be rebuilt or new. This was the home of Alfred (1825- ) and Almada Rogers. Possibly they lived at #117 before (Chace 1857). Alfred Rogers (born 1825) was a farmer. His wife Almada Rogers lived here into the early twentieth century (Hurd 1892; Plan ca. 1904).

**#118a Garage, ca. 1980 Non-contributing building Photo 219**

A large modern garage stands south of the house. It is 1½ stories, gable end to the street, with two overhead garage doors and T-111 siding.

**#118b Shed/Cottage, ca. 1920 Contributing building Photo 217**

The origins of this one story cottage have not been identified. It appears to date from the historic period. The walls are sheathed in wood shingles. The windows are 6/6 and 1/1. The early twentieth century wood panel door is glazed with a square light.

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**ADDITIONAL PARCELS**

**#119 Main Street corner Eaton Ave. (10-16) Vacant lot Non-contributing site**

Returning to the village center, a small parcel on the corner of Main Street and Eaton Avenue is owned by the Town. It is a small dirt parking space. During much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Town Garage stood on this site, but no evidence remains.

**#120 Antrim Rd. and Starrett Rd. (09-23A) Sewage Pumping Station ca. 1975**

**Non-contributing Structure**

On the corner of Antrim Road and Starrett Street is a small (10' x 14') modern concrete structure containing a pumping station. This is owned by the Town of Bennington and is a pumping station for the sewer system. The lot, right on the corner of the two streets, is open with a chain-link fence around the pumping station.

**#121 Island in Contoocook (09-14) Contributing site**

The island between east and west channels of the river is owned by the paper mill. A dam was located across the east channel. On the east bank, adjacent to #36 (the Historical Society) was the Kimball Cutlery Factory, originally the Whittemore cotton mill, which was taken down in 1921 when the property was acquired by Monadnock Paper Mills. The land is still owned by MPM and may have the remains of the dam structure.

**#122 Adjacent to railroad tracks (09-15) Contributing site**

This small rectangular parcel adjacent to the railroad tracks, south of the railroad trestle (#3) near the Monadnock Paper Mill, is owned by MPM. The site was related to the railroad. It was retained by MPM when the surrounding land was transferred to the Town.

**#122 Between railroad and river (09-15) Non-contributing site**

This wooded land between the railroad tracks and the west bank of the river was formerly mill-owned land. It is now part of the Town Forest, given to the Town of Bennington by MPM, which includes other land west of the railroad, off Route 202. This land has always been undeveloped. It is now wooded and does not contribute to the historic significance of the district although it does define its setting on one edge.



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1	Antrim Road over Contoocook	---	1929	Antrim Road Bridge, concrete arch bridge	C structure
2	117 Antrim Road	09-21	1904	Monadnock Paper Mill, brick factory	C
2a			1923	Mill office, 1½-story brick Colonial Revival	C
2b			1937	Forge Shop, 1-story brick	C
2c			1950	Shed	C
2d			1904	Tailrace	C structure
2e			1988	Bridge	NC structure
2f	Antrim Road	09-20	--	Lawn	C site
2g		09-19	1928	Garage	C
3	Railroad over Antrim Rd. and Contoocook	---	1878/ 1930	Railroad Bridge, timber trestle	C structure
4	Antrim Road	09-23	1920	Paper Mill Dam	C structure
4a			1920	Mill Canal	C structure
4b			1922	Bridge, concrete	C structure
5	18 Starrett Road	09-25	1905	1½-story sidehall	C
5a			1990	Garage	NC
6	22 Starrett Road	09-26	1900	1½-story sidehall	C
6a			1950	Garage	C
7	30 Starrett Road	09-27	1900	1½-story cross-gable	C
7a			1900	Barn	C
8	19 Starrett Road	10-51	1900	1½-story sidehall	C
9	17 Starrett Road	10-52	1900	1½-story sidehall	C
10	15 Starrett Road	10-53	1900	1½-story sidehall	C
10a			1930	Garage	C
11	9 Starrett Road	10-54	1900	1½-story sidehall	C
11a			1980	Garage, late 20 <sup>th</sup> c.	NC
12	79 Antrim Road	10-55	1874	Alberto's Restaurant, 2½-story sidehall with wing	C

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13	57 Antrim Road	10-56	1840	G.P. Hall House, 2½-story Greek Revival sidehall	C
13a			1900	Barn	C
14	4 Bible Hill Road	10-57	1804	Benjamin Whittemore House, 2-story, Federal style	C
15	10 Bible Hill Road	10-58	1810	Woods House, 1 ½ -story cape	C
16	16 Bible Hill Road	10-59	1830/1920	Brick, gambrel roof	C
17	22 Bible Hill Road	10-60	1870	F.H. Kimball House, 2½-story sidehall with attached carriage barn	C
18	30 Bible Hill Road	10-61	1905	Dodge House, Queen Anne style, 2½-story sidehall	C
19	34 Bible Hill Road	10-62	1962	1-story ranch house	NC
20	40 Bible Hill Road	10-63	1975	1½-story, 20 <sup>th</sup> century house	NC
21	50 Bible Hill Road	10-64	1885	1½-story sidehall, connected wing and carriage barn	C
22	56 Bible Hill Road	10-65	1932	Cernota House, Bungalow	C
22a			1939	Small barn	C
23	59 Bible Hill Road	10-57	1893	Knowles House, 1½-story sidehall with rear ell	C
23a			1920	Garage	C
24	51 Bible Hill Road	10-76	1990	1½-story house on old site	NC
24a			1930	Garage	C
25	43 Bible Hill Road	10-77	1790	Cape with 1½-story wing,	C
25a			1850	Small barn	C
26	39 Bible Hill Road	10-78	1865	Fleming House, 2½-story with 2½-story wing, attached barn	C
27	31 Bible Hill Road	10-79	1960	Ranch house, attached garage	NC
28	27 Bible Hill Road	10-80	1868	Nathan Whitney House, Italianate, 2½ -story sidehall, attached carriage barn	C
29	7 Old Stagecoach Rd.	10-48	1790	1½-story cape	C
29a			1970	Willis Art studio, potentially individually eligible in future	NC
30	3 Old Stagecoach Rd.	10-49	1840	Walker House, 1½-story cape	C

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				with large wing	
31	9 Bible Hill Road	10-50	1880/2009	2½-story, 4 x 2 bay, renovated 2009	NC (loss of integrity)
32	Main Street/ Eaton Avenue	10-85	1850/1913	Sunnyside Cemetery	C site
33	54 Antrim Road	10-13	1900	Superintendent's House, Victorian, 2-story cross gable, attached garage	C
34	48 Antrim Road	10-14	1884	Congregational Parsonage, 2½-story sidehall with ell	C
34a			1980	Garage	NC
35	46 Antrim Road	10-13	1836	George Alfred Whittemore House, Greek Revival, brick 1½-story	C
36	36 Main Street	10-12	1992	Bennington Historical Society (includes older 19 <sup>th</sup> c. relocated building)	NC
36a				Foundations on riverbank, potential archaeological site	C site
37	35 Main Street	10-17	1880	Amos Whittemore House, 1½-story brick	C
37a			1990	Garage	NC
38	30 Eaton Ave.	10-27	1875	2½-story sidehall with Italianate door hood	C
39	34 Main Street	10-11	1830	Whittemore Boardinghouse, Federal style brick, 2½ -story	C
40	30-32 Main Street	10-10	1850	1½-story cape connected to 2½-story sidehall house	C
41	28 Main Street	10-09	1890	Herrick House, 2½ -story	C
42	5 Cross Street	10-07	1895	1½-story, formerly commercial	C
43	1 Cross Street	10-08	1921	Pierce Power Station 1-story, flat roof, concrete walls with brick panels	C
43a			1921	Pierce Dam	C structure



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44	7 Cross Street	10-07	1906	Knight/Edmunds Store, 2-story	C
45	9 Cross Street	10-06	1925	F.A. Knight House, 2-story hip roof	C
46	9 Cross Street	10-05	1880	Knight Barn (connected to house, separate ownership)	C
47	11 Cross Street	10-04	1895	1½-story gable front house	C
48	7 School Street	07-73	1871	Bennington Town Hall 2½-story, Italianate style	C
49	School Street	10-01	1975	Fire Station, 1½-story, brick	NC
50	12 School Street	10-02	1788/ 1839	1½-story, center entry house, moved 1839	C
51	20 Main Street	10-03	1936/ 1960	Bennington Garage 1-story flat roof, wood and concrete block	NC (loss of integrity)
52	19 Main Street	10-20	1929	Pierce School, Colonial Revival style, brick, 2½-story	C
53	Corner Main and Francetown Road	07-14	1903/ 1949 1893	Town square, Civil War Monument, Watering trough	C site
54	5 Francetown Rd.	07-13	1839	Congregational Church Greek Revival style, 2½-story	C
55	9 Francetown Rd.	07-12	1860/ 1900	Former Grange Hall, 2-story	C
56	11 Francetown Rd.	07-11	1840	Lakin House, 1 ½ -story sidehall with wing	C
57	14 Francetown Rd.	10-22	1865	2 ½-story house with 2-story porch	C
58	16 Francetown Rd.	10-23	1836	Burt/Lawrence House, 2- story I-house w/ 2½-story ell	C
58a			1900	Small barn	C
59	17 Francetown Rd.	07-10	1855	2½-story, center entry house	C
60	19-21 Francetown Rd.	07-09	1840/ 1900	W. Burt House, 2½-story with connected barn	C
61	20 Francetown Rd.	10-24	1840	Gray/Peavey House, 1½-story cape with attached barn	C

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62	23 Francestown Rd.	07-08	1850	Eaton House, 2½-story sidehall, 1½-story wing, attached garage	C
63	25 Francestown Rd.	07-07	1840	Abbott/Griswold House, 1½-story with enclosed porch	C
64	30 Francestown Rd.	10-31	1850	Page House 1½-story sidehall	C
65	27 Francestown Rd.	07-06	1880	Coldwell House, 1½-story with Italianate door-hood and wing	C
66	35 Francestown Rd.	07-05	1820	Wilkins House, Federal style cape	C
67	38 Francestown Rd.	10-32	1870	Griswold House, 2½-story sidehall farmhouse with 2½-story cross wing and 1½-story ell connected to barn	C
68	41 Francestown Rd.	07-04	1895	Bell House, 2½-story sidehall, 2½-story ell, connected barn	C
68a			1895	Outbuilding	C
68b			1920	Garage	C
69	45 Francestown Rd.	07-03	1895	McCoy Bell House, 2½-story sidehall with 1½-story wing	C
70	16 Francestown Rd.	7-85	1832	John Whittemore House, 1½-story center entry house, 1½-story ell, connected barn	C
71	12 Main Street	07-84	1832	1½-story cape w/ 1½-story ell	C
71a			1832	English Barn	C
72	11 Main Street	07-15	1830	2-story, two unit house w/ell	C
73	9 Main Street	07-16	1865	2½-story, Italianate	C
73a			1930	Garage/workshop	C
74	8 Main Street	07-83	1830/ 1900	2½-story with 2-story enclosed porch, 2½-story ell, 1½-story attached shed	C
75	7 Main Street	07-17	1910	Former Post Office, 1½-story with central entry	C

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76	6 Main Street	07-82	1925	Bennington Country Store, 1½-story gable front	C
76a			1990	Garage	NC
77	2 Main Street	07-81	1906	Dodge Public Library, brick, Colonial Revival style	C
78	2 Greenfield Road	07-18	--	Vacant lot, house demolished 2009	NC site
79	10 Greenfield Rd.	7-19	1930	Divine Mercy Parish House, 2-story with hip roof	C
79a			1930	Garage	C
80	14 Greenfield Road	7-20, 20a	1790	1½-story cape with wing and attached carriage barn	C
81	9 Greenfield Road	7-30	1895	St. Patrick's Church, wood frame Victorian Gothic	C
82	1 South Bennington	7-59	1805	Burnham House, cape	C
82a			1850	Barn and shed	C
83	4 South Bennington Road	7-31	1880	1½-story cape	C
84	5 South Bennington Road	07-58	1930	2-story, gable roof with shed extension	C
84a			1990	Barn, new	NC
85	9 South Bennington Road	07-57	1800	1½-story cape, 1½-story wing	C
86	8 South Bennington Road	07-32	1890	2½-story sidehall, 1½-story wing	C
87	4 Main Street	07-80	1925	Smith House, 1½-story	C
88	7 Acre Street	7-79	1905	1½-story sidehall with ell	C
88a			1930	Garage	C
89	8 Acre street	07-60	1900	1½-story, Queen Anne, gable front with cross gable	C
90	15 Acre Street	07-78	1900	1½-story sidehall and 1½-story ell	C
90a			1900	Carriage barn	C



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91	14 Acre Street	07-61	1900	1½-story with 1-story shed extension and 1-story modern addition	C
92	16 Acre Street	07-62	1895	1½-story sidehall, off-set ell	C
93	18 Acre Street	07-63	1895	1½-story sidehall with 1½-story wing	C
94	20 Acre Street	7-64	1895	2½-story, two family tenement with 2½-story wing	C
95	22 Acre Street	07-66	1900	2-story sidehall with 1½-story cape wing	C
96	24 Acre Street	07-67	1890	Starrett House, 1½-story sidehall, long wing and attached carriage barn	C
97	28 Acre Street	07-68	1895	Queen Anne style, 1½-story	C
98	19 Acre street	07-77	1880	2½-story sidehall with ell and attached barn	C
99	25 Acre Street	07-76	1880/1930	Altered house/blacksmith shop	NC (loss of integrity)
100 100a	29 Acre Street	07-75	1900 1970	1½-story sidehall with rear ell Garage	C NC
101 101a	31 Acre Street	07-74	1900 1920	1½-story sidehall and 1-story wing. Garage	C C
102	Acre Street	07-69	1924	Barn	C
103 103a	1 School Street Off Acre Street	07-71 07-71	1900/ 2000 --	2½-story multi-family, rebuilt after fire Site of 19 <sup>th</sup> century knife handle factory	NC (loss of integrity) NC site
104	34-38 Acre Street	07-72	2000	New 2-story, three unit apartment building	NC
105	School Street over Contoocook River	---	1934	Bennington Village Bridge, concrete arch	C structure
106	12 Hancock Road	07-86	1880	1½-story sidehall	C

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107	9 Hancock Road	09-12	1892/ 1934	Railroad Station/VFW	C
108	3 Pierce Hill Rd.	09-10	1830/ 1910	Baldwin House, brick 1½-story gambrel roof, Colonial Revival elements, 2½-story wing, attached carriage barn	C
109	15 Pierce Hill Rd.	09-09	1895	C.P. Bartlett House, 1½-story sidehall with connected barn	C
110	18 Pierce Hill Rd.	07-128	1802	1½-story brick, Federal style with connected barn	C
110a			1980	Garage, late 20 <sup>th</sup> c.	NC
111	6 Pierce Hill Rd.	07-127	1805	Kimball House 2½-story, saltbox form	C
111a			2000	Garage, new	NC
112	30 Hancock Rd.	07-87	1923	Monadnock Power Station Colonial Revival, brick, 1-story	C
112a			1923	Monadnock Dam	C structure
113	19 Hancock Rd.	07-125	1850	Newton House, gable front	C
113a			1990	Barn	NC
114	23 Hancock Rd.	07-124	1810	Winn House, 1½-story cape w/ ell	C
115	33-35 Hancock Rd.	07-122	2000	New 2-story duplex	NC
116	39 Hancock Rd.	07-123	1810	Flagg/Wilson House, 1½-story, center entry	C
117	40 Hancock Rd.	07-88	1798	1½-story with 1-story wing	C
117a			1980	Barn, late 20 <sup>th</sup> c.	NC
118	211 State Route 202, corner Hancock Rd.	07-89	1860	Rogers House, 1½-story Greek Revival, 1-story ell	C
118a			1980	Garage	NC
118b			1920	Shed/Cottage, 1-story	C
119	Main Street corner Eaton Ave.	10-16	--	Vacant lot, dirt parking area, site of Town Garage	NC site
120	Corner Antrim and Starrett roads	09-23A	1975	Town pumping station to sewage treatment plant	NC structure

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121	Island in Contoocook	09-14	--	Island between east and west channels of the river	C site
122	Adjacent to railroad tracks	09-15	--	Owned by MPM, relates to railroad	C site
123	Between railroad and river	09-16	--	Formerly mill land, now part of Town Forest	NC site

**TOTALS:**

122 Contributing buildings  
 25 Non-contributing buildings (21 due to age, 4 loss of integrity)

6 Contributing sites  
 4 Non-contributing sites (vacant lots)

9 Contributing structures  
 2 Non-contributing structures (due to age)



**8. Statement of Significance****Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation sheets.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

**Community Planning and Development**  
**Industry****Period of Significance**

ca. 1782-1959

**Significant Dates**

1842 Town of Bennington incorporated

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**9. Major Bibliographical References****Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation sheets.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal Agency
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: NH Division of Historical Resources

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**Narrative Statement of Significance**

National Register Statement

The Bennington Village Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its significance in the areas of Industry and of Community Planning and Development. Bennington Village, an industrial-based small town center, reflects the trends and patterns typical of nineteenth century mill communities in New Hampshire. This context is important not only to the town, but also to Hillsborough County and southwestern New Hampshire's Monadnock Region as a whole.

Bennington Village is a distinct concentration of buildings and sites, united historically by their physical development. The village is composed of a variety of built resources which are interrelated; including the mills and businesses, the residences of the people who worked in them and their public buildings. Together they convey a strong sense of the nineteenth century village's historical environment.

Bennington Village relates to a number of identified contexts: locally-focused mill villages, paper manufacturing, hand tool manufacturing, business and commerce, hydropower, road and railroad travel, and immigration. Water power is the reason for the village's existence, and the mills were the most significant aspect of the community's development. Local transportation patterns were laid out following the river valley and from the outlying hills converging at the river crossing.

As a small industrial center, Bennington demonstrates a significant part of the history of the area; a factory village, developed around a mix of water-powered industries. Bennington Village's history is somewhat unusual in that it originated on the edge of two towns at a source of water power, and evolved into its own town created in 1842. The water-power of the Contoocook has remained in continuous use in Bennington, as the several dams still provide energy for the modern paper mill.

All physical components of the village contribute to its significance. These include the layout of the village, with a series of intersections and converging roads, the civic and religious buildings, stores and railroad depot and surrounding residences are intact. The paper mill conveys a strong sense of the village's industrial history. One missing component is the other factories, which were taken down in the 1920s as Bennington became a one-industry town. The dams contribute to the historic associations, and to the setting as a defining factor in the topography.

Bennington has always been one of the smaller towns in the region. It is small in land area and also in population. However, Bennington Village developed as a complete and self-contained center. Throughout the historic period, village residents worked, shopped, went to school and church within close proximity. At the same time, there were always connections to the surrounding towns on all sides, as evidenced by the historic road patterns. The railroad depot was in the village and U.S. Route 202 passed through the center during the 1930s-50s.

The domestic components of the village document patterns of residential development and house types, and provide information about the lifestyles of Bennington families. Throughout its history, the village was home to a number of interrelated families, related by marriage or business or both. The

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homes of the town's "forefathers" were here. Mill and business owners were community leaders who built the schools, churches and town hall.

Bennington's industrial potential attracted a series of industrialists. There seems to have been a fair turn-over in the population, as people came and went seeking economic opportunities. Some families remained in town for generations. The local workforce grew steadily throughout the historic period. New families came to town from the surrounding New England states and beyond. The cutlery and paper mills employed many foreign immigrants from Ireland, England, Canada, and then from Greece, Turkey, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia. Often these families remained in town and some purchased homes. The families became inter-related by marriage, and just about everyone worked together in the mills.

In Bennington, the homes of business owners tended to be the larger ones, which are still relatively small and modest for their architectural periods, with characteristic but simple ornament and detailing. Worker housing was generally smaller with minimal detailing. There was continuous residential construction throughout the historic period. The house types, forms and styles selected by village homebuilders are clearly evident in the existing building stock, although vinyl siding, window and door replacement has eroded some integrity.

The settlement patterns of this concentrated mill village are strongly conveyed by the closely spaced homes, mainly on small lots. Buildings on adjacent properties are close together, even connected in some cases. Houses have small yards around them. There is some evidence of historic fencing. The pedestrian character of the village has been retained, largely due to the early highway bypass around it, which has limited modern traffic somewhat. Historic concrete sidewalks remain along the front yards of the houses on nearly every street. Bennington developed with a series of open "squares" in its intersecting roads. There is still strong evidence of these and even the crosswalks painted on the asphalt are in the same locations as the earliest crosswalks shown in historic views. The public buildings that serve as focal points in the village include the Town Hall, Pierce School, Congregational and Catholic Churches. Industrial elements include two dams and power plants near the downtown. The Monadnock Paper Mills complex, an important part of village life though located on the edge, dominates the north end of the district.

The Bennington Village Historic District has more historic character than architectural significance. It fulfills National Register Criterion C, as a significant and distinguishable entity, the components of which may lack individual distinction. The village contains a number of architecturally significant buildings, some which would be individually eligible for the National Register. Other buildings retain less integrity, but nearly all are intact enough to contribute to the district's historical significance.



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Period of Significance

Bennington Village dates from ca. 1782 when Joseph Putnam established the first mills and bridge. The village grew and evolved throughout its history. The end of the period of significance is defined by the fifty year cut-off date for National Register eligibility.

Within the continuous historical period growth was fairly steady through the first century. Specific events influenced periods of development. Initial settlement from the 1780s was gradual, followed by a boom in the early 1800s as new industries were established after Putnam sold his mills in 1804. The Hancock Cotton Factory was established in 1810, and the first papermaking was done in town in 1819. The village grew until it became its own town in 1842. Industrial growth continued, the focus shifting to cutlery and paper manufacturing in the 1860s-70s. The railroad reached town in 1878. Arthur J. Pierce who took the paper business into the 20<sup>th</sup> century came to Bennington to work at the Monadnock Paper mill in 1900. The factory expanded and others closed so paper was the sole local industry from the 1920s.

Integrity

Bennington Village possesses integrity of location and setting, at a junction of the historic roads crossing the Contoocook River. The development patterns and original design of the village are clearly evident. The pattern of streets has been in place since before the Town was established. The feeling and character of the village is retained in its pedestrian elements including sidewalks and cross walks. The two bridges date from the 1930s.

Properties in the village retain a strong ability to convey their historic functions and associations. Bennington remains a community of mixed owner-occupied and rental homes, single and two-family. It is still one of the smaller towns in the region. The local town hall, churches, school and library occupy their historic buildings. The principal change has been the closure of local stores, after large supermarkets were built within driving distance elsewhere. Although Bennington, like all towns in the region, is home to a large number of workers who commute elsewhere to their jobs, the village is unique for retaining its long-time historic industry.

In terms of historic character, Bennington retains a high degree of integrity as a small mill village, and it has continued its industrial associations to the present. Bennington's Monadnock Paper Mills retain integrity from the construction of the present factory ca. 1904. The mills continue to operate and have contributed to the development of the village throughout its history. The three dams in the district remain in their original locations; one is gone. They still use the water power, now to generate electricity. The paper mill has been the primary industry in town since ca. 1920. The other older factories are not extant, although some archaeological evidence may remain. They were taken down well within the historic period and were gone before living memory of current town residents.

The majority of components that contribute to the district possess integrity, although many individual buildings have lost some integrity of design, materials and workmanship due to vinyl siding and replacement of windows. In some cases, the siding eliminated historic details and trim, but the overall form, massing, proportions and basic fenestration patterns remain clear on all buildings. The siding

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approximates the wooden clapboards which would have been original. Clapboard siding and wooden trim remains on over twenty-five houses. Many of these houses retain high degrees of integrity, as do some of the brick houses. Bennington has seen less window replacement than some communities. About thirty houses in the district have late nineteenth century 2/2 wooden window sash.

The district has a high percentage of contributing historic properties. There are over 130 contributing resources and fewer than thirty non-contributing. Only four buildings do not contribute to the historic district due to loss of integrity (#31, #51, #99 and #103). The majority of buildings built after the period of significance are secondary buildings like garages.

Historical Background

*1753-1810: Settlement of Hancock, Society Land, Putnam's Mills*

Bennington developed at a significant source of waterpower on the Contoocook River. A bridge was located there and became the intersection of roads. The Town of Bennington was not created until 1842. The village that developed was located on both sides of the river, mainly on the east, and straddled the line between more than one town.

In the mid-eighteenth century, as the region was being settled, a large area of the Contoocook Valley including what are now the towns of Franconia, Antrim, Hancock, Greenfield, Deering and Bennington, was laid out in 1753 into fifteen shares known as "the Great Lots." This was owned by a "society" of men from the Seacoast area who had purchased rights in the unsettled parts of New Hampshire and Vermont in 1746. Land was settled and towns were formed, including Deering in 1774, Hancock and Antrim incorporated in 1779. Initially Hancock's eastern boundary was defined by the Contoocook River and included the portion of Bennington Village on the west side of the river. East of the Contoocook, part of Great Lots 9 and 10 remained unorganized, and from 1782 formed an entity which operated like a town, known as "Society Land" (Hayward 1889:213). This included would become the center of the village of Bennington on the east bank.

Scattered farms were settled throughout the hills and on the river intervalle, but it was the Contoocook's waterpower that became the focus of settlement. The original landowner along the river was Joseph Putnam, a miller who came from Temple. In 1782, he purchased a lot of land at the Great Falls of the Contoocook from the Odiorne heirs of Portsmouth. This included all of the land on the east side of the river. Putnam began clearing land and built a house into which his family moved early in 1783. Putnam soon erected a bridge and grist and saw mills, which he operated for some twenty years (site of Pierce Station #43). His brother Archelaus Putnam was also an early settler. From 1785 on, Society Land "town meetings" were held in Putnam's home (Hayward 1889:275-279). Joseph Putnam created a large farm. In 1789 he purchased 107 acres of land on the opposite (west) side of the river in Hancock, so that he owned most of what is now Bennington Village, and the length of the Great Falls. Reportedly, he was unwilling to sell any of the waterpower in the vicinity, so his mills remained the only ones in the small hamlet known as Putnam's Mills." In 1786 the Town of Hancock laid out a road west from the bridge near Putnam's mills connecting to the existing road between Antrim and Hancock, on what is now Pierce Hill Road (Hayward 1889:252).

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In 1791, the Town of Greenfield was created out of part of the Society Land. The following year, residents of the remaining area of Society Land unsuccessfully petitioned the legislature to become a town. In 1794 Joseph Putnam succeeded in having just his own land on the east side of the Contoocook annexed to the Town of Hancock and this was known as "Putnam's Addition." It was a roughly rectangular area from the Powder Mill Dam south of the village, to the paper mill (#2) in the north, extending east to the east side of Main Street. Early roads were not laid out following the town lines, but intersecting near the bridge (#105) and mills.

The village that became Bennington developed partly in Hancock and partly in Society Land. Reduced in size, Society Land encompassed the eastern part of the village and the hills to the east and north. The residents continued to hold their own town meetings, often at the home of True Webster in the north part of town (Hayward 1889:275-279). In 1797 three school districts were created. In 1798 land for a burying place was deeded by Andrew Taylor. Now Evergreen Cemetery, it is located on Old Stagecoach Road northeast of the village (Roper 2007; Hayward 1889:275-279).

Joseph Putnam operated his mills until 1804 when he moved to Alstead which was also then developing as an industrial center. He sold his Hancock property, saw and grist mills (site of #43), to John Dustin who came from Alstead (Hurd 1885). Joseph Putnam Jr., who was a selectman of Society Land in 1807-08, remained in town until 1810 when he moved to Amherst (Hayward 1889:823). John Dustin was a grandchild of the famous Indian captive Hannah Dustin. He ran the former Putnam's mills only a few years. Nehemiah Chandler installed a fulling mill in the west end of Dustin's mill soon after his marriage to Dustin's daughter in 1804. Later the fulling mill was run by Captain Kidder (Hayward 1889:284; Verney and Hunt ca. 1956:11). In 1806, Dustin sold the mills to Ebenezer Burt from Pelham whose family operated them for many years.

*1810-1842: Industrial Expansion, Hancock Factory Village Develops*

New industries were soon established on the Contoocook taking full advantage of its water power. In 1809 Ebenezer Burt sold some of Putnam's land and water rights to Benjamin Whittemore from Greenfield. In 1810, Hancock Cotton Factory was formed by Benjamin Whittemore, his brother Amos Whittemore Sr. and Paul Cragin. They built a dam about 200 feet downstream from the original one. In one week, the timber for the mill was cut and hewn, and the frame was raised (site of #36). Benjamin Whittemore (who lived at #14) was the factory's first agent. Their business was spinning cotton yarn, most of it used for home weaving. When their father died, Amos Whittemore Jr. (#37) and George Alfred Whittemore (#35) joined the business.

The developing village became known as Hancock Factory Village. According to the 1817 Gazetteer of New Hampshire, the village contained about fifteen houses, plus stores and mills (Merrill 1817). Nothing was shown in this somewhat isolated location on the New Hampshire map of 1816. The Second New Hampshire turnpike between Nashua-Hillsborough and beyond passed northeast of the village through the very edge of the present-day town of Bennington. The route between Antrim and Frankestown passed through the northern edge of Society Land on what is now North Bennington Road. The main south-north route between Peterborough and Hillsborough passed through Hancock and Antrim (Carrigain 1816). Residents of the growing Hancock Factory Village attended the Congregational Church in Hancock, or traveled to Antrim or Greenfield. A Baptist Church was



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located in Greenfield from 1805.

Around 1820 a dam was built upstream from the bridge where the Monadnock Power Station (#112) is now. This was used by various industries. In 1820 Merrick Wentworth built the first mill there, which operated a short time carding and dressing cloth. A tannery operated nearby until 1835 (Hayward 1889:286). In 1823, John Carlin began to make gunpowder on his property, then part of Greenfield, at the upper or Powder Mill Dam.

Amos Whittemore Jr. took charge of the cotton factory (site of #36) in 1825. The following year, the mill was enlarged with a three-story, 30-foot addition. Twenty-five or thirty looms were installed, employing about fifty hands weaving cotton cloth. For some years this factory produced a considerable portion of the cotton goods in the state (Hurd 1885). Amos Whittemore Jr. built a brick boardinghouse (#39), the brick store (not extant, part of #52) and his own house (#37). The store built ca. 1830 contained the post office established at Hancock Factory at that time. George Alfred Whittemore was the postmaster there, and then for many years in his home (#35) (Hayward 1889:293). The Whittemore family was active in the community and in the formation of the Town of Bennington (Hurd 1885).

Paper manufacturing in town dates to 1819 when Moody Butler began to make paper by hand. The Contoocook River provided ample pure water, which was needed in the process, for pulping the flax fibers. Butler's wife was Sarah Dustin, daughter of former mill owner John Dustin. Sons John Dustin Butler (#78) and William D. Butler also became involved in the paper business. It took just three skilled men to run the operation at that time. By the late 1820s, linen rags were used as the pulp ingredient, and the sorting and processing required a larger number of workers. The Butlers retired from the business in the 1830s (Verney and Hunt ca. 1956:13).

John W. Flagg, another paper maker, moved from Alstead to Bennington in 1832 and made paper by hand in the former carding mill (site of #112) for several years. Esquire Flagg who lived on Hancock Road (#116) became a prominent local resident (Hayward 1889:285; www.mpm.com). In 1835, Lewis Fletcher, an associate of Flagg's, came from Alstead and built a paper mill at the lower dam (site of #4), on the present site of the Monadnock Paper Mills (#2). Wood pulp was newly introduced to the process and the mill had a "Fourdrinier" paper machine. It produced writing paper and blank books. Before long, Fletcher moved away and sold the paper mill to John W. Flagg whose shop on the site of #112 had burned. Flagg expanded the business at the north edge of the village (Hayward 1889:285; www.mpm.com). There were other early paper mills in Alstead and Peterborough, but only the one in Bennington still operates (Verney and Hunt ca. 1956:8).

Throughout this period, Hancock Factory Village was partly in Hancock and partly in Society Land. Some properties straddled the line. Hancock built a road from the Factory Village to the Antrim line (Antrim Road), with a new covered bridge over the river (site of #1). Antrim built the road from there north. This enforced the developing connection between Hancock Factory and South Antrim and weakened Hancock Factory's ties to its own town center (Hayward 1889:281). In 1830 there was discussion of including the Bennington area in a new town formed out of southern Antrim, but this was opposed by village residents (Hayward 1889:280).

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The village became increasingly autonomous. The Society Land Baptist Church built a meetinghouse in the fork of Bible Hill and Old Cemetery Roads (now part of #28) in 1826 (Hayward 1889:204-205). One of the first Deacons was paper mill owner Lewis Fletcher. In 1833 the Congregational Church of Hancock Factory was formed and plans for a meetinghouse begun.

Hancock Factory Fire Engine Company was formed by local residents in 1832. Members were: Samuel Baldwin, David Bean, Abraham Burt, Ebenezer Burt Jr., William D. Butler, Francis Cragin, William C. Cross, Thomas Dodge, Lewis A. Fletcher, James French, John Gilson, Gilbert Hall, Jonathan F. Keyes, Benjamin Peary, Merrick Wentworth, Amos Whittemore, George Whittemore, John J. Whittemore, Wesley Wilson and Archibald Winn. Ten years later, as Bennington was formed, the Fire Company included: Winn, Baldwin, Abraham Burt, W.D. Butler, Cross, Fletcher, Keyes and J.J. Whittemore, plus John B. Barker, Warren Brooks, Arnold Burt, Benjamin Burt Jr., James Burt Jr., Samuel G. Dodge, John W. Flagg, Gideon Page, Willard Stephens, Amos White and Timothy C. Whittemore (Hayward 1889:153, 243).

The year 1839 was one of major construction in the village. Francetown Road opened as a new more direct route to that town. The Congregational Church (#54) was built on one corner of the new intersection and a hotel (site of Pierce School #52) was built on the other. The hotel, which stood until 1915, was built by Arnold B. Burt (1802-1861), son of saw and grist mill owner Ebenezer. The older house on the hotel site was moved across the road (#50). Arnold Burt built other houses in the village earlier in the 1830s, including one later owned by George Andrew Whittemore (probably #70). The family then moved to a farmhouse west of village (Hurd 1885; Hurd 1892; Hayward 1889:422). The Congregational Meetinghouse (#54) built in 1839 was located right on the dividing line between Hancock and Society Land. The building committee was John Dodge (who lived outside the village), Samuel Baldwin (#108) and Benjamin Whittemore (#14). Amos Whittemore (#37) was the builder (Hurd 1885).

*1842-1870: Town of Bennington, Industrial Growth*

The Town of Bennington was incorporated on December 15, 1842. The petition for a new town was presented to the state legislature earlier that year. The Town of Hancock, which opposed the separation of its prosperous mill village, hired legal counsel. The local petitioners employed future U.S. President Hon. Franklin Pierce of Hillsborough to represent them. The name Bennington was adopted at Pierce's recommendation (Hayward 1889:282). It commemorates the 1777 Battle of Bennington which took place near Bennington, Vermont; the latter named for Governor Benning Wentworth.

The new town was formed from the east edge of Hancock, including Hancock Factory Village which became the town center, and the remaining Society Land, plus adjacent areas of Greenfield, Deering and Francetown. At this time, the village contained about twenty-five buildings including mills and stores. John Dodge, John W. Flagg and John H. Fleming were authorized to call the first Bennington town meeting, which took place early in 1843 with 110 voters present (Hayward 1889:282). Society Land was required to continue as an entity until its debts were paid off; the last meeting was held in 1845 (Hayward 1889:279, 293).

The local churches were renamed Bennington Congregational Church and Bennington Baptist Church.

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The private cemetery of the Whittemore family in the village was purchased by the Town in 1850 (now Sunnyside Cemetery). From that time, the older outlying Society Land cemetery on Old Stagecoach Road fell into neglect (Roper 2007). From 1852 Baptist meetings were held in South Antrim where a church was built in 1871 attended by Bennington residents. Paper mill owner Gilbert P. Hall (#13) was Deacon from 1864. The old church became a barn (#28) (Hayward 1889:291; Bennington Historical Society 1989:52). For many years there were two schoolhouses in the village; one on Bible Hill Road (now #16, 10-59) and the other on South Bennington Road (not extant) (Chace 1858). George Alfred Whittemore kept the Post Office at #35 (10-13) until 1860 (Chace 1858).

In 1850 Bennington had a population of 541. There were a total of 85 dwellings and 91 households in town; some families including multiple generations (Bureau of the Census 1850). The majority were New Hampshire natives. Nearly forty people were from Massachusetts, thirteen from Vermont, two from Rhode Island and Maine and five from New York. The only immigrants were six people from Ireland, one each from Canada and England (Bureau of the Census 1850). Further research would be needed to distinguish between residents of the village and of outlying areas. The majority of the population lived in the village. The numbers here are for the town as a whole.

In 1850, the saw and grist mills (site of #43) were run by Benjamin Burt, Abraham Burt and Benjamin Burt Jr. The tavern (site of #52), owned by the Burt family, was kept by Charles Champney. Merchants were George Dodge, George Alfred Whittemore and James Bradford. Local carpenters were Wesley Wilson, Jason Robinson, Samuel Fletcher, James Rockwell, James or Jonas Caldwell, Edson Hemingway and William Eaton. Congregational minister Albert Manson and two Baptist clergymen lived in town. Other residents included several shoemakers, a basket maker, peddlers, teamsters and drivers, a painter, a tailor and a physician. Blacksmiths were Samuel Baldwin, Amon Symonds, Franklin Robinson and Asa Hold. John and Willard Carlin were powder manufacturers. A total of six men were employed in the powder mill. Manufacturers were: Amos and Benjamin Whittemore, William B. Walker, Samuel D. Baldwin and Samuel G. Dodge. The Whittemore cotton mill employed two men and five women running twelve looms and 650 spindles. Baldwin made knives and tools, employing eleven men. Paper manufacturers were Gilbert P. Hall and William Butler whose factory employed eight men and six women, and John Flagg for whom five men and four women worked. Some of the paper makers included Hiram Butler, Charles Moors, Henry Flagg, and Walter Wood. Richard Hathaway an Englishman was a bookbinder (Bureau of the Census 1850, 1850a).

In 1857 the state gazetteer described Bennington as follows. "This village is provided with better manufacturing facilities than almost any of the neighboring towns." The land is generally uneven, and the soil moderately productive. The people are industrious and enterprising. Manufacturing in its various departments constitutes the chief employment (Charlton 1857:106-107). In the whole town, only thirty houses out of 85 had farmers living in them. There were thirty-one farms listed in the agricultural census of 1850. Several village residents owned good-sized farms, but further research is needed to identify land-use patterns.

In 1860, George Andrew Whittemore began his twenty-five years as postmaster. The Post Office was located in the brick store and then opposite the church on the west side of the street (#70) (Hayward



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1889:293). The Bennington Circulatory Library was founded by a group of local women in 1860 and for twenty years the collection of 235 books was kept in private homes.

The saw, shingle and grist mills (site of #43) in the village were acquired by the powder mill owners John and Willard S. Carlin who ran them on a custom basis. In the 1860s both the powder mill and village mills were sold George W. Burns of Milford. He operated a large wood and lumber business, furnished employment to many men and teams, and erected many dwellings in Bennington and Antrim (Hurd 1885; Hayward 1889:286; Edwards 1990).

The tool and cutlery industry also required a good source of water for power and processing, and this became a dominant business in Bennington during this period. The Whittemores gave up the cotton business in the 1850s and turned to cutlery (Hayward 1889:284; Hurd 1885). Amos (of #37) and George Alfred Whittemore (#335) and Samuel Baldwin (#108) opened a cutlery shop in the old mill (site of #36), employing fourteen men (Charlton 1857). This later passed to Caleb Jewett Kimball (of #111) who commenced the manufacture of hoes and edge tools in 1860. Brothers W.D. and Eben F. Wood (who lived at #37 and #15) were for a time associated in tool manufacture, making improvements and patenting inventions later used by the Goodell Cutlery Company (Hurd 1885). They employed twenty men as of 1870 on the site of #112.

The paper factory (site of #2) was purchased ca. 1865 by Samuel Whitney (1821-1868) who moved from Westminster, Massachusetts. His brother Nathan Whitney also moved to town and lived at #28. The factory burned in February 1867, but was quickly rebuilt (Hurd 1885). In 1868 Samuel Whitney died and the mill was sold to settle his estate. Nathan Whitney continued to run it for a time, in company with Lyman Patch of Fitchburg. As of 1870 thirty people (equal numbers men and women) were employed. Paper was made from rags and straw (Bennington Historical Society 1989:122; Census 1870a). There was increasingly a shortage of linen rags and wood pulp was introduced. A pulp mill, which was the only one of its type in New England, was operated in the 1860s by Taylor Lakin on the site of #112 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:121). The local population was still primarily native, born in New Hampshire or other New England states. There were fewer than ten foreign-born residents in 1870, from Ireland, England and Canada (Census 1870). The population fluctuated in the 1860-1880 period, between 400 and 450 residents in the town as a whole.

Bennington held its town meetings in the church (#54) or the hotel (site of #52) for many years. In 1870 it was voted to build a Town Hall, which would contain the village school, formed by uniting the two village districts. Bennington Town Hall was constructed in 1871 (#48). The building committee consisted of Amos Whittemore (of #37), William Eaton (#62), C.J. Kimball (#111) and George P. Griswold (#67), all major financial contributors to the project (Hurd 1885).

*1870-1900: Railroads, Cutlery Shops, Monadnock Paper Mills*

Construction of a railroad through the town was discussed in the early 1870s, but was not completed until 1878. Cutlery and paper grew as the local industries.

About 1870 the paper mill (site of #2) was sold to William T. Barker. Nathan Whitney (of #28) afterward rented the Lakin mill (site of #112) where he produced pulp and newsprint (Hurd 1885). Barker was from a local family, related to the early paper makers, the Butlers. He ran the Bennington

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Paper Mill for about thirty years, expanding its capacity and workforce (Verney and Hunt ca. 1956:16). The powder mill south of the village had closed, so Barker purchased the Powder Mill Dam and water rights in 1873 to create an auxiliary reservoir for the paper factory (Hayward 1889:286; Edwards 1990).

Caleb J. Kimball (#111) was joined in business in 1873 by his son George E. Kimball in the edge-tools and cutlery factory (site of #36); they employed 10-12 men in the 1880s, making cast steel drawing knives, butcher knives and tanners' fleshers (Hayward 1889:284). Younger brothers Charles H. (#16) and Fred Kimball (#17) worked with them and later took over the company.

In 1872, D.H. Goodell and the Woods brothers joined in organizing Woods Cutlery at Bennington. This was carried on in addition to Goodell's other works at Antrim until 1875 when both were merged into the Goodell Company. Goodell purchased the dam and shop (site of #112) and built a new shop in 1883 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:121). The Goodell Cutlery works in Bennington was where the heavy work was done, processing the iron and steel, using heavy hammers and grindstones. The pieces were then taken to Antrim for finishing. The products included steel and silver-plated table cutlery, apple and potato parers and seed sowers. Around sixty-eight people worked in the Bennington plant (Hayward 1889:285). The first telephone in town was installed between Goodell's factories there and in Antrim (Hurd 1885).

In 1877-1878, the Peterborough and Hillsborough (or Peterboro and Hillsboro) Railroad was built, with aid from the Northern Railroad. The south-north tracks were laid out through Bennington along the west side of the river, crossing (at #3) to the east side on the north edge of the village by the paper mill. The combination passenger and freight station was located on the west side of the Village Bridge on Hancock Road. The Peterborough and Hillsborough soon came under the control of the Boston & Maine, as part of its Southern Division ([www.nashuacitystation.com](http://www.nashuacitystation.com)). In 1881, four passenger trains came through Bennington each day, and in 1893 there were six (Lindsell 2000:112-117). The extant railroad station dates from 1892 (#107).

The railroad was a major impetus for the expansion of local industries, particularly the paper mill (site of #2). As many as 15-20 freight cars daily carried pulp and fuel to the factory, and paper to market. In 1880 the name of Bennington Paper Mills was changed to Monadnock Paper Mills. At that time, forty-six people worked in the mill; twenty-six men, eighteen women and two children (Census 1880a). W.T. Barker made improvements ca. 1885 and installed steam power so work would not be lost to insufficient water. The mill, which then employed thirty-three men and twenty-two women, was run by Edward Finley, a Scotchman who had been in the trade since boyhood (Hurd 1885; Hayward 1889:286).

The old saw and grist mills (site of #43) were operated during the 1880s, by Jonathan E. and then John L. King. Four men worked in the saw mill processing logs from the surrounding area. The gristmill did custom work. The Kings also had a woodworking shop on the east side of the river off Acre Street (not extant, rear of #95). In 1885, they sold both properties to W.C. and F.C. Starrett (#96) who continued as manufacturers and dealers of lumber and grain (Hayward 1889:284). They were in business in the old mills (site of #43) until ca. 1894 when Goodell Company purchased the site and dam. Starrett apparently continued to operate a steam powered sawmill off of Acre Street after that

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time (Hurd 1892; Sanborn 1924).

With industrial prosperity, there was growth in the village center. The Town Hall (#48) was improved in 1884, when it was repainted and the roof was slated (Hurd 1885). From 1885, George I. Dodge kept the Post Office in an addition (now gone) on the south elevation of #72. The Bennington Town Library was established in 1880 and was located in the Town Hall for twenty-six years under librarian was Mrs. Addie M. Dodge the postmaster's wife (Hayward 1889:293). In 1886, high water and ice carried away the upper or Putnam Bridge. This was replaced within the year by a new iron bridge (site of #105) (Hayward 1889:288). Across the street from the Town Hall, the Merrimack Engine Company built a fire house in 1887-88, which stood in the fork of School and Cross Streets until ca. 1933 (Bennington Historical Society 1989:59). As the village cemetery (#32) was filled, the cemetery out Old Stagecoach Road became the Town's main burying yard again. It was named Evergreen Cemetery and improvements were made in the 1880s. Burials in the Sunnyside Cemetery (#32) continued. A hearse house (not extant) was built there in 1887 (Roper 2007).

After a period with only occasional preaching in the Congregational Church, There was a religious revival in town in the 1870s and a strong interest in the Temperance movement. Rev. James Holmes (1811-1888) was minister from 1870. He prepared the Bennington history for the 1885 County history (Hurd 1885) and the sections relating to the village for the Hancock history (Hayward 1889). In 1884 subscriptions were collected for a parsonage (#34). The largest donors were: George Alfred Whittemore and John D. Butler (\$200), Samuel Baldwin and Nathan Whitney (\$100), George Andrew Whittemore and Caleb J. Kimball (\$50), D.H. Goodell (of Antrim), A.M. Woodbury and Willard S. Carlin (\$25) (Hurd 1885). Deacons of the church were: Frederick A. Mitchell, Isaac Baldwin, Francis Burnham, John J. Whittemore, Charles H. Coggin and Charles H. Kimball. The interior of the church was repaired ca. 1887 (Hurd 1885; Hayward 1889:292).

In 1889, there were over a hundred buildings in the village, including the church, parsonage, town house and school, four manufacturing businesses, a railroad depot, a hotel and livery stable, four stores, an engine house, a barber shop and a jewelry shop (Hayward 1889:293). The village contained most of the town's population. There were fewer than fifty farmhouses outside of the village center (Hurd 1892).

In the open area in front of the Congregational Church, a watering trough was installed in 1893 (#53). A small open structure (Norris 1887) was replaced with an elaborate bandstand built in 1895, which stood until 1949. A Grange was organized 1894 and was active many years. The hall was in #55 on Francetown Road where a second story was added on the former jewelry shop (Bennington Historical Society 1989:109; Glynn 2008). Catholic Mass was held in private homes and the in the Town Hall during the early 1890s. In 1895, St. Patrick's Catholic Church (#81) was built, originally a mission church out of Hillsborough (Bennington Historical Society 1989:50).

The water rights and land on both sides of the river at Pierce Station (#43) were purchased by the Goodell Company in 1894-95. A generating plant was installed and operated as the Antrim-Bennington Electric Light and Power Company. Bennington became one of the first rural towns in the region with electric streetlights (Bennington Historical Society 1989:3).



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The population increased steadily from 443 in 1880, to 542 in 1890 and 667 in 1900. Local industries attracted new residents to town, including increasing numbers of immigrants and first generation Americans. About eleven percent of the local population was foreign born, from Ireland, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Scotland, England, Denmark and Turkey. Nearly ten percent of the population was born in Massachusetts. Smaller numbers hailed from Vermont and Maine, and a few from southern New England, New York and Pennsylvania, plus North Carolina. Some were families returned to N.H. from the Midwest (Bureau of the Census 1900).

The village contained a large number of rental properties, with several village families owning multiple buildings. Further research is needed to document this. The population census shows that nearly 40 percent of all the houses in the town as a whole were occupied by renters. That percentage was likely much higher within the village. Many households took in additional boarders. Twelve houses had a single unrelated boarder. Six had two or three unrelated boarders, several houses had a pair of related boarders, one house had seven, one had eight and two had four unrelated boarders.

By 1900, eighty-one people in town worked in the two cutlery shops. They included: foreman, day laborer, forger, hardener, temperer, pressman, drop hammer operator, grinder, finisher, silver plater, buffer, sorter and packer. About twenty-five people worked at the paper mill where jobs included: superintendent, clerk, foreman, paper maker, machine tender, rack tender, fireman, cutter, counter, rag sorter and general laborer.

Town residents included a physician, a minister, two teachers, a tailor, two barbers, a watchmaker, two milliners, a dressmaker, a harness maker, a teamster, a carriage painter, four blacksmiths, five machinist, a millwright, and eight day laborers. Eight men worked for the railroad in 1900. Carpenters were John King, Royal Knight and William McCoy. Three men worked as painters. William Starrett was the lumber dealer. Samuel B. Strickland kept the hotel and grocery store (site of #52). William Downs' hotel was later the Crystal Springs House (not extant). Four other homes were kept as boardinghouses. Edward Dodge was a merchant (#72). George Brown kept a variety store. Fred Knight kept a meat market. George Joslin ran the brick store and livery stable attached (site of school parking). Calvin Brown's livery stable was on the corner of Acre Street (site of #104) (Bureau of the Census 1900; Hurd 1892).

*1900- 1920: Electric Power, Monadnock Paper Mill Expands, Civic Improvements*

In 1900, Arthur J. Pierce (then age-24) joined William T. Barker in running the Monadnock Paper Mill and began a period of expansion. When Barker died three years later, Pierce acquired the business. Around that time, a new factory was built, which remains in use today. There was one paper machine until ca. 1906 when the No. 2 machine came on line (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). By 1910, the paper mill employed about one hundred local residents (Census 1910). Arthur J. Pierce established a large estate on the hill west of the village up Pierce Hill Road. He acquired a swath of land north and south of Pierce Hill Road extending north to the mill, all along the west side of the river (WPA 1930s).

Bennington's population continued to grow, reaching a peak of 690 in 1910. Additional housing was built in the village, particularly on Acre Street and Starrett Street, as well as on in-fill lots. Lumber dealers W. and F. Starrett built a row of houses on Starrett Street ca. 1900, which were rental properties for mill workers. The Starretts' lived (#96) and had their business (rear of #95) on Acre

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Street and were likely involved in construction of houses there also.

Civic improvements continued during the early 1900s. In 1903, Bennington citizens erected the Civil War Monument (now #53) with funds raised by subscription. Its original site was in the junction of Main and Cross Streets north of the present Bennington Garage (#51). At the southern end of Main Street, the G.E.P. Dodge Public Library (#77) was built in 1906 as a home for the Bennington Public Library (Bennington Historical Society 1989:55). The Catholics established Calvary Cemetery outside of the village center on Old Stagecoach Road in 1911. In 1913, a stone fence was built around the Sunnyside Cemetery (#32). A town clock was added to the tower of the Congregational Church (#54) in 1917.

In 1910, over sixty men worked in the Goodell and Kimball cutlery shops (site of #36 and site of #112). Bennington was an industrial community. In the whole town, only about twenty five men worked on farms. Seven worked for the railroad, two were teamsters and two men worked in livery stables. There was one blacksmith. Two residents included two hotel keepers, three bartenders, five storekeepers, two barbers, the postmaster, a doctor, a minister. There were six carpenters, two painters, one mason and three lumber dealers. Young women worked as teachers, milliners, and in the rag room and cutting room of the paper mill.

The families moving to Bennington to work in the industries included greater numbers of foreign immigrants. Immigrants living in town in 1910 included twenty-one Irish born, seven English and nine Scots. Nineteen people were from English-speaking Canada, fifteen from Quebec. Four residents were German, three Swiss, and three Scandinavian. Sixteen were Italian born, eleven Greek and over twenty people living in town in 1910 were from Turkey. Over eighty of the residents in town in 1910 had been born in Massachusetts. Many of them were the children of immigrants from a range of nationalities. About a dozen people were born in Rhode Island or Connecticut, the same numbers in New York and Pennsylvania, and Vermont and Maine. Another dozen were from the Midwest, plus two from California.

The Adams Tavern (site of #52) in the town center burned down in 1915. The Adams Inn (site of #51) across the street provided lodging after that time. There was also a store in the building. The village was home to several businesses during the early 1900s. A grocery store was located in #44 built ca. 1906. A drugstore was located in #76. Across the street #75 (later the Post Office) was a saloon. On the corner of Cross Street was a pool room and bar (#42). Bennington was the only town in the area that was not "Dry" (Glynn 2008). Next door, in a small building now gone, was a barber shop (Bennington Historical Society 1989:13). There was also a small shop (now gone) attached to #72 which contained a barber shop at one time, and an ice cream shop.

Population growth of the town as a whole ended after 1910, followed by two decades of decline. Bennington Village continued to prosper and the population remained constant. Monadnock Paper Mills (#2) remained the largest employer, with over 90 local residents working there (Census 1920). The Kimball Cutlery factory (site of #36) closed in 1915 after the company merged with a New York firm. Goodell Cutlery (site of #112) employed thirty town residents in 1920. The Starretts still had their lumber dealership on Acre Street. Seven men worked in stores, one was the barber, one ran the electric power plant, one was a blacksmith and seven men worked for the railroad in 1920. There



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were few automobiles in town until after 1920. Most men lived and worked in town and traveled to work on foot (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969).

*1920-1959: Monadnock Paper Mills, Other Factories Close, Automobile Era*

Bennington became a one-mill town in the 1920s. At that time, the Monadnock Paper Mills acquired all former mill sites and water power. The Kimball cutlery shop (site of #36) and dam were acquired by the paper mill and taken down in 1921. The Goodell Cutlery Company ceased operations in Bennington (site of #112) in the 1920s. A number of area residents went to work at the Goodell shop in Antrim which continued for some time, and commuting by automobile began.

Since the 1920s, the Monadnock Paper Mill has maintained the four dams in town. These generate power with hydro wheels, as does the largest turbine which is in the mill itself. 1921, the Light and Power Company sold their plant to Monadnock Paper which built new the Pierce Power Station (#43). In 1922, Monadnock Paper purchased the Goodell Company property. The dam was rebuilt with a new power plant (#112). In 1924 the Powder Mill Dam south of the village was rebuilt and the level was raised by six feet. The spillway was later lengthened and extensive repairs made after the Hurricane of 1938. For many years Monadnock also owned the water rights to Whittemore Lake in the southeast part of town (Edwards 1990). Paper mill owner Col. Pierce was a benefactor to the Town. In 1929 he built a new school, which was named for him (#52).

The last immigrants to arrive were Greeks who came around 1920. As of 1930, Bennington had eighteen Greek born residents. There thirteen Irish immigrants, seven from Scotland and one from England. There were eighteen Canadian immigrants, one of them French. Two people were from Czechoslovakia, two from Switzerland, one from Denmark and four were born in Italy (Census 1930).

Over ninety Bennington residents worked in the paper mill in 1930. The largest number (twenty-two) were finishers. There were twelve machinists, six mechanics, two engineers and an electrical engineer. Nine people worked in the rag room, three as beaters, two as counters and two as cutters. There were two box makers, a truck driver, seven yard men, and a watchman. There were eight foremen and two superintendents, plus the treasurer, a secretary and a chauffeur (Census 1930). The cutlery shop in Antrim remained in business and eleven Bennington residents worked there in 1930. Local residents included four storekeepers, the postmaster, the minister, a butcher, three barbers, two cooks, a dressmaker, a cobbler, a coal dealer, a blacksmith, two plumbers, six carpenters, a plasterer, and two who did cement work. About two dozen men made their living farming in town. The school employed four teachers and a janitor (Census 1930).

Passenger railroad business through Bennington remained constant until the late 1920s (Lindsell 2000:112-117). Three local residents worked on the railroad in 1930. Automobile traffic steadily increased. Five men worked on State roads in 1930, one as a laborer on town roads. Two men were truck drivers, two garage mechanics, and one ran a filling station (Census 1930). The Antrim Road Bridge at the north end of the village (#1) was replaced ca. 1929. In 1933-34, the State highway department rebuilt the bridge (#105) and intersections in the village center. At this time, the railroad station was moved across Pierce Hill Road where it remained in use only a few more years (#107). In 1935, U.S. 202 was designated as a Federal highway. It followed a route parallel to and inland from the eastern seaboard from Delaware to Maine, passing through central Massachusetts and diagonally



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through southern New Hampshire. Originally Route 202 passed directly through Bennington Village, crossing the river at either end. The village also became the junction of two State highways, Routes NH31 and NH47. There was increasingly heavy truck and automobile traffic through the village until the Route 202 bypass was built.

Bennington suffered extensive damage along the Contoocook River in the floods of March 1936 and September 1938. Some damaged sections of railroad tracks were not repaired after the floods. Passenger rail service through town came to an end in 1936. Boston & Maine freight trains continued in the region, but the routes were altered. Bennington was on the Hillsboro Branch created in 1943 between Nashua and Hillsborough ([www.nashuacitystation.com](http://www.nashuacitystation.com)). Daily freight trains continued to serve the paper mill, and also carried stone and aggregate from outlying area quarries (Lindsell 2000:112-117). The paper mill received its pulp and coal by rail, and shipped out the finished paper. For many years the railroad and trucks were used simultaneously for shipping. The B & M replaced its steam engines with diesel in 1958 (Monadnock Paper Mills ca. 1966, 1969).

Town residents continued to shop and do business in the village. The old brick store (not extant) became a First National grocery store. Knight and later Odell and Young kept store at #44 (Sanborn 1924; Plan 1933). It then became Edmunds Store. The Post Office was located at 7 Main (#75) from the 1920s. In 1936, the Adams Inn was torn down and the original section of the Bennington Garage built (#51) (Bennington Historical Society 1989:101).

St. Patrick's became its own parish in 1936. A parish home was built across from the church (#79) (Bennington Historical Society 1989:45). The Town of Bennington held a Centennial celebration in 1942. The population in 1950 was 593. This was only about forty people more than the town had contained when it was formed one hundred years earlier.

During the Depression and WWII years, the Monadnock Paper Mills fell into decline. The No. 1 paper machine operated four days a week. The No. 2 was restarted briefly in 1935 and then shut down again for nearly fifteen years (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). During the 1940s the mill produced a variety of grades of paper mostly "commodity grades" such as bond, mimeo and duplicator paper.

In 1948 the estate of Col. Pierce sold the factory to Gilbert Verney who incorporated Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. Verney had been involved in the textile industry throughout his life. He was born in England and came to the U.S. in 1923 at the age of 19. He worked in a Rhode Island textile mill in the cost department and as superintendent. In 1940 he established Verney Mills in Manchester, New Hampshire manufacturing synthetic fabrics. He soon acquired other mills, one in Peterborough, all of which he owned until 1955.

After purchasing the Monadnock Mills, Verney moved to Bennington and into the Pierce estate west of the village (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). Verney undertook revitalization of the mill. The No. 2 paper machine started up again in 1949. The manufacture of specialty papers was begun at this time and allowed Monadnock to remain a viable mill. Long-time Monadnock Mills employees who lived in town were: Phillip Knowles, Fred A. Gibson, Frederick Sheldon, Arthur Diamond, John Zanga, Joseph Cuddemi, Christos Cordatos, Frank Wilson and Maurice Newton. Edward French was the yard foreman from the 1930s to the 1960s (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969).

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*1959-present: Monadnock Paper Mills, U.S. Route 202, State Highways*

A major event in the recent history of the village was the construction in the mid-1950s of a bypass section of U.S. Route 202, west of the downtown. Local traffic continues through the village, but Bennington avoided the increasing through-traffic which has taken place elsewhere. South of Bennington, a new section of Route 202 was built in 1959 bypassing the town center of Hancock.

To the present day, Monadnock Paper Mills continues to operate and play a key role in the community. While other industries ceased, Monadnock expanded production and its product lines to meet modern demands. A ten year period of rebuilding both paper machines began in 1956. As of 1969, more than 180 people were employed on three eight-hour shifts, six days a week (Monadnock Paper Mills 1969). Richard Verney joined the firm in 1969, followed by his brother Geoffrey. Gilbert Verney died in 1978. In 1974-75 Monadnock Paper Mills built a wastewater treatment plant, improving the river water quality ([www.mpm.com](http://www.mpm.com)). Today Monadnock Paper Mills holds the title of oldest continuously operating paper mill in the country. It is the only industry in town and has about 235 employees.

The railroad tracks retain a presence in Bennington, but have seen little recent activity. In the 1960s-70s, the B&M freight line north of Greenfield was run only as needed. Trains continued to serve the Monadnock Mills, but in 1979 the rails north of the paper mill toward Hillsborough were abandoned (Lindsell 2000:112-117), recently became a recreational trail. In 1983, Guilford Industries acquired the B & M. Not long after, Monadnock Paper Mills switched over to trucks. The line between Wilton and the end of the rails at the mill in Bennington was purchased by the State of New Hampshire. The Milford-Bennington Railroad formed in 1992 leased the line from the State. Some work was done in Bennington with the intent of serving the paper mill, but the rails have not been put into use ([www.nashuacitystation.com](http://www.nashuacitystation.com)).

Several historic buildings were lost from the village during the later part of the twentieth century. In 1965, the covered railroad bridge near the paper mill burned leaving the lower portion in place (#3). The Bennington Fire Station (#49) was built in 1975 by the Volunteer Fire Department. The old grammar school that stood on the site was removed at that time (Bennington Historical Society 1989:33-34). The parcel associated with the Pierce School (#52) expanded to include the site of the Crystal Spring House, which burned in 1969. After the First National store closed, the brick store housed Zeke's meat market, and then was made into apartments before it was taken down in the 1990s.

Since 1968, Bennington has been part of the Contoocook Valley Cooperative School District (Conval). There is one school in town, Pierce Elementary (#52). Older students attend middle school in Antrim and high school in Peterborough. Local growth necessitated a large recent addition to the Pierce School. During the last third of the twentieth century, Bennington's population grew steadily and rapidly, as bedroom community towns developed throughout the region. The population increased from 639 in 1970 to 890 in 1980 and 1,230 in 1990. In 2000, the town had just over 1,400 residents. The census counted 635 housing units in town. A large proportion of the homes in the village are rental properties.

Bennington contains several small businesses today. The Bennington Garage (#51) was enlarged ca.

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1955-1960 (Glynn 2008). The Bennington General Store (#76) is now the only shop in the village. The Post Office (#75) closed in the 1990s. A small restaurant and a laundry are located in #72. At the north end of the village, Alberto's Restaurant (#12) is an area landmark.

The Bennington Historical Society was formed in the 1980s. The Historical Society sponsored a State historic marker for "Factory Village" on Route 202 and published a book of historic photographs (Bennington Historical Society 1989:85). The former Engine House No. 2 was moved from next to the Town Hall and incorporated into a historical museum (#36) on a former industrial site.

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Acreage of Property 130 acres

### UTM References

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[ ] See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

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#### Maps:

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative images of the property.

### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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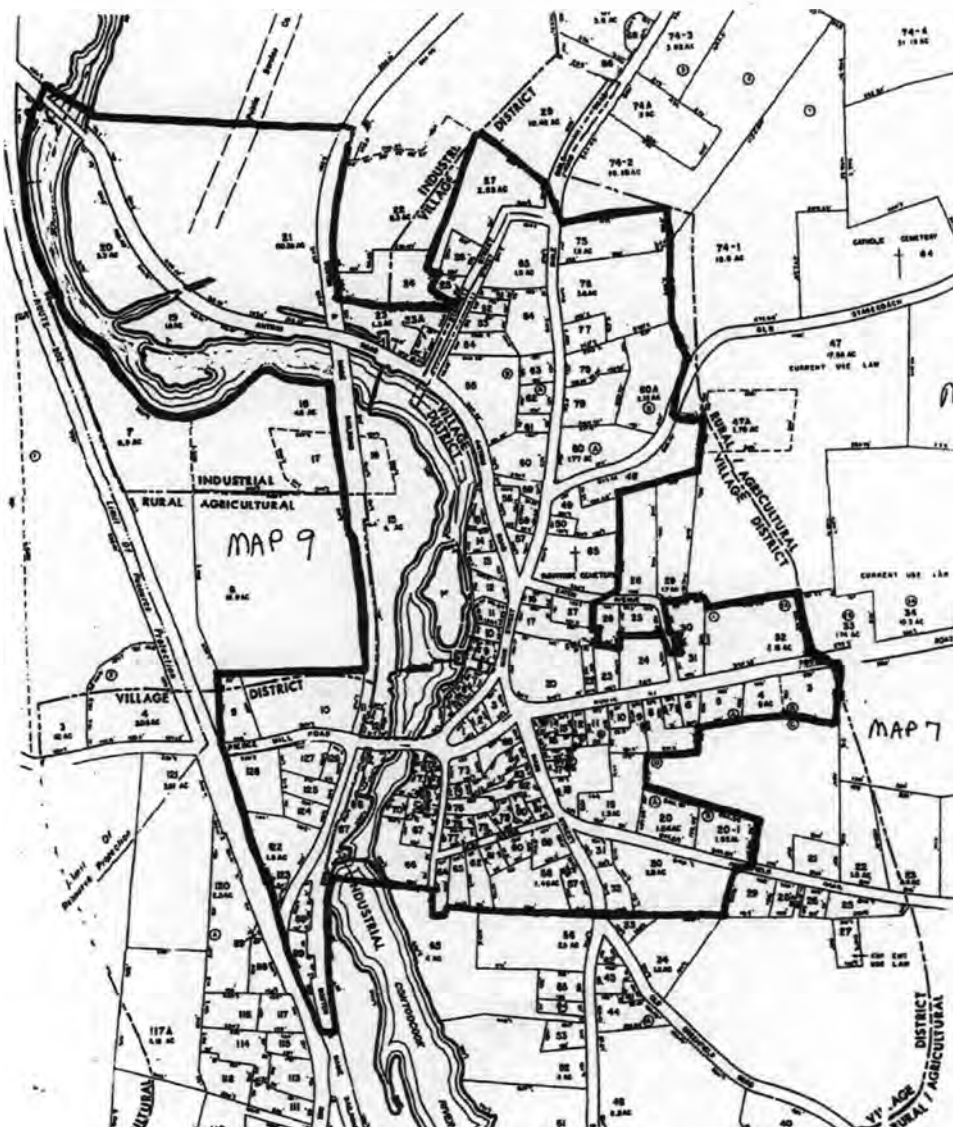
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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundaries of the Bennington Village Historic District are shown below on Bennington tax maps and on the Historic District Sketch Map.



The northwest corner of the historic district is defined by the Antrim Road Bridge (#1) at the crossing between Antrim Road and US Route 202. The district boundary encompasses the bridge structure and its footprint. Adjacent to this is the large Monadnock Paper Mills property. The riverfront south of the bridge on the west side of Antrim Road is open land associated with the mill (#2f, 09-20). The primary mill property is on the east side of the road (#2, 09-21). The boundary for the district follows an

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arbitrary line from the east end of the bridge across the MPM land (09-21), passing just north of the factory, to the railroad tracks. The boundary follows the tracks south along the east side of parcel 09-21 to the northwest corner of parcel 09-23 north of the mill canal (#4a). The boundary follows the north lot line of 09-23 to Starrett Road and then follows the outer lot lines of the parcels on which historic houses #5-#7 are located (09-25, 09-26 and 09-27) to Bible Hill Road at the north end of Starrett.

On the east side of Bible Hill Road, the north line of 10-75 (#23) is the boundary. The boundary turns south along the east lot lines of parcels on the east side of Bible Hill Road, 10-75 (#23) and 10-76 (#24). The boundary continues south in a roughly straight line to Old Stagecoach Road on the east line of parcel 10-80A, which is only recently subdivided from 10-80 (#14). South of Old Stagecoach Road the boundary follows the outer lot lines of 10-48 (#29) and turns south on the east line of 10-49 (#30). The east side of the cemetery (10-85, #32) forms the eastern district boundary at Eaton Avenue. On the south side of Eaton, the boundary follows the east lot lines of parcel 10-27 (#38) the first house on the street, opposite the cemetery and the east lot line of 10-17 (#37).

The district boundary turns east and runs along the north lines of properties on the north side of Francetown Road - 10-23 (#58), 10-24 (#61) and 10-31 (#64). The boundary does not include parcel 10-30 with a modern house set back from Francetown Road. Parcel 10-32 (#67) is the easternmost property on Francetown Road. The boundary turns south across the road along the east lot line of parcel 07-03 (#69). The boundary turns west along the south lot lines of properties on the south side of Francetown Road (07-03 to 07-08).

The Catholic Rectory parcel (07-19, #79) extends north from Greenfield Road. The boundary of the historic district turns south along the east edge of 07-19 and east on the north line of 07-20 (#80) and 07-20-1 which are subdivided but remain under common ownership. South of Greenfield Road, the east and south lot lines of the Catholic Church property #81, 07-30 form the district boundary. The south edge of the district is a straight line on either side of South Bennington Road on the southern lot lines of 7-32 (#86), 07-57 (#85) and 07-58 (#84). The boundary follows the southern lot lines of parcels on the south side of Acre Street to the river. From the south line of 10-66, the boundary continues west across the river, passing south of the Monadnock Dam (#112a, 07-87).

On the west side of the river, the boundary includes a tip of land between Hancock Road and the railroad tracks which parallel the river. This takes in all the houses on Hancock Road east of Route 202. Parcel 07-89 (#118) is the southwestern corner of the district. Route 202 bounds the district on the west, between Hancock Road and Pierce Hill Road, on the west lot lines of 07-123, 07-122, and 07-128 (#116, 115, 110).

North of Pierce Hill Road, the district boundary follows the rear lot lines of 09-09 and 09-10 (#109, #108). The boundary turns north along the railroad tracks. Above the Railroad Bridge (#3), the boundary is defined by the river. The boundary of the Bennington Village Historic District follows the Contoocook River downstream to the north, returning to the Antrim Road Bridge, #1.



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**Boundary Justification**

Bennington Village is a definable geographical area, distinguished from its surroundings by changes in density and age of buildings. The boundaries of the Bennington Village Historic District are defined by the concentration of buildings which form the village. On most sides, there is a clear division between the densely settled village and the rural areas beyond. The specific boundaries are defined by changes in density of the streetscape and age/integrity of buildings. The boundary is drawn to exclude non-contributing properties wherever possible.

The north end of the district is marked by the Antrim Road Bridge over the Contoocook just above the large Monadnock Paper Mill (#2). The open land around the Paper Mill contributes to the character of this part of the district. The entire parcel associated with the mill is not included. An arbitrary line separates the main factory from the wastewater treatment plant to the north. Built in 1974-75 this does not now contribute to the significance of the district although it might be considered to in the future as an integral part of the paper mill operation. The railroad track is included in the boundary here as to the south in the district. The boundary is drawn to exclude a house set back from Starrett Road (09-24) which has been altered by a modern addition. The boundary is defined by the lot lines of contributing properties on Starrett Road.

On Bible Hill Road, the north edge of the village is defined by a change in density of settlement beyond Starrett. Other older houses are located farther out the road. The rear lot lines of parcels associated with houses on the east side of Bible Hill Road for the boundary. The district includes two houses at the lower end of Old Stagecoach Road (#29, 30). Beyond is wooded land and one new house. Two large cemeteries located out Old Stagecoach Road to the northeast are separate from the village center, with considerable wooded land between, so are not included in the Historic District.

At Eaton Avenue, the district boundary is drawn to exclude houses which have lost integrity or are new. On Frankestown Road (NH 47), the east edge of the village is defined by a change in density and age. Beyond the closely spaced nineteenth century houses are scattered more recent homes and undeveloped land. On Greenfield Road (NH 31) the Catholic Church and one early house are located near Main Street. Beyond to the southeast is open land and scattered new and mid-twentieth century houses.

The south edge of the district is defined by a straight line along the property lines of contributing houses on either side of South Bennington Road. To the south around the intersection of Old Greenfield Road are buildings which have lost integrity, so are not included. Farther south on South Bennington Road, a stretch of wood land separates from the village, the former Powder Mill site.

US Route 202 bounds the Bennington Village Historic District on the southwest. The district includes early nineteenth century houses at the lower end of Pierce Hill Road just west of the bridge, and along Hancock Road to the south. The highway built ca. 1955 forms a physical boundary, isolating the two or three historic houses up Pierce Hill Road to the west. Set apart on the west edge of town is the Pierce-Verney Estate, associated with the Paper Mill, but physically separate from the village.

At the US Route 202-Hancock Road junction, the wide highway forms a physical boundary for the district. The district includes all houses on Hancock Road east of Route 202. The southeast tip of the district is the south end of the southernmost parcel on Hancock Road east of the highway, where the

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road and railroad corridor adjoin. Houses now on the west side of the road were moved back slightly when the highway was widened, creating a break in the streetscape. To the south on the west side of Route 202 is a row of late nineteenth century houses built on the edge of the village. Although associated with the village historically, the character of this area is increasingly affected by the busy highway, which bypassed the rest of the village.

North of Pierce Hill Road, east of US Route 202, the district boundary is defined by the rear lot lines of the two houses (#109, 108) on the north side of the road (parcels 09-09 and 09-10). The railroad tracks forms a logical the boundary for the historic district at this point. This encompasses the length of the railroad corridor through the district. This boundary takes in the contributing dams (#43a, #4) and the railroad bridge (#3) on the river along the west edge of the district. The land between the railroad tracks and the riverbank is wooded land formerly owned by Monadnock Paper Mill and now part of a Town Forest. Above the Railroad Bridge (#3), the boundary is defined on the west by the river. The boundary takes in the river itself, an important landscape feature. At the far corner, the district includes the Antrim Road Bridge (#1). Just below the bridge, the grounds of the Paper Mill extend along the east side of the river (09-20, 09-19) creating a scenic entrance to this end of the village.

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<u>Property #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Map-Lot</u>	<u>Owner Name &amp; Mailing Address</u>
1	Antrim Road Bridge over Contoocook River	-----	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
2 2a-g	117 Antrim Road	09-21 09-19 09-20	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
3	Railroad Bridge over Antrim Road and Contoocook River	-----	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 HAZEN DRIVE BOX 483 CONCORD, NH 03301
4 4a, 4b	Antrim Road	09-23	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
5	18 Starrett Road	09-25	SECRETARY OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS 275 CHESTNUT STREET MANCHESTER, NH 03101
6 6a	22 Starrett Road	09-26	GOODWIN, STEPHEN & BIANCA 22 STARRETT RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
7 7a	30 Starrett Road	09-27	TURNER, VICTORIA P.O. BOX 10 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
8	19 Starrett Road	10-51	AHERN, LUPINE JEFFREY & LEAF A. 30 UNION STREET PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
9	17 Starrett Road	10-52	FLANAGAN, ELAINE M PO BOX 114 ANTRIM, NH 03440



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10 10a	15 Starrett Road	10-53	FLEISCHER, LARRY W & CHRISTINE A 15 STARRETT RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
11	9 Starrett Road	10-54	HAYNES, SIGNE 9 STARRETT RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
12	79 Antrim Road	10-55	CUDDEMI, JOSEPH C PO BOX 148 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
13 13a	55 Antrim Road	10-56	HEINZMAN, CHESTER JR & DEBORAH 55 ANTRIM RD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
14	4 Bible Hill Road	10-57	DOBBINS, BEVERLY A 4 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
15	10 Bible Hill Road	10-58	REGIS, AARON M. & JEANETTE R 10 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
16	16 Bible Hill Road	10-59	SPARA, CRAIG A. & JENNIFER D. 115 CENTRE STREET CONCORD, NH 03301
17	22 Bible Hill Road	10-60	QUINTANILHA, WAGNER & LINDA 22 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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18	30 Bible Hill Road	10-61	AUCELLA, TIMOTHY A. & RORKE, MARY ALICE 39 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
19	34 Bible Hill Road	10-62	PARISI, ANTHONY AND KRISTIN PO BOX 254 ANTRIM, NH 03440
20	40 Bible Hill Road	10-63	COX, DRUSCILLA AND JOSEPH JR. 40 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
21	50 Bible Hill Road	10-64	PERRY, DEBORA M 50 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
22	56 Bible Hill Road	10-65	CERNOTA REVOCABLE TRUST P.O. BOX 21 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
23 23a	59 Bible Hill Road	10-75	CROWE, TERESA & RICHARD 68 PINE ST BENNINGTON, NH 03442
24	51 Bible Hill Road	10-76	LILJEBERG, SCOTT R. 51 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
25 25a	43 Bible Hill Road	10-77	RICE, LETITIA A. & BOYD, MICHAEL E. 43 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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26	39 Bible Hill Road	10-78	AUCELLA, TIMOTHY A. & KAREN E. 39 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
27	31 Bible Hill Road	10-79	KELLY, PAUL F. 31 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
28	27 Bible Hill Road	10-80	MACGREGOR REVOC. TRUST 27 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
29	7 Old Stagecoach Rd.	10-48	SULLIVAN, DANIEL & TERRILL, EILEEN 7 OLD STAGECOACH RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
30	3 Old Stagecoach Rd.	10-49	AUSTIN, FRANK W. & LAURIE E. 3 OLD STAGECOACH ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
31	9 Bible Hill Road	10-50	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
32	Cemetery – Main Street/ Eaton Avenue	10-85	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
33	54 Antrim Road	10-15	STAHL, MICHELE & MARC 54 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
34	48 Antrim Road	10-14	KNIGHT, ARTHUR 48 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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35	46 Antrim Road	10-13	THORNBLAD, VERNON & SCHWIEGER, HEIDI 46 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
36 36a	36 Main Street	10-12	BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY POST OFFICE BOX 50 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
37	35 Main Street	10-17	PERRY, MICHAEL POST OFFICE BOX 271 ANTRIM, NH 03440
38	30 Eaton Avenue	10-27	BROWN, JEREMY P. & SARA L. 30 EATON AVENUE BENNINGTON, NH 03442
39	34 Main Street	10-11	GLYNN, DAVID A. & HILL, ELLEN R. POST OFFICE BOX 35 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
40	30-32 Main Street	10-10	MINER, JOYCE 58 FRANCES TOWN RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
41	28 Main Street	10-09	COCHRANE HILL, LLC 48 HOWE ROAD COHASSET, MA 02025
42	5 Cross Street	10-07	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
43 43a	1 Cross Street	10-08	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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44	7 Cross Street	10-06	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
45 46	9 Cross Street	10-05	PARK PLACE PROPERTIES, LLC 66 MUZZEY HILL ROAD GREENFIELD, NH 03047
47	11 Cross Street	10-04	MABRY, BENJAMINE H. & LEONA 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 106 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
48	7 School Street - Town Hall	07-73	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
49	School Street - Fire Station	10-01	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
50	12 School Street	10-02	BARTLETT, BENJAMIN & KAREN 7 SCHOOL STREET #106 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
51	20 Main Street	10-03	JOSEPH MACGREGOR REVOC. TRUST 27 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
52	19 Main Street - Elementary School	10-20	CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ROUTE 202 NORTH PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
53	Corner of Main and Francetown Rd. - monument	07-14	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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54	5 Francestown Road	07-13	BENNINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH P.O. BOX 19 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
55	9 Francestown Road	07-12	CONTOOCOOK HOUSING TRUST P.O. BOX 216 NEW IPSWICH, NH 03071
56	11 Francestown Road	07-11	VERMILYEA, KEIR B. 11 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
57	14 Francestown Road	10-22	TRUMPOWER SR., BRIAN 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 115 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
58 58a	16 Francestown Road	10-23	HOLCOMBIE, LESLIE L. 3817 UPTON STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20016
59	15 Francestown Road	07-10	KING, KATHYE G. P.O. BOX 77 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
60	19-21 Francestown Rd.	07-09	CONTOOCOOK HOUSING TRUST P.O. BOX 216 NEW IPSWICH, NH 03071
61	20 Francestown Road	10-24	CLOUGH, DORIS A. 153 STATE ROUTE 202 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
62	23 Francestown Road	07-08	BELL, JOHN R. 7658 STATE ROUTE 29E MECHANICSBURG, OH 43044



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63	25 Francestown Road	07-07	HOPE, JUDITH A. 25 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
64	30 Francestown Road	10-31	MOONEY, DOUGLAS F & SANDRA L. 30 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
65	27 Francestown Road	07-06	OLSEN, KRISTIAN D. & KIMBERLY D. 27 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
66	35 Francestown Road	07-05	BURNS, RICHARD 35 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
67	38 Francestown Road	10-32	CLEARY, WILLIAM G. P.O. BOX 19 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
68 68a, b	41 Francestown Road	07-04	TSERKEZIS, LOUCAS 41 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
69	45 Francestown Road	07-03	BELLEN, JEFFREY D. 45 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
70	16 Francestown Road	07-85	DONALD SCHNARE TRUST P.O. BOX 106 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
71 71a	12 Main Street	07-84	ELIZABETH S. CASHION TRUST 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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72	11 Main Street	07-15	OPEN VIEW INVESTMENTS, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
73 73a	9 Main Street	07-16	CHURCH, LINDA M. P.O. BOX 62 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
74	8 Main Street	07-83	WOLFFORD, KATHY 8 MAIN STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
75	7 Main Street	07-17	LYONS, RAYMOND F. & SWEET, DAWN M. 124 DODGE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
76	6 Main Street	07-82	LYDON, BRUCE K. & DIANN J. 9 BOULDER DRIVE ANTRIM, NH 03440
77	2 Main Street	07-81	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET – UNIT 101 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
78	2 Greenfield Road	07-18	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
79 79a	10 Greenfield Road	07-19	DIVINE MERCY PARISH 188 VINE STREET PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
80	14 Greenfield Road	07-20	GLYNN, DAVID A. PO BOX 35 BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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81	9 Greenfield Road	07-30	DIVINE MERCY PARISH 188 VINE STREET PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
82 82a	1 South Bennington Rd.	07-59	USSEGLIO, JOSEPH E. 1 SOUTH BENNINGTON ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
83	4 South Bennington Rd.	07-31	PATTEN, RONALD K. & DONNA 209 MOODY ROAD MALONE, NY 12953
84	5 South Bennington Rd.	07-58	AUTHERIO, JOAB A. 5 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
85	9 South Bennington Rd.	07-57	ARMSTRONG, EDNA 9 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
86	8 South Bennington Rd.	07-32	WARSHAW, RUSS W. & HARRIGAN, KATHLEEN 8 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
87	4 Main Street	07-80	PIERSON, GARY & DARLENE PO BOX 3 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
88 88a	7 Acre Street	07-79	CASHION, DONALD P. 7 SCHOOL ST UNIT 114 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
89	8 Acre street	07-60	CLOUGH, CHRISTOPHER J. & SHELAGH M. 8 ACRE ST. BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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90 90a	15 Acre Street	07-78	MARTIN, BRADLEY 15 ACRE STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
91	14 Acre Street	07-61	1 HOUSE, COM LLC 816 ELM STREET, UNIT 157 MANCHESTER, NH 03101
92	16 Acre Street	07-62	CLOW, HOWARD JR & MARTHA 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 108 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
93	18 Acre Street	07-63	LILJEBERG, ROBIN L. 18 ACRE STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
94	20 Acre Street	07-64	HOLLAND, RICHARD D. & HEIDI P.O. BOX 292 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
95	22 Acre Street	07-66	CLOW, DAVID & GAIL 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 212 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
96	24 Acre Street	07-67	BALL, FORREST J. & CINDY A. 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 301 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
97	28 Acre Street	07-68	MACKESY, MARK & STEPHANIE 7 SCHOOL ST UNIT 304 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
98	19 Acre Street	07-77	LILJEBERG, SCOTT 51 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
99	25 Acre Street	07-76	CORDATOS, PETER 25 ACRE STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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100	29 Acre Street	07-75	PACSAY, STEPHEN E. 54 GRANDVIEW ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
101 101a	31 Acre Street	07-74	GLYNN, DOROTHY P. & DAVID 898 BATTLE ST WEBSTER, NH 03303
102	Acre Street	07-69	MACKESY, MARK & STEPHANIE 7 SCHOOL ST – UNIT 304 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
103 103a	1 School Street Off Acre St.	07-71 07-70	LAMBERT, REBECCA 7 SCHOOL ST. UNIT 111 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
104	34-38 Acre Street, corner of School	07-72	HORN, KATHLEEN P.O. BOX 774 AMHERST, NH 03031
105	School Street Bridge over Contoocook	----	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 HAZEN DRIVE BOX 483 CONCORD, NH 03301
106	12 Hancock Road	07-86	CAMPO, NICOLAS ANNE ABORN PO BOX 4 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
107	9 Hancock Road	09-12	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 9 HANCOCK ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
108	3 Pierce Hill Road	09-10	BAGGALEY, MICHELLE & DAVID 3 PIERCE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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109	15 Pierce Hill Road	09-09	ZYCK, ROMAN J. & NAOMI L. 15 PIERCE HILL RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
110	18 Pierce Hill Road	07-128	DIAMOND, JOSEPH O. & PATRICIA 18 PIERCE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
111	6 Pierce Hill Road	07-127	COOK, JEFFREY O. 6 PIERCE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
112 112a	30 Hancock Road	07-87	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
113 113a	19 Hancock Road	07-125	HODGEN, NICHOLAS A. LESLIE A. 19 HANCOCK ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
114	23 Hancock Road	07-124	INEZ WILSON ESTATE 35 SOUTH BENNINGTON ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
115	33-35 Hancock Rd.	07-122	BAY, DONAT H. 189 MOUNTAIN ROAD GREENFIELD, NH 03047
116	39 Hancock Road	07-123	ALSBERG, ROBERT & DANIELLE 114 HIRAM PATCH LANE FRANCESTOWN, NH 03043
117 117a	40 Hancock Road	07-88	WADLEIGH, ROBERT & LINDA P.O. BOX 52 BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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118 118a 118b	211 State Route 202	07-89	WILSON, HAROLD J. 7 SCHOOL ST – UNIT 303 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
119	Main Street corner Eaton Ave.	10-16	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
120	Corner Antrim Road and Starrett Road	09-23A	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
121	Island in Contoocook	09-14	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
122	On railroad corridor	09-16	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
123	Land between railroad and west side of river	09-15	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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91	14 Acre Street	07-61	1 HOUSE, COM LLC 816 ELM STREET, UNIT 157 MANCHESTER, NH 03101
8	19 Starrett Road	10-51	AHERN, LUPINE JEFFREY & LEAF A. 30 UNION STREET PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
116	39 Hancock Road	07-123	ALSBERG, ROBERT & DANIELLE 114 HIRAM PATCH LANE FRANCESTOWN, NH 03043
85	9 South Bennington Rd.	07-57	ARMSTRONG, EDNA 9 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
18	30 Bible Hill Road	10-61	AUCELLA, TIMOTHY A. & RORKE, MARY ALICE 39 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
26	39 Bible Hill Road	10-78	AUCELLA, TIMOTHY A. & KAREN E. 39 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
30	3 Old Stagecoach Rd.	10-49	AUSTIN, FRANK W. & LAURIE E. 3 OLD STAGECOACH ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
84	5 South Bennington Rd.	07-58	AUTHERIO, JOAB A. 5 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
108	3 Pierce Hill Road	09-10	BAGGALEY, MICHELLE & DAVID 3 PIERCE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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96	24 Acre Street	07-67	BALL, FORREST J. & CINDY A. 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 301 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
50	12 School Street	10-02	BARTLETT, BENJAMIN & KAREN 7 SCHOOL STREET #106 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
115	33-35 Hancock Rd.	07-122	BAY, DONAT H. 189 MOUNTAIN ROAD GREENFIELD, NH 03047
62	23 Francestown Road	07-08	BELL, JOHN R. 7658 STATE ROUTE 29E MECHANICSBURG, OH 43044
69	45 Francestown Road	07-03	BELLEN, JEFFREY D. 45 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
54	5 Francestown Road	07-13	BENNINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH P.O. BOX 19 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
36 36a	36 Main Street	10-12	BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY POST OFFICE BOX 50 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
38	30 Eaton Avenue	10-27	BROWN, JEREMY P. & SARA L. 30 EATON AVENUE BENNINGTON, NH 03442
66	35 Francestown Road	07-05	BURNS, RICHARD 35 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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106	12 Hancock Road	07-86	CAMPO, NICOLAS ANNE ABORN PO BOX 4 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
88 88a	7 Acre Street	07-79	CASHION, DONALD P. 7 SCHOOL ST UNIT 114 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
22	56 Bible Hill Road	10-65	CERNOTA REVOCABLE TRUST P.O. BOX 21 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
73 73a	9 Main Street	07-16	CHURCH, LINDA M. P.O. BOX 62 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
67	38 Francestown Road	10-32	CLEARY, WILLIAM G. P.O. BOX 19 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
89	8 Acre street	07-60	CLOUGH, CHRISTOPHER J. & SHELAGH M. 8 ACRE ST. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
61	20 Francestown Road	10-24	CLOUGH, DORIS A. 153 STATE ROUTE 202 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
95	22 Acre Street	07-66	CLOW, DAVID & GAIL 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 212 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
92	16 Acre Street	07-62	CLOW, HOWARD JR & MARTHA 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 108 BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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41	28 Main Street	10-09	COCHRANE HILL, LLC 48 HOWE ROAD COHASSET, MA 02025
55	9 Francestown Road	07-12	CONTOOCOOK HOUSING TRUST P.O. BOX 216 NEW IPSWICH, NH 03071
60	19-21 Francestown Rd.	07-09	CONTOOCOOK HOUSING TRUST P.O BOX 216 NEW IPSWICH, NH 03071
52	19 Main Street – Elementary School	10-20	CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ROUTE 202 NORTH PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
111	6 Pierce Hill Road	07-127	COOK, JEFFREY O. 6 PIERCE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
99	25 Acre Street	07-76	CORDATOS, PETER 25 ACRE STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
20	40 Bible Hill Road	10-63	COX, DRUSCILLA AND JOSEPH JR. 40 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
23 23a	59 Bible Hill Road	10-75	CROWE, TERESA & RICHARD 68 PINE ST BENNINGTON, NH 03442
12	79 Antrim Road	10-55	CUDDEMI, JOSEPH C PO BOX 148 BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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110	18 Pierce Hill Road	07-128	DIAMOND, JOSEPH O. & PATRICIA 18 PIERCE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
79 79a	10 Greenfield Road	07-19	DIVINE MERCY PARISH 188 VINE STREET PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
81	9 Greenfield Road	07-30	DIVINE MERCY PARISH 188 VINE STREET PETERBOROUGH, NH 03458
14	4 Bible Hill Road	10-57	DOBBINS, BEVERLY A 4 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
70	16 Francestown Road	07-85	DONALD SCHNARE TRUST P.O. BOX 106 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
71 71a	12 Main Street	07-84	ELIZABETH S. CASHION TRUST 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
9	17 Starrett Road	10-52	FLANAGAN, ELAINE M PO BOX 114 ANTRIM, NH 03440
10 10a	15 Starrett Road	10-53	FLEISCHER, LARRY W & CHRISTINE A 15 STARRETT RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
80	14 Greenfield Road	07-20	GLYNN, DAVID A. PO BOX 35 BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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39	34 Main Street	10-11	GLYNN, DAVID A. & HILL, ELLEN R. POST OFFICE BOX 35 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
101 101a	31 Acre Street	07-74	GLYNN, DOROTHY P. & DAVID 898 BATTLE ST WEBSTER, NH 03303
6 6a	22 Starrett Road	09-26	GOODWIN, STEPHEN & BIANCA 22 STARRETT RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
11	9 Starrett Road	10-54	HAYNES, SIGNE 9 STARRETT RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
13 13a	55 Antrim Road	10-56	HEINZMAN, CHESTER JR & DEBORAH 55 ANTRIM RD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
31	9 Bible Hill Road	10-50	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
42	5 Cross Street	10-07	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
44	7 Cross Street	10-06	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
78	2 Greenfield Road	07-18	HIGH BANK PROPERTIES, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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113 113a	19 Hancock Road	07-125	HODGEN, NICHOLAS A. LESLIE A. 19 HANCOCK ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
58 58a	16 Francestown Road	10-23	HOLCOMBIE, LESLIE L. 3817 UPTON STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 20016
94	20 Acre Street	07-64	HOLLAND, RICHARD D. & HEIDI P.O. BOX 292 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
63	25 Francestown Road	07-07	HOPE, JUDITH A. 25 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
104	34-38 Acre Street, corner of School	07-72	HORN, KATHLEEN P.O. BOX 774 AMHERST, NH 03031
51	20 Main Street	10-03	JOSEPH MACGREGOR REVOC. TRUST 27 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
27	31 Bible Hill Road	10-79	KELLY, PAUL F. 31 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
59	15 Francestown Road	07-10	KING, KATHYE G. P.O. BOX 77 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
34	48 Antrim Road	10-14	KNIGHT, ARTHUR 48 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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103	1 School Street	07-71	LAMBERT, REBECCA
103a	Off Acre St.	07-70	7 SCHOOL ST. UNIT 111 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
93	18 Acre Street	07-63	LILJEBERG, ROBIN L. 18 ACRE STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
98	19 Acre Street	07-77	LILJEBERG, SCOTT 51 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
24	51 Bible Hill Road	10-76	LILJEBERG, SCOTT R. 51 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
76	6 Main Street	07-82	LYDON, BRUCE K. & DIANN J. 9 BOULDER DRIVE ANTRIM, NH 03440
75	7 Main Street	07-17	LYONS, RAYMOND F. & SWEET, DAWN M. 124 DODGE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
47	11 Cross Street	10-04	MABRY, BENJAMINE H. & LEONA 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 106 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
28	27 Bible Hill Road	10-80	MACGREGOR REVOC. TRUST 27 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
97	28 Acre Street	07-68	MACKESY, MARK & STEPHANIE 7 SCHOOL ST UNIT 304 BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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102	Acre Street	07-69	MACKESY, MARK & STEPHANIE 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 304 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
90 90a	15 Acre Street	07-78	MARTIN, BRADLEY 15 ACRE STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
40	30-32 Main Street	10-10	MINER, JOYCE 58 FRANCESTOWN RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
112 112a	30 Hancock Road	07-87	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
2 2a-g	117 Antrim Road	09-21 09-19 09-20	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
4 4a, 4b	Antrim Road	09-23	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
43 43a	1 Cross Street	10-08	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
121	Island in Contoocook	09-14	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
122	On railroad corridor	09-16	MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC. 117 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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64	30 Francestown Road	10-31	MOONEY, DOUGLAS F & SANDRA L. 30 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
65	27 Francestown Road	07-06	OLSEN, KRISTIAN D. & KIMBERLY D. 27 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
72	11 Main Street	07-15	OPEN VIEW INVESTMENTS, LLC 213 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
100	29 Acre Street	07-75	PACSAY, STEPHEN E. 54 GRANDVIEW ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
19	34 Bible Hill Road	10-62	PARISI, ANTHONY AND KRISTIN PO BOX 254 ANTRIM, NH 03440
45 46	9 Cross Street	10-05	PARK PLACE PROPERTIES, LLC 66 MUZZEY HILL ROAD GREENFIELD, NH 03047
83	4 South Bennington Rd.	07-31	PATTEN, RONALD K. & DONNA 209 MOODY ROAD MALONE, NY 12953
21	50 Bible Hill Road	10-64	PERRY, DEBORA M 50 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
37	35 Main Street	10-17	PERRY, MICHAEL POST OFFICE BOX 271 ANTRIM, NH 03440

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87	4 Main Street	07-80	PIERSON, GARY & DARLENE PO BOX 3 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
17	22 Bible Hill Road	10-60	QUINTANILHA, WAGNER & LINDA 22 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
15	10 Bible Hill Road	10-58	REGIS, AARON M. & JEANETTE R 10 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
25 25a	43 Bible Hill Road	10-77	RICE, LETITIA A. & BOYD, MICHAEL E. 43 BIBLE HILL ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
5	18 Starrett Road	09-25	SECRETARY OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS 275 CHESTNUT STREET MANCHESTER, NH 03101
16	16 Bible Hill Road	10-59	SPARA, CRAIG A. & JENNIFER D. 115 CENTRE STREET CONCORD, NH 03301
33	54 Antrim Road	10-15	STAHL, MICHELE & MARC 54 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
3	Railroad Bridge over Antrim Road and Contoocook River	-----	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 HAZEN DRIVE BOX 483 CONCORD, NH 03301



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105	School Street Bridge over Contoocook	----	STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 HAZEN DRIVE BOX 483 CONCORD, NH 03301
29	7 Old Stagecoach Rd.	10-48	SULLIVAN, DANIEL & TERRILL, EILEEN 7 OLD STAGECOACH RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
35	46 Antrim Road	10-13	THORNBLAD, VERNON & SCHWIEGER, HEIDI 46 ANTRIM ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
1	Antrim Road Bridge over Contoocook River	-----	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
32	Cemetery – Main Street/ Eaton Avenue	10-85	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
48	7 School Street - Town Hall	07-73	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
49	School Street - Fire Station	10-01	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
53	Corner of Main and Francetown Rd. – monument	07-14	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
77	2 Main Street	07-81	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET – UNIT 101 BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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119	Main Street corner Eaton Ave.	10-16	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
120	Corner Antrim Road and Starrett Road	09-23A	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
123	Land between railroad and west side of river	09-15	TOWN OF BENNINGTON 7 SCHOOL STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
57	14 Francestown Road	10-22	TRUMPOWER SR., BRIAN 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 115 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
68 68a, b	41 Francestown Road	07-04	TSERKEZIS, LOUCAS 41 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
7 7a	30 Starrett Road	09-27	TURNER, VICTORIA P.O. BOX 10 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
82 82a	1 South Bennington Rd.	07-59	USSEGLIO, JOSEPH E. 1 SOUTH BENNINGTON ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
56	11 Francestown Road	07-11	VERMILYEA, KEIR B. 11 FRANCESTOWN ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
107	9 Hancock Road	09-12	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 9 HANCOCK ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442

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117 117a	40 Hancock Road	07-88	WADLEIGH, ROBERT & LINDA P.O. BOX 52 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
86	8 South Bennington Rd.	07-32	WARSHAW, RUSS W. & HARRIGAN, KATHLEEN 8 SOUTH BENNINGTON RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442
118 118a 118b	211 State Route 202	07-89	WILSON, HAROLD J. 7 SCHOOL ST - UNIT 303 BENNINGTON, NH 03442
114	23 Hancock Road	07-124	WILSON, INEZ ESTATE c/o 35 SOUTH BENNINGTON ROAD BENNINGTON, NH 03442
74	8 Main Street	07-83	WOLFFORD, KATHY 8 MAIN STREET BENNINGTON, NH 03442
109	15 Pierce Hill Road	09-09	ZYCK, ROMAN J. & NAOMI L. 15 PIERCE HILL RD. BENNINGTON, NH 03442



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Name: Bennington Village Historic District  
 Location: Bennington, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire  
 Photographer: Lynne Emerson Monroe  
 Photograph date: October 2007  
 Negatives stored at: New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, Concord, NH

Photo #	Description	Property #	Direction facing
1	Antrim Road Bridge, corner MPM property	1	NW
2	Antrim Road Bridge, facing US 202	1	NW
3	Monadnock Paper Mills (MPM) from Antrim Rd.	2	E
4	Monadnock Paper Mills, facade	2	SE
5	Modern attached structure, SE corner of factory	2	NE
6	North end of facade, forge shop in front built ca. 1937	2, 2b	S
7	Northern end of factory, 1982 extension far left, 1937 section left rear, ca. 1950 shed	2, 2c	S
8	Rear (west) elevation of factory	2	SW
9	Tailrace exits southeast end of factory	2d	NE
10	Modern bridge, Antrim Road over tailrace	2e	SW
11	Monadnock Paper Mills office, built 1923	2a	NE
12	South elevation of mill, office at left	2, 2a	N
13	MPM Garage across Antrim Road	2g	SE
14	Railroad bridge	3	SW
15	Railroad bridge, canal looking toward MPM Antrim Road at left	3, 4a	W
16	Dam, facing upstream along Antrim Road	4	SE
17	18 Starrett Road	5	NW
18	New garage	5a	NW
19	22 Starrett Road	6	NW
20	Garage	6a	W
21	30 Starrett Road	7	NW
22	House and barn from northern end of Starrett	7, 7a	W

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23	19 Starrett Road	8	NE
24	17 Starrett Road	9	NE
25	15 Starrett Road	10	SE
26	Garage	10a	NE
27	9 Starrett Road	11	SE
28	House and garage	11, 11a	NE
29	Starrett Road facing N from lower end of street	8-11	N
30	79 Antrim Road, Alberto's Restaurant	12	N
31	55 Antrim Road, house and ell	13	NE
32	Barn, detached	13a	SE
33	Junction of Antrim and Bible Hill roads "The Triangle"	14, 15	N
34	4 Bible Hill Road, façade and east elevation	14	NW
35	East elevation from Bible Hill Rd.	14	W
36	West elevation from Antrim Rd.	14	E
37	10 Bible Hill Road	15	NW
38	Entry detail	15	NW
39	Rear elevation and rebuilt ell	15	SW
40	16 Bible Hill Road	16	NW
41	South elevation	16	NW
42	22 Bible Hill Road	17	NW
43	30 Bible Hill Road, house and attached barn	18	NW
44	34 Bible Hill Road	19	NW
45	40 Bible Hill Road	20	NW
46	50 Bible Hill Road	21	NW

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47	56 Bible Hill Road	22	NW
48	Barn, north of house	22a	SW
49	59 Bible Hill Road	23	E
50	Garage	23a	SE
51	51 Bible Hill Road	24	NE
52	Garage, south of house	24a	SE
53	43 Bible Hill Road and barn	25, 25a	NE
54	Rear (north) elevation	25	SE
55	39 Bible Hill Road	26	E
56	31 Bible Hill Road	27	SE
57	27 Bible Hill Road	28	NE
58	Bay window detail	28	NE
59	Land south of house	28	E
60	7 Old Stagecoach Road, obscured by foliage	29	SE
61	Attached garage at right, art studio left	29a	S
62	3 Old Stagecoach Road, from Main St. intersection	30	NE
63	3 Old Stagecoach Road close-up	30	NE
64	Rear elevation, attached shed	30	SE
65	54 Antrim Road	33	NW
66	North end of house with attached garage	33	SW
67	48 Antrim Road	34	NW
68	46 Antrim Road	35	NW
69	48, 46 Antrim Road from "The Triangle"	35, 34	NW
70	Main Street left, continues as Antrim Road right	36, 35	NW
71	Bennington Historical Society	36	NW
72	Rear of parcel, remains of stone walls on riverbank overgrown	#36a	E



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73	9 Bible Hill Road (2009 photograph)	31	NE
74	Sunnyside Cemetery from across Main St.	32	NE
75	Sunnyside Cemetery, entrance gate	32	NE
76	35 Main Street, view from street	37	NE
77	Façade close-up	37	NE
78	30 Eaton Avenue	38	S
79	Main Street looking north from town center toward "The Triangle"	41-39 at left	N
80	34, 30-32 and 34 Main from across street	41, 40, 39	W
81	34 Main Street	39	NW
82	Rear elevation	39	SE
83	30-32 Main Street	40	NW
84	28 Main Street	41	SW
85	5 Cross Street from Main	42	SW
86	Side and rear elevations	42	SE
87	Pierce Power Station and 5 Cross Street	43, 42	NW
88	Pierce Power Station	43	W
89	7 Cross Street	44, 43	W
90	Rear elevations of 7, 9 and 11 Cross	44-46	SW
91	Cross Street from corner of Main	47-44	SW
92	Barn and 11 Cross Street	46, 45	W
93	Rear retaining walls of 11 Cross	45, 46	S
94	Barn formerly part of 9 Cross	46	N
95	Barn and attached garage section	46	NW
96	11 Cross Street	47	W
97	11, 9 and 7 Cross	47-44	NE
98	Town Hall, 7 School St.	48	SE
99	Town Hall, side elevation	48	SW
100	Side entrance from Acre St.	48	SE

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101	Fire Station, School St.	49	NE
102	12 School Street	50	N
103	Side elevation	50	W
104	Rear elevation on Cross St.	50	S
105	Bennington Garage, 20 Main, Main St. facade	51	W
106	Bennington Garage, rear elevation from Cross St.	51	E
107	Bennington Garage from across Main Street	51	W
108	Pierce School, 19 Main Street	52	NE
109	Pierce School, corner Francestown Rd.	52	NE
110	Francestown Road/Main Street intersection, Congregational Church and War Memorial	54, 53	SE
111	Civil War Memorial	53	SE
112	Watering trough	53	S
113	Congregational Church facade, Francestown Rd. at left	54	E
114	Congregational Church	54	E
115	Rear of church vestry	54	SW
116	9 Francestown Road	55	SW
117	11 Francestown Road	56	S
118	14 Francestown Road	57	N
119	16 Francestown Road	58	NW
120	Small barn set back	58a	N
121	17 Francestown Road	59	S
122	19 Francestown Road	60	SW
123	20 Francestown Road	61	NE
124	House and attached barn, showing yard	61	NW
125	23 Francestown Road	62	SE
126	25 Francestown Road	63	SW

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127	30 Francestown Road	64	NW
128	27 Francestown Road	65	S
129	35 Francestown Road	66	SW
130	38 Francestown Road, house with attached barn	67	NE
131	41 Francestown Road	68	SE
132	Yard with outbuildings, house at left	68a, b	S
133	45 Francestown Road	69	SE
134	Main Street, corner of School Street, 12 and 16 Main	70, 71	SW
135	16 Main Street	70	SW
136	16 Main, School Street elevation of ell and attached barn	70	SW
137	Side yard of 16 Main, looking out School St.	70	W
138	Rear of 16 Main from beside Town Hall	70	E
139	16 Main attached barn and ell	70	W
140	South elevation and side yard, attached barn	70	W
141	12 Main and 16 Main front yards	71, 70	NW
142	Front yard of 12 Main	71	SW
143	Side yard and attached barn of 12 Main	71	W
144	Rear of attached outbuildings, 12 Main in center	71	NE
145	11 Main Street	72	SE
146	9 Main Street	73	E
147	8 Main Street	74	S
148	Rear ell and attached shed	74	NE
149	7 Main Street, former Post Office	75	NE
150	6 Main, Bennington Country Store	76	W



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151	Dodge Public Library, 2 Main St.	77	NW
152	Façade	77	SW
153	Rear and side elevations from Acre Street	77	NW
154 (155)	Vacant lot, site of 8 Greenfield Road (2009 photo) Not used	78	N
156	10 Greenfield Road, Rectory	79	NE
157	14 Greenfield Road	80	NE
158	Attached converted barn	80	N
159	Yard with walls east of house	80	E
160	St Patrick's Catholic Church, Greenfield Road	81	SW
161	St Patrick's Catholic Church	81	SE
162	1 South Bennington Rd.	82	NW
163	Outbuildings of 1 South Bennington Rd.	82a	W
164	4 South Bennington Rd.	83	SE
165	5 South Bennington Road, house and garage	84, 84a	SW
166	9 South Bennington Rd.	85	W
167	8 South Bennington Rd.	86	NE
168	4 Main Street, corner of Acre Street	87	SW
169	Rear of 4 Main from Acre	87	N
170	7 Acre Street, house and garage	88, 88a	NW
171	Acre Street from Main, 7 Acre at right	88	W
172	8 Acre Street	89	SE
173	Acre Street, 8 Acre at right	89, 94	SW
174	15 Acre	90	NW
175	14 Acre Street	91	SE
176	16 Acre Street	92	SW

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177	18 Acre Street	93	S
178	18-20Acre, garage set back	93a	S
179	20 Acre Street	94	S
180	22 Acre Street	95	W
181	24 Acre Street	96	SW
182	28 Acre	97	NW
183	19 Acre	98	NE
184	Side elevation, 19 Acre	98	SE
185	25 Acre Street	99	SE
186	29 Acre Street	100	NE
187	31 Acre Street	101	NE
188	Acre Street	102	NW
189	1 School St., set back from Acre	103	W
190	34-38 Acre St., corner of School	104	SW
191	Bennington Village Bridge, looking toward village center and School Street	105	E
192	Bridge, from below Cross Street	105	SW
193	Bridge, facing W from School St. to Hancock Rd.	105	W
194	12 Hancock Road	106	SE
195	From Hancock Road looking toward bridge	106	E
196	12 Hancock Road side elevation	106	NE
197	Railroad depot/VFW	107	NE
198	3 Pierce Hill Road	108	N
199	Side elevation and wing	108	NW
200	Wing of 3 Pierce Hill Rd.	108	N

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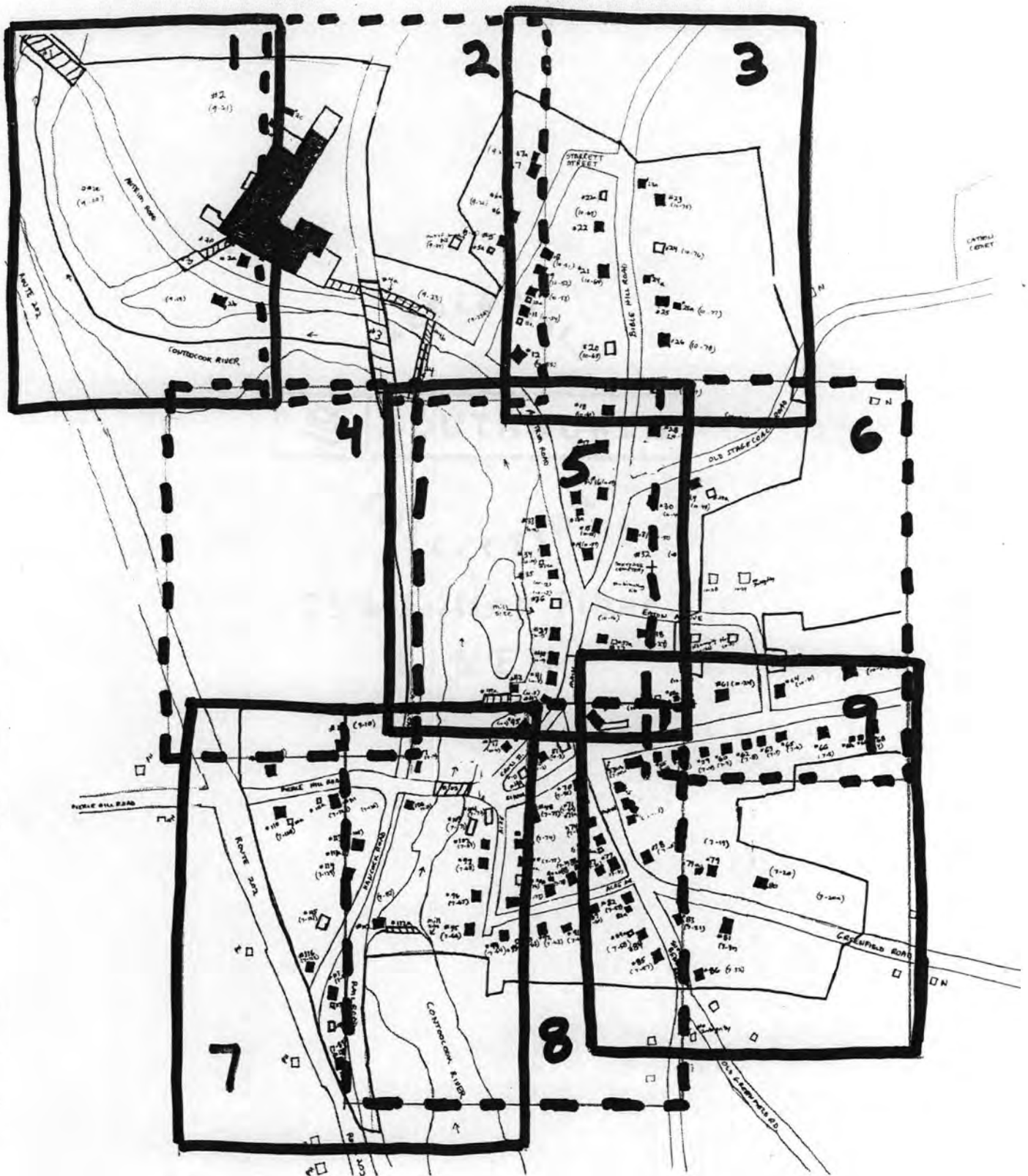
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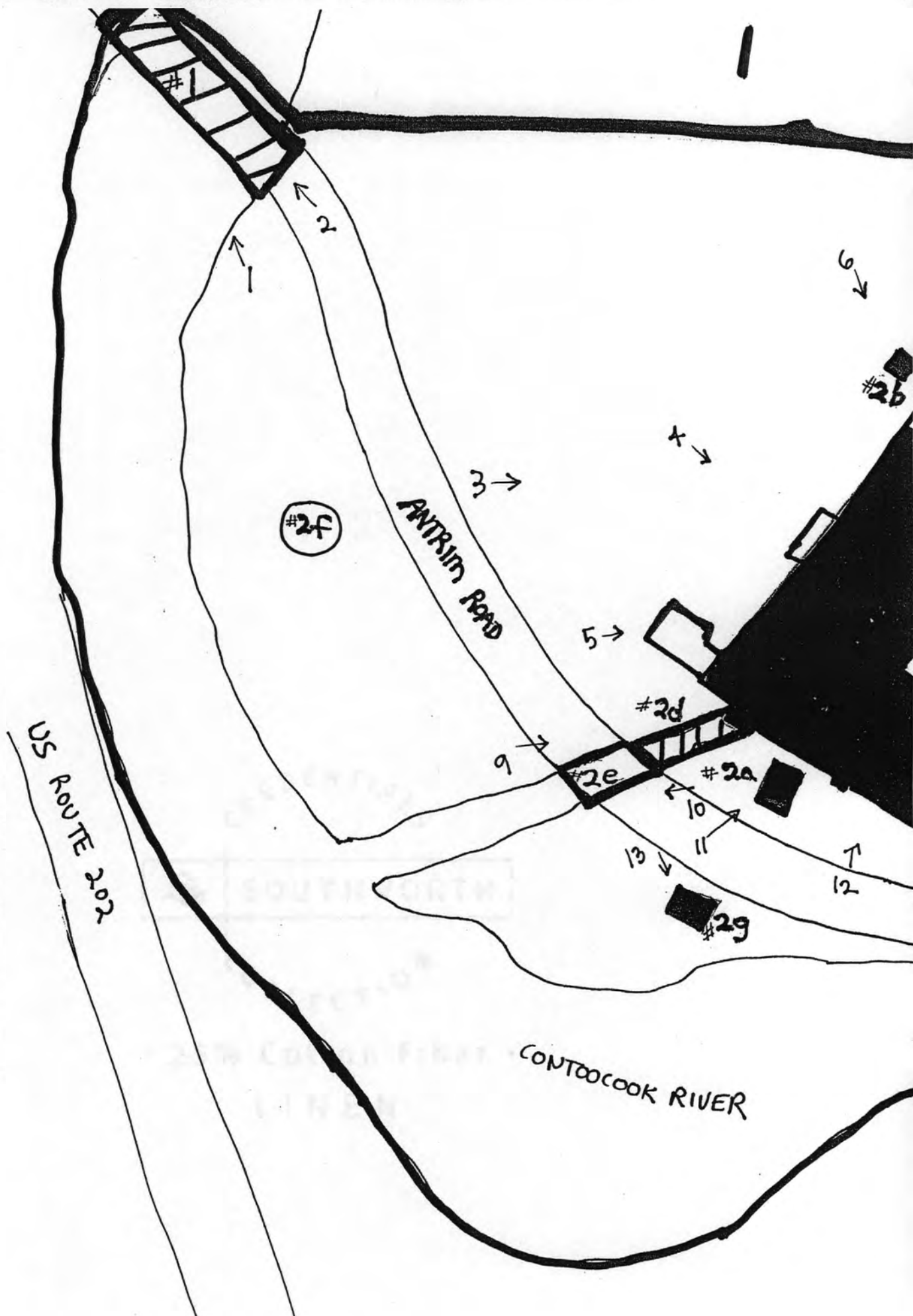
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201	15 Pierce Hill Road	109	NW
202	Side elevation and attached barn	109	N
203	18 Pierce Hill Road	110	SW
204	6 Pierce Hill Road	111	SW
205	Rear of 6 Pierce Hill Road and garage	111, 111a	SE
206	Monadnock Power Station and Dam, off Hancock Road	112, 112a	S
207	Monadnock Power Station	112	NE
208	Dam and Power Station	112a, 112	SE
209	Looking downstream from 112 below dam	112a	NE
210	19 Hancock Road	113	NW
211	Barn, late 20 <sup>th</sup> century	113a	W
212	23 Hancock Road	114	NW
213	33-35 Hancock Road	115	NW
214	39 Hancock Road	116	NW
215	40 Hancock Road	117	SE
216	House and modern outbuilding	117, 117a	NE
217	Corner Route 202 and Hancock Road, cottage	118b	E
218	Corner Route 202 and Hancock Road	118	SE
219	House and late 20 <sup>th</sup> c. garage	118, 118a	NE

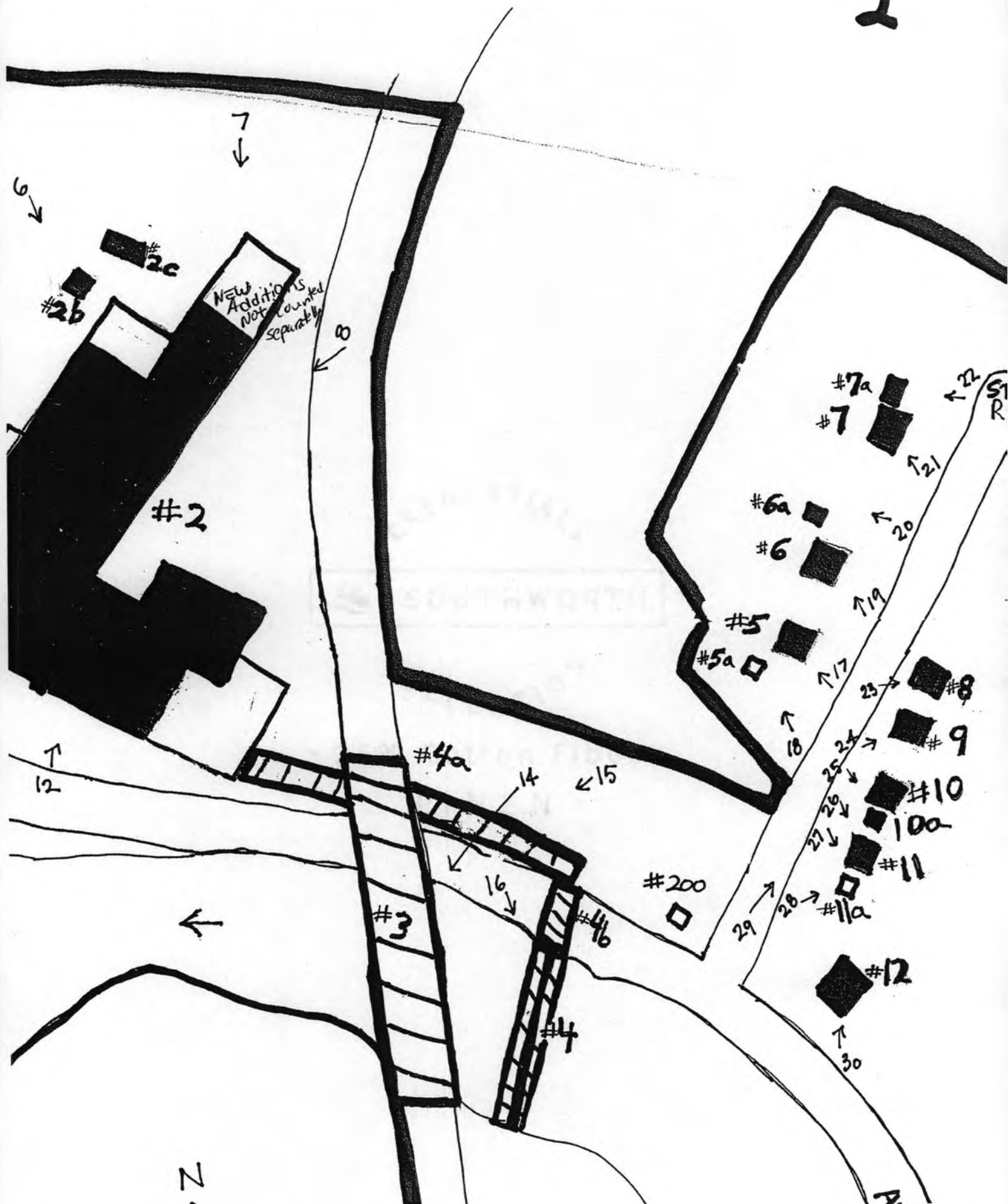




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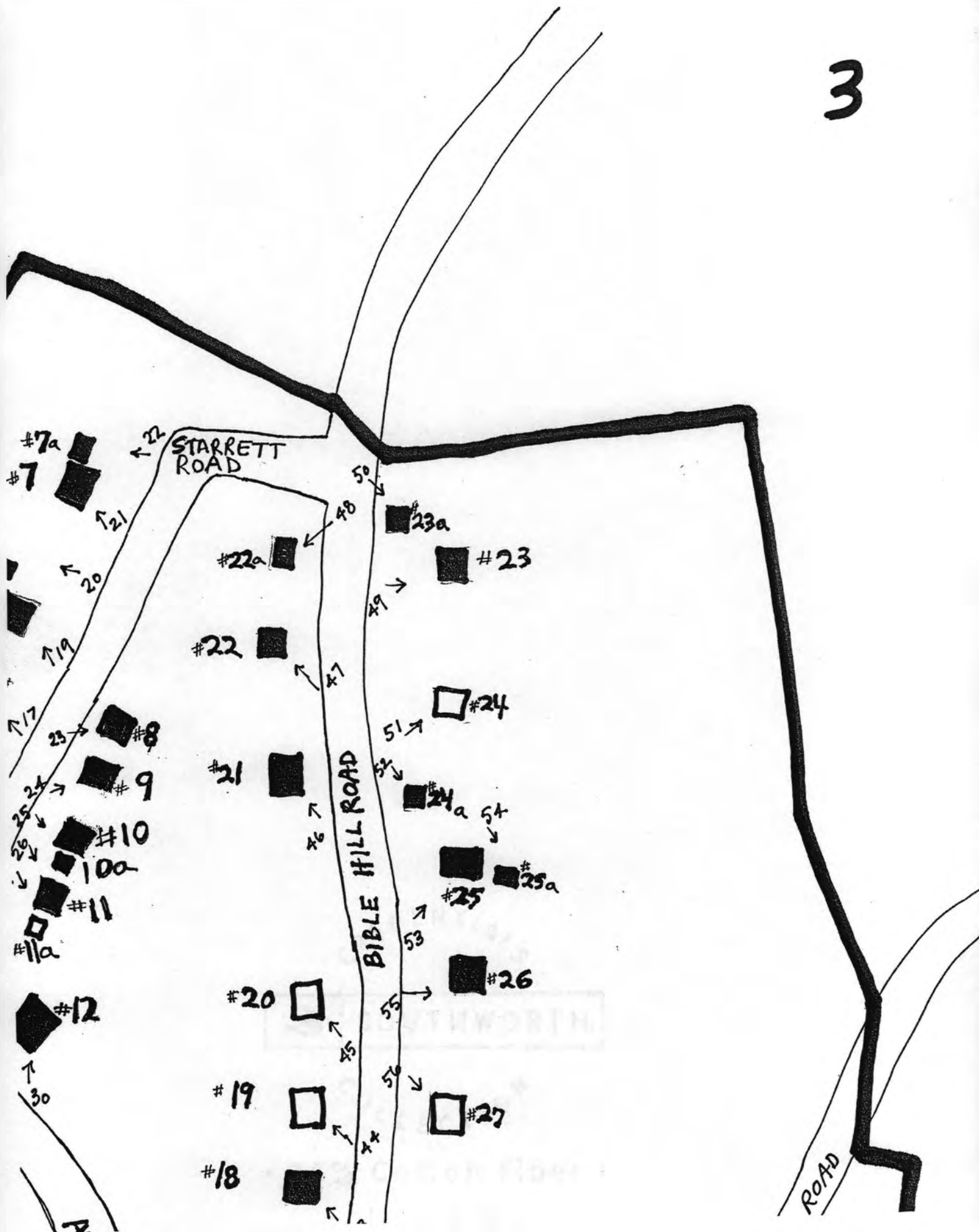


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(Bennington, New Hampshire)  
**National Register Historic District**  
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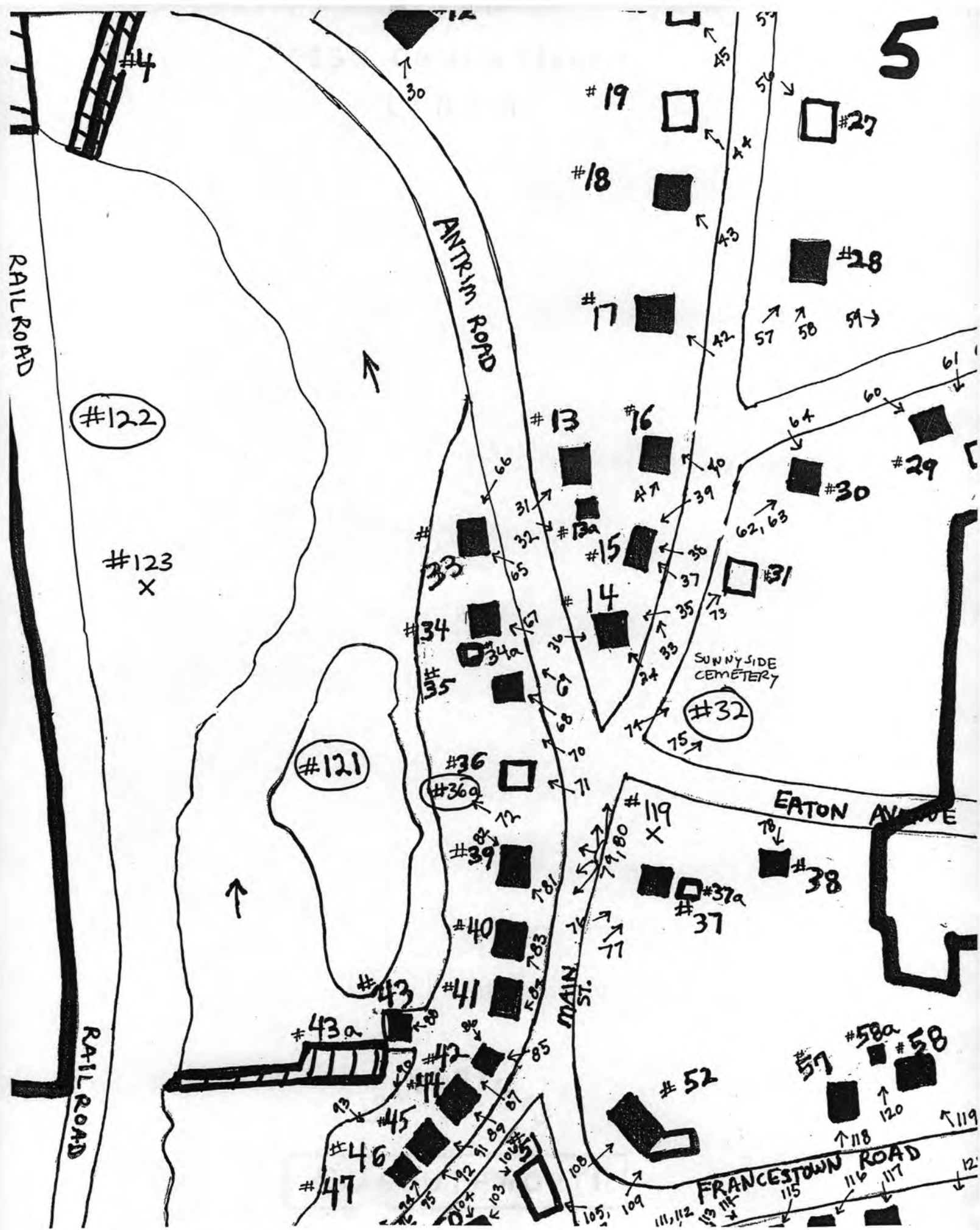
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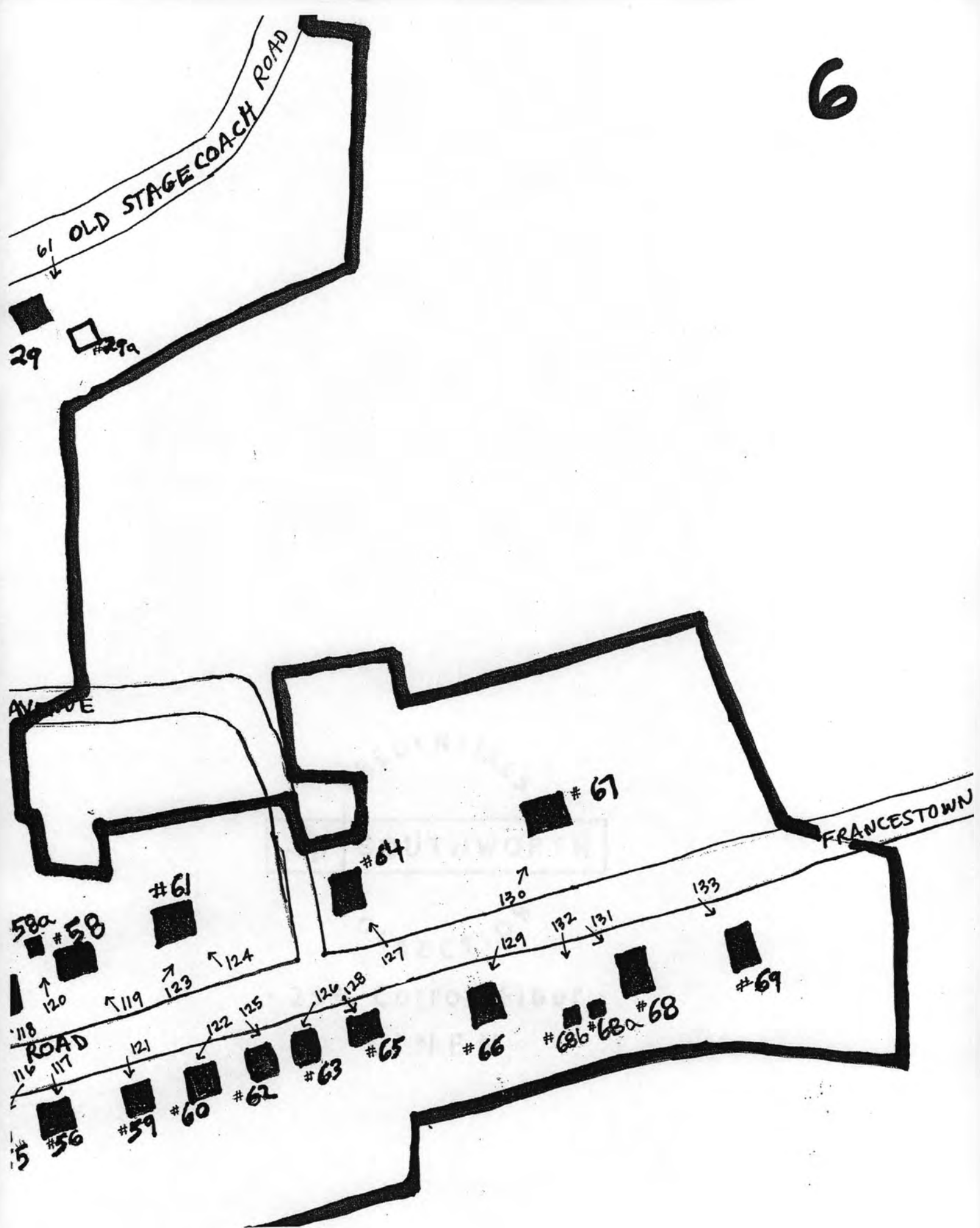
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Bennington Village Historic District  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW HAMPSHIRE, Hillsborough

DATE RECEIVED: 3/05/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/24/10  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/08/10 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/19/10  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10000185

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

✓ ACCEPT    RETURN    REJECT 4/19/10 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Area of significance Comm. Planning & Dev.  
Industry. POS - c. 1782-1959.*

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

## Missing Core Documentation

**Property Name**

Bennington Village Historic District

**County, State**

Hillsborough  
County, NH

**Reference Number**

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The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

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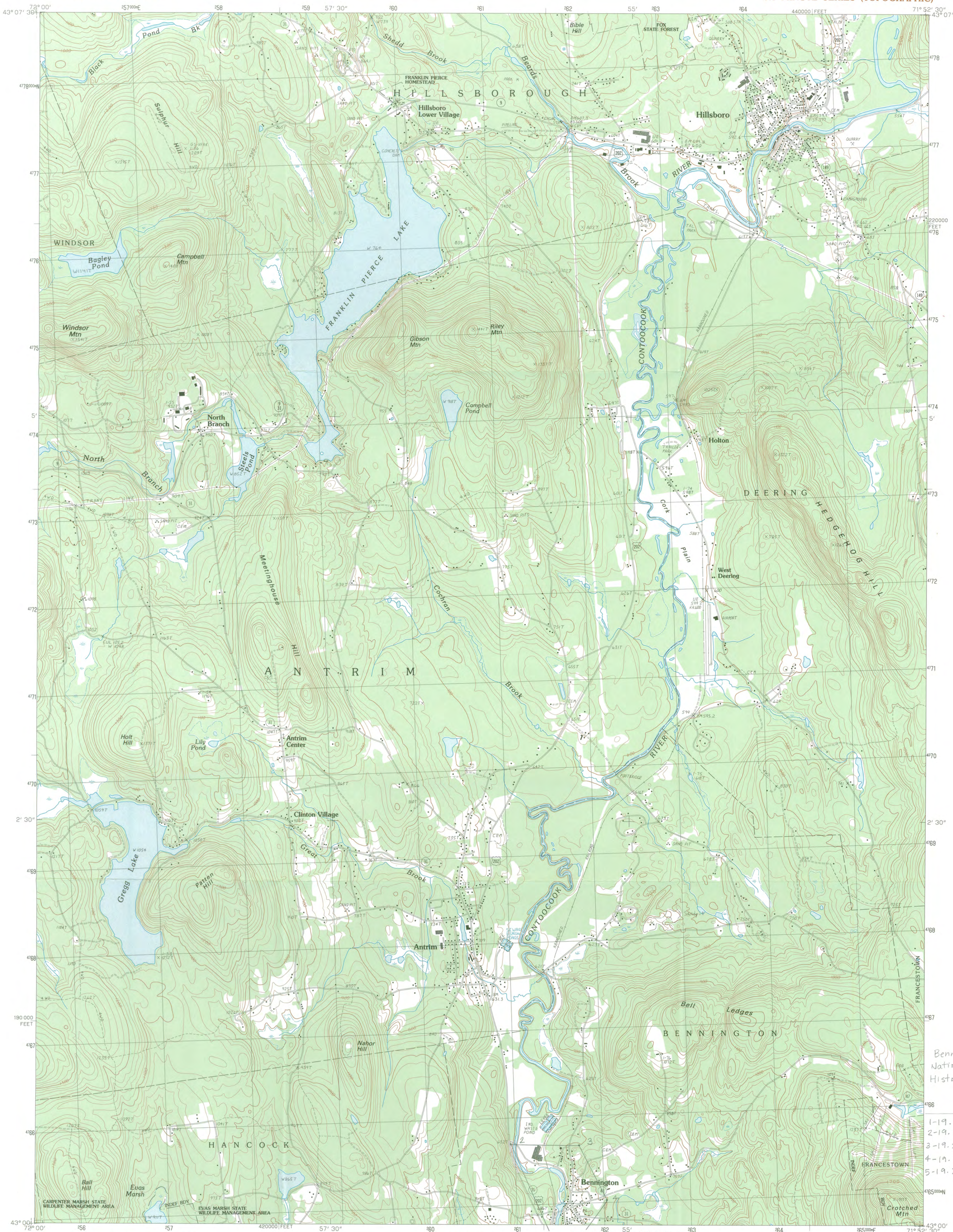


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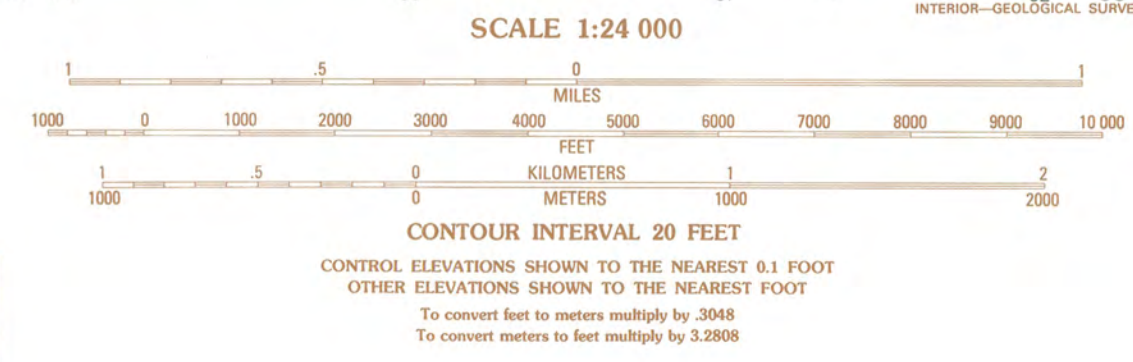



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N. H.

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

1	2	3	1 Lovesell Mountain (7½' x 15')
			2 Hillsboro Upper Village
			3 Henniker
4		5	4 Stoddard (7½' x 15')
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6	7	8	7 Peterborough North
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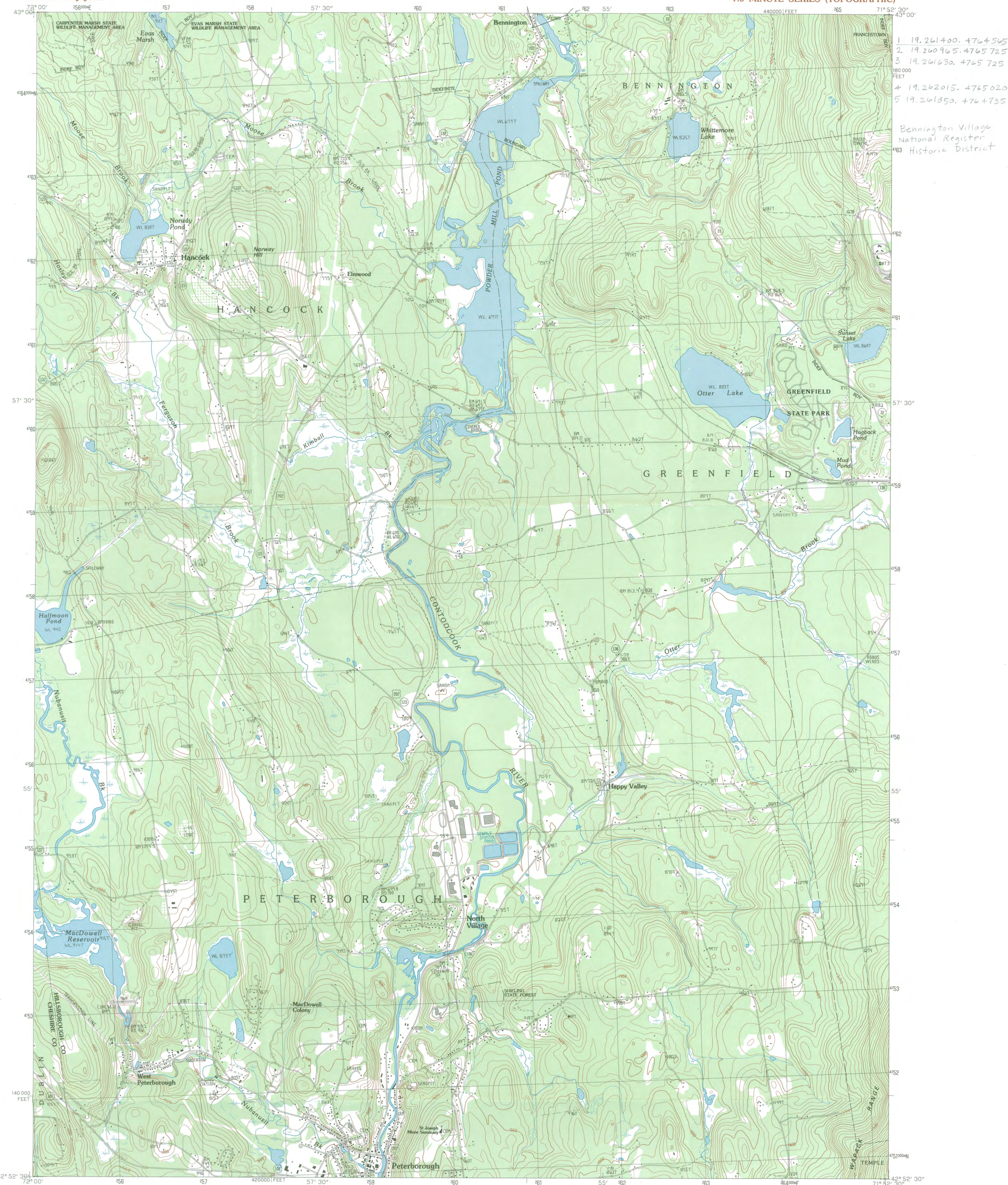
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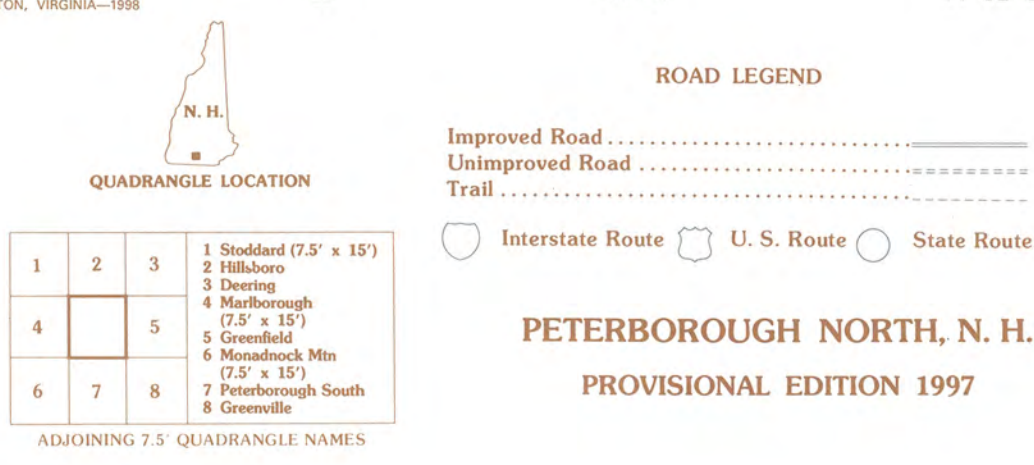
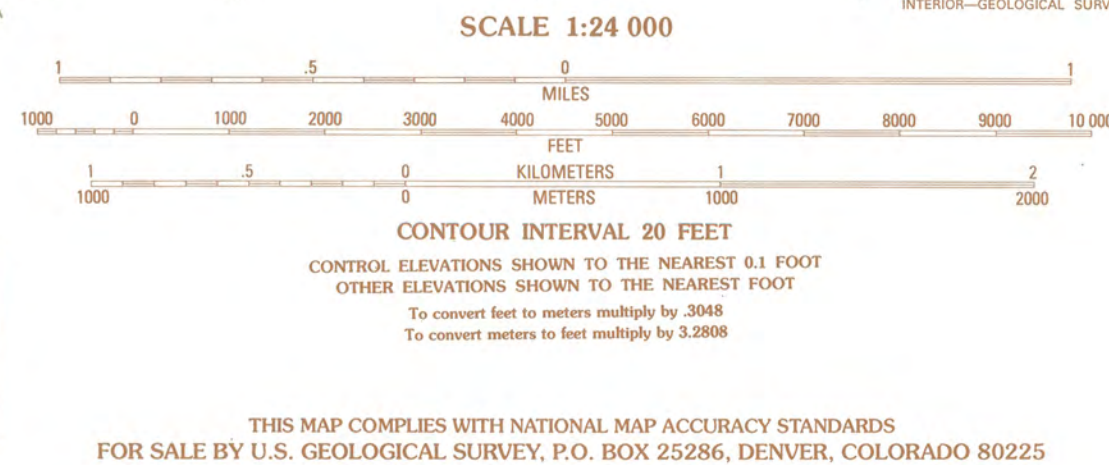


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**BENNINGTON VILLAGE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
(Bennington, New Hampshire)  
National Register Historic District  
Not To Scale

	Contributing Building
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	Contributing Site
	Non-contributing Site
#1	Property Number
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—	District Boundary

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Lisa Deline

**From:** Peter Michaud

**Subject:** NR Form Bennington Village

**Date:** February 26, 2010

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Dear Lisa,

I hope you are well. Enclosed is a National Register nomination for Bennington Village. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

With Thanks,

Peter