

HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

AUG 31 1987

DISTRICT:

SITE #:

IP-21

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PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): The Geo. Bemis House OWNER (ORIGINAL): George W. Bemis

PROPERTY NAME: OWNER: Dr. & Mrs. George Saunders

LOCATION: On Chesham Road just east of the Elbridge G. Bemis House (IP-20) ADDRESS: P.O. Box 535, Marlborough, NH 03455

ACREAGE: 1 RANGE/LOT: IX-20-4

UTM REFERENCES: 18-733200-4757625

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:

USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock

DATE: 1852
SOURCE: Tax Records

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The two-story, three-bay, side hall plan George W. Bemis House, virtually identical except for its green color to the Elbridge G. Bemis House next door (IP-20) of three years later, is a fairly sophisticated interpretation of the popular mid-19th century Greek Revival farmhouse. Notable characteristics of the style displayed by this house include pronounced cornice return and corner pilasters and a right hand bay door surround with heavy entablature and full length sidelights. The house also features a two-story ell with single dormer to the east. It has been expanded by the addition of a large enclosed porch in front of the ell and east of the main body of the house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The George W. Bemis and Elbridge G. Bemis Houses as a pair are significant as good, little altered examples of mid-19th century Harrisville's most widely adopted residential style (cf. IP-5, the Jabez Townsend House, in Eastview as well as others in Harrisville Village, Pottersville and Chesham). They achieve local historical importance as houses built for brothers, members of western Harrisville's most prominent family, who owned prolific Bemis and Symonds saw mill and woodenware shop across Chesham Road (at IX-20-6, in operation from 1849 to at least 1920 (History of Dublin, p. 576). They satisfy Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

REFERENCES:

Deeds and Tax Records
Dublin History

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Front elevation (west facade)
Facing East

PHOTOGRAPHER: L. Shonk

NEGATIVE FILE #: 9-10 8/18/83

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Sponsoring Organization:

Historic Harrisville, Inc.

DATE: September 1983



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PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): The George W. Bemis House

OWNER (ORIGINAL): George W. Bemis

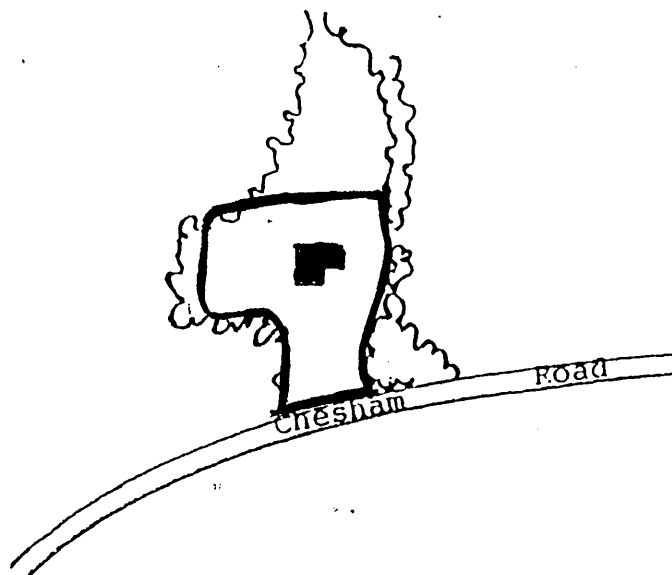
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LOCATION: On Chesham Road just east of the Elbridge B. Bemis House (IP-20)

ADDRESS: Chesham Road
P.O. Box 535, Marlborough, NH 03455

ACREAGE: .67 RANGE/LOT: IX-20-



SCALE 1"=200'

- Contributing
- Non-contributing

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

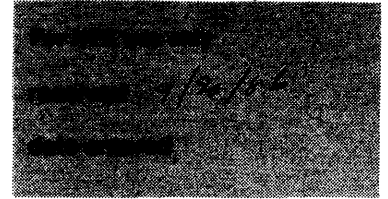
Bounded on the south by the Chesham Road, on the west by the edge of trees, on the north by an arbitrary line approximately 50' north of the house connecting the edges of the trees and on the east by the edge of trees.

Designated as IP-21 on the Town of Harrisville Map.

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Harrisville MRA
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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