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MAKISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

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DISTRICT: SITE #:

IP-11

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): Wildwood Cottage OWNER (ORIGINAL): PROPERTY NAME: OWNER: John Twitchell ADDRESS: Box 228 COCATION: Just south of the access road to Harrisville, NH 03450 Mosquitoville (off the Tolman Pond 1.0 RANGE/LOT: NA ACREAGE: VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: UTM REFERENCES: 18-736525-4760725 USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock See site map. DATE: 1860s SOURCE: Historical and visual inference

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Built in one of the most locally ubiquitous vernacular Greek Revival forms of the mid-19th century, this white clapboarded, dark green trimmed residence closely resembles the contemporary Grove Street houses (HVD-71-74) in nearby Harrisville village. A $l^{\frac{1}{2}}$ story gable-roofed dwelling with a pair of interior chimneys, its principal or east facade is spanned by a wide screened porch. There is a small, one story ell extension at right angles to the west facade.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: This house derives historical significance as one of the two remaining dwellings associated with the important woodenware and sawmill site at Mosquitoville. Closer to the Parmenter/Tolman sawmill location than the Bancroft House (IP-12), it is likely to have served as the principal residence for that mill.

An example of the mid-19th century intensification of the woodenware and lumber industry fueled by the availability of large quantities of white pine due to the reforestation consequent to agricultural decline, the Mosquitoville mill complex is among Harrisville's most important. An active industrial site for almost a century (c. 1850-1940), the complex at one time included 3-4 dwellings (two of which survive, this and IP-12), possibly a smaller boardinghouse, two mills, a stable, a lumber drying shed, and various other sheds. The Mosquitoville mills supplied the more sophisticated woolen

REFERENCES:

Deeds and tax records.

Tolman, Kirsten, "The Ascent of the New England Sawmill...". Unpublished, 1978.

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

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Significance (continued):

manufacturing complex at Harrisville village (the Milan Harris Company and the Cheshire Mills) with logging service, with clothesboards on which to wind their woolen cloth, and with a large part of the sawn lumber needed to accomplish Harrisville village's major housing expansion (much of it mill-owned) of the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The archaeological remains of the Parmenter/Tolman mill complex (NH-42) sit just beyond the boundaries of this property. As a part of the entire Mosquitoville complex, this property is significant under Criteria A.

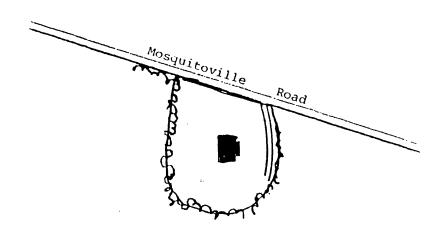
This house is of architectural interest as a good example of a popular Greek Revival dwelling of the 1860s which, like many of its contemporaries, was probably built from lumber sawn at the Parmenter/Tolman mill. This house bears a striking resemblance to several in the village, most notably the M. Harris Company's Grove Street houses of 1854-1863 (HVD-58-61). Together, these dwellings satisfy Criterion C.

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□ Non-contributing

SCALE 1"=200'

NA

RANGE / LOT:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION | JUSTIFICATION:

Bounded on the north by the Mosquitoville Road, on the east by the driveway and the edge of trees and on the south and west by the edge of trees.

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

Designated as P-11 on Town of Harrisville Map, included with this nomination.

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

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