

HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

DISTRICT: SITE #:  
IP-5

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): Stationmaster's House	OWNER (ORIGINAL): Boston & Maine Railroad
PROPERTY NAME: Stationmaster's House	OWNER: Allen, Louella and P.H. Mann
LOCATION: Jaquith Road (also known as Hancock Hill Road)	ADDRESS: 55 Stetson Street Bridgewater, MA 02324
UTM REFERENCES: 18-741775-4757550	ACREAGE: 1.5 RANGE/LOT: IX-5-2
USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock	VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:  See site map
DATE: 1896	
SOURCE: Deed and Tax records	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The Stationmaster's House is a diminutive, natural shingled, 1-1/2 story, 3-bay gable-roofed building. Its principal, non-gabled (street) facade is entirely obscured by a screened porch whose roof is supported by turned posts, painted dark green to match the rest of the trim. A slightly larger ell of similar height to the main section is joined to its rear at right angles. One of this modest building's most noticeable features is its lack of foundation, which, together with its pine grove setting beside the railroad right-of-way, evokes contemporary resort development. Its mismatched, multiple paned windows, often distinctly oversized for the scale of the rest of the building, are also notable.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Stationmaster's House achieves historical significance as one of only five structures associated with the railroad in Harrisville which survive. In addition to its link with one of the community's most important developments, the coming of the railroad and its social and economic impact on this previously isolated group of settlements, it is the only stationmaster's house still extant and the only surviving railroad building used then, as now, as a residence. Substantially unchanged in appearance, it satisfies Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places.

REFERENCES:

- Deeds and Tax Records
- Mayo, Martha, Archivist, Boston and Maine Railroad Archives, University of Lowell.
- Telephone interview, January 5, 1984.

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Side elevation (south east)  
Facing northwest

PHOTOGRAPHER: L. Shonk

NEGATIVE FILE #: 1-12; 12/6/83

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DATE: January 1984

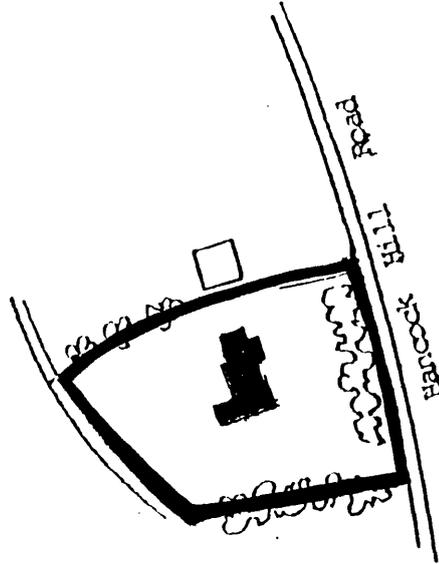
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SCALE 1"=200'

- Contributing
- Non-contributing

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

Bounded on the north by a line of trees and the edge of the driveway, on the east by the Hancock Hill Road, on the south by a grove of pine trees and on the west by the bank of the old railroad bed.

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

Noted as property IP-5 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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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Harrisville MRA  
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

~~Substantive Review~~ *Con*

Date/Signature

1. Beech Hill Summer Home ✓  
District

~~Substantive Review~~ *for* Keeper

Patrick Ward Andrus 1/14/88

Attest

Beth L. Savage 1/14/88

2. Chesham Village District

~~Entered in the National Register~~ Keeper

Shelton Byers 1/24/88

Attest

3. Eaton, Moses, Jr., ✓  
House

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4. Gilchrest Homestead ✓

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5. Glenchrest ✓

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6. Harrisville Rural District

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

J. Rogers 2-18-87

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7. Pottersville District

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8. Silver Lake District

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9. Stationmaster's House ✓

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10. Townsend, Jabez, House ✓

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