

HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

DISTRICT: SITE #:  
IP-26

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): The Corban C. Farwell Homestead

OWNER (ORIGINAL): Corban C. Farwell

PROPERTY NAME:

OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Lape

LOCATION: On the north side of Childs Bog Road, east of its intersection with the Old Nelson Road.

ADDRESS: 13 Fifer Lane  
Lexington, MA 02173

ACREAGE: .50 RANGE/LOT: NA

UTM REFERENCES: 18-733825-4758250

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:

USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock

See site map.

DATE: 1901

SOURCE: James Farwell (grandson of C.C. Farwell)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Corban Farwell farmhouse is a large turn-of-the-20th-century, white clapboarded, 2-1/2 story frame dwelling connected to an original carriage barn to the east. Its box-like shape, broad roofline, and prominent boxed cornice, eaves returns and corner pilasters suggest a very late example of the locally popular Greek Revival style (cf. the contemporary Dietze house, IP-13). More in keeping with decorative detail typical of nearby resort architecture of the period are its two large bands of scalloped shingles across the gable ends and the semi-elliptical fanlight over the (See continuation sheet.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Corban Farwell Homestead stands on land farmed since the early 1770s by members of the locally prominent Bailash, Farwell and Barker families, several of whom fought in the Revolution. However, it derives its principal historical significance from the interaction of the existing house's original builder with summer resort activity at Silver Lake. Much in the manner that his neighbor farmer Wellington Seaver (of Silver Lake Farm, IP-25) had done, Corban C. Farwell supplied such necessities as milk, eggs, ice and cordwood to the cottagers. In addition, he offered 100 square foot Silver Lake lots with 100 feet of beach front for sale to newcomers.\* He thus represents the ongoing adaptability of Harrisville citizens which has allowed property such as the Farwell Homestead, now a summer residence, to survive historical change with considerable integrity. (See continuation sheet.)

REFERENCES:

Deeds and tax records.  
Farwell, James O., telephone interview, January 5, 1984.  
Struthers, Parke H. A History of Nelson, NH 1767-1967. Keene: The Sentinel Printing Co., Inc., 1968.

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Side elevation  
Facing northwest

PHOTOGRAPHER: L. Shonk

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DATE: January 1984



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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (continued):

west (Old Nelson Road) entry door. An open porch on this side was replaced by a covered one in 1979. A c.1930 screened porch spans the entire south (gable) end, affording a spectacular view of Mount Monadnock.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued):

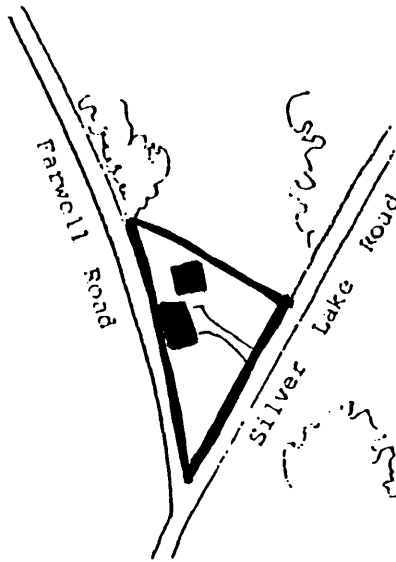
The architectural significance of the house lies in the fine example it presents of the impact on the solid, conservative Greek Revival style so popular locally for the majority of the 19th century of the more romantic appendages and decorative techniques (such as scalloped shingles and porches) applied to houses during the supremacy of the summer resort visitor. The Colonial Revival fanlight is evocative of more sophisticated local early 20th century treatments (cf. SHD-2, Sky Field for example). Built at an important intersection and sited to take advantage of a spectacular lake view to the west (now obscured) and a similar mountain one to the south, the house is in nearly original exterior condition. It satisfied Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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\*The following were all built on land sold by Corban Farwell:

SLD- 1, 6, 7, 8, 10-14, 17-19, 21-23, 25, 26, 28, 31-33, 35, and 36.

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SCALE 1"=200'

- Contributing
- Non-contributing

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:**

Bounded on the east and south by the Silver Lake Road, on the west by the Farwell Road and on the north by the edge of trees and an arbitrary line continuing east to the edge of the trees on the Silver Lake Road.

Designated as IP-26 on Town of Harrisville Map.

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

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Harrisville MRA  
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|--------|------------------------|
| 21. Clymer House ✓                  | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 22. Farwell, Corbin C., Homestead ✓ | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 23. Fasnacloich ✓                   | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 24. Kendall Cottage ✓               | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 25. Needham House ✓                 | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 26. Point Comfort ✓                 | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 27. Raubold House ✓                 | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 28. Silver Lake Farm ✓              | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 29. Smith--Mason Farm ✓             | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
|                                     |                    |     | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88  |
| 30. Willard Homestead ✓             | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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