



PLANK HOUSES OF GOSHEN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Site #7

PROPERTY NAME: <i>The Burford House</i>	OWNER: <i>Robert & Lois Burford</i>
LOCATION: <i>West side of Route 10 approximately 100 yards south of intersection with Brook Road</i>	ADDRESS: <i>30 Brian Road W. Hartford, CT 06110</i>
UTM REFERENCES:	ACREAGE: <i>.33 acre</i>
USGS QUADRANGLE: <i>Sunapee NH 15' series</i>	VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: <i>(See continuation sheet)</i>
<p>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:</p> <p><i>The Burford House is a one-and-a-half story dwelling in which three-inch vertical plank was used. The main house is roughly 38'x24' and is five bays across by three bays deep; it rests on a brick foundation. The sheathing is clapboard. The central chimney on the ridge is brick. The frontispiece has four-pane sidelights flanking the seven-panel door; the lintel is fluted with corner blocks and a raised inset with diamond panel, and fluted molding frames the sides. The windows are six over six sash with a simple molding on the lintel and flanking louvered blinds. The ell is recessed about nine feet; it measures approximately 47'x19' and is seven bays across by two deep. The two over two sash windows and the two doors have plain surrounds. Just to the south of the house is a rectangular barn with gable roof and clapboard siding which dates from the mid-19th century. The adjacent landscape features include foundation planting of fern and lilac, granite fence posts at the northeast corner of the lot and conifers and deciduous trees at the rear of the property.</i></p>	
<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:</p> <p><i>The Burford House was built in 1843 and is constructed of three-inch vertical plank. It is also noteworthy among the plank houses and other area houses for its finely detailed frontispiece. The stepped lintel arrangement above the door is reminiscent of high style Federal door surrounds and is a feature found on only one other of these buildings, the Garber House, Site #4. The Burford House is in an excellent state of preservation and is relatively unchanged in its appearance.</i></p> <p><i>The Burford House derives further local significance as the home of Walter R. Nelson, the man who identified and studied the phenomenon of Goshen's plank house construction, a structural type which had gone unnoticed by architectural historians.(CONTINUED ...)</i></p>	
<p>MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><i>(See continuation sheet)</i></p>	<p>PHOTOGRAPH:</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
<p>RECORDED BY: <i>Doris Newman</i></p> <p>ADDRESS: <i>Goshen NH 03752</i></p> <p>DATE: <i>2/26/83</i></p>	<p>DESCRIPTION OF VIEW: <i>East and north elevations of barn at left, front east elevation of house</i></p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHER: <i>Kate Day Aug. 1982</i></p> <p>NEGATIVE WITH: <i>Town Clerk, Goshen NH</i></p>

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CONTINUATION SHEET

SITE NUMBER: #7 CONTINUATION SHEET NUMBER: #2
PROPERTY NAME: Burford House

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

Boundaries of the nominated property are highlighted in yellow on the attached sketch map. These boundaries represent the historical acreage associated with the house.

Statement of Significance (continued)

He lived here for sixty-five years during which time he became interested in the building's structure and began his research. He continued to occupy the house until his death in 1970.

UTM References

Easting: 7-31-300 Northing: 47-97-850

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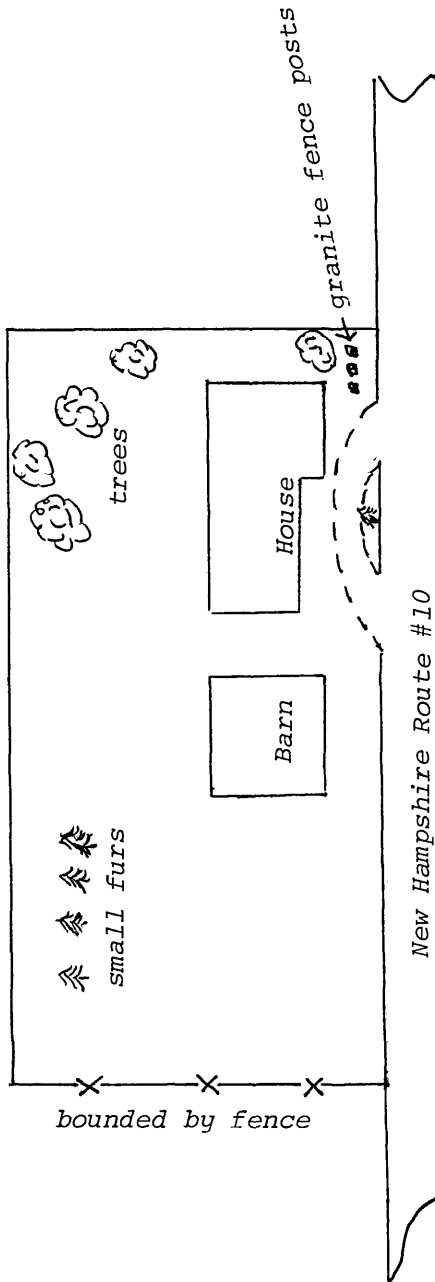
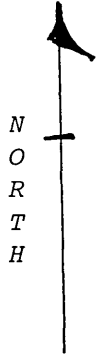
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1" = 50'



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Multiple Resource Area
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Name Plank Houses of Goshen New Hampshire Multiple Resource Area
State Sullivan County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THEMATIC RESOURCE

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Backside Inn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/21/85

Attest

2. Burford House

~~Entered in the~~
Substantive Review

for Keeper

Accept Patrick Andrew 6/21/85

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3. Cote House

Entered in the
National Register

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4. Covit House

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