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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 95000680

Date Listed: 06/12/95

Early Settlers Meeting House
Property Name

Carroll
County

NH
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Beth A. Savage
Signature of the Keeper

6/12/95
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

3. Classification: Category
Building(s) is the appropriate category for this property.

8. Statement of Significance: Period of Significance & Significant Dates
The period of significance and the significant date(s) are the same in this case: 1856.

This information was confirmed with Christine Fonda, National Register Coordinator, NPSHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Early Settlers Meeting House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Granite Road (southwest corner of Leighton Corner) N/A not for publication

city or town Ossipee N/A vicinity

state New Hampshire code NH county Carroll code 003 zip code 03814

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Nancy C. Muller 4/27/95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

NEW HAMPSHIRE
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

6-12-95
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL/clubhouse

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY/ Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/granite

walls Weatherboard

roof METAL

other WOOD

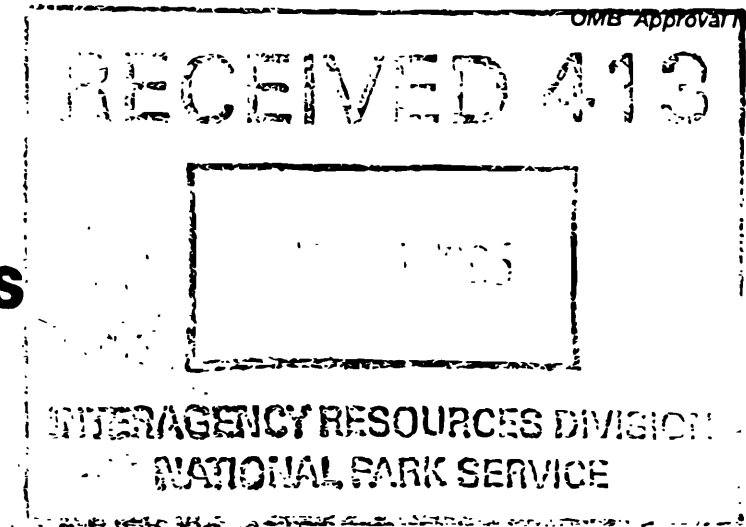
Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Description

The Early Settlers Meeting House is a mid 19th century vernacular wooden church that stands at Leighton's Corner, at the west corner of the intersection of Foggs Ridge Road and Granite Road. The one and a half story, gable roofed building is set with its northeast gable end facing Granite Road. Because of the slope of the land to the southwest, the basement is exposed on the southwest (rear) gable end, to a lesser extent, on the northwest side. On these two facades, the basement level is clapboarded with cornerboards above a fieldstone foundation, and below the sillboard that marks the base of the main level. The southeast facade has a cut granite block foundation. The main level and the upper story are clapboarded and trimmed by sillboards with watertables, wide cornerboards, and a box cornice with mouldings, deep frieze, and returns. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The main facade, the northeast gable end, is covered by a wide board floored platform on a cut granite block foundation, which is as wide as the building. The main facade contains two entries, each a four panel door with four pane transom window, topped by a slightly peaked lintel with an upper moulding. A similar peaked lintel with an upper moulding is found on the 12/8 sash window in the gable. A painted wooden wall sign to the east of the east entry identifies the building. The northwest and southeast lateral facades each have three 12/8 sash windows, whose plain frames butt up against the frieze of the cornice. The rear southwest gable end has a plain framed beaded board door in its basement level, and two 12/8 sash windows with drip mouldings on their lintels, in the main level.

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Description (continued)

Earlier Appearance:

Originally, the building had a fieldstone foundation, a very low pitched roof, a central entry and two windows in the southeast facade (facing Foggs Ridge Road), two windows in each gable end, and three windows in the northwest lateral facade. The interior was filled by box pews and a pulpit against the northwest wall. In 1856, the church split into liberal and conservative factions. The more liberal group of Free Will Baptists built their own church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ossipee, Wakefield and Effingham. The more conservative group, known as Bullockites, remained in the old building, which was then in need of repair. Not to be upstaged by their rivals, the Bullockites remodeled the old meetinghouse in 1856. The value of the pews in the old building was appraised at \$100; and the pewowners were apparently bought out at that price. The remodeling including a new interior with new pews and pulpit in a new arrangement. The entry in the southeast wall was replaced by a window. And two new entries replaced the window in the northeast gable end, which became the main facade. A higher, steeper roof, a granite block foundation, and new window sash were installed. The carpentry by Jeremiah Leavitt cost about \$160. The work began in April and was completed in September, when the church was dedicated. The pews were resold to pay for the renovation.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1856

Significant Dates

c1812;1856

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Early Settlers Meeting House
Name of Property

Carroll County NH
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 | 1 | 9 | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 0 | | 4 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 0 |
Zone Easting Northing
2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Ossipee Historical Society
street & number PO Box 245 telephone (603) 539-2404
city or town Ossipee state NH zip code 03864

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Statement of Significance

The Early Settlers Meeting House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for architecture. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association for the period 1856 when the building was rebuilt. It is a well-preserved example of mid-19th century vernacular church. This building type is characterized by its one-story gable-roofed form with gable-front orientation; two entries on the front facade, and three-bay depth. The presence of three other churches in this form in Ossipee attests to its popularity.

The fall of 1806 saw the beginning of a revival that brought the Free Will Baptist denomination to Ossipee. The first baptisms into the new faith took place in the summer of 1807. And the first communion service was held in a barn near Leighton's Corner in June of 1809. The exact date of the organization of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ossipee as a separate church is unclear, but it apparently took place some time between 1811 and 1816. The date of construction of the Free Will Baptist meetinghouse is also uncertain. It is known that Jacob Leighton gave the land for the meetinghouse, and that he and others donated labor and lumber for its construction. Dates as early as 1804 and as late as 1818 have given by different authors for the erection of the building. But, it is not likely that the building was standing in June 1809 when the Baptists conducted their service in a barn. And there is a strong tradition that the meetinghouse was standing in 1812.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

The church began to decline after the 1880's and finally faded away. In July, 1928, the remaining church members deeded the building to the Ossipee Historical Society. There have been few changes since the 1856 remodeling. The roof has been sheathed with metal. And the front landing has been replaced, when necessary. But essentially, the building appears today as it did in 1856.

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundaries of the nominated property are indicated by the heavy dashed line on the attached sketch map.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the nominated property represent the original property upon which the building was constructed.

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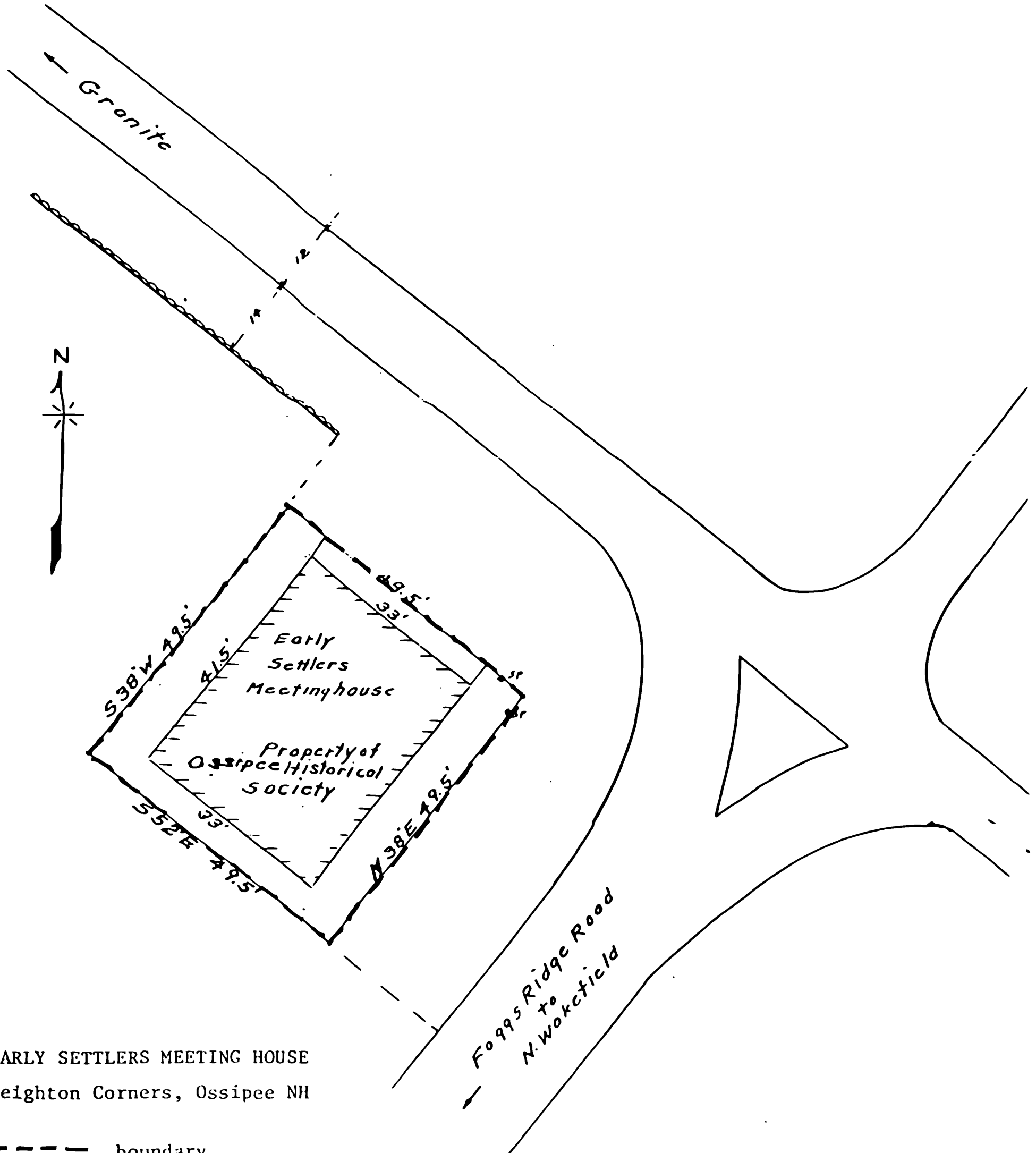
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Additional Documentation

Sketch Map

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EARLY SETTLERS MEETING HOUSE
Leighton Corners, Ossipee NH

--- boundary

_____ = 20 feet