

HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

DISTRICT: --  
-- IP-10

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): --	OWNER (ORIGINAL): Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shubrick Clymer
PROPERTY NAME: The Clymer House	OWNER: Mrs. Anita Clymer
LOCATION: Off Tolman Pond Road at the end of a long entry road.	ADDRESS: P. O. Box 143 Harrisville, NH 03450
UTM REFERENCES: 18-736100-4760300	ACREAGE: 1.5 RANGE/LOT: NA
USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock	VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:  See Site Map
DATE: 1932	
SOURCE: Owner	

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The Clymer House is a small 1932 1½ story three bay red clapboarded cape cottage which sits on the brick foundation of an early hill farm house. In virtually original condition, it features Colonial Revival 12/12 sash windows flanked by black louvered shutters and five light sidelights on either side of its center entry door. The roofline extends to the top of the window and door frames, a conscious imitation of the style of early cape cottages (cf. IP-1, IP-2 in Eastview) yet its pitch is steeper than that of its model would have been. The center chimney, of brick reused from the earlier house and now painted white, is of generous proportions (cf. the chimney of IP-23, also a

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Built in 1932, this house achieves historical significance as one of the few local houses still owned and occupied by an original owner/builder, Mrs. Anita Clymer. Further, the land and even the foundations upon which the house and barn sit are part of an early farm.

However, the Clymer House's primary importance is related to architecture and site planning. It is Harrisville's best and an unusually complete example of the Colonial Revival: the persistence of the image of the early settler's cape cottage, barn yard arrangement, and tradition of careful, personal craftsmanship well into the 20th century. This settlement's form as well as its setting and distribution of principal outbuildings can be instructively compared to that of the pre-1774 Abijah Twitchell Homestead (HRD-1A) in the Harrisville Rural District and Wellscroft Farm (IP-23) in Chesham.

The Clymer property is a valuable example of a complex which "embod(ies) the

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REFERENCES:

Clymer, Mrs. Anita. Personal interview, October 15, 1983.

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET
DESCRIPTION OF VIEW: 24- Front West elevation facing east. 25- Barn facing west (east elevation) 26- Guest House facing northwest (SE facade)
PHOTOGRAPHER: L. Shonk
NEGATIVE FILE #: 8-24, 25, 26; 6/29/83
RECORDED BY: L. Shonk, M. Cini
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:  Historic Harrisville, Inc.
DATE: October 1983



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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

reconstruction of the early 1930s).

The interior, which also survives in nearly unchanged condition, shows ample evidence of careful craftsmanship. The living room fireplace, the work of a local mason of Finnish descent named Saari, is surrounded by an entire wall of raised field panelling.

The house is set amidst foundation plantings and is approached by a curving walkway which passes to the left of a round fieldstone well.

The property includes several outbuildings the most important of which is an L-shaped one story barn complete with picturesque woodstave silo. Built on the foundation of an earlier barn, this complex's siting across a large open area from the house to its east forms, with an enclosed garden area and small shed to the north, a barn yard arrangement of separate yet spatially related structures. This locally well accepted alternative to "additive architecture," used here in an effort to capture the spirit of an early hill farm, can be seen in its original form at HRD-1A, the Abijah Twitchell Homestead.

A small shed southeast of the main house and a guest house in the style of the main house next to a vertical board modern garage along the westerly entrance road complete the property's building inventory.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction" and thus satisfies Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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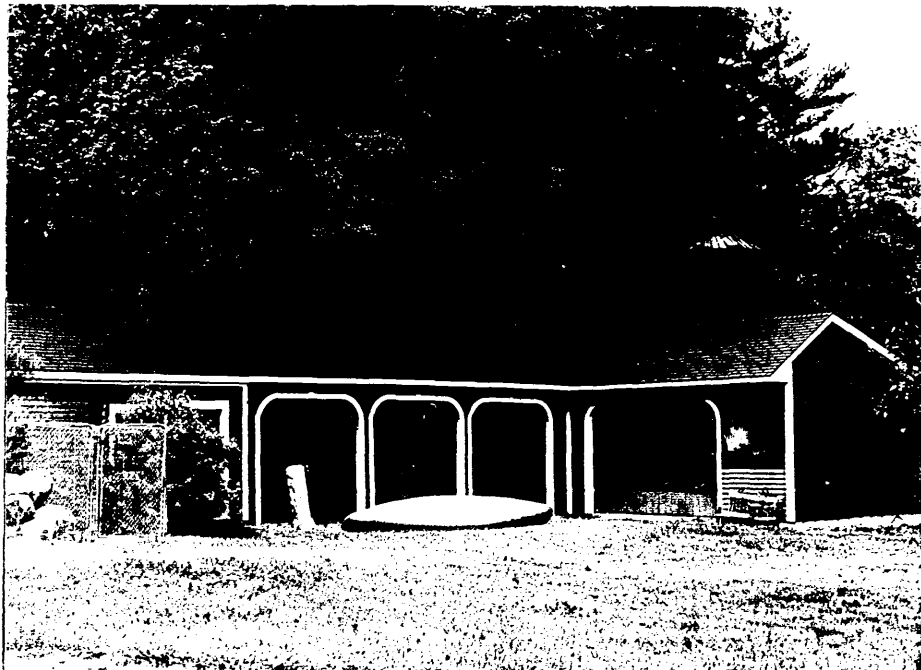
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DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Barn (east elevation)  
Facing west

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DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:

Guest House (south elevation)  
Facing northwest

PHOTOGRAPHER: L. Shonk

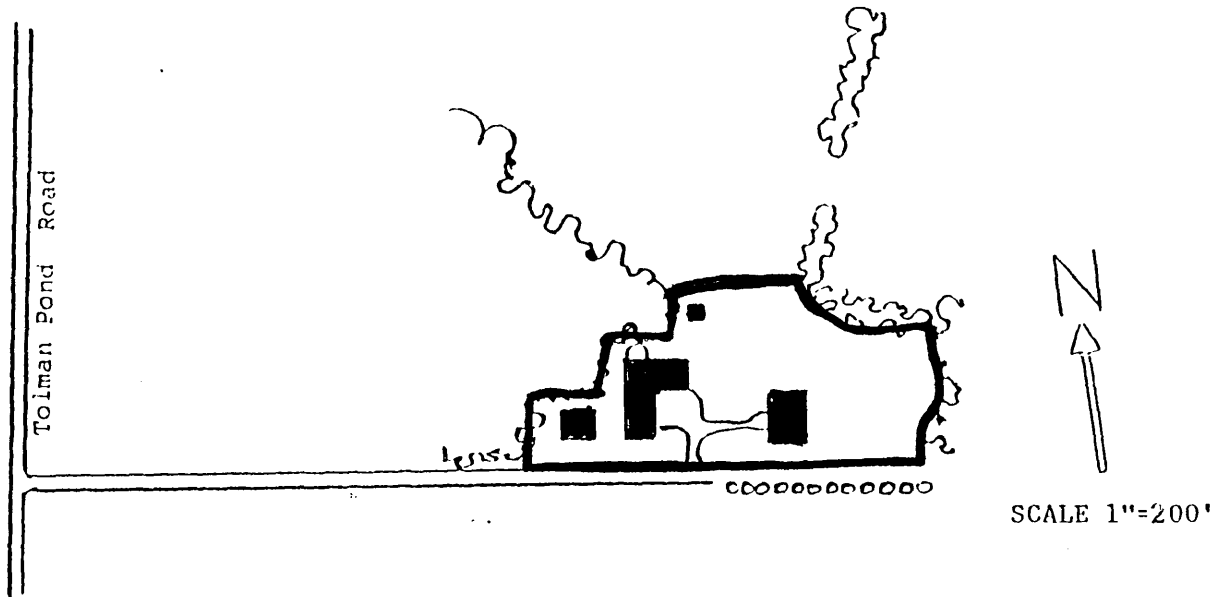
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- Contributing
- Non-contributing

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Bounded on the north by an arbitrary line beginning approximately 75' north of the corner of the barn at the edge of the trees continuing on a straight line approximately 250' to another bunch of trees and continuing along the edge of trees on the east to where it joins the driveway. Bounded on the south by the driveway and on the west by the edge of trees beyond the guest house.

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

Designated as IP-10 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

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 |
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| 26. Point Comfort ✓                 | Substantive Review | for | Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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