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HARRISVILLE HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

AUG 31 1987

DISTRICT: SITE #:
IP-12

PROPERTY NAME (HISTORIC): The Timothy Bancroft House		OWNER (ORIGINAL): Timothy Bancroft	
PROPERTY NAME:		OWNER: Carol L. Gold	
LOCATION: On the north side of the access road to Mosquitoville (off the Tolman Pond Road)		ADDRESS: 7 Shady Hill Square Cambridge, MA 02138	
UTM REFERENCES: 18-736600-4760800		ACREAGE: 2.3 RANGE/LOT: NA	
USGS QUADRANGLE: Monadnock		VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: See site map.	
DATE: 1785, c. 1850s			
SOURCE: "A Few Records," visual inference			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: The Timothy Bancroft House is a large red clapboarded dwelling with a southern exposure set on a brushy lot separate but adjacent to the remains of the Bancroft mill site. Its smaller and older, or easternmost, 2-story section with leanto has a center chimney in its sharply peaked roof. Although some changes have been made to its fenestration, the location of its second story windows (as well as its roof pitch and narrow cornerboards) argue in favor of the assumption that this is the late 18th century Bancroft house. It does, however, differ in its small size and one-room deep plan from Harrisville's two other two-story 18th c. houses (cf. the Abel Twitchell House, (HVD-90 and the Farnum Upton House, PD-9)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: From its construction in 1785 by Massachusetts emigré and farmer Timothy Bancroft, who needed "a newly built house to move his young, growing family into," to its current use as a summer residence for a Boston area family, this house has participated in every era of Harrisville's historical significance. Its principal and noteworthy contribution lies in its role as the primary residence for the Bancroft woodenware mill (by 1850-1875, NH42-41), earliest of a pair of nearby manufactories which, with their support buildings, made up the hamlet of Mosquitobush (also known as Mosquitoville). It is also thought to have been used as a boardinghouse for the predominantly French Canadian mill workers, probably after the Bancroft mill burned in 1875 leaving the nearby Parmenter/Tolman sawmill to the south the only manufactory in operation here.

An example of the mid-19th century intensification of the woodenware and lumber industry fueled by the availability of large quantities of white pine due to the reforestation

REFERENCES:

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- Struthers, Parke H. A History of Nelson, NH 1767-1967. Keene: The Sentinel Printing Co., Inc. 1968
- Tolman, Kirsten. "The Ascent of the New England Sawmill...". Unpublished, 1978.

MAP: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

DESCRIPTION OF VIEW:
Front elevation (south facade)
Facing north

PHOTOGRAPHER: **L. Shonk**
 NEGATIVE FILE #: **12-21; 8/18/83**
 RECORDED BY: **M. Meath; H. Cini**
 SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:
Historic Harrisville, Inc.

DATE: **January 1984**



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Physical Description:

A covered front porch and an easterly extension have been removed from this part of the house.

To the west, a larger, gable-end-to-the-road 2 1/2 story section was added in perpendicular fashion in the mid-19th century (presumably shortly after the adjacent mill was built). It has a sidehall plan with covered entry in the righthand bay and symmetrical 6/6 fenestration. These features, in addition to its very wide cornerboards and pronounced overhanging eaves are characteristics of the locally ubiquitous Greek Revival style of the period. A small 20th century shed ('B' on the sketch map) sits northeast of the house ('A' on the sketch map).

Significance:

consequent to the agricultural decline, Mosquitoville is among Harrisville's most important settlements. An active industrial site for almost a century (by 1850 until 1940), the complex at one time included 3-4 dwellings, (two of which survive, this and IP-11), possibly a smaller boardinghouse, two mills, a stable, a lumber drying shed, and various other drying sheds. The Mosquitoville mills supplied the larger, more sophisticated woolen manufacturing complex at Harrisville village (the Milan Harris Company and the Cheshire Mills) with logging service, with clothesboards on which to wind their woolen cloth, and with a large part of the sawn lumber needed to accomplish Harrisville village's major housing boom (much of it mill-owned) of the third quarter of the 19th century. The Bancroft house is of architectural interest as an example of an unusual early settler's cottage attached to a well preserved vernacular Greek Revival dwelling. It satisfies Criteria A and C.

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

IP-12

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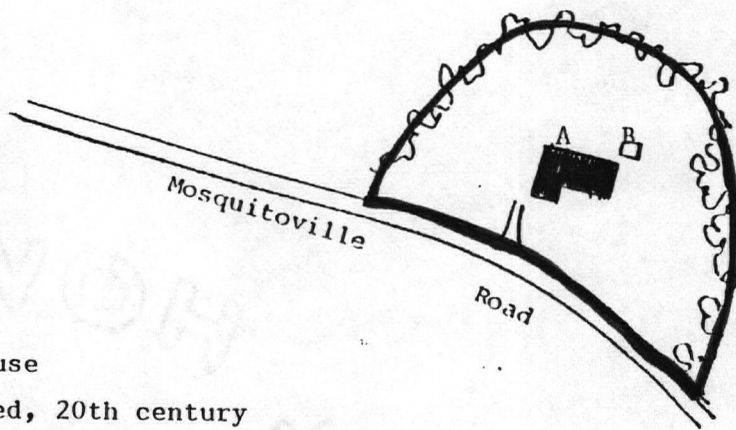
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ACREAGE: 2.3 RANGE/LOT: NA



A - House

B - Shed, 20th century

■ - Contributing

□ - Non-contributing

SCALE 1" = 200'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Bounded on the north and east by the edge of trees, on the south by the Mosquitoville Road and on the west by the edge of trees.

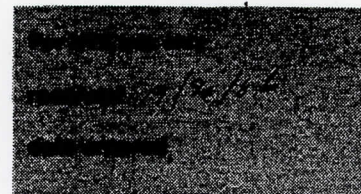
Includes the immediate visual surroundings incorporating the features contributing to the property's architectural and historical significance.

Designated as IP-12 on the 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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Inventory—Nomination Form



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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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| 11. Acre (The) ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 12. Adams, Moses, Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | Keeper | return S |
| | | Attest | |
| 13. Adams Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 14. Aldworth Manor ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 15. Adams, John, Homestead--Wellscroft ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 16. Bancroft, Timothy, House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 17. Beal, Persia, House ✓ | | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 18. Bemis, Elbridge G., House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 19. Bemis, George, House ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |
| 20. Cheever, George, Farm ✓ | Substantive Review | for Keeper | Patrick Andrus 1/14/88 |
| | | Attest | Beth L. Sarge 1/14/88 |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bancroft, Timothy, House (Harrisville MRA)
Cheshire County
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Working No. SEP 30 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 11/16/86 — 11/14/86
Action: ACCEPT
RETURN 12-29-86
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Savage
Discipline Architectural History
Date 12/29/86
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

please clarify the location of the archeological site. Is it included within the boundaries of the nominated property? It is the same site # as the one noted in the Wildewood Cottage documentation. Please identify other bldg. resource indicated on the sketch map and classify as cont. or noncont.

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*) _____

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



115 Gold

Bancroft, Timothy, House
Harrisville MRA, NH.

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000486