1. NAME

Chepachet Village

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

Centered upon the intersection of U. S. Route 114 and R. I. Route 102

CITY OR TOWN:

Glocester

STATE:

Rhode Island, 02814

CODE COUNTY:

38 Providence

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Multiple public/private

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

Putnam Pike

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Not yet represented in any survey.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1,650 acres

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS
The district is an early settlement of Rhode Island and in 1970 contains 126 buildings, of which 76 possess architectural and/or historical value. About 40 of these buildings are of XVIII or earliest XIX Century date, while the remainder belong to the early and middle XIX Century. The village has in the last sixty years lost many of its older buildings, but those still existing and included in the above count are close to their original appearance, well maintained and in general requiring only a moderate amount of restoration. All of the historic buildings in the district are of wood frame construction except the stone mill--the last remaining of several which once depended upon the Chepacheti River running through the village and upon the mill pond and waterfall, which still do exist.

Some of the buildings of historical note and architectural interest in the district are two fine frame churches, one built in 1821 and the other in 1836; a stone mill dating from 1811; the Masonic Hall, in continuous use for its original purpose since 1802; the stage coach tavern, built c. 1800, which was military headquarters for the Dorr Rebellion; the Brown and Hopkins grocery store, built in 1799, in business under the same roof since 1806--thought to be a record in this country; and numerous handsome, well-maintained old dwellings exhibiting a sequence of architectural styles over a full century.
Chepachet Village

2. Location (Continued).

The district includes the entire village of Chepachet to its legal limits.
### Statement of Significance

The village is important as one of the very early, and remaining, settled communities in this state; it continues as a town center for all of the surrounding Glocester area and displays, through its buildings, its history and its continuity. It is a visually attractive area which can, in capsule form, illustrate the history of the entire state.

Like all its neighbors, Chepachet had a part in the phenomenal, mushrooming industrial development which took place in Rhode Island in the post-Revolutionary era and in the early XIX Century. It had water to provide for the mills, of which a number operated there. It was a compactly settled point for stops, relays and service on the stage routes running on by turnpike through Connecticut. Never large, never overgrown in ugly fashion, it has remained an un-trumpeted but well known locale in Rhode Island and a point of definite visual interest to out-of-state persons driving through.

Chepachet has produced its share of local, historically important personages, among them being Deputy-Governor Daniel Orson, president of the state convention which in 1790 adopted the Constitution of the United States (born there; his residence demolished in the 1960's). One of the state's foremost attorneys, Samuel Young Atwell, lived there and taught there those who became illustrious later—Ames, Clarke, Jencks, Metcalf, Manchester and Browne.

In 1842, peacefully prosperous Chepachet took center-stage in Rhode Island history when this small state was shaken by the "Dorr War" or "Dorr Rebellion" that arose over questions of expanded suffrage and of the dubious suitability of the ancient state charter, raised by a young lawyer-politician, Thomas Wilson Dorr (1805-1854). He assembled a splinter party promising a new state constitution and received, he claimed, a majority vote.

(See Continuation Sheet)
Chepachet Village.

From this election emerged the incumbent governor, Samuel W. King, and anti-governor Dorr, whom King proclaimed a traitorous criminal—calling out the state militia. There were a number of clashes, the most notable taking place in Chepachet, a Dorr stronghold, where Acote Hill had been encamped and fortified. When three regiments of militia advanced on Chepachet there was only desultory scuffling, for Dorr and most of his supporters had prudently left, avoiding another Concord or Lexington. (Dorr later gave himself up, was tried and vindictively given a life sentence, but in 1845 was released; and in time the reforms he had promoted were, in fact, incorporated into the frame of the state’s government.) Acote Hill is still prominent as one approaches the village from the southeast on U. S. Route 44 and is now a cemetery.
**CHEPACHET VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Selective inventory of structures of special historical and architectural significance

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<td>Martha Fitch House (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard, porch and wings added; originally A. Eddy House.</td>
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<td>Hiram Eddy House (c.1850): CR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; large addition 1969 in west end.</td>
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<td>Ziba Slocum House (c.1850): EV/LV, 1½ story, gable with raised gable front bay, wood clapboard; Victorian dormers added c.1880, bow window on east added 1950.</td>
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<td>Douglas Hook Road</td>
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<td>N. Shippee Cottage (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, asphalt shingle; bracketed front porch on north (front) side added c.1880.</td>
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<td>A. Irons Cottage (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard.</td>
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<td>Harrington House (c.1840/c.1900): GR 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard cottage with 2 story, hip roof addition on east side added at turn of the century.</td>
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<td>Rounds Cottage (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; original facade altered by addition of modern entrance ell and small windows.</td>
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<td>Money Hill Road</td>
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<td>&quot;The Elms&quot; (before 1790): c. 2½ story gable roof, wood clapboard; later porch on south side and large wing at rear added. Built by Evans family - Anam Evans, major of state militia in 1803.</td>
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<td>Dr. George Harris House (c.1880): LV, 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; owned in 1895 by E. W. White.</td>
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Oil Mill Lane - known as Eddy and Owens Lane (1870)
Fiske Lane (1895): led to cotton seed oil mill on river built by Lawton Owen.

256 Eddy/Fiske House (c.1850): EV, 2 story, gable roof, aluminum clapboard, good bracketed porch on front and left sides; wing at East added.

257 Lawton Owen Homestead (c.1840): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; early wing on east end of house.


330 A. Young House (c.1840): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboards.

255 The Arcade Building (c.1800): C, 1 story, gable roof, wood clapboard; built in three sections with identical floor plans. Birthplace of Leonard Sayles.

Putnam Pike - early country turnpike leading from Providence west to Thompson and East Putnam, Connecticut.

259 Dr. Reuben Mason House (before 1776): C, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard. Dr. Mason served as a surgeon in General William West's brigade during the American Revolution.


270 Manning Angell House (c.1820): Late GR, 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; now parsonage for the Chepachet Union Church.

268 Charles Potter Cottage (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard. Now owned by the Glocester Manton Free Public Library. Charles Potter was a partner of Walter Read in the Brown and Hopkins Store in the 1870's.
Putnam Pike (cont.)

272 Chepachet Union Church (1846): GR, 2 story, gable roof, wood clapboard; originally had another tier on steeple which was lost in 1938 hurricane. No steeple ever constructed due to lack of funds. Built by Jesse Potter and Cyrus Eddy for cost of $2,000.00.

275 Carpenter House (c.1840): GR, 2½ story, gable roof, asbestos shingle; double veranda typical of mid 19th century Chepachet village homes.

280 Cooke/Stagecoach Tavern (before 1800): C, 2 story, gable roof, wood clapboard; known as Cyrus Cooke Tavern in 1813. Hip roof porch added to facade; interior is now altered. Housed Colonel Brown's troops during Dorr War.

282 W. A. Read Cottage (c.1810): C, 1½ story, gable roof with shed extension, wood clapboard, front porch added on east. Owned in 1895 by Walter Allen Read.

287 Thorp Cottage (c.1770): C, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; typical country 18th century cottage.

288 Judge Wilmarth House (c.1800): F, 2½ story, gable roof, aluminum clapboard. Original appearance obscured by Victorian alterations and addition of wrap-around front porch. Home of Judge Wilmarth in 1813, later residence of Dr. S. Mowry in 1870 and Walter Allen Read in 1895. Walter Allen Read, who saw action in the Civil War at Antietam and Fredericksburg, returned to Chepachet, formed a partnership with Augustus Wade in the Brown and Hopkins Store, was postmaster, and active in state politics, serving as Senator from Glocester and at the turn of the century as Treasurer of the State.

289 Masonic Hall (1802): F., 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; upstairs lodge room is oldest fresh-water lodge in continuous use in state-- by Friendship Lodge No. 7, F & A.M. Farmers Exchange Bank (chartered in 1804 and closed 1809) was located on first floor of building. Noted for excellent pedimented front entrance with pierced fanlight found on south side.

Putnam Pike (cont.)

292 The Stone House (1814): GR, 2 story, flat gable roof, stone; built by Lawton Owen for cotton yarn manufacture, later sold to Ira P. Evans then to Lyman & Dyer. Used in 1858 for manufacture of satinet by Horace A. Kimball & Warren Arnold, then for cassimeres and by 1870 as a woolen mill as part of the Smith & Sayles complex.

site "Elephant Bridge" (1825-1900's): In July, 1826, "Big Bess" a traveling elephant was shot dead on the Bridge by a group of juveniles. A complex of buildings once stood on the west side including a grist mill, saw mill, cabinet shop and coffin factory, all washed away in the "freshet" of 1867.

295 Lydia Slocum House (c.1790): C., 2 story, gable roof with old lean-to at rear. Wood clapboard and shingle; front is significantly remodeled.

296 Brown & Hopkins Store (1799): C., 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard, front porch added. Built by Timothy Wilmarth as a battery and residence. Operating as a grocery store since 1809, being longest, continuously run in country; original shelving intact. Used as a post office in the early 1900's.


298 Job Armstrong House (before 1820): F., 2½ story, gable roof, wood shingle and clapboard, used from the 1820's-1850's as a home away from home for visiting clergy and religious pilgrims. Meat market occupied lower level at the turn of the century.

300 Central Hotel (c.1800): C. 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard, front porch added. Owned by Amasa Eddy, influential Democrat who ran for Governor of the state in 1852. Eddy ran a harness shop in the basement; known later as the Glocester Hotel then the Central Hotel in 1895.

301 Franklin Bank Buildings (c.1800): C. 2½ story, gable roof with full rear extension, wood clapboard. Front porch added. Owned by Solomon Owen in 1813, then became the location for the Franklin Bank Co., charted in 1818 and closed in 1868 after introduction of a national banking system.
Putnam Pike (cont.)

304 Benefit Company Store (c.1815): F., 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard. The Benefit Mill or Point Mill stood just east of the village on the river and the Benefit School just across Main Street from the store.

305 Tavern (1813): C., 2 story, gable roof, asphalt shingle; side porch added on the south. Owned by Jeremiah Sheldon.

306 Will Owen House (c.1800): F., 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; moved from edge of Pike in 1920's, rear porch added.

313 Benjamin White House (c.1850): Late GR, 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboards; noted for fan window element in gable end.

316 Chepachet Freewill Baptist Church (1822): GR, 2 story, gable roof with square turreted bell tower; vestry at rear added in 1892. Essentially a colonial form. Built by Clark Sayles who also built the Greenville Baptist Church. Newport Artillery billeted here in the Dorr War.

318 Kimball House (1753): C., 1½ story gable roof, wood clapboard; oldest house in Chepachet Village, owned in 1790 by Colonel Asa Kimball, who was a prominent officer in General Sullivan's expedition on the Island of Rhode Island in 1778.

320 Baptist Church Parsonage (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard.

315 Nathan Sweet House (c.1850): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, asphalt shingle; exceptionally wide picket fence is original to house.

323 Taft House (c.1880): LV, 1½ story, gable breaking gable roof, wood clapboard; interesting stick-work trim on front gable.

Tanyard Lane Lane running east to Tannery established by Solomon Owen before 1800.

325 Oliver Owen House (c.1800): C., 2½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; 1 story wing added on north and west sides.

326 Mill Office (c.1860): EV, Bracketed, 1½ story, hip roof with gable extension, wood clapboard; converted to residential use.
**Victory Highway** highway running for 48 miles from Woonsocket to Route IA in Wickford. Opened formally in 1922 and named to celebrate Victory in World War I, 1918.

335 M. Mowry House (c.1840): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, asbestos shingle.

339 H. Steere Mill House (c.1895): LV, 2 story, gable roof, asphalt shingle.

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338 Dr. Albert Potter House (c.1830): GR, 1½ story, gable roof, wood clapboard; moved to present site in 1970's for construction of Old Stone Bank.

343 P. Trank House (c.1800): C., 2½ story, gable roof, asphalt shingle.
Chepachet Village

2. Location (Continued).

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FORM PREPARED BY

William H. Gerold, President

Glocester Heritage Society

CITY OR TOWN:

Glocester

STATE: Rhode Island, 02811

CHIEF, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [x] Local [ ]

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

______________________________
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE: April, 1970

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

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   CODE: 414
   COUNTY: Providence
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   DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.: Free Will Baptist Church and carriage shed seen from west. (No. 132 on map.)
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   DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
   Exterior of Masonic Hall, Main Street, seen from south.
   (No. 100 on map.)
Chepachet Village

Glocester Township

Rhode Island

East side of Main Street, looking north, showing altered buildings susceptible to restoration. (First building at right is No. 105 on map.)
**1. NAME**

COMMON: Chepachet Village

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Centered upon the intersection of U. S. Route 1414 and R. I. Route 102

CITY OR TOWN:
Glocester

STATE:
Rhode Island

CODE: 38

COUNTY:
Providence

CODE: 007

**3. MAP REFERENCE**


SCALE: 3" : 5 miles

DATE: 1969

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.
1. NAME

COMMON: Chepachet Village

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

East side of Main Street, looking south, showing altered buildings susceptible to restoration. (First building at left is No. 122 on map.)
CHEPACHET VILLAGE
HISTORIC DISTRICT
Glocester, Providence County, Rhode Island

Boundary

Scale: Not to scale (reduced from 1"=100 ft.)

R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission
November 1998

Note: Plats 10A, 10B, 10C, and 10D are on file
at the Glocester Town Hall, Chepachet, RI