

EINSTEIN SLEPT HERE

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this house is a special property. Then again, maybe it does—or at least it did.

LOCAL LORE HAS IT THAT WHEN renowned astronomer Harlow T. Shapley owned this Sharon, New Hampshire, home, his good friend Albert Einstein was a frequent guest. The room in which Einstein is said to have stayed is one of three second-floor bedrooms, all served by a single bath. The large master bedroom could easily accommodate another bath. The bedrooms are bright and airy (the master alone has nine windows), with six-over-six and six-over-nine windows, high ceilings, and generous closets and storage space. The two smaller bedrooms also have wide-plank floors.

The main floor includes a huge eat-in kitchen with a six-burner stove, two ovens, a griddle, a butler's pantry, and



This property in Sharon, New Hampshire, is being offered for \$975,000. Contact Andy Peterson at 924-3321. petersonsrealestate.com



an island; a great room with a brick fireplace and wide-plank floors, which continue through to the adjoining dining room; and a one-bedroom fire-placed apartment that could be converted into a master suite with little difficulty.

Outbuildings include a winterized barn (which could be transformed into a guesthouse), an old icehouse, and a garden shed.

All the structures are tucked well away from the road on 12 acres. Extensive perennial and vegetable gardens, trellises, flagstone patios, and ubiquitous stone walls provide visual excitement on land otherwise thick with trees. Natural springs at the rear of the house could be used to make a pond.

"I'm selling the land and throwing in the house for free," jokes the owner. He and his late wife bought the house in 1992 and made significant upgrades. She died nearly two years ago, and he's decided to downsize. The property is "a great spot to have a family," he says. "I would love it to be bought by someone who will live here year-round, not just use it as a summerhouse." —Michael Carlton