

(August 1994)

Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: 09/17/02

Inventory #: **DUR0006**

Date of group review: 09/25/02

Area:

DHR staff: C. Fonda

Town/City: Durham

Property name: Danl. Chesley House

County: Rockingham

Address: 92 Dover Road (Route 108)

Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey

Individual Properties

NR	SR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible, also in district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible, only in district
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> More information needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not evaluated for individual eligibility

Districts

NR	SR
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible
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Integrity: Location Design Setting Materials
Workmanship Feeling Association

Criteria: A. Event B. Person C. Architecture
D. Archaeology E. Exception

Level: Local State National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

If this property is reviewed in the future, additional documentation would be required.
 Eligible for significance in architecture as a well-preserved representation of vernacular Greek Revival styling.

✓ ENTERED INTO DATABASE
 ACREAGE: **32.68**
 PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE 1861
 AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: architecture
 BOUNDARY: see property map, p. 5
 SURVEYOR: Mausolf

FOLLOW-UP: *consultant; furnish acreage of eligible parcel expressed in acres*

Final DOE approved by: *Ede Muzny*

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Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name Daniel Chesley House
 2. District or area
 3. Street and number 92 Dover Road (Rt. 108)
 4. City or town Durham
 5. County Strafford
 6. Current owner Jo-Ellen Thomas

Function or Use

7. Current use(s) Domestic: Multiple dwelling
 8. Historic use(s) Domestic: Single dwelling

Architectural Features

9. Style Greek Revival
 10. Architect/builder unknown
 11. Source ---
 12. Construction date 1861
 13. Source Frances Manock, interview, 7/2002
 14. Alterations, with dates c.1950 - sunporch at rear of wing

15. Moved? no yes date:

Exterior Features

16. Foundation Granite
 17. Cladding Clapboard
 18. Roof material Asphalt shingles
 19. Chimney material Brick
 20. Type of roof Gable
 21. Chimney location Both ends, single interior
 22. Number of stories 2 1/2
 23. Entry location Facade, center
 24. Windows Double-hung 6/6

- Replacement? no yes date:

Site Features

25. Setting Mixed use neighborhood, local road
 26. Outbuildings Garage (1973), Shed (c.1950)



35. Photograph #1 36. Date July 2002
 37. Roll # 1 Frame # 3
 38. Negative stored at: NHDOT

27. Landscape features Mature maple trees
 28. Acreage 32.68 acres
 29. Tax map/parcel # 011-003-002
 30. UTM reference Z19 E344980 N4778480
 31. USGS quad and scale Dover West, 1:24000

Form prepared by

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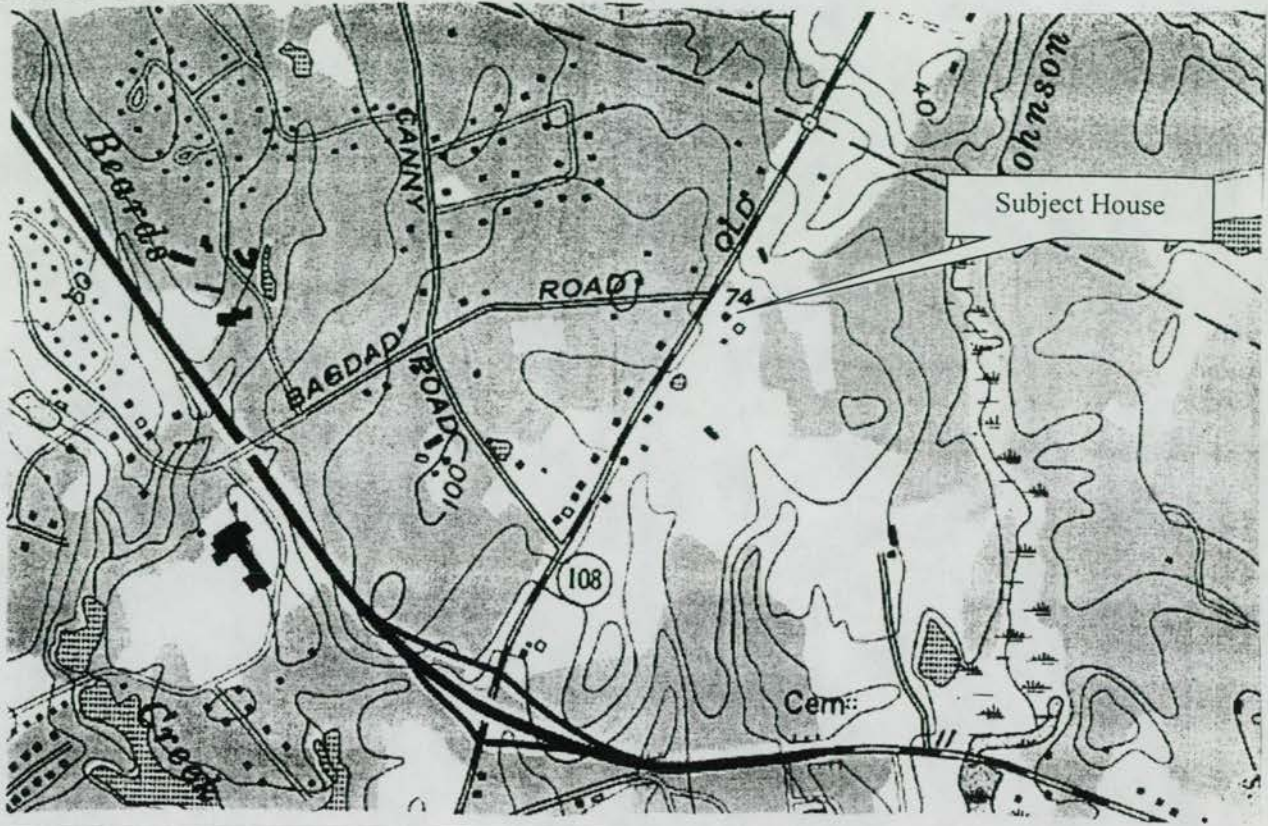
32. Name Lisa Mausolf
 33. Organization NHDOT
 34. Date of survey July 2002

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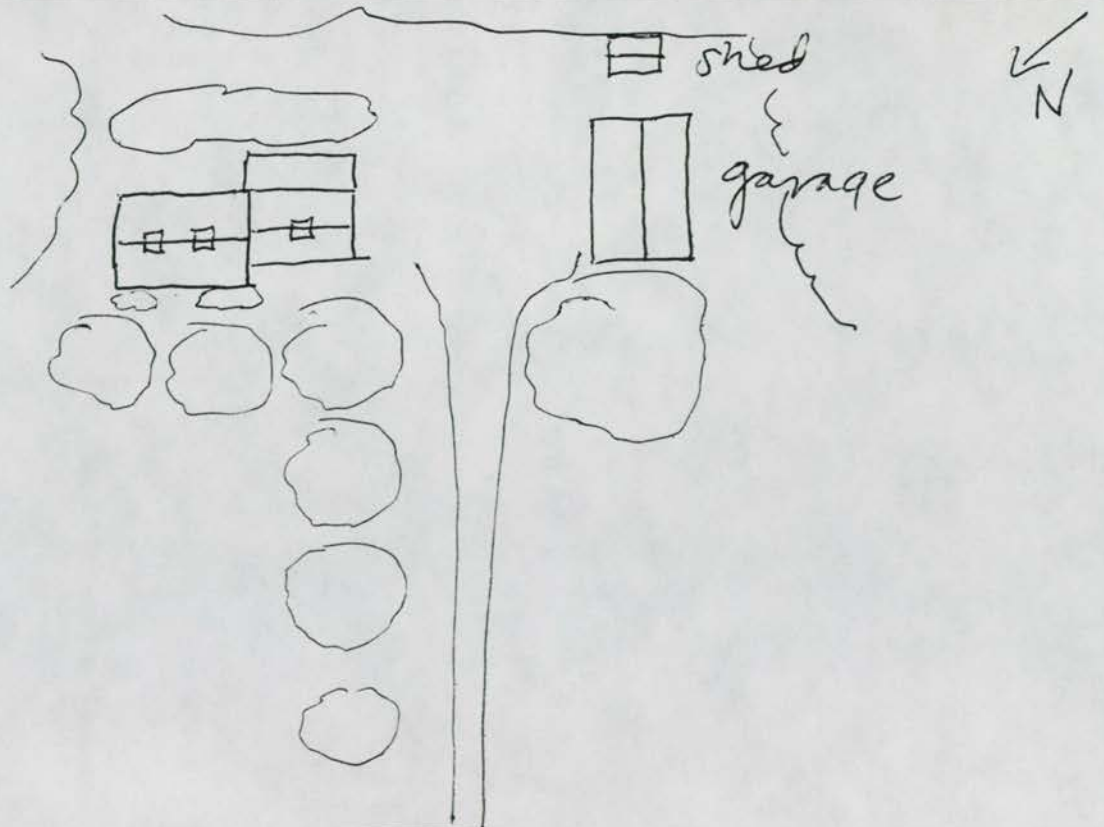
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39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

According to Chesley family members and the town history, the land on which this house stands was in the possession of the Chesley family from the earliest beginnings of the town until 1986 (Stackpole, vol. 1, p. 65, 320; Manock 2002). In 1644 Philip Chesley was given a grant of twenty acres and in 1664 he deeded to his son (also Philip) the "neck of land" whereon he lived. The land extended down to the Oyster River. The Chesley family built a garrison about half way between the Dover Road and that to Piscataqua Bridge. The garrison was reportedly located on a little elevation in the field behind the present house. The old Chesley family cemetery is reportedly north of this site, on more elevated land and joining to the west side of a stone wall (Stackpole vol. 1, p. 65). [This burial ground was not located as part of this field investigation]. According to Chesley family members, the original house associated with the land grant was located on Piscataqua Road but burned (Manock 2002). The present house was constructed in 1861 and the date is written on a wall in the front parlor (Manock 2002).

The earliest deed found for the property indicates that in 1851 Rosamond Chesley, widow of Daniel Chesley (d.1844), sold the "homestead farm" to her husband's nephew, Daniel Chesley (b.1811) of Madbury for \$6000. [Daniel and Rosamond had no surviving children.] The deed indicates that the elder Daniel had acquired several lots and land from his father, Philip Chesley (c.1754-1825). The 1856 map of Strafford County does not show a house on this site (the Town Asylum is located further south). According to Chesley family oral tradition, Daniel Chesley, Jr. (1859-1953) was born on the day the house was raised and moved to the farm when he was two years old (Manock 2002). In a 1867 mortgage the property is described by Daniel Chesley as "my homestead farm where I now live" and at that time the property encompassed 80 acres.

The 1870 Agricultural Census indicates that at that time Daniel Chesley's farm was valued at \$5,000 and included 70 improved acres and 15 acres of woodland. The farm's livestock consisted of two horses, six milk cows, two oxen, three other cows and two swine. Crops produced in 1870 included 75 bushels of Indian corn, 25 bushels of barley, 300 bushels of potatoes, as well as \$60 worth of orchard products. A total of 500 lbs. of butter and 300 lbs. of cheese were also produced. Chesley died a few years later and his estate was declared bankrupt on June 14, 1875. At that time, the ownership of the farm reverted to his widow, Margery Chesley. Margery Chesley and her son, Daniel, Jr. (1859-1953) conveyed the property to a relative, Lydia Snell of Lee, for five years from 1876 to 1881, for financial assistance but apparently continued to control the property.

In 1880 the Daniel Chesley farm included 45 tilled acres, 32 acres of pasture and 10 acres of woodland. It was valued at \$3500 and in addition to growing Indian corn, potatoes and apples, included cows, sheep and poultry (1880 U.S. Census). In 1881 Lydia Snell conveyed the property back to Daniel Chesley, Jr. and his brother, Charles P. Chesley for the sum of \$1998. According to the deed, the 80 acre tract, known as the homestead farm of Daniel Chesley included land predominantly in Durham with a small corner in Madbury. The 1892 map indicates that the property was then owned by the Estate of Daniel Chesley (to the north of the building which had been the Town Asylum).

The farm was occupied by Daniel Chesley, Jr. until 1953. In addition to being a "practical and successful farmer" Chesley also operated a successful contracting business in Dover (D. Chesley Construction Company) for more than 60 years (Stackpole, vol. 1, p. 320 and *Foster's Daily Democrat*, 2/24/1953). He served in the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1897 and 1898 and as state senator in 1913 and 1914. At Chesley's death, the ownership of the farm passed to his nephew, Comdr. Frank D. Manock, US Navy (retired). Frances and Dorothy Manock continued to farm the land for about ten years; they had thirty cows and raised various crops including potatoes. The historic barn on the property burned in the 20th century and was replaced by a new structure in 1951. This building was in turn removed for the present three-car garage, constructed in 1973. The small shed behind the garage was constructed by Frank Manock to be used as a chicken coop but never served that purpose. The Manocks continued to own the property until 1986 when it was conveyed to Dr. Jo-Ellen Thomas. In 1961 the Manocks sold a 2.5 acre parcel of the original tract to Rose and John Wallace and in 1981 the Manocks conveyed an additional 6.099 acre parcel to the Durham Evangelical Church which has built a church to the north of the homestead. The Manocks still own about 16 acres of land on the west side of Rt. 108 although the frontage was subdivided for house lots (Manock 2002). The house presently serves as rental housing.

Surveyor's Evaluation:

NR listed:	individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	NR Criteria:	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	NR Eligible:	individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	w/in district	<input type="checkbox"/>		B	<input type="checkbox"/>		w/in district	<input type="checkbox"/>
				C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		not eligible	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		D	<input type="checkbox"/>		need more info	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>		E	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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2. First settlements on the NH seacoast, 1623-1660
48. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

Constructed in 1861, the Daniel Chesley House is a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled dwelling set back from Dover Road by a long gravel driveway lined by historic maple trees with additional maple trees obscuring much of the facade. Set on a granite foundation, the dwelling is sheathed in wood clapboards and outlined by simple, pilaster cornerboards with a plain frieze under the projecting eaves. The cornice on the gables ends in returns. Two interior brick, corbel cap chimneys rise from the ridge of the asphalt-shingled gable roof. Centered on the five-bay facade, the main entrance contains a four panel door flanked by full sidelights with an entablature lintel with pronounced shelf capping the surround. Most of the windows contain double-hung 6/6 sash with entablature lintels and wooden slip sills. The windows are flanked by louvered wooden blinds. The north gable end is punctuated by three bays of windows, two aligned on each floor toward the facade with another back toward the rear. Lighting each end of the attic is a double round-arched window consisting of a pair of 4/4 sash with a semicircular, louvered screen mounted at the top of each. A single 6/6 window punctuates the first floor of the south elevation with a 6/6 window and a smaller square 3/3 sash on the second floor.

Extending to the south of the main house block is a 1 1/2-story wing, also resting on a granite foundation and outlined by simple pilaster corner boards and cornice returns. An additional entrance containing a four-panel door projects from the wing facade adjacent to the main house. Like the main entrance, it is flanked by full sidelights. The entrance is sheltered by a hip-roofed porch supported by a single, square post. To the south of this entrance is a single 6/6 window and a modern bay window supported by brackets. Rising from the wing's roof ridge is a tall, brick chimney with a pointed arch brick cap. The south gable end of the wing has a double-hung 6/1 sash on the first floor and a round-arched 6/6 window with arched shutters in the attic. Projecting from the rear elevation of the wing is a c.1950 glassed sunporch accessed by a wooden ramp and glass-and-panel door on the south side.

Across the paved area to the south of the house is a two-story, three-car garage constructed in 1973, replacing an earlier barn (Manock 2002). The building is set on a concrete foundation and clad in clapboards with an asphalt-shingled, gable roof. On the north elevation, facing the house, there are three modern, overhead garage doors. Above each door is a pair of 3 x 2-light sash. To the east of the garage is a small wooden shed constructed of vertical boards c.1950. The building is capped by a gable, corrugated metal roof. There is a wooden door on the north gable end and 3 x 2-light windows.

The Chesley House is a mid 19th century farmhouse which exhibits a relatively late and restrained Greek Revival influence in its entablatured and sidelit entrances and even more subtle Italianate style detail in its round-arched attic window decoration. A few examples of the vernacular Greek Revival style are scattered throughout the town. The Durham Community Church was erected in 1848-9 and displays corner pilasters, a broad entablature and a doorway with Doric pilasters. A community-wide windshield survey revealed several Greek Revival capes and a gablefront Greek Revival dwelling in the Wiswall Road area and additional Greek Revival capes on Canney Road. Structures which are more comparable to the Chesley House include two houses on Durham Point Road, both of which display a 2 1/2-story, side-gabled form with five-bay facades and a Greek Revival influence. The house at 129 Durham Point Road (photo #10) has a 5 x 2-bay massing and center chimney. Ornament is limited to the entablatured door surround with partial sidelights. A more decorative example of the style is visible at 73 Durham Road (photo #11). This house has four interior chimneys. Its deeply recessed center entrance is decorated by fluted surrounds with cornerblock moldings which also embellish the windows.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

Criterion A: The Chesley House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register under Criterion A. The property is of interest for its associations with the Chesley family, a family of early settlers who reportedly occupied the land prior to 1664. However the present dwelling does not correspond to this early period of occupation. Archaeological investigation would be necessary to ascertain whether there is any evidence of the Chesley garrison in the fields behind the house. The property is also no longer able to convey its associations as a historic farm, owing to the loss of the barn and changes to the landscape. There are no other historical trends or events associated with this property.

Criterion B: The property does not appear to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion B, despite its long-time associations with the Chesley family, one of Durham's early families. None of the occupants of the house appear to be of exceptional historic significance.

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44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance (continued)::

Criterion C: The Chesley House is of interest as a vernacular expression of the Greek Revival style, which also bears the imprint of the Italianate style. The Greek Revival is an architectural style of which there are relatively few examples in the town of Durham and the house also retains a high level of integrity. The Chesley House appears to be sufficiently significant to be individually eligible for the National Register under this criterion.

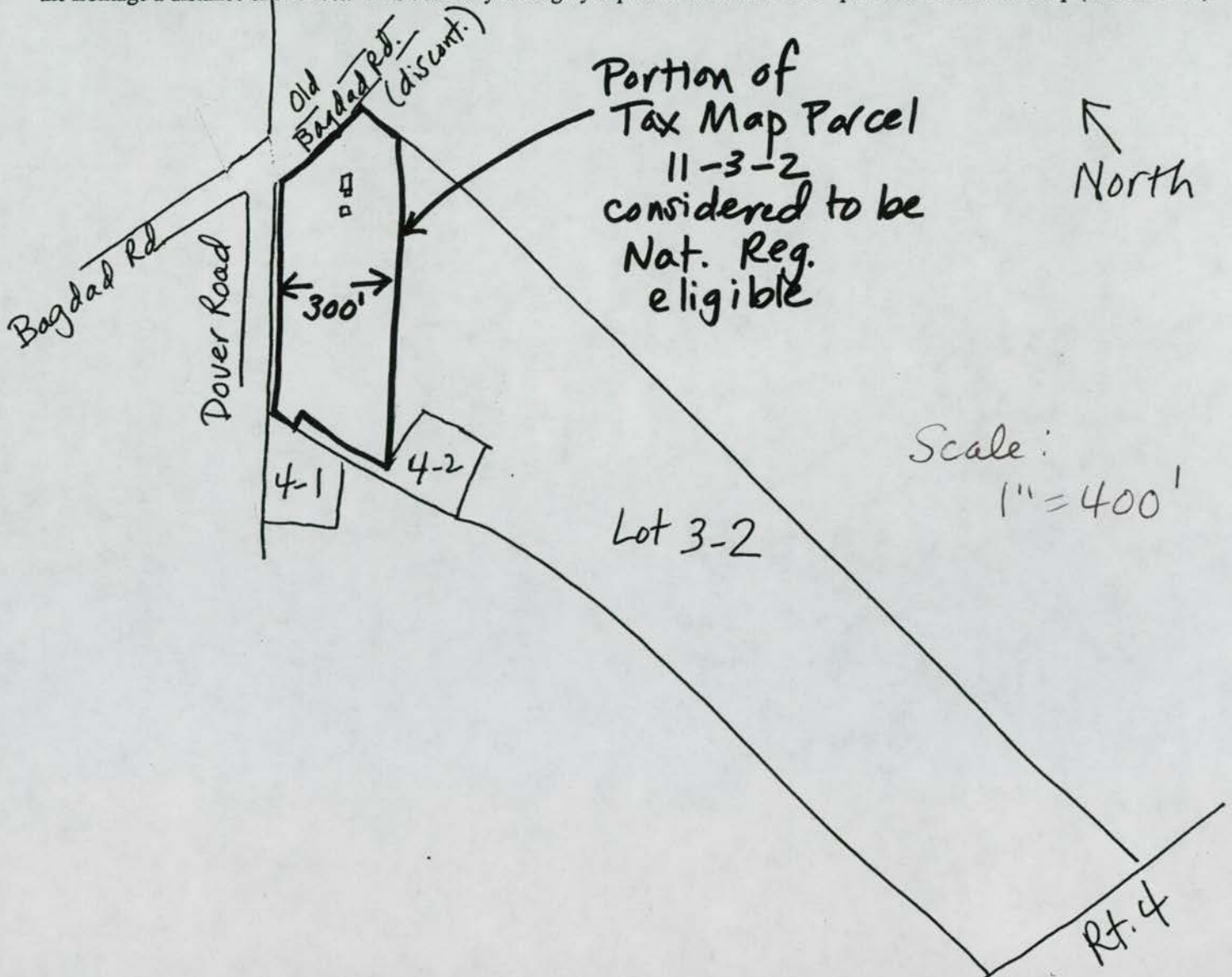
45. Period of Significance: 1861

46. Statement of Integrity:

The Chesley House has seen relatively few alterations since its construction in the mid 19th century. These changes are limited to the construction of the rear sun porch off the wing and the addition of a modern bay window on the front of the wing, both of which occurred in the mid to late 20th century. The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The property does not convey its former associations as a farm due to the loss of the historic barn, the reduction of the original acreage and the reforestation of the remaining land.

47. Boundary Discussion:

Since the Chesley House is eligible only under Criterion C and the rear of the parcel has lost its historic character, an arbitrary boundary has been drawn to include the frontage along Dover Road with the rear boundary line consisting of a line drawn parallel to the frontage a distance of 300 feet. This boundary is roughly depicted below on an excerpt from the town tax map (Sheet No. 11).



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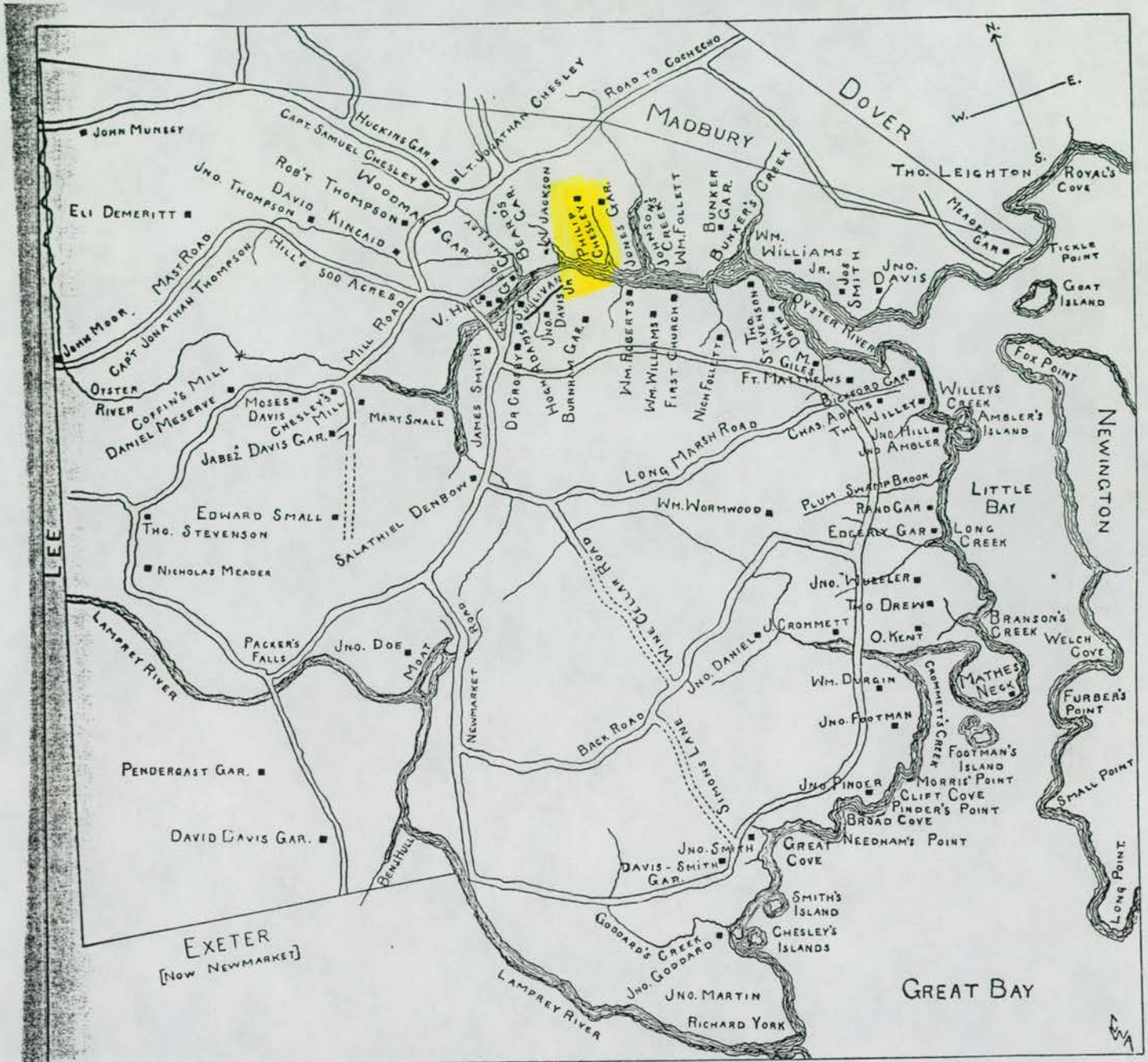
Strafford County Probate Records, Dover, NH

Strafford County Register of Deeds, Dover, NH.

Date	Book	Page	Grantor	Grantee
1986	1232	200	Frances & Dorothy Manock	Jo-Ellen Thomas
1981	1072	42	Manock	Durham Evangelical Church
1961	732	391	Manock	Rose & John Wallace
1953	623	426	Eileen R. Carr	Frances Manock
1953	623	425	Francis Manock	Eileen Carr
1881	270	341	Lydia Snell	Daniel Chesley, Jr. & Charles P. Chesley
1876	259	387	Daniel & Margery Chesley	Snell
1875	259	191	Charles Shackford	Margery Chesley
			(assignee of est. of Danl. Chesley bankrupt)	
1875	257	535	U.S. District Court	Charles B. Shackford
1867	241	161	Town of Durham	Daniel Chesley
1851	207	500	Rosamond Chesley	Daniel Chesley

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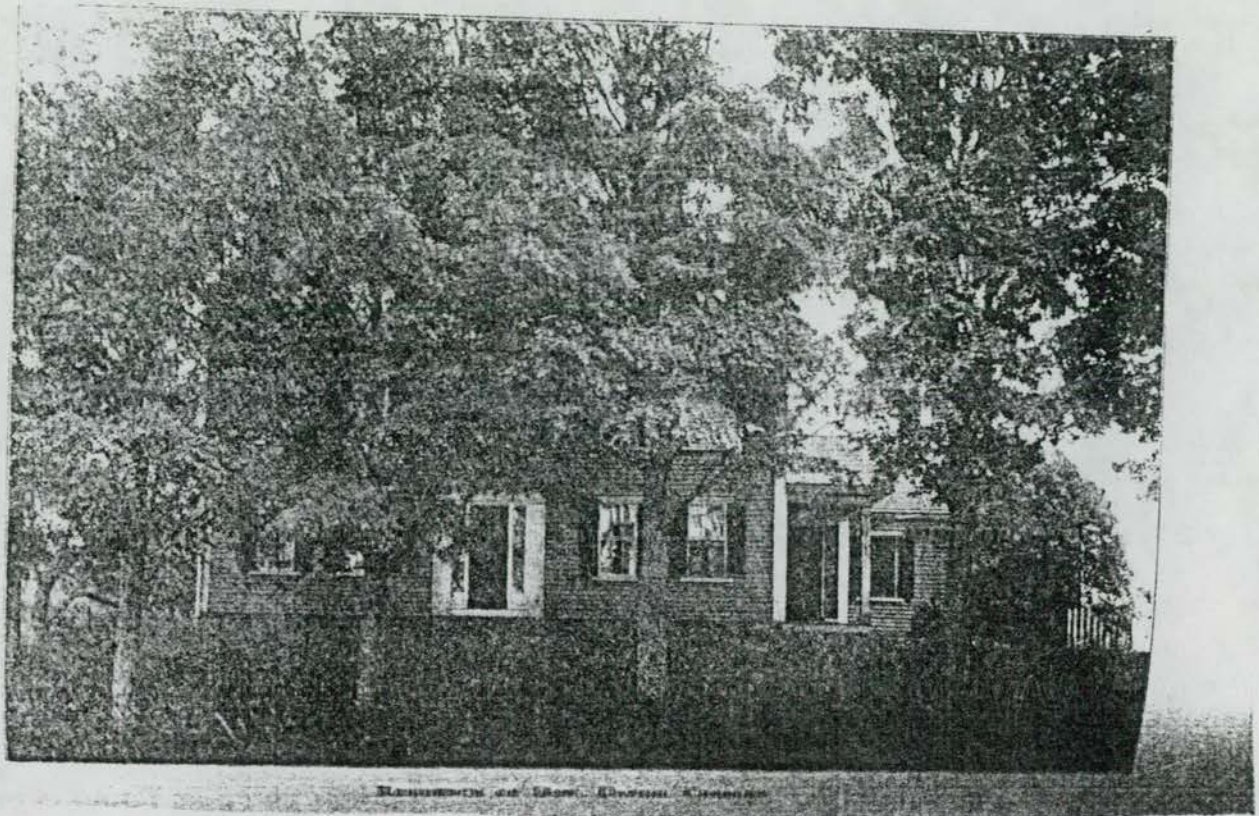
OYSTER RIVER PLANTATION

Map showing location of original Chesley land grant and garrison

Source: Stackpole, History of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, vol. 1 (1913), p. 49.

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Source: Stackpole and Meserve, History of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, vol. 2 (1913), p. 74.

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Photo # 2 description: West facade
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 6 Direction: south



Photo #3 description: west facade
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 5 Direction: SE

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Photo # 4 description: Detail, front entrance
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 5 Direction: SE



Photo # 5 description: South elevation
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 2 Direction: NE

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Photo # 6 description: East (rear) elevation
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 15 Direction: north



Photo # 7 description: Garage
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 1 Direction: south

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Address: 92 Dover Road, Durham Date taken: July 2002 Negative stored at: NHDOT



Photo # 8 description: Shed
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 13 Direction: SW



Photo # 9 description: Former fields behind house
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 12 Direction: east

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Photo #10 description: 129 Durham Point Rd.
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 16 Direction:



Photo # 11 description: 73 Durham Point Rd.
Roll #: 1 Frame #: 17 Direction: