

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: DUR0012

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: Joseph Bunker-Emile Hamel Farm
2. District or area: F-C Farming District
3. Street and number: 110 Newmarket Rd
4. City or town: Durham
5. County: Strafford
6. Current owner: Wesley & Martha Smith

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): residence
8. Historic use(s): residence

Architectural Information

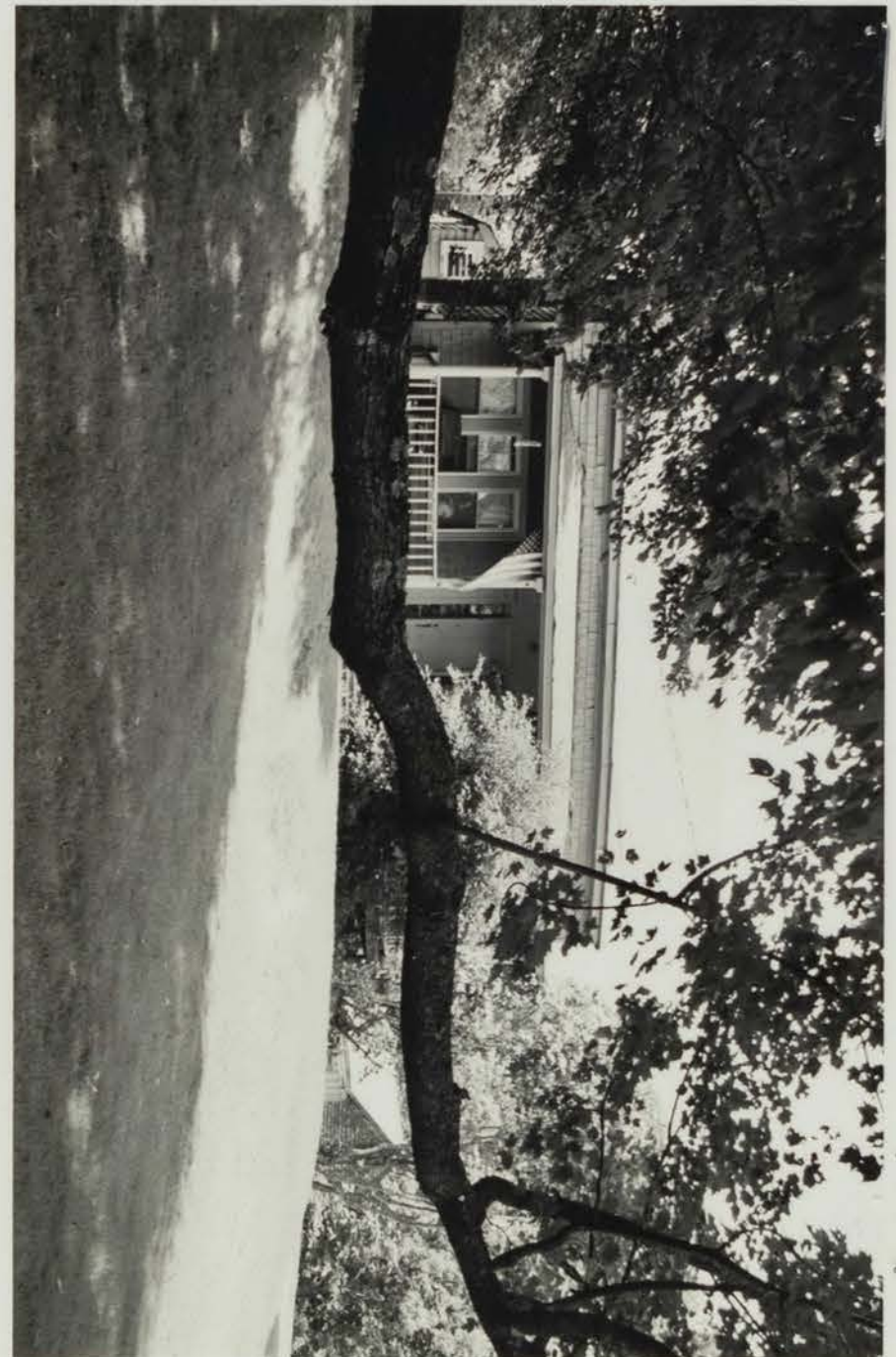
9. Style: elements of Greek Revival
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: _____
12. Construction date: ca. 1852
13. Source: Visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: chimney replaced (c.mid-20th c.); porch added (ca. 1900)
15. Moved? no yes date: _____

Exterior Features

16. Foundation: granite block
17. Cladding: wood shingle
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick conc. block
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: south gable end
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 2/1
Replacement? no yes date: late 20th c.

Site Features

25. Setting: semi-rural; major route
26. Outbuildings: shed/shop
27. Landscape features: -
28. Acreage: 1.5 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 15-11



Description

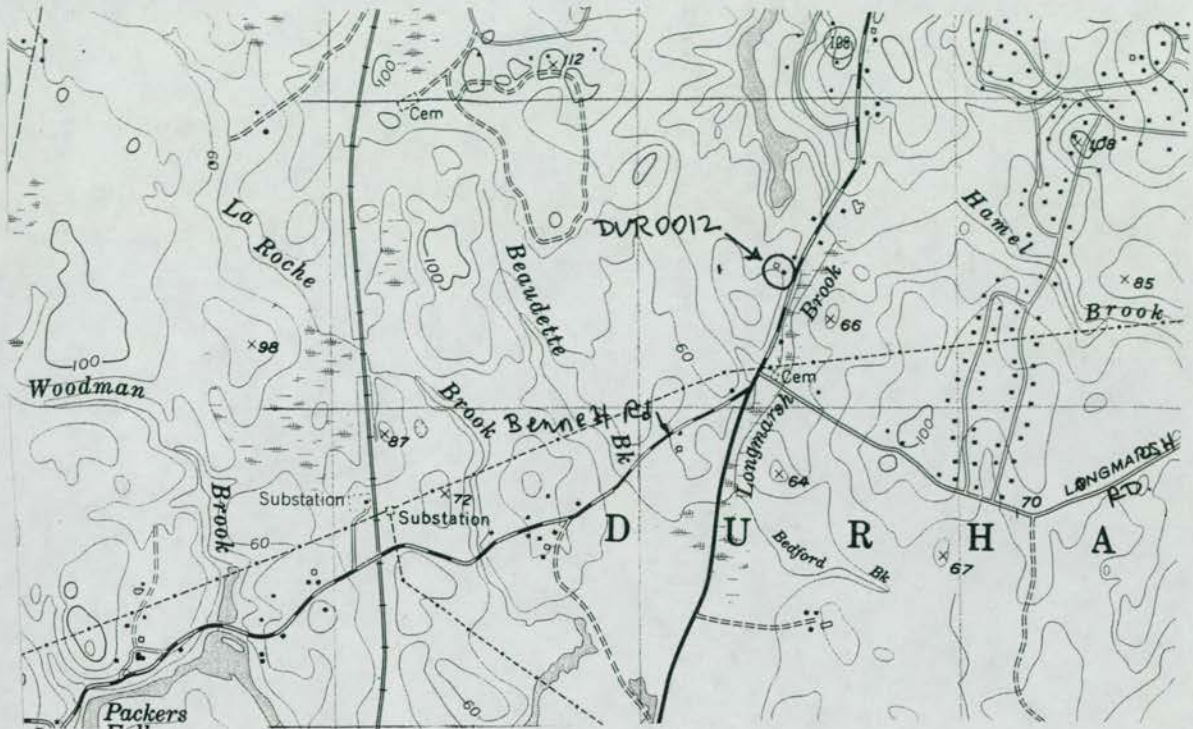
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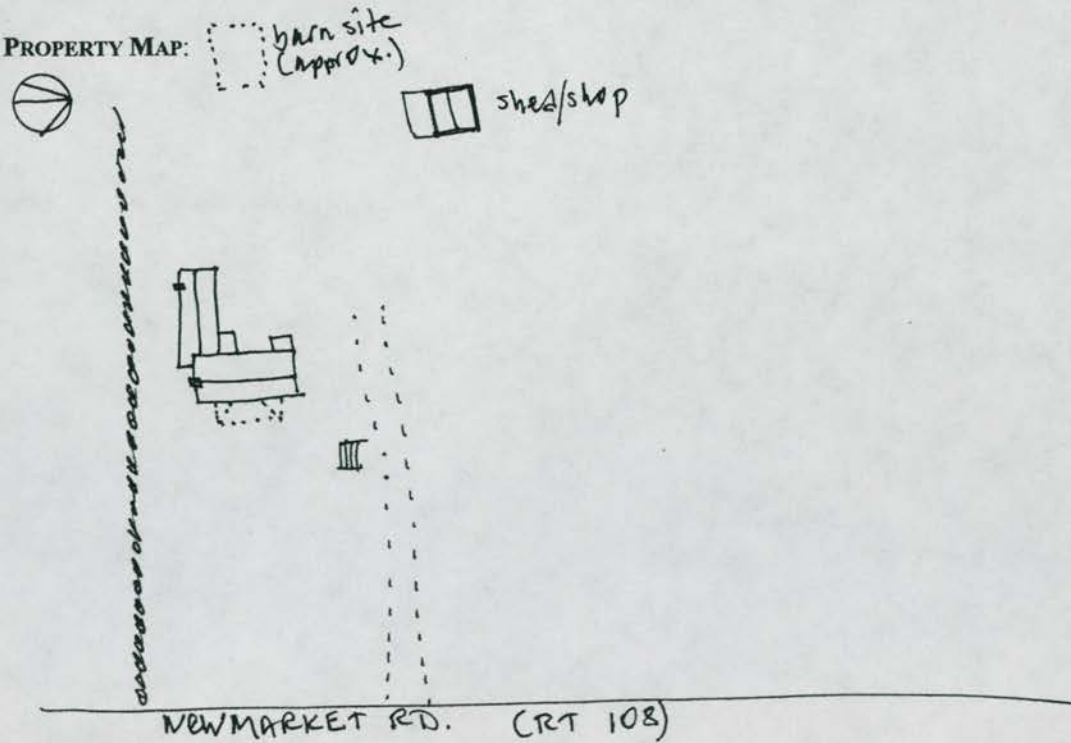
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39. LOCATION MAP:



40. PROPERTY MAP:



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Statement Of Purpose

This inventory form was prepared to assist in planning efforts undertaken by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to construct shoulders along approximately 3.4 miles of NH Route 108 from approximately 800' north of the intersection of Durham Point Road in Durham southerly to the intersection of Sanborn Avenue in Newmarket. The project is identified as Durham-Newmarket, STP-TE-X-5133(009), 13080. An earlier Project Area Form completed for NHDOT in 2003 identified this property as one of several that is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This form is intended to provide a final determination of eligibility for the property.

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

This farm was established in the early 1850s, most probably by William Stevens. Stevens purchased thirty acres of land in 1850 from Edward Pendexter, who had been using the land for crops. By the time Stevens sold the acreage to Cyrus Smith in 1857, there was a building on it.¹

After passing through several owners (Cyrus Smith, 1857-58, Jacob Brown, 1858-63 and John Mooney, 1863-64), the thirty-one-acre farm was purchased by Joseph Bunker of Exeter in 1864.² Bunker farmed here into the early 20th century, moving to Rochester by 1912.³ Both the 1870 and 1880 agricultural schedules present a farm of 95 acres, valued at \$4,000, with crops and livestock mirroring those of nearby farms. In 1910, the farm, still thirty-one acres, as well as two twenty-five acre pastures, was purchased by Pierre Hamel, who had purchased the farm across the road at 97 Newmarket Road (Inv. DUR0011) nine years earlier. Hamel bought this farm for his son, Emile, who farmed here until his death ca. 1950, likely in a collaborative fashion with his father and sister's family, who lived nearby at 127 Newmarket Road (Inv. DUR0013).⁴ The 1930 census shows both Emile and his wife, Delia, residing here with their teenage daughter. At Pierre's farm, five young grandchildren, perhaps other children of Emile and Delia, lived with the elderly man. One, Leo, together with his wife, Georgette, inherited this 80-acre farm from Emile and lived here until the mid-1970s. By 1962, however, farming was no longer his primary occupation; he is listed in directories for that decade as a construction worker.

In 1965, Leo Hamel sold most of the farmland, leaving only two house lots fronting on Newmarket Road, of which the subject property is the southernmost one. The farmland is now owned by UNH (Map/lot 15-8).

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

- 48. Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present.
- 119. The French-Canadians in NH, 1840-present

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

This property is located on the west side of Newmarket Road; to the south, it abuts a National Register-eligible agricultural district known as the Doe-Mooney-Dame-Stevens Historic District. The 1.5 acre lot is mostly open and contains a mid-19th century house and a shed/shop that appears to date from much

¹ Book 206/575 (1850), 222/177 (1857).

² Book 225/374 (1858), 234/57 (1863), 237/583 (1864).

³ 1899 & 1912 directories.

⁴ Book 357/261 (1910), 909/14 (1972); Town directories.

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the same period. Near the house, on the south side of the driveway, is a flight of granite lawn steps. The barn (gone by 1960) that once accompanied the house was located directly behind it, somewhat aligned with the shed/shop.

The house sits high above the road on a terrace and close to the stone wall that marks the south edge of the lot. It is a 1 ½ story, high-posted, 5x2 bay, center entry structure with an offset ell at the southwest corner. Walls of the entire structure are covered with wood shingles and the roof with asphalt shingles. Trim consists of narrow, plain cornerboards, shallow cornice returns, and molded window casings. The main block rests on a granite block foundation. (The foundation of the ell was not visible.) Windows contain ca. late 20th century replacement 2/1 sash. An exterior concrete block chimney is found on the south gable end, and an brick chimney is placed along the south wall of the ell. The façade of the house features a Greek Revival entry surround with full-length sidelights. The two window openings to the right appear original, but the group of three windows to the left probably date from the early-mid 20th century. Spanning the façade is a ca. early 20th century hip-roof porch with Tuscan columns, square balusters and a reeded handrail. Poured concrete posts support the porch. The one-story ell appears to date from the 19th century. A shed-roof extension at its juncture with the main block shelters a doorway with a 19th century four-panel door. At the rear of the main block is a second shed-roof add-on that presumably encloses a cellar entrance.

Northwest of the house is a timber-frame shed/shop likely dating from the mid-19th century, with a 20th century, shed-roof, metal-clad extension on the south side. The original structure is clad with wood shingles on the east and south walls, tar paper and corrugated metal on the north side, and horizontal sheathing boards on the rear (west). The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

This property is not eligible individually for the National Register. The loss of the barn and surrounding farmland has resulted in the property's inability to convey its historic agricultural context. The property is not eligible under Criterion B, since it is not known to be associated with any person of exceptional historical significance. Under Criterion C, it lacks National Register levels of significance: though it features a Greek Revival entrance, it lacks both other character-defining features and sufficient integrity to be a strong representative of that style.

This property is a contributing resource within a potentially eligible historic district consisting of the six farms that were purchased and operated by French-Canadian families in the first half of the 20th century. Most of these families initially resided in Newmarket and worked in the mills; after purchasing a farm, it was not unusual for some members of these large families to continue mill employment, while others managed the farm. Though further research may be needed to fully develop this historic context, within Durham, there is no other known cluster of farms that were owned and managed by French-Canadians. In addition to this property, the potential district would include the farmland to the west formerly associated with this property and now owned by UNH (Map/lot 15-8); the Doe-Mooney-Dame-Stevens Farms Historic District (Area M); 97 Newmarket Road (DUR0011) and the 49-acre field directly behind it; and 127 Newmarket Road (DUR0013).

45. Period of Significance:

As a contributing resource within a potential district: 1910-1955 (the beginning date represents the year the house came into the Hamel family, and the end date represents the 50-year cut-off for the Register)

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46. Statement of Integrity:

This property retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, and association. Its integrity of design, feeling and materials have been compromised by the loss of the historic chimney(s), altered façade fenestration, and replacement sash.

47. Boundary Discussion:

As a contributing resource within a potential district, the boundary would include the entire 1.5-acre lot on which the buildings are located.

48. Bibliography and/or References:

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Maps, Atlases & Plans

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- [undated] "Map of Oyster River Plantation." Drawn for Stackpole's *History of Durham*, 1913.
- 1805 Plan of Durham.
- 1856 Map of Durham. Published in J. Chace Jr.'s *Map of Strafford County*. Philadelphia: Smith & Bartlett.
- 1871 Map of Durham. Published in Sanford & Evert's *Atlas of Strafford County*.
- 1892 Map of Durham. Published in D.H. Hurd & Co.'s *Town and City Atlas of the State of New Hampshire*.
- 1893 USGS Map, Dover Quad. Collection of UNH Special Collections.
- 1916 USGS Map, Dover Quad. Collection of UNH Special Collections.
- 1918 USGS Map, Dover Quad. Collection of UNH Special Collections.
- 1930 Map of Durham. Collection of Durham Historic Association
- 1931 Durham Property Map. Collection of New Hampshire Historical Society.
- 1933 Route 4 Plan. NHDOT Project # NRS 249 (Roll #189).
- 1935 "New Hampshire College Road." U.S. Public Works Project NRH 211-C. NHDOT R.O.W. Plan #168.
- 1941 USGS Map, Dover Quad. Collection of UNH Special Collections.
- 1953 Aerial View of Durham. On file at Public Works Dept., Town of Durham.
- 1956 USGS Map, Dover Quad. Collection of UNH Special Collections.
- 1962 Aerial View of Durham. On file at Public Works Dept., Town of Durham.
- 1963 Map of Durham. Collection of Durham Historic Association
- 1964 Route 4 Plan. NHDOT Project # F-012-2(4) (Roll #9-H).
- 1965 Topographical Map of Durham, rev. 1970, 1976, 1983, 1987, 1991. Made by John W. Hatch. On display at Durham Town Offices.

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Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual
within district

Integrity: yes
no

NR eligible: individual
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not eligible
more info needed

NR Criteria: A
B
C
D
E

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Photo 2 description: Façade (east elevation) of house
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Photo 3 description: North elevation of house
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Photo 4 description: Rear (west) elevation of house and ell
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Photo 5 description: South elevation of house and ell
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Photo 6 description: Shed/shop
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