



## INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: DUR0013

**Name, Location, Ownership**

1. Historic name: Hamel-Beliveau House
2. District or area: F-C Farming District
3. Street and number: 127 Newmarket Road
4. City or town: Durham
5. County: Strafford
6. Current owner: Mark & Diane Anderson

**Function or Use**

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

**Architectural Information**

9. Style: none
10. Architect/builder: Unknown
11. Source: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Construction date: ca. 1910s
13. Source: Visual analysis; research
14. Alterations, with dates: stove pipe on front roof slope (late 20<sup>th</sup> c.)
15. Moved? no  yes  date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Features**

16. Foundation: fieldstone
17. Cladding: clapboard and wood shingle
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gambrel
21. Chimney location: ridge center
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: center
24. Windows: 1/1  
Replacement? no  yes  date: late 20<sup>th</sup> c.

**Site Features**

25. Setting: semi-rural; major route; close to road
26. Outbuildings: shed
27. Landscape features: brook in rear
28. Acreage: 4 acres
29. Tax map/parcel: 15-21

**Description**

35. Photo #1      36. Date December 2004
37. Roll #3      Frame #1      Direction: NE
38. Negative stored at: NHDHR

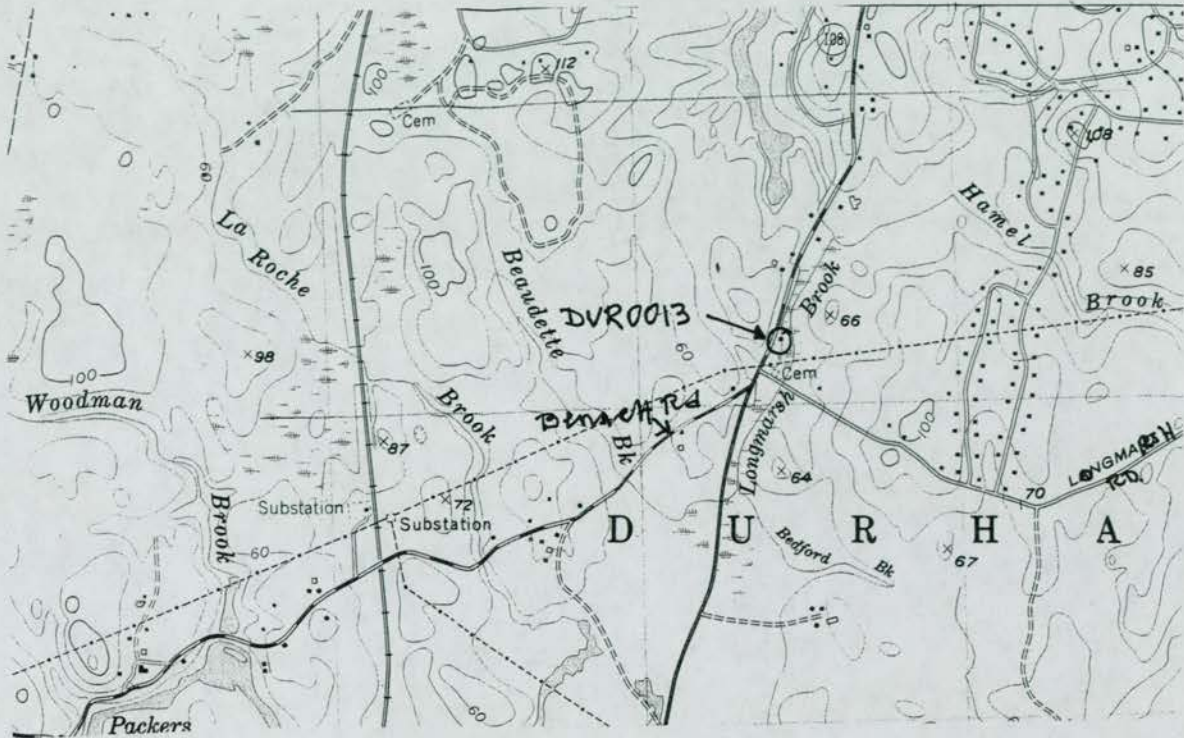
30. UTM reference: 19.343445/4775210
31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Newmarket, 1:24000
- Form prepared by SP: 1182491 225208
32. Name: Elizabeth Durfee Hengen
33. Organization: Preservation Consultant
34. Date of survey: October 2004



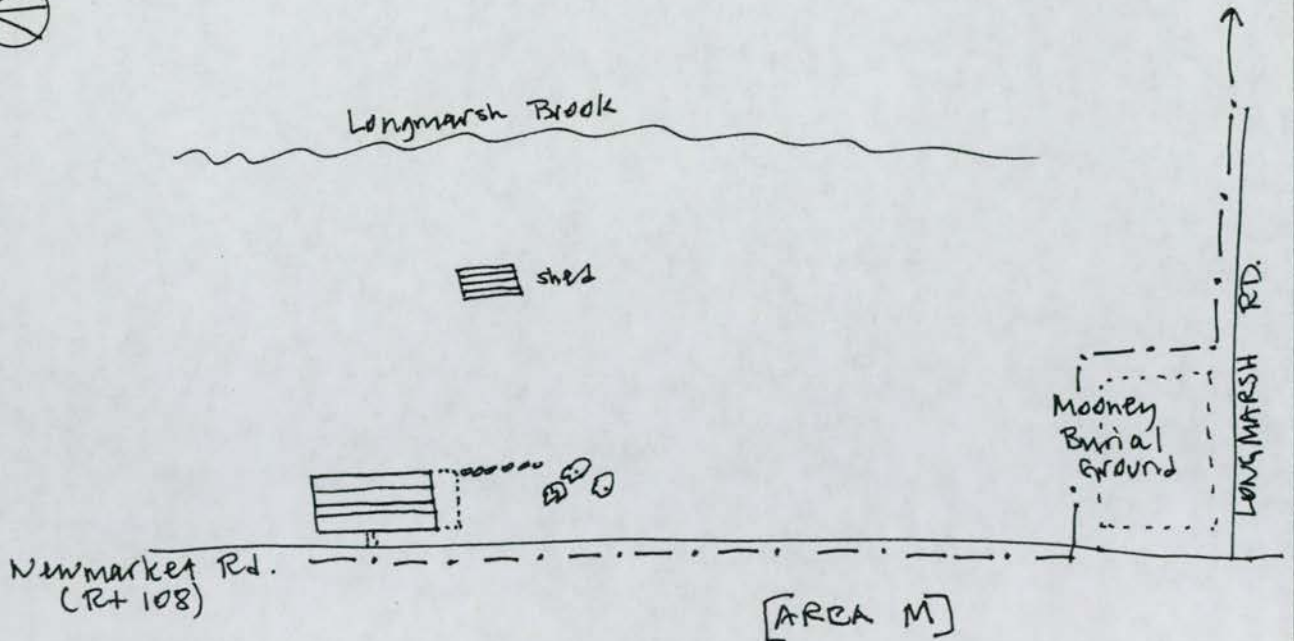
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39. LOCATION MAP:



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 (NH DOT) 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 NH DOT 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:**

The 19<sup>th</sup> century history of this property remains murky. By all accounts, the house seems to stand on the site of an earlier dwelling, which appears on the 1856 map under the ownership of W. French, on the 1871 map belonging to Mrs. W. French, and on the 1892 map belonging to I.P. Church. The 1893 USGS map shows no house here; it does not appear again until the 1916 USGS map, the next available map. Since the 1893 map has at least one inaccuracy — it does not show the realignment of Longmarsh Road — it is possible the lack of a house on this site is also inaccurate. However, the exterior appearance of this dwelling, coupled with town assessors' records, point to an early 20<sup>th</sup> century building, suggesting this dwelling replaced an earlier one.<sup>1</sup>

Deed records reveal similarly unclear data. Rebecca French sold land and buildings on ¼ acre in the general vicinity in 1885 to Israel P. Church; in 1902 John Church sells the same tract to Emma J. Ladderbush. Two years earlier, Charles Ladderbush (Emma's husband?) purchased six acres described as John Church's garden, bounded on the south by the burying ground and on the west by the highway — surely the site of the subject property. These two tracts, totaling 6 ¼ acres, were sold to Levi P. Hamel in 1911.<sup>2</sup> Given the visual appearance of the house, it is likely it was either built, or substantially renovated, after it was purchased by Hamel.

Levi Hamel was of French-Canadian descent; other members of his family were associated with nearby 97 and 110 Newmarket Road, and in the immediately vicinity were four farms purchased by French-Canadian families in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (see Doe-Mooney-Dame-Stevens Farms Historic District Area Form, Area M). Hamel sold this property, still listed as two tracts, eight years later to John Walsh, who owned it briefly before passing it on to Joseph Beliveau in 1925 and in whose family it remained until 1980.<sup>3</sup> In 1930, occupants of the dwelling were Henry Beliveau, his wife, Amanda, and two sons in their mid-twenties. Amanda was the daughter of Pierre Hamel, owner of the farm at 97 Newmarket Road. By all accounts, the Beliveau family worked on the farm for a number of years.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> There is no building near this site on the 1805 map, which shows others in the vicinity, nor is there any mention on an early house here in either Stackpole or Thompson's histories. The ca. 1835 plan of Newmarket Road similarly shows no building, however William French, who appears on this site on the 1856 map, is listed as a householder in the 1830 US census. He appears as a farmer in the 1850 census, though was not included in the agricultural schedule of that year. Stackpole's *History of Durham* offers no information on French.

<sup>2</sup> 285/475 (1885), 324/48 (1900), 332/382 (1902), 362/478 (1911).

<sup>3</sup> Book 387/370 (1919), 416/292 & 332 (1925), 1058/546 (1980). When the property left the family in 1980, it was described as a single tract wrapping around two sides of the Mooney burying ground.

<sup>4</sup> 1930 population census; Getchell, 1984: 232-33.

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**42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:**

119. The French-Canadians in NH, 1840-present

**43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:**

The Hamel-Beliveau House is located on the east side of Newmarket Road, abutting the Mooney Burial Ground (inventoried in 2004 as part of the Doe-Mooney-Dame-Stevens Farms Historic District, Area M, on file at NHDHR) to the south. The four-acre lot includes an early 20<sup>th</sup> century dwelling, which sits perched on fill and extremely close to the road, and a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century shed. Mature trees are south of the house, as is a stone retaining wall that parallels the road. The lot drops steeply to a modest rear yard, beyond which is the steep embankment of Longmarsh Brook, which forms the eastern boundary.

The house is a 1 ½ story, 3x3 bay building with a gambrel roof. It rests on a fieldstone foundation. Walls are covered with wide clapboards and the gables with wood shingles. Trim consists of flat boards. The roof, which has a moderate overhang, is covered with asphalt shingles; a brick chimney is centered on the ridge. The main entrance is centrally positioned on the façade (west elevation) and contains a vertical tongue-and-groove board door hung on strap hinges. A brick walkway with a granite slab at each end leads from the road to the entrance. Flanking the entrance is a pair of windows set up against the eave with replacement 1/1 sash. Windows on both side elevations are paired, with the exception of a single window on the first story of the north elevation. The south elevation features a full-width, hip-roof porch on a fieldstone base with Tuscan columns, exposed rafter tails and a geometrical-grid-pattern railing. The rear elevation has a mix of traditionally sized window openings and smaller openings which puncture both the first story and a fully exposed basement wall. A single skylight is found at the north end of the lower roof slope.

Behind the house and near the brook is a modest, gambrel-roof shed clad with novelty siding.

**44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:**

The Hamel-Beliveau House lacks National Register levels of significance to render it eligible individually. Though it indirectly has early 20<sup>th</sup> century associations with agriculture, a significant local historic context, it lacks sufficient resources and significance in this area to be eligible individually. The property lacks association with persons of exceptional historical significance to render it eligible under Criterion B. Regarding Criterion C, the house is not representative of either an architectural style or a significant building type.

The Hamel-Beliveau House 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Doe-Mooney-Dame-Stevens Farms Historic District (Area M); 97 Newmarket Road (DUR0011) and the 49-acre field directly behind it; and 110 Newmarket Road (DUR0012) and its former farmland to the west, now owned by UNH (Map/lot 15-8).

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**45. Period of Significance:**

As a contributing resource within a potential district: 1911-1955 (the beginning date represents the year the house came into the Hamel-Beliveau family, and the end date represents the 50-year cut-off for the Register)

**46. Statement of Integrity:**

The Hamel-Beliveau House retains integrity of location, design, materials, setting, workmanship, feeling and association.

**47. Boundary Discussion:**

As a contributing resource within a potential district, the boundary would include the entire 4-acre lot on which the buildings are located.

**48. Bibliography and/or References:**

*The Dover NH Suburban and Other Towns Directory, 1898.* Boston: W.E. Shaw, 1898.

Durham Historic Association, *Durham, New Hampshire, A History, 1900-1985.* Canaan: Phoenix Publishing, 1985.

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**Maps, Atlases & Plans**

[undated, ca. 1835] "Plan of Newmarket Road, Durham." Collection of New Hampshire Historical Society.

[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

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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.

Surveyor's Evaluation

NR listed: individual   
within district

NR eligible: individual   
within district   
not eligible   
more info needed

NR Criteria: A   
B   
C   
D   
E

Integrity: yes   
no



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Photo 2 description: Façade and north elevations of house  
Roll: 3 Frame: 2 Direction: SE



Photo 3 description: Rear (east) and south elevations of house  
Roll: 1 Frame: 15 Direction: NW