

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

1. Historic Name (s) RICHARD STRONG COTTAGE/FRUIT HILL FARM COTTAGE			22. Map & Lot No. 7 - 56A		
Original Owner Silas Stone			23. Original Range/Lot V - 5 - 2		
Present Name			24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Monadnock		
3. Owner's Name Allan & Christy Greene			25. UTM, Reference 18 74 27 20 47 54 150 Zone Easting Northing		
4. Owner's Address Box 219, Dublin, N.H. 03444			26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Location Off Peterborough Road (101 East)			27. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building X		
6. Open to Public Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local State Institutional	28. Significance Evaluation		
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission			29. Theme Primary Early Settlement Secondary Architecture Other Agriculture		
10. Site Plan with North Arrow			30. Endangered Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
11. Architect			31. Original Site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
12. Builder			32. Major Alterations & Date Before 1900-Central chimney removed, small frame wing 1980 - moved		
13. Date c.1805 (c.1767)			33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
14. Style "Cape Colonial"					
15. Original Use Farmhouse					
16. Present Use Residence					
17. Condition Interior Exterior fair					

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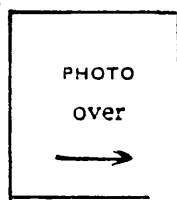
18. Description  
1-1/2-story frame "Cape" cottage with 5-bay facade, 6/6 windows (originally 12/12) and later vintage doorway with sidelights. (The high walled eave line is nearly identical to that of the earlier nearby Strongman-Summers house, #24.) Original large central chimney removed many years ago, but evident in original foundations before house was moved in 1980. (Small addition on east dismantled when house was moved. Barn once stood north of house on original site.) Semi-circular fan was added above doorway after house was moved. Facing south, the house is set on a wooded slope on the cul-de-sac formed by the old Route 101.

19. History

See continuation sheet.

20. Significance

Characteristic late 18th-century type Dublin "Cape" cottage, retaining its original configuration (despite recent move). Identified with Silas Stone, one of the town's first settlers, and with the Strongs, the family of Dublin's first permanent settler. Moved only a few hundred feet, the 1805 Strong Cottage retains its appearance as an example of early settlement architecture in Dublin.



21. Source of Information

History of Dublin, pp. 5, 43, 191, 288, 476-78, 484, 498, 518-20, 906-11, 956  
Deeds

34. Prepared by:

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35. Organization

36. Date 2/10/79 & 11/5/80

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37. PHOTO B. Harris 2/83

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Direction Facing North

VIEW FROM ROAD

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19. History

In 1980 this house was moved a few hundred feet east of its original site, adjacent to the brick-end Capt. Richard Strong house (#22). The two houses were often jointly owned.

Silas Stone (1728-1777), one of the first settlers from Sherborn, Mass., and his son John "lived on or near the [original] site of this house." Silas, who came in 1762 to help open up the main road through town, settled here 3 years later with his wife and 8 children, and within 7 years had cleared 15 acres of land--thus meeting the proprietor's requirements. Silas died during service in the Revolution at Lansingburg, N.Y.

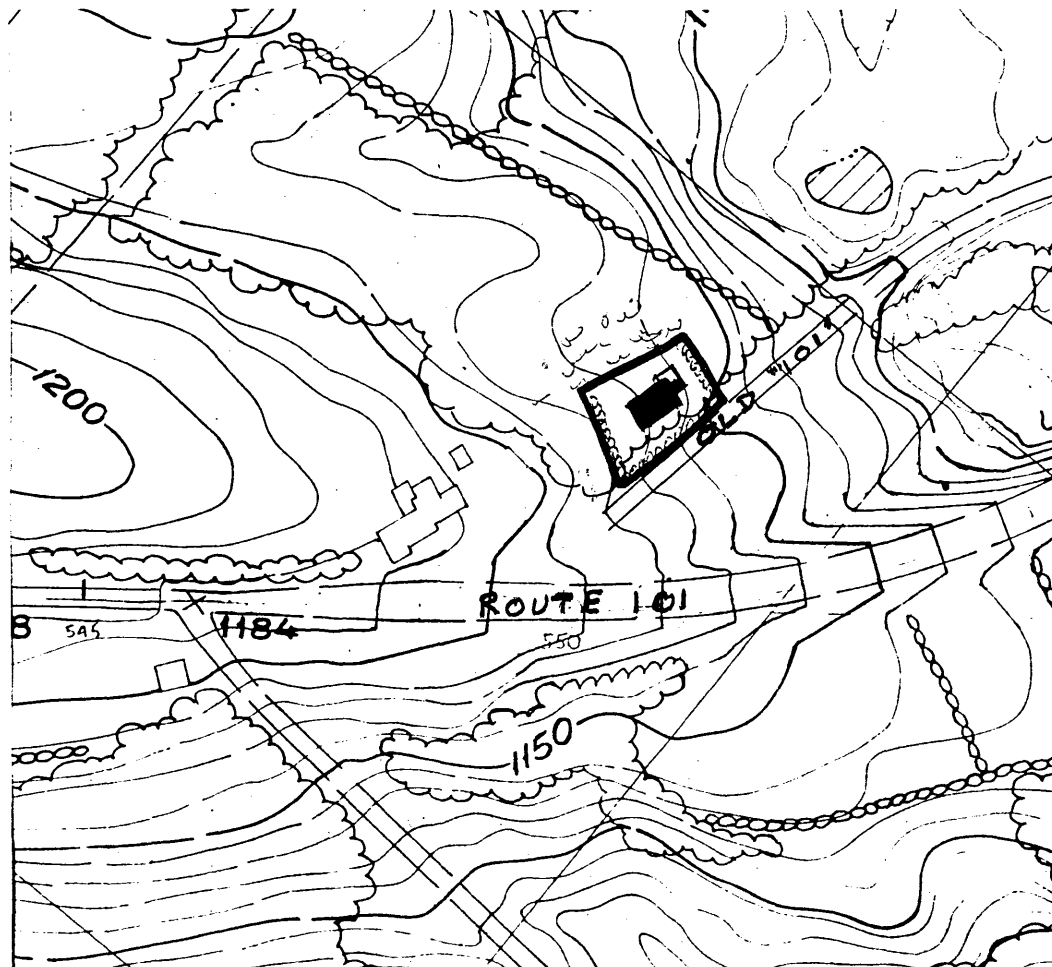
The property passed to his son John, also a Revolutionary soldier, owner until about the mid-1790's, and thereafter in quick succession to stonemason Edward Wilson (about whom little is known), and the Rev. Edward Sprague, the town's minister, who owned numerous properties in town.

The present house was probably re-constructed on the original site about 1805 by Captain Richard Strong (1780-1857), grandson of Henry Strongman, Dublin's 1st permanent settler whose house is a few hundred feet to the west (#22). Strong (he shortened the family surname) was a prominent figure in Dublin--state legislator, selectman, Capt. of the Grenadier company--and later built the nearby brick-end house (1821). In 1844 he turned over this house to his daughter Mary and her new husband Jonathan K. Smith (1798-1879), who was also a state legislator and holder of numerous town and county offices.

G.A. Piper, owned and operated it as a farm 1880-1905, as did subsequent owners, the George A. Prestons, until the early 1920's. Owners thereafter were Henry N. and Belle Gowing, whose family had owned the brick-end Richard Strong house since 1866, and who for a time used this house as adjunct to their farm as the "Fruit Hill Farm Tearoom". Mrs. Gowing was the third owner of this house to be a member of the state legislature.

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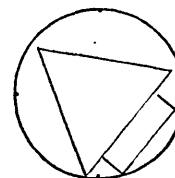
Richard Strong Cottage



PROPERTY OWNER: Allan and Christy Green

SITE NUMBER: 21

PROPERTY NAME:

ADDRESS: Off Peterborough Road  
(off Route 101 east)

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1"=200'

Bounded on south, east and west by stone walls, on north by an arbitrary line 50' from the back of the house corresponding roughly to edge of trees. .26 acres.

## HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DUBLIN, N.H.

## JUSTIFICATION:

Immediate visual surroundings incorporating the features contributing to the property's architectural and historical significance.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Dublin Multiple Resource Area  
State Cheshire County, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 51. Richardson, John, Homestead *Substantive Review* *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 52. Richardson, Luke, House *Entered on NR* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 53. Robbe, James, Jr., House *Substantive Review* *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 54. Spur House *Entered on NR* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 55. Stanley, Joshua, Farm *Substantive Review* *for* Keeper eligible Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 56. Stone-Darracott House *Entered on NR* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 57. Stone Farm *Substantive Review* *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 50* 58. Stone House *Substantive Review* Keeper Return PWA 12/18/83 *S*  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. Stonehenge *Substantive Review* *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 60. Strong, Richard, Cottage *Entered on NR* *for* Keeper Melona Byers 12/15/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_