

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

1. Historic Name (s) MARKHAM HOUSE			22. Map & Lot No. 11 - 6		
Original Owner Mrs. Hugh McKittrick			23. Original Range/Lot V - 10 - 6		
Present Name BENCLIFFE			24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Monadnock		
3. Owner's Name Dr. Gray Thoron			25. UTM Reference 18 739350 4754000		
4. Owner's Address 624 Highland Ave., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850			26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Location Snow Hill, Dublin			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	
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission			28. Significance Evaluation		
11. Architect Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge			29. Theme Primary Architecture Secondary Summer colony Other		
12. Builder H.A. Patterson			30. Endangered Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
13. Date 1898-99			31. Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
14. Style Shingle/Georgian Revival			32. Major Alterations & Date		
15. Original Use Summer Cottage			33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input type="checkbox"/>		
16. Present Use Summer Cottage					
17. Condition Interior Exterior good					

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18. Description

Steep hillside east of Dublin Lake is the setting for this unaltered large, 3-story, red painted, gambrel-roof "summer cottage", the gambrel roof forming the first floor porches. The shingle exterior is augmented by Georgian details: 12/12 windows, porch columns, and chimneys. Long 2nd floor shed-roof dormer links gabled windows and on 3rd floor are low small-paned shed dormers. On west is 1-story service wing of same style. Wide, landscaped low-walled terrace overlooks Dublin Lake through woods. To south is small 1-story gabled frame outbuilding in style of house.

19. History

This house was designed by the major firm of Shepley, Rutan and Coolidge. Commissioned in 1898 by Mrs. Hugh McKittrick of St. Louis for her daughter, Mary, who soon thereafter married George D. Markham (first president of Dublin Welfare Association, 1912). Landscaping and terrace on west side designed c.1910 by Brent & Hall, landscape architects of Boston. Property acquired c.1963 by present owner, who is Dean of Cornell Law School and former son-in-law of international lawyer, Grenville Clark.

20. Significance

A large, ambitious example of Shingle Style-Georgian Revival house, virtually unaltered, by the important Boston architectural firm of Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge (successors to H.H. Richardson). One of two known examples of this firm in Dublin (the other is "Knollwood", #95). Summer dwelling of prominent law educator.

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21. Source of Information

History of Dublin, p. 551
Withey, American Architects, pp. 136-7, 534, 550, 551
Architects plans (owner) Sept. 10, 1898
Peterborough Transcript, 10/27/1898

34. Prepared by:

WM/MM/WLB

35. Organization

36. Date 2/11/70

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37. PHOTO LUCY SHORR, 9/30

Roll No. W
Picture No. 10
Direction ^{FACING} WEST

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has not changed since the photo was taken.

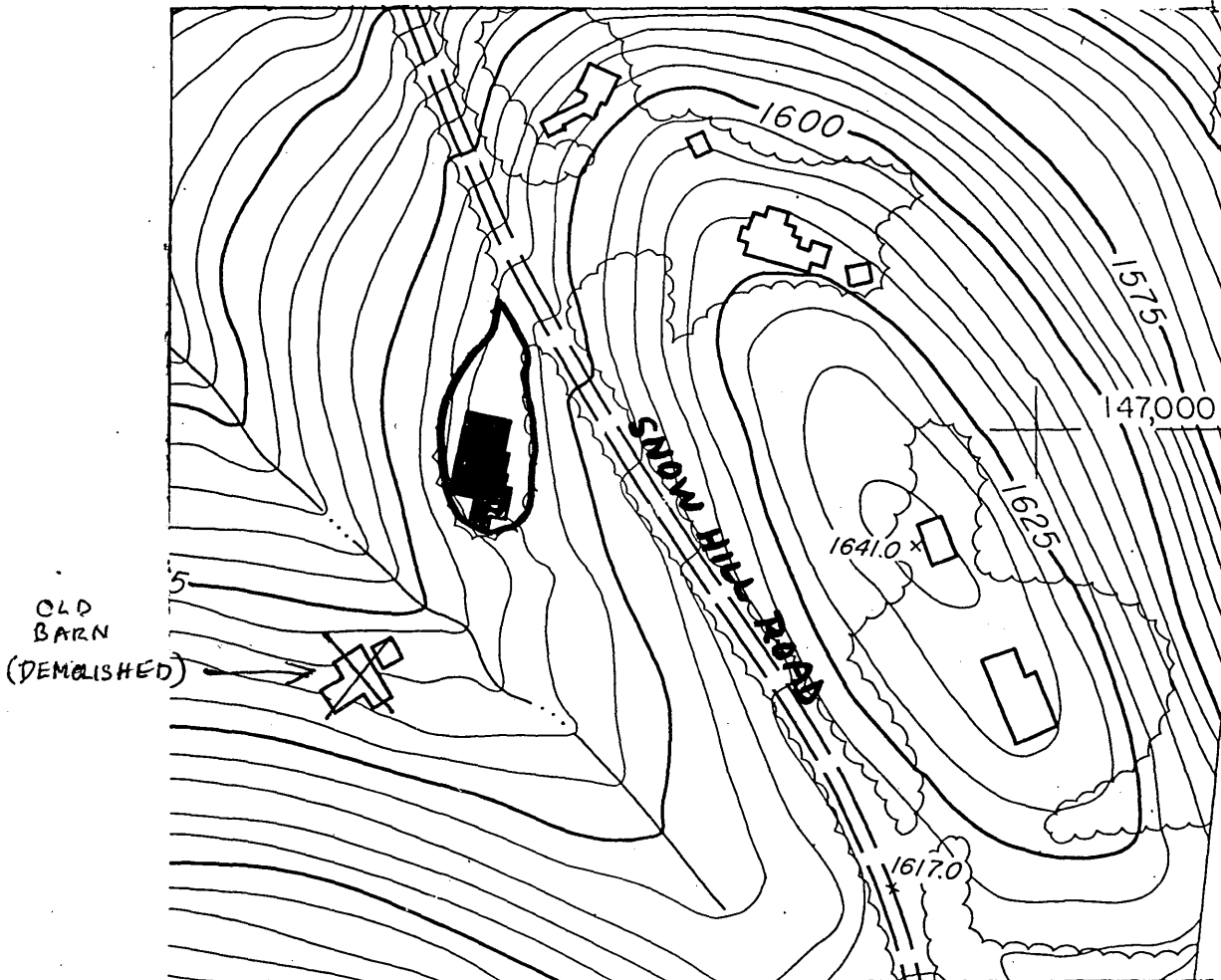
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EAST SIDE

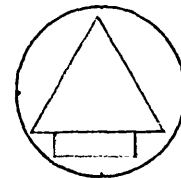
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HISTORIC NAME

Markham House



PROPERTY OWNER: Gray Thoron
 SITE NUMBER: 100
 PROPERTY NAME: Bencliffe
 ADDRESS: Snow Hill Road



GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1" = 200'

Building immediately surrounded by trees on west, south and east.
 Bounded on north by arbitrary line across driveway. .4 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

31. Knollwood

Substantive Review

for Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83

Attest

32. Learned, Amos, Farm

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 12/15/83

Attest

33. Markham House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83

Attest

34. Marshall, Benjamin, House

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National Register

for Keeper

Melvin Byers 12/15/83

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35. Martin, Micajah, Farm

Substantive Review

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accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83

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36. Mason House

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National Register

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37. McKenna Cottage

Substantive Review

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38. Morse, Asa, Farm

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National Register

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39. Moore Farm and Twitchell Mill
Site

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40. Morse, Capt. Thomas, Farm

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