

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

1. Historic Name (s) "SPUR HOUSE" Original Owner Dr. E. Lindon Mellus		22. Map & Lot No. 6 - 46	
Present Name SPUR HOUSE		23. Original Range/Lot VI - 10 - 2	
3. Owner's Name John O.B. Sewall		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant. (15'/75') Monadnock	
4. Owner's Address 6314 Evermay Dr., McLean, Va. 22101		25. UTM Reference 1 8 7 3 9 3 5 0 4 7 5 4 6 5 0 Zone Easting Northing	
5. Location Off Old Common Road		26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>	27. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission		28. Significance Evaluation	
SEE CONTINUATION SHEET		11. Architect Charles A. Platt	29. Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Summer colony</u> Other _____
		12. Builder Herbert Patterson	30. Endangered Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		13. Date 1901	31. Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>
		14. Style Georgian-Revival	32. Major Alterations & Date
		15. Original Use Residence	33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		16. Present Use Residence	
		17. Condition Interior Exterior <u>Excellent</u>	

18. Description

Perched high on the south side of Beech Hill with a splendid view of the Peterborough hills, Spur House is a hipped-roof frame building with end chimneys (symmetry broken by addition to north, but original and in sympathetic proportions). Features Doric triangular pedimented doorway as well as pergola porch and terracing. 6/6 windows prevail, including large round-arched stair hall window on facade - similar to treatment on #82. Paved walled terraces extend around south and west sides.

19. History

Mrs. Francis Jencks of Baltimore commissioned her brother, the noted architect Charles A. Platt (1860-1933) to design this house for the Melluses (Mr. Jencks's sister and her physician husband) in 1901 two years before Platt completed her own house "Beech Hill" nearby. Acquired c.1920 by Mr. and Mrs. Grosvenor Backus (she was the artist Josefa Backus) and now occupied by her grandson.

20. Significance

Well-preserved example of C.A. Platt's restrained, beautifully proportioned Georgian Revival style, and one of four or five known examples of his work in Dublin. (See also "Beech Hill", #92, D.K. Catlin, Upham-Young houses, #107)

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21. Source of Information

History of Dublin, p. 647.
Peterborough Transcript, 8/25/1898, 9/3/01, 10/20/33.
New England Magazine, Aug., 1899.
Keith Morgan monograph on C.A. Platt (Brown Univ.)

34. Prepared by:

WM/WLB/IP

35. Organization

36. Date 2/10/79

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37. PHOTO

D.P.W 6 '82

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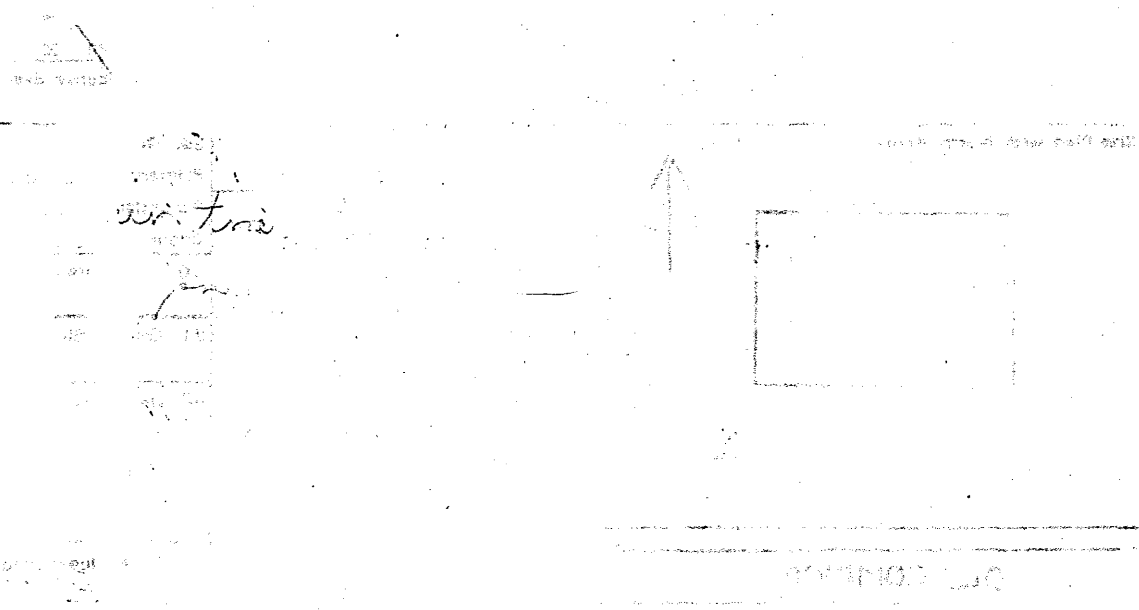
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front view facing south

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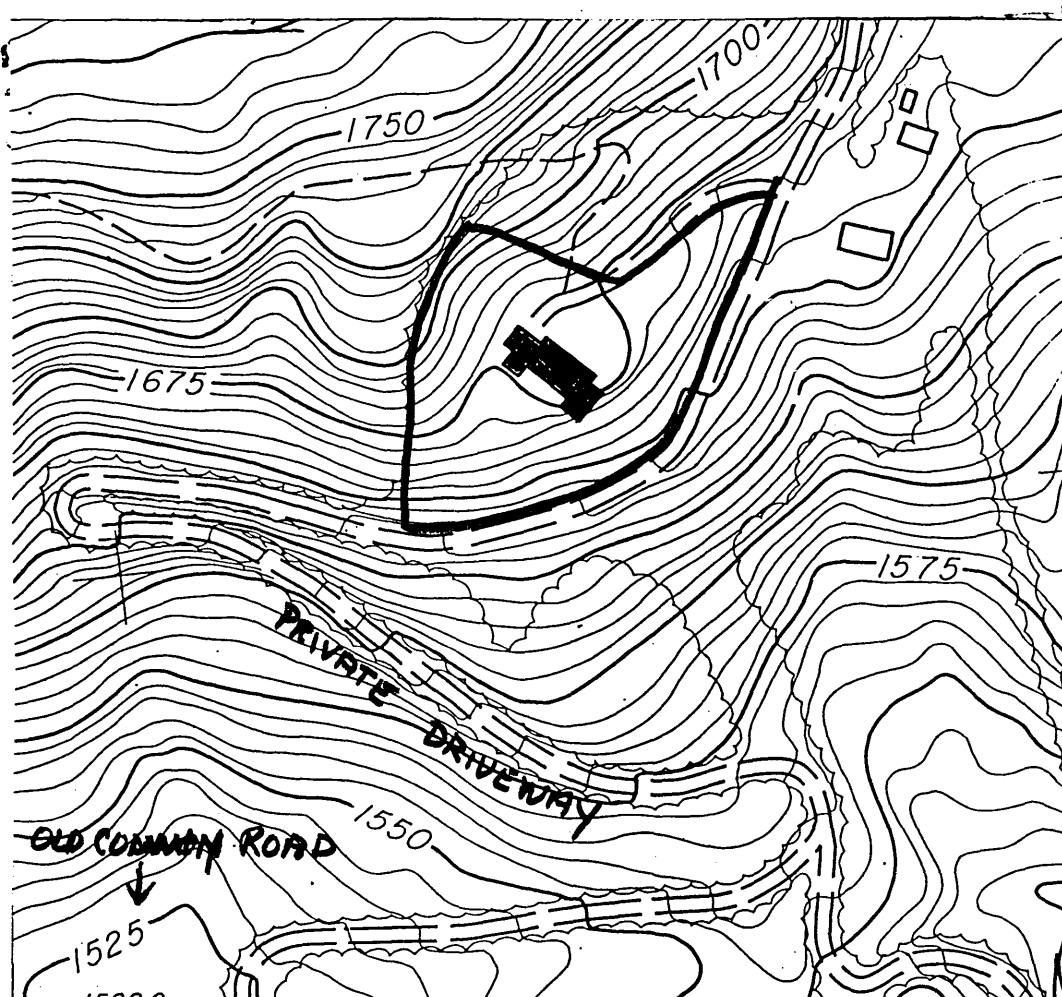
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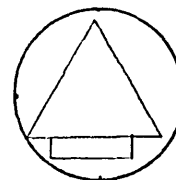
FRONT VIEW

HISTORIC NAME

Spur House



PROPERTY OWNER: John O.B. Sewall
 SITE NUMBER: 91
 PROPERTY NAME: Spur House
 ADDRESS: Off Old County Road



GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1"= 200'

Bounded on north by stone wall and by arbitrary line approximately 100 feet north of building connecting end of stone wall with edge of trees. Bounded on west by edge of trees along side of hill and on south and east by driveway. 2.0 acres.

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF DUBLIN, N.H.

JUSTIFICATION:

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

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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 _____