

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

1. Historic Name (s) JAMES GOWING FARM Original Owner James Gowing Present Name DUBLIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY			22. Map & Lot No. 3 - 27		
3. Owner's Name Dublin Christian Academy			23. Original Range/Lot II - 6 - 2		
4. Owner's Address Page Rd., Dublin, N.H. 03444			24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Monadnock		
5. Location Page Road			25. UTM Reference 18 74 20 00 47 51 33 0 Zone Easting Northing		
6. Open to Public Yes No X		7. Visible from road Yes X No		8. Ownership Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission			27. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building X		
10. Site Plan with North Arrow			28. Significance Evaluation		
SEE CONTINUATION SHEET			11. Architect Belknap & Weir, 1938		
			12. Builder Pierce & Williams		
			13. Date 1788-92, 1938		
			14. Style Colonial Revival		
			15. Original Use Farmhouse		
16. Present Use School			29. Theme Primary Agriculture Secondary Architecture Other Education		
17. Condition Interior Exterior fair			30. Endangered Yes No X		
18. Description Original 1-1/2 story late-18th-century "Cape" farmhouse (largely reconstructed 1938) forms south side of roughly U-shaped complex surrounding a courtyard. These Colonial Revival farm buildings have various rooflines, clapboard or shingle surfaces, 2 large bow windows and otherwise mostly 9/6 windows. Original complex bounded by stonewalls to the south and east; later farm and school buildings built c.1940 and in the late 1960's are to the north and west and across the road. (Date of 1819 is on granite gatepost.)			31. Original Site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
19. History See continuation sheet.			32. Major Alterations & Date 1938 - Reconstruction, additions, & outbuildings		
20. Significance Large Colonial Revival farmhouse, now main building of church-related preparatory school, part of which is late 18th-century farmhouse associated with Gowing family, notable farmers and public servants of 19th-century Dublin, and once owned by Samuel Whitney Hale, Governor of New Hampshire. Boston architects Belknap & Weir reconstructed much of the 1798 Gowing Farm, but they did so as an extension of the original structure's style.			33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input type="checkbox"/>		
21. Source of Information History of Dublin, 477, 622, 773-74, 790 Deeds Interviews, Oct. 1980; C.M. Wenigmann, Mrs. Bert Pierce, Mrs. Niemela, Melvin Moody, Richard Latti, Leonard Williams Architects plans (owners) Keene Sentinel, 9/2/67			34. Prepared by: MN / WM / WLB / LS / EBH		
			35. Organization		
			36. Date 3/3/79		

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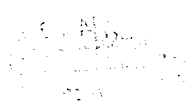
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37. PHOTO S. BAUGHAN, 12/14/82

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Direction VIEW FROM ROAD facing west



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HOUSE FROM ROAD

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FACING NORTH

HOUSE - TERRACE SIDE

I verify that there have been no alterations
to this structure since photo was taken,

W. Baughan, 4/83

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CONTINUATION SHEET

19. History

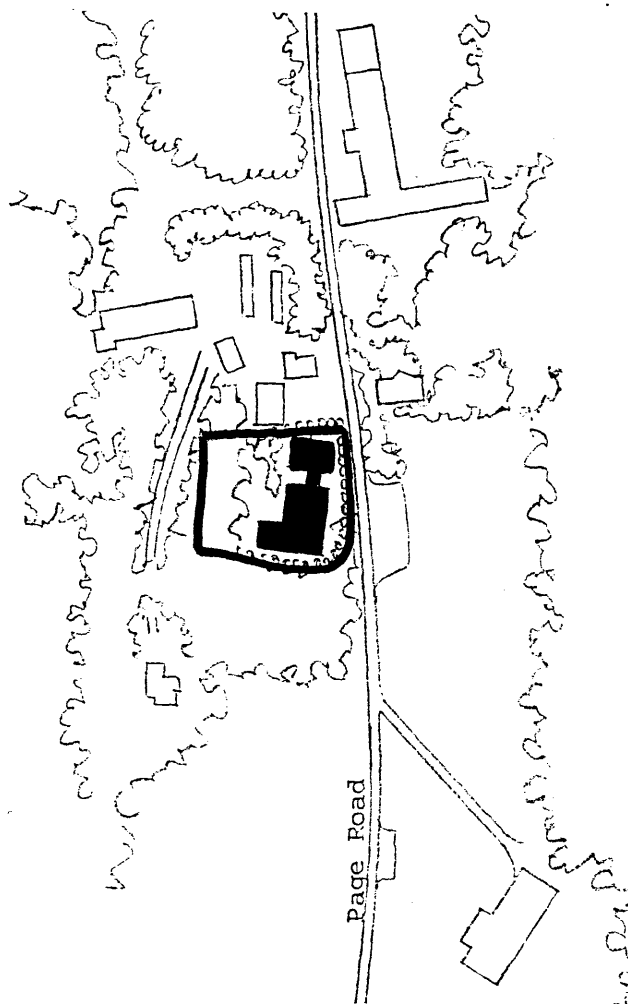
Original house built by James Gowing, Jr. (1763-1836) soon after he settled in Dublin in 1788. (His younger brothers William and Joseph farmed the adjoining Allis farm.) House probably enlarged by Gowing in 1819. He left the property to his son Almerin (1799-1882), militia captain, commander of grenadiers, and selectman (1837-39). Sold in 1853 to Samuel Whitney Hale & Nathan Whitney who used timberland for woodenware manufacture. Hale later became Governor of N.H. (1882-83). After passing through numerous owners it was acquired in 1895 by Boston manufacturer Louis Cabot as part of his extensive gentleman's farm-estate. In the 1920's it became a pig farm operated by Indians from Maine named Poland, who allowed the house to deteriorate.

In 1937 Mrs. Selina L. Riker, a wealthy widow (Riker Drugstores), bought the farm and commissioned Boston architectural firm Belknap & Weir to design (1938) and substantially reconstruct the old Gowing house. Builders were Dublin contractor Ned Pierce and foreman Leonard "Nick" Williams. Also built during this period were a caretaker's cottage, a guest house, a farmhouse and a barn. The reported cost was \$360,000.

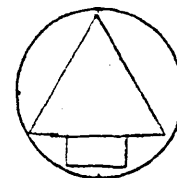
The Wenigmann family, who purchased the estate after Mrs. Riker's death in 1942, added a large hen house, and in 1954 the new owner, F. Nelson Blount, president of Ocean Spray Cranberry, added a dairy barn. Blount donated the whole farm to the Dublin Christian Academy, a private secondary school, in 1964, before his death in an airplane accident Sept. 2, 1967.

HISTORIC NAME:

James Gowing Farm



PROPERTY OWNER: Dublin Christian Academy
 SITE NUMBER: 11
 PROPERTY NAME: Dublin Christian Academy
 ADDRESS: Page Road



GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Bounded on the north by a stonewall and a rail fence and continuing on an arbitrary line approximately 50' to the west of building. Bounded on the west by an arbitrary line approximately 50' west of the building and on the east and south by a stone wall. .48 acres

Scale: 1" = 200'

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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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Continuation sheet

Item number

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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

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| 21. | Frost Farm
(Korpi Rd.) | Substantive Review | for Keeper | accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 22. | Frost Farm
(Old Marlborough Rd.) | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melona Byers 12/15/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 23. | Gowing, James, Farm | Substantive Review | for Keeper | accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 24. | Gowing, Joseph, Farm | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melona Byers 12/15/83 |
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| 25. | Greenwood, Isaac, House | Substantive Review | for Keeper | accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83 |
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| 26. | Greenwood, Moses, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melona Byers 12/15/83 |
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| 27. | Ivanov-Rinov House | Substantive Review | for Keeper | accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 28. | Lattice Cottage | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melona Byers 12/15/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 29. | Learned, Benjamin, House | Substantive Review | for Keeper | accept Patrick Andrews 12/18/83 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 30. | Learned Homestead | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | Melona Byers 12/15/83 |
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