

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

1. Historic Name (s) MISSES MASON HOUSE/BRITISH SUMMER EMBASSY		22. Map & Lot No. 6 - 16	
Original Owner Ellen & Ida Mason		23. Original Range/Lot V - 10 - 11	
Present Name SHALLCROSS - POOL HOUSE		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Monadnock	
3. Owner's Name Beekman & Elizabeth Pool		25. UTM Reference 18 7139550 4753870 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address Dublin, N.H. 03444		26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Location Snow Hill, Dublin, N.H. 03444		27. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building <input checked="" 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 State Institutional	28. Significance Evaluation
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission			

11. Architect Alexander W. Longfellow	29. Theme Primary <u>Political History</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other <u>Summer Colony</u>
12. Builder A.L. Ball	30. Endangered Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. Date 1888	31. Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>
14. Style Shingle- Georgian Revival	32. Major Alterations & Date 1950 - 3rd floor removed
15. Original Use Summer Cottage	33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16. Present Use Residence	
17. Condition Interior Exterior <u>Excellent</u>	

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

18. Description
Massive, extended-plan, 2 1/2-story Shingle Style house (with Richardsonian overtones); the first floor of massive rubble boulders & seam-faced ledge stone, and the flared, slightly projecting 2nd story of stained shingles. (flaring repeated in the eave treatment.) Above front entrance is overhanging bay; single, double and triple clusters of mostly 8/8 windows. House is situated on the ridge of Snow Hill with a slate terrace on the east overlooking the village and the distant Peterborough hills. Original 3rd floor removed 1950 to convert from summer to year-round use. North of house is shingled single-story 2-car garage in compatible style. To east and south are lawns bounded by an English style herbaceous border set against a background of woods and fields.

19. History
See continuation sheet for History.

20. Significance Residence and "Summer Embassy" of British Ambassador James Bryce, scholar-statesman author of "The American Commonwealth" (later created Viscount Bryce, 1913), and other notable diplomats. Important building in summer colony, with Arts and Crafts feeling, its heavy timber framing & boulder 1st story suggesting work of H.H. Richardson, for whom architect A.W. Longfellow worked.	PHOTO over →
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21. Source of Information See continuation sheet	34. Prepared by: WM/WLB/MM
	35. Organization
	36. Date 2/11/79 & 9/20/80

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37. PHOTO L. SHONK DEC. 1979

Roll No. P

Picture No. 12.

Direction facing northeast

I verify that the appearance of this structure has not changed since the photo was taken.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

19. History

Built in 1888 for the spinster sisters, Ellen and Ida Mason, devoted admirers of Prof. Raphael Pumpelly, who followed him to Dublin & built as close to the Pumpelly property as possible. Designed by Portland architect Alexander Wadsworth Longfellow (Longfellow, Alden & Harlow), nephew of the poet, who apprenticed under Romanesque revival architect H.H. Richardson, and later designed Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh, Arnold Arboretum, and Phillips Brooks House, Harvard.

In the summer of 1910 the house was occupied as the British Summer Embassy by distinguished scholar-statesman James Bryce (1838-1922) highly successful British Ambassador to U.S., first leading public figure appointed to that job, and author of The American Commonwealth.

Thereafter leased successively by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918) wartime U.K. ambassador and career diplomatist; Henry White, U.S. ambassador to France and Italy (c.summers, 1918-20); and Claude M. Fuess (1885-c.1960), headmaster of Andover Academy & biographer of Daniel Webster and Calvin Coolidge, for 3 summers, c.1920-23.

Purchased in 1926 by Cecil Shallcross, whose daughter, author Elizabeth Pool, and her husband converted house to winter use 1948-50 and successfully integrated it into the year-round community.

NOTE: While local memoirs claim Bryce was here for "several seasons", according to his biographer H.A.L. Fisher, he occupied it in 1910 only, and was in Maine 1909 & 1911, and in Australia summer of 1912.

21. Source of Information

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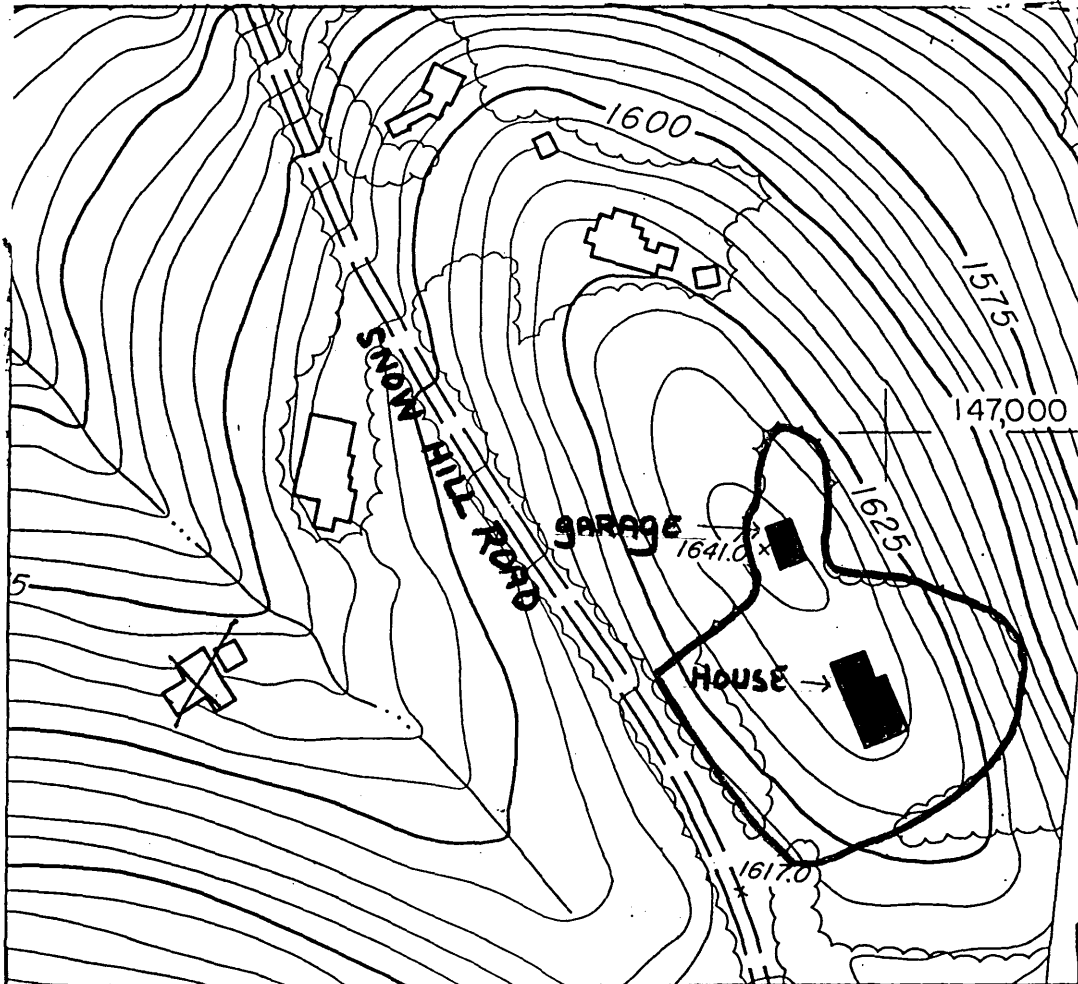
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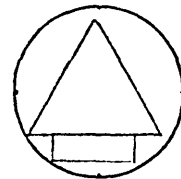
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HISTORIC NAME

Misses Mason House / British Summer Embassy



PROPERTY OWNER: Beekman and Elizabeth Pool
 SITE NUMBER: 102
 PROPERTY NAME: Shallcross - Pool House
 ADDRESS: Snow Hill Road



GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1"= 200'

Bounded on the east and north by edge of trees and on south and west by stone wall. 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.

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

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34. Marshall, Benjamin, House

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National Register

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35. Martin, Micajah, Farm

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36. Mason House

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National Register

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37. McKenna Cottage

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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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National Register

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