

DUBLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE: HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Cheshire County

1. Historic Name (s) STONEHENGE (STONE COTTAGE/HIGH HOUSE)		22. Map & Lot No. 7 - 6
Original Owner Miss Martha Parsons		23. Original Range/Lot IV - 8 - 3
Present Name STONEHENGE		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/78') Monadnock
3. Owner's Name Martin and Marion Kilson		25. UTM Reference 1 8 7 4 0 8 5 0 4 7 5 3 1 5 0 Zone Easting Northing
4. Owner's Address 4 Eliot Rd., Lexington, Mass. 02173		26. Zoning: Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Location Windmill Hill Road		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 No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization Dublin Conservation Commission		28. Significance Evaluation
8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/>		

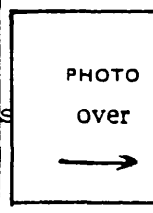
11. Architect	29. Theme Primary Architecture Secondary Summer Colony Other
12. Builder F.W. Stevens (?)	30. Endangered Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
13. Date c. 1889	31. Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>
14. Style Shingle Style	32. Major Alterations & Date Wing built 1904 Wing removed 1953 Barn taken down c. 1970
15. Original Use Summer cottage	33. Owner Questionnaire Completed <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Present Use Summer residence	
17. Condition Interior Exterior fair	

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

18. Description
A 2 1/2-story, gambrel-roofed house with first story and end-chimneys of massive, random boulder construction, shingle-covered upper stories, and full porch across the front. 8/8 windows on ground floor with 6/6 above (original to building) plus three Richardson-like "eyebrow" dormers on the rear. Gambrel-roofed rear wing was cut off (1953) and moved nearer the road (see Frank McKenna house). Above the front porch are two shingled shed dormers flanking a center dormer from which a door leads to a railed balcony; above is a low triple shed dormer. (See continuation sheet.)

19. History
See continuation sheet

20. Significance
Excellent example of late 19th-century "rustic" shingle style summer cottage with Colonial Revival overtones (gambrel roof, columned porch, multi-paned windows). Rare example of stone construction in Dublin, associated with the large farm-estates of the early summer colony, and with well-known writer Lvelyn Everett and prominent educator Martin Kilson.



21. Source of Information See continuation sheet	34. Prepared by: WLB/WM
	35. Organization
	36. Date 8/14/79 & 3/20/81

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37. PHOTO LUCY SHONK, 11/79

Roll No. I

Picture No. 12

Direction FACING EAST SIDE - CHIMNEY

DETAIL
OF
CHIMNEY
END WALL

PHOTO
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1-14
HOUSE FRONT
FACING
NORTH

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CONTINUATION SHEET

19. History

One of the earliest summer "cottages" on the east side of Dublin, Stonehenge was built c.1889 by Miss Martha Parsons of Milton, Mass., daughter of a wealthy Boston merchant. His death in 1885 left her the beneficiary of a trust and she bought the old "Fenner Farm" that year (Farmhouse torn down c.1965). Stonehenge (probably designed by a Boston architect, as yet unidentified) was the first of a complex of large summer cottages and farm buildings the Parsons family (Martha's mother, sister and brother) built on their extensive land holdings in this area over the next 20 years.

After Martha Parsons' death in 1899, this house was settled upon her young niece and ward Georgianna Hopkins (b. 1880) who later moved to England as the wife of Herbert Musgrave, but retained ownership until 1934. During this period Stonehenge was also used by other members of the family and leased to summer tenants. In 1913 it was part of the British "summer embassy" and occupied by aides to ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who had leased the neighboring Parsons mansion "Ty-ny-maes" for himself.

In 1934 a family estate settlement (Martha Parsons' original will had been ambiguous) gave title to Georgianna Hopkins' cousin Jeffrey Parsons. Four years later he sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy M. Spellman, along with the neighboring mansion Ty-ny-maes, which the Spellmans renamed "Five Chimneys." (Ty-ny-maes, locally known as "Tiny May" was torn down c.1965.) Timothy Spellman, a composer, and his wife, a novelist writing under the name Levlyn Everett, used Stonehenge, which they called "High House" as a studio and library. Here they entertained many literary and musical guests before moving to Italy c.1948 leaving their properties in the hands of creditors. Two years later it was bought from a local bank by Frank McKenna, former estate manager for the Spellmans, who in 1953 moved the frame wing downhill nearer the road and converted it to a separate cottage (now his home). Since 1967 Stonehenge has been the summer residence of Martin Kilson, Professor of Political Science and Sociology at Harvard.

21. Sources

History of Dublin, p. 628

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Byrd, Beverly (Parsons), letters 5/1/80, 5/29/80

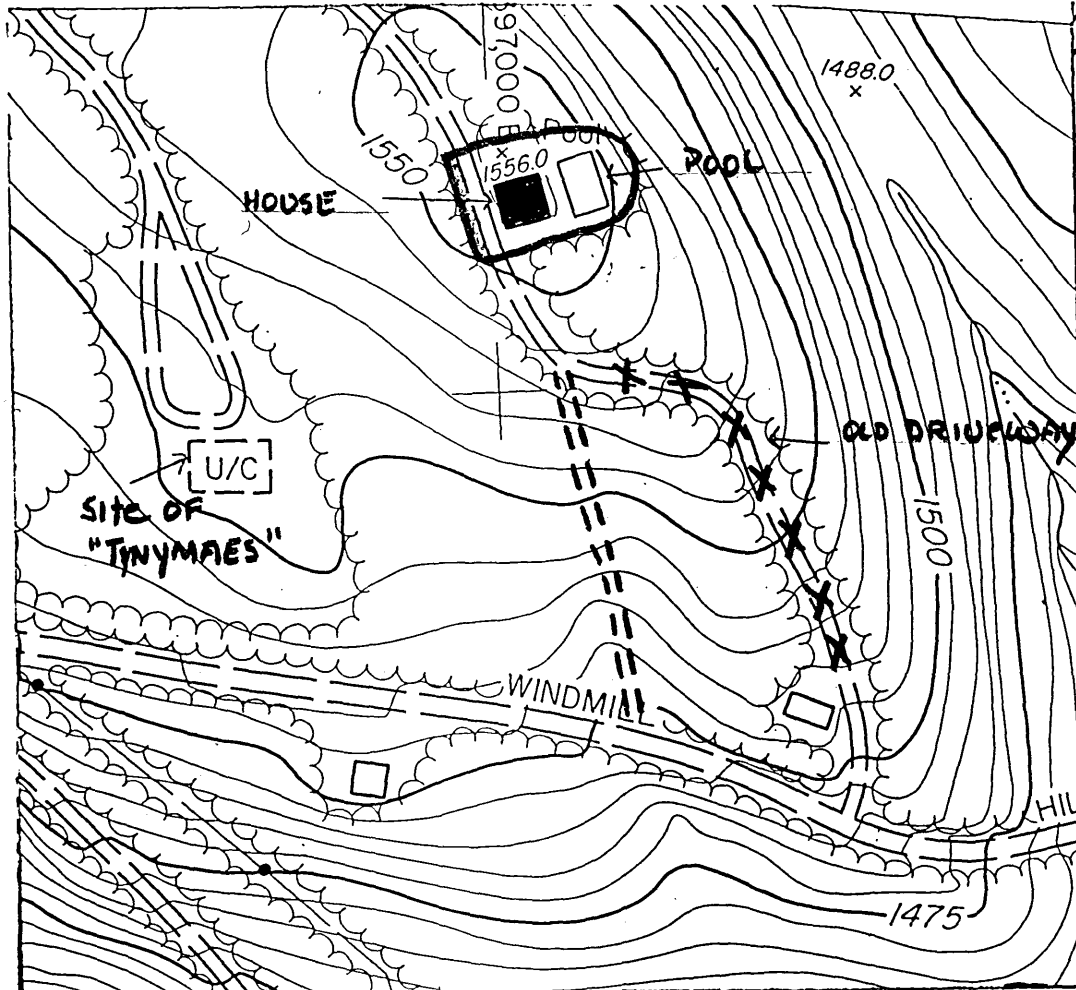
Interviews: F.M. McKenna; Martin Kilson, 8/14/79; Carol Parsons Byron, 3/15/80

18. Description (continued)

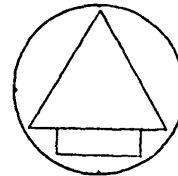
Set in secluded hillside clearing, surrounded by woods. Below house to east is deep concrete pool foundation, used once as a reservoir. House's feeling of seclusion is reinforced by steep dirt lane approaching it and the overgrown vines and shrubbery around the house.

HISTORIC NAME

Stonehenge



PROPERTY OWNER: Martin and Marion Kilson
 SITE NUMBER: 35
 PROPERTY NAME: Stonehenge
 ADDRESS: Windmill Hill Road



GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Scale: 1"= 200'

Bounded on south, east and north by edge of trees, and on west by stone wall and edge of trees. .6

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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Continuation sheet

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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 _____