

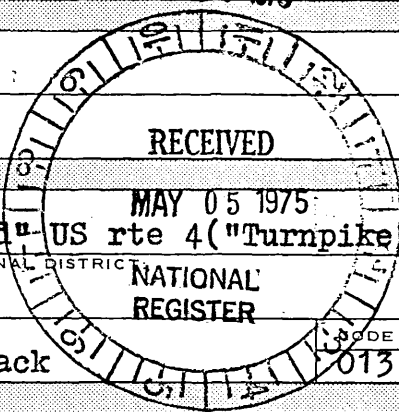
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: NEW HAMPSHIRE
 COUNTY: MERRIMACK
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 ENTRY DATE: MAY 30 1975

1. NAME
 COMMON: ACADEMY HALL---SOUTH ROAD SCHOOL
 AND/OR HISTORIC: SALISBURY ACADEMY BUILDING

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Junction NH rte 127("South Road") and "Old" US rte 4("Turnpike")
 CITY OR TOWN: Salisbury CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: SECOND
 STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 COUNTY: Merrimack CODE: 013



3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>unused</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: Bartlett Grange #104
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Salisbury STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03268 33

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Merrimack County Registry of Deeds
 STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 248 North Main Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Concord STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 03301 33

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: not applicable
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
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 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Academy Hall is a 2½-story, white-clapboarded building measuring 40' by 30' at ground level. The upper floors overhang the east gable end by 10', the overhang being supported at its front corners by plain wooden posts. The area beneath the overhang is paved with concrete.

The building is entered through three doors located inside the overhang. Each is a single, multi-panel door surmounted by a four-light transom. The left-hand door opens into a tiny hall which leads directly into what was once the first-floor classroom. Just off the hall, to the left, is a small bathroom. The middle door enters a cloakroom-vestibule which also leads to the classroom. The right-hand door opens into a small hall from which stairs climb to the meeting hall on the second floor. Doors located near the base of the stairs open into the classroom and into the woodshed. The west gable end is equipped with a fire escape which descends to ground level from a door opening into the upstairs meeting hall.

The medium gable roof overhangs the gable ends and features plain, boxed cornices with return. The roofing consists of tarpaper shingles. A single, brick chimney is offset left, toward the west gable end. The gable ends, classroom, and upstairs meeting hall are well-lighted by large, double sash, 4-pane windows. Smaller, single-sash windows open into the bathroom.

Extending 35' from the northeast corner of the building is a 2-story shed. The second floor, which overhangs the first by 10', contains a small kitchen and dining room. A trapdoor and stairs lead to the lower floor which originally housed a privy and woodshed but is now used for ordinary storage.

The triangular lot on which the building sits includes a tree-shaded yard and gravel parking area. A well is located within 20' of the building. Academy Hall is in poor condition--sills sagging, paint peeling, and shingles missing. Many windows have been broken. Interior wall plaster has broken off; the downstairs floors have buckled. The shed and classroom, which are unlocked

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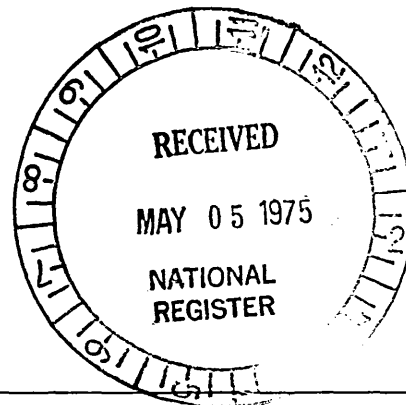
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and easily entered from the outside, are littered with newspapers and trash. The building is highly vulnerable to arson and vandalism.

Original Appearance. Though no clear description remains of the original appearance, it is evident that the building has undergone important modifications over the years. Originally located on Garland's Hill near Salisbury Heights, it was moved to its present site in what was formerly called "South Road Village" in 1806 at which time the fire places were removed and replaced with stoves, the lower-floor classrooms combined into one, and the downstairs ceiling lowered. Later the ceiling was restored to its original height and the floors replaced. In 1883, the upstairs classrooms were combined to form a meeting hall and the upper floor projected outward to provide additional space. A photograph taken around 1890 shows Academy Hall with a single-story shed, no windows in the area of the bathroom, and a medium gable, hipped shaped roof. It appears also that there was once a row of windows on the north wall of the first-floor classroom which were later ripped out and the spaces boarded over.¹

¹
John J. Dearborn, The History of Salisbury, New Hampshire, From Date of Settlement to the Present Time (Manchester, NH: William E. Moore, 1890), 209-211; photograph found among records of Bartlett Grange.



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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1796-1965**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Agriculture: From its founding in November 1884 until 1965, Bartlett Grange #104, Patrons of Husbandry, used the upstairs hall regularly for its meetings, and in 1961 bought the building from the Salisbury School District. In the years when agriculture was a mainstay of the town's economy, the Grange offered local farmers an important opportunity for recreation and education. Meetings featured discussions of such topics as the best means of applying superphosphate fertilizer, "The Farm Home and Its Surroundings", "Harvesting Corn and Curing Fodder", and "The Pleasure and Profit of Horse Raising". Grange fairs, harvest suppers, and entertaining literary programs gave members a chance to relax, improve their minds, and to meet the neighbors in a congenial social setting.¹

Education: In December 1795, pursuant to petitions signed and submitted by the voters of Salisbury, the New Hampshire State Legislature incorporated Salisbury Academy. A 2-story ^{building} was erected and classes began some months later in 1796. After a few prosperous years, the school was closed for lack of students. In 1806, the building was acquired and moved to its present location by the South Village School District. From 1806 until 1959, the first floor housed the village primary school and was called the "South Road School."²

The Academy, whose charter was renewed in 1808, used the second floor classrooms, and continued for a long period thereafter, during which, says the town historian, "it gained and sustained a reputation for good scholarship and excellence in all its departments." But decay set in, and once again the school

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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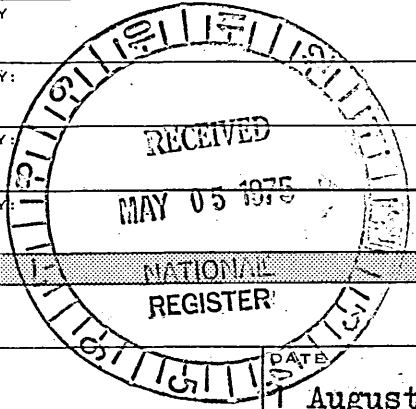
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Rexford B. Sherman, Ph. D.
 ORGANIZATION:
 DATE: August 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hope Farm

CITY OR TOWN: **Bradford** STATE: **New Hampshire 03102** CODE: **33**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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| <p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u><i>Rexford B. Sherman</i></u> Commissioner, DRED Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u> Date <u>April 30, 1975</u></p> | <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u><i>R. Montross</i></u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>5/30/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u><i>Charles A. Ferris</i></u> Deputy Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>5.30.75</u></p> |
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was closed. A third charter was obtained in 1859. A broadside printed in August 1864 announces the upcoming fall term, with instruction to be offered in the "primary branches, common English branches, higher English branches, Latin, French, Greek, and book-keeping." But the third attempt also ended in failure, when, probably not long afterwards, the Academy closed its doors for the last time.³

Political: Though Daniel Webster was born and grew up on a homestead within four miles of the Academy, there is no sure evidence and it appears quite doubtful that he attended its classes. The school's first principal, Thomas Chase(d. 1807), who, for many years prior to his appointment, had taught in the district schools of Salisbury, was one of Webster's first teachers, but it appears from Webster's own account that he had enrolled in Phillips Academy, Exeter, by the time Salisbury Academy finally opened.⁴

Webster's brother Ezekiel(1780-1829) studied at the Academy for two terms before entering Dartmouth in 1801, and went on to become one of New Hampshire's most reputable lawyers. Another distinguished alumnus, Ichabod Bartlett(1786-1853), who, too, entered the legal profession, served several terms in the New Hampshire Legislature, where he was elected Speaker of the House in 1821, and was three times elected to Congress(1823-1829).⁵

¹
Bartlett Grange #104(Salisbury, N.H.), "Secretary's Minutes," November 22, 1884, May 14, June 15, 1885, August 19, 1886, November 27, 1890; Merrimack County Registry of Deeds, Vol. 877, p. 51; Salisbury, N.H., Annual Report, 1960, 48.

²
John J. Dearborn, The History of Salisbury, New Hampshire, From Date of Settlement to the Present Time(Manchester, NH: William E. Moore, 1890), 207-211; "Salisbury School District Records"(2 vols., New Hampshire Historical Society Library), I, March 23, June 13, 1805, March 26, December 13, 1806; Salisbury, N.H., Annual Report, 1957, 55-60, 1959, 56, 1960, 48.

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Fuess, op. cit., 64; Dearborn, op. cit. 453-456, 835-836.



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10.2 UTM References

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