

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic William Boyd House
and/or common GENERAL MASON J. YOUNG HOUSE (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 4 Young Road n/a not for publication
city, town Londonderry n/a vicinity of
state New Hampshire code 33 county Rockingham code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Col. Mason James Young, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired
street & number 4 Young Road *
716 Plymouth Circle **
city, town Londonderry * state New Hampshire 03053
Newport News ** Virginia 23602

5. Location of Legal Description

* Summer address
** Winter address

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rockingham County Courthouse
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
street & number Hampton Road
city, town Exeter, state New Hampshire 03833

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date N/A federal state county local
depository for survey records N/A
city, town N/A state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>N/A</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The William Boyd House is a rectangular wood-frame dwelling of two stories with a series of connected outbuildings. Built in 1802 (according to family tradition), the house and outbuildings stand on a 33-acre tract which slopes gently to the north from Young Road, near its intersection with N.H. Route 102. The house measures approximately 30 by 40 feet and stands on a foundation of split granite blocks. The building is constructed with a heavy braced frame of hewn timbers and has clapboarded walls and a roof of asphalt shingles. The building has a central brick chimney which rises through the ridge of the gable roof.

The facade (southern elevation) of the house is five bays wide, with a central doorway sheltered beneath a gable-roofed portico with turned Tuscan columns. The 6-over-6 windows of the first story have heavy moulded caps, while the casings of the second-floor windows merge with the frieze of a full classical cornice with crown and bed mouldings.

The west elevation of the house has two windows on each floor. The east elevation is three windows in depth. A porch extends along the full depth of this elevation and provides a sheltered approach to a small entry vestibule at the rear corner of the main house. Dating from the mid-nineteenth century, this porch is supported by three square columns which are braced with decorative bandsawn scrolls. An attic window with small-paned 12-over-6 sashes is centered in each gable of the dwelling.

The interior of the house is characterized by careful but conservative joiner's work which reflects a style earlier than the 1802 date of the dwelling. The fireplace walls on the first floor are paneled with woodwork having raised panels surrounded by quarter-round mouldings. Above the fireplaces are small panelled doors which provide access to warming cupboards. Several of the rooms have double-ogee crown mouldings at the ceilings. In general, the style of interior woodwork, like the overall style of the house, reflects a rural conservatism which is also seen in furniture made in the Londonderry area at the same period, and disregards any features associated with the Federal style which was already current in coastal New Hampshire at the time.

Extending northward from the rear of the house, flush with its eastern wall, is a two-story wing about fifteen feet wide and twenty-five feet long, with a gable roof and brick chimney which pierces the roof near the northern end. The wing has irregular fenestration composed of small 6-over-6 windows on the first floor, and larger 6-over-6 windows on the second story, which was added about 1900.

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North of the two-story wing, and extending some twenty-five feet in a continuous line with it, is a shed-roofed woodshed having an entrance door at its southern end, adjacent to the wing of the house, and two double-leaved wagon doors, of differing dimensions, near the middle and the northern end.

Connected to this shed, and extending some forty feet at an angle of 130° with it, is a second and similar shed. This shed has wide wagon doors at its southwest end, and a series of small window openings along the remainder of its length.

Attached to the northwest end of the second shed is a one-and-a-half story gable-roofed carriage house measuring some forty feet in length and 23 feet in depth. The carriage house has broad central doors, irregular fenestration on both sides of the doors, and small windows beneath its eaves to light the attic.

Connected to the northeast corner of the carriage house, and continuing along a parallel axis, is a large dairy barn measuring 60 feet by 35. Like the other buildings in the group, the barn is clapboarded and roofed with asphalt shingles. At each end of the barn are large double doors with transom sashes above. Extending from the northeast corner of the barn is a hen house 30 feet long.

Original appearance: Although the arrangement of the outbuildings associated with the Boyd House undoubtedly evolved over time and reflected the changing agricultural economy of the farm, the exact sequence of this evolution is unknown. Known changes to the house include the addition of the second story of the wing in 1900, and it appears likely that the front portico dates from this period as well.

Behind the structures of the complex (to the north) is an apple orchard and pasture. To the south, in front of the structures is a lawn with several shade trees.

The nominated property consists of four contributing buildings.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1802

Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William Boyd House is significant as a well-preserved example of a northern New England farm dwelling with connected outbuildings. Like most connected farm complexes in the region, the Boyd farm reflects a diversified agricultural economy which evolved throughout the nineteenth century and required a variety of specialized structures, arranged according to a compact and efficient plan.

Architecture: The Boyd House and outbuildings are one of many hundreds of connected farm complexes to be found in northern New England, most typically in southern and eastern New Hampshire and southern and western Maine. Many hundreds of others have been lost through abandonment in a region which has seen drastic agricultural change and decline over the past century or more. The Boyd buildings are unusual for their excellent state of preservation, and are further significant because they mirror the evolution of agriculture in a region of New England where farming remained a viable activity well into the twentieth century. The Boyd farm buildings therefore embody the story of successful agricultural adaptation over a period of nearly two centuries.

The Boyd farm has descended in the same family since 1757, and thus was registered in 1976 as a Bicentennial Farm under a Federal program which recognized two centuries of continuity in farm ownership. The agricultural economy of the town of Londonderry has changed markedly during the time that the farm has been operated. From 1757 until well after the present house was built in 1802, the farm may be presumed to have supported a general subsistence agriculture. As the nineteenth century progressed, however, much of southern New Hampshire entered a market farming economy that was centered on the needs of the city of Boston, some fifty miles distant in the neighboring state of Massachusetts. This was especially true after a railroad connecting Londonderry with Boston was completed in 1850. The evolution of the Boyd farm's buildings reflected the demands of the Boston market during the nineteenth century.

Until 1850, as reflected in agricultural census returns for the Mason Boyd family, the farm produced a mixture of foodstuffs and fibers that largely reflected family consumption. In 1850, however, the farm produced 200 pounds of butter and 175 pounds of cheese, and these dairy products were the harbingers of the farm's predominant production over the next half century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3.4 acres

Quadrangle name Windham, NH

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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B

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Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property consists of the main house and outbuildings and their immediate surroundings which are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; boundaries are highlighted in yellow on the attached sketch map. The 3.4 acre tract is indicated in Tax Assessor, Londonderry, NH, Young Rd., Map 006 Lot 00063.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mason J. Young, Jr. Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired

organization 4 Young Road * date August 1985

street & number 716 Plymouth Circle ** telephone (603) 432-5180 *

Londonderry, * New Hampshire 03053 *

city or town Newport News ** state Virginia 23602 **

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

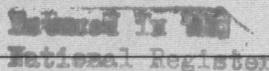
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Shirley G. Adamovich

title New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer date 1/25/86

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register



Keeper of the National Register

date 2/27/86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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By 1870, the farm was not only producing butter, but was also maketing 1,200 gallons of fresh milk--a form of economy which depended strictly upon the railroad to ship a perishable product to a large but relatively distant market. By 1880, the farm was selling 3,000 gallons of milk annually, and had added egg production on a small but commercial scale. Moreover, the farm now sold 95 bushels of apples from a small but growing orchard of 25 trees.

These changes in productivity were reflected in the buildings of the Boyd Farm. The large dairy barn is the most obvious adjustment to the development of dairying on a commercial scale. Similar barns were being constructed or improved throughout the region in response to the same market economy. The hen house attached to the barn is a further reflection of the demands of a distant market. Other buildings in the complex served the growing demands of orchard products from Londonderry, which eventually became (and remains) one of the most productive apple-growing regions north of Boston. As late as the 1930s, the Boyd orchard retained a number of the now-rare apple varieties which were nineteenth-century favorites in New England, including the Ben Davis, the Baldwin, and the Gravenstein.

Thus, the Boyd Farm reflects in its buildings the successful adaptation of New England agriculture to its environment and its market conditions over a period of 150 years or more. The array of special- and general-purpose buildings reflects the needs of the northern New England farmer to remain diversified in production in order to meet family requirements, while emphasizing certain aspects of agriculture that were suited to an unban market and thus produced a cash crop. The compact and accessible arrangement of the Boyd house and outbuildings reflects the progressive ideals that suffused all American agriculture during the nineteenth century, and mirrors the intelligent adaptation of New England agriculture to those ideals as well as to an evolving marketplace.

The adjacent yard, barn pasture, and apple orchade complete the complex, which retains an unusually high degree of integrity. The visual character of the Boyd Farm continues uninterrupted from its period of significance.

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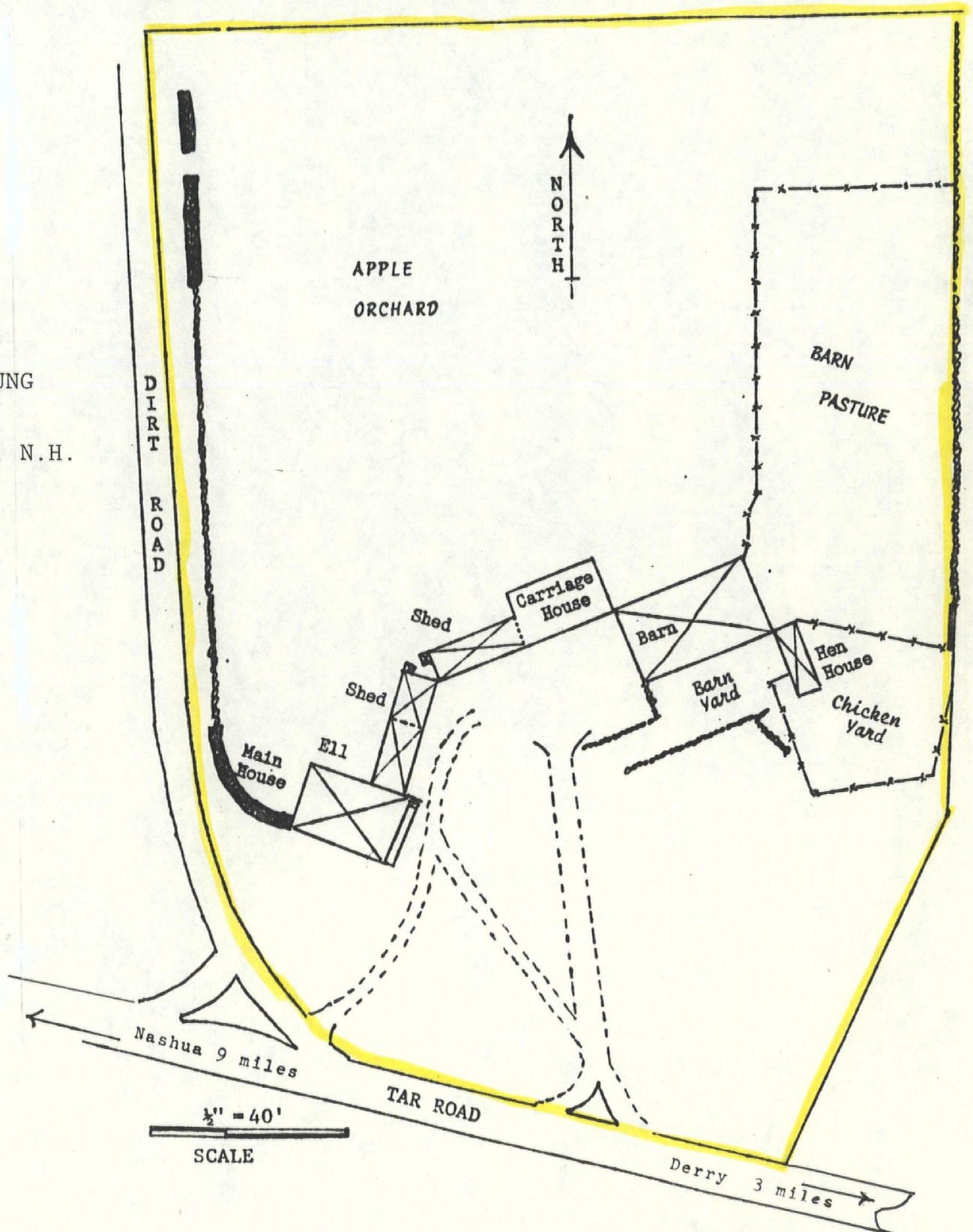
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THE
GENERAL
MASON J. YOUNG
HOUSE
of
Londonderry, N.H.



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Young, General Mason J., House
Rockingham County
NEW HAMPSHIRE

JAN 30 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87

Date Due: 2/27/86 - 3/16/86

Action: ACCEPT 2-27-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition <input type="checkbox"/> excellent <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> ruins <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	Check one <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> altered	Check one <input type="checkbox"/> original site <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



1911

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM: NEW HAMPSHIRE

Historic Name: William Boyd House
Common Name: GENERAL MASON J. YOUNG HOUSE
NR District: N/A
Address: 4 Young Road
City/Town/State: Londonderry, New Hampshire
Photographer: Col. Mason J. Young Jr.

Negative with: Col. Mason J. Young Jr.
4 Young Road, Londonderry, NH

Description: Front facade of the Young House, at the corner of Young and
Cross Roads.

Photographer facing N **NE** E SE S SW W NW Photo Date: 7/1985 Photo Number 1 of 3



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4 Young Road, Londonderry, NH
Description: Front and side elevations of the Young House and first two connecting buildings

Photographer facing N NE E SE S SW W (NW)

Photo Date: 7/1985

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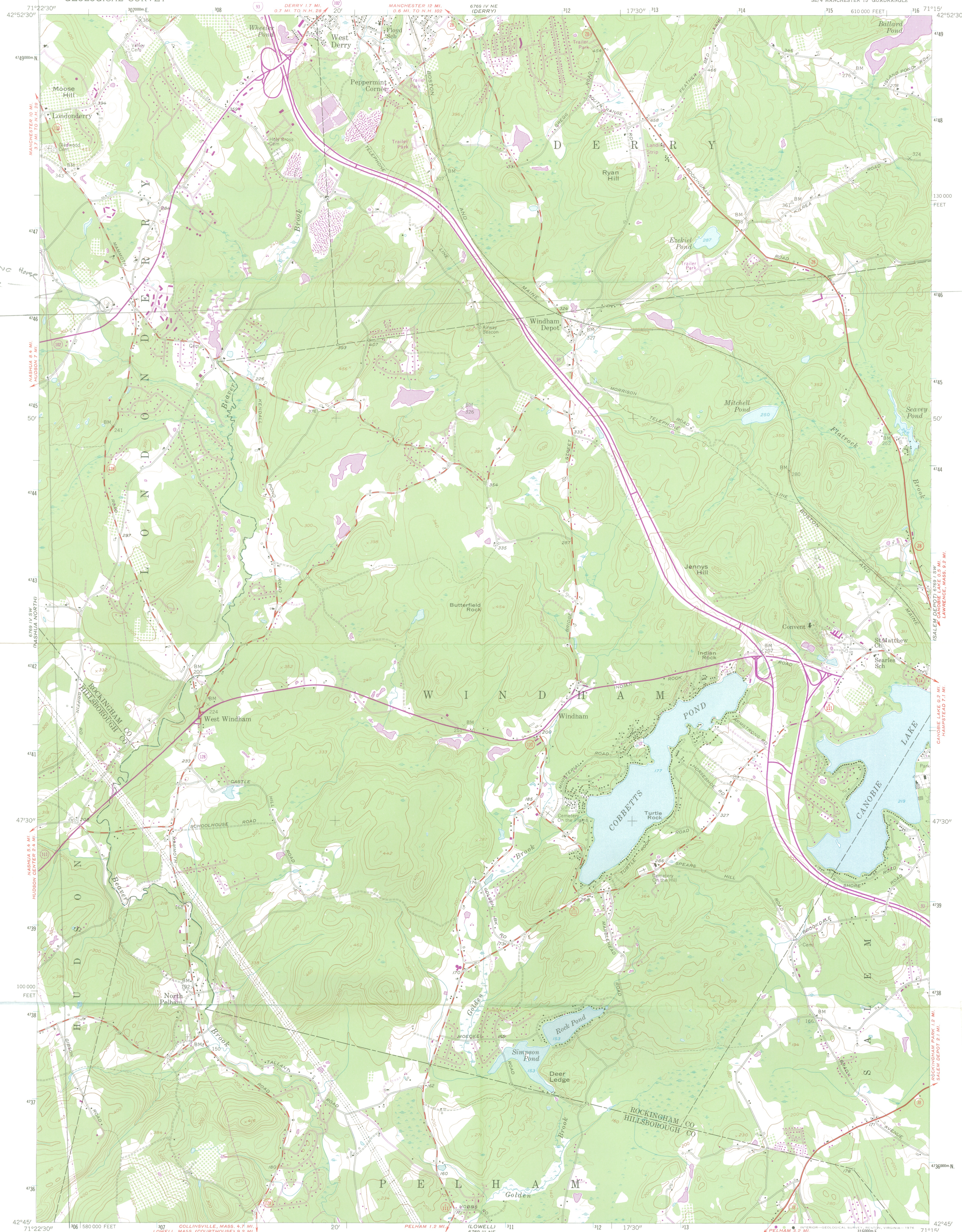
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Description: Londonderry, New Hampshire
View of Shed, Carriage House and Barn

Photographer facing (N) NE E SE S SW W NW Photo Date: 7/85

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WINDHAM QUADRANGLE
NEW HAMPSHIRE
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 MANCHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE



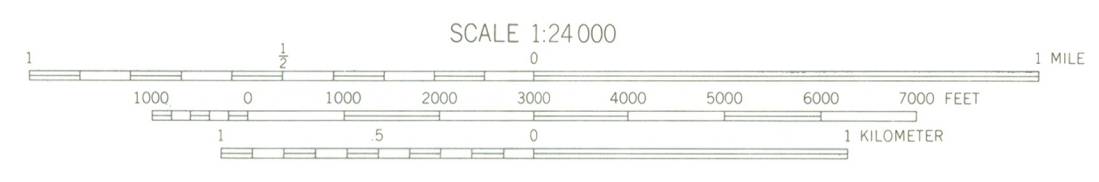
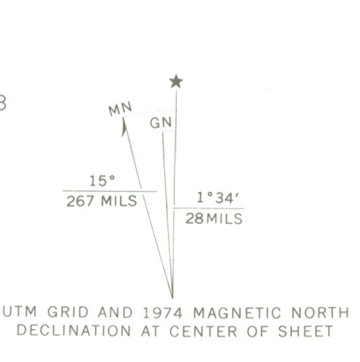
Gen Mason J. Young Home
Built in 1802

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CITY/TOWN/STATE: Londonderry, NH NR-N

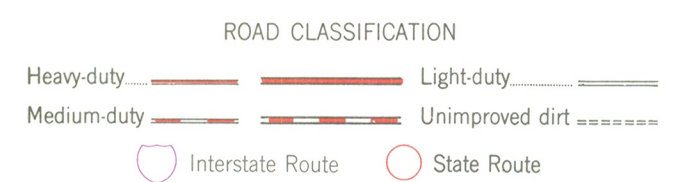
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and New Hampshire Geodetic Survey
Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1947 and 1952. Field check 1953
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New Hampshire coordinate system
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 19, shown in blue
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



WINDHAM, N. H.
SE/4 MANCHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE
N 4245-W 7115/7.5
1953
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 6769 IV SE-SERIES V812

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January 24, 1986

Shirley Gray Adamovich, Commissioner
State Historic Preservation Officer

Jerry L. Rogers, Associate Director
Cultural Resources
Keeper of the National Register
Department of Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers;

As New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, I am pleased to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

- 1.) *Plymouth Historic District, Plymouth, NH*
- 2.) *General Mason J. Young House, Londonderry, NH*
- 3.) *Bradbury Jewell House, Wonalancet (Sandwich), NH*
- 4.) *G.O. Sanders House, Hudson, NH*
- 5.) *Richard Hayes House, Rochester, NH*
- 6.) *Jacob Noyes Block, Suncook (Pembroke), NH*
- 7.) *Washington Common Historic District, Washington, NH*

The National Register Inventory-Nomination forms have been reviewed and approved by the New Hampshire State Historical Resources Council. The owners and officials have been notified and any comments received are enclosed.

In cases where photographs were taken more than six months ago, it has been noted that the appearance has not changed.

Sincerely,

Shirley Gray Adamovich
Shirley Gray Adamovich, Commissioner
New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Rachel Keniston/Plymouth Historical Society
Ann Brook Smith/Leonard A. Smith
Lynne Emerson Monroe
Washington Congregational Church
Washington Board of Selectmen
Stearns H. & Charlotte Smalley

cc: Duane & Norma Keeler
Lisa Mausolf
Washington School District #2
Michael Rocheleau
Col. Mason J. Young, Jr.

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