

Ebenezer Smith House  
Durham, N. H.

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of New Hampshire

Historic American Building Survey  
Eugene W. Clark, Deputy Officer  
Durham, New Hampshire

EBENEZER SMITH HOUSE  
Durham, Strafford County  
New Hampshire

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<u>Owner</u>	Elsie M. Brown
<u>Date of Erection</u>	Circa 1765
<u>Architect</u>	Unknown
<u>Builder</u>	Unknown
<u>Present Condition</u>	Structurally sound. New first floor construction. Exterior good. Interior considerably changed. Ell is an earlier period.
<u>Materials of Construction</u>	Stone foundation. Superstructure wood. Clapboard finish. Wood shingle roof.
<u>Number of Stories</u>	Two.
<u>Other Existing Records</u>	Stackpole's History of Durham, Vol. 1.

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NATHANIEL HILL to

Book 101, Page 203

JONATHAN CLOUGH

EXETER, N. H.

----inconsideration of the just sum of L300 old  
tenor paid by Jonathan Cough of Durham, Blacksmith----

A certain peice of land laying in Durham aforesaid  
containing 60 square rods but be it more or less it is  
bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake prefixt  
by the Northeasterly side of the road that leads from  
Durham Falls to Dover.

Dated: Jan. 16, 1761.

BENJAMIN CLOUGH to  
ZACHEUS CLOUGH

Book 15, Page 466  
EXETER, N. H.

108 L

--- a certain messuage and land in Durham containing one quarter and two rods of an acre beginning at Stephen Cogan's fence by the Highway leading from said Cogan's house to Durham Falls landing and running seven rods by said highway until it comes to John Layn's land and running back from said highway six rods in breadth until it contains the quarter and two rods of an acre as aforesaid as also together with a good dwelling house standing on said land which house and land was bought by said Benjamin Clough as may appear by a deed to him signed by Jonathan Clough.

Dated: Sept. 5, 1774.

Recorded: March 23, 1793.

ZACHEUS CLOUGH to

Book 3, Page 40

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THOMAS PINKHAM

*Adm.*  
EXETER, N. H.

150 L

A certain messuage and land in Durham containing one quarter and two rods of an acre beginning at Stephen Cogan's fence by the Highway leading from said Cogan's house to Durham Falls landing and running seven rods by said Highway until it comes to John Layn's land and running back from said Highway six rods in breadth until it contains the quarter and two rods of an acre as aforesaid as also together with a good dwelling house and other buildings on said premises standing the same I bought of Benjamin Clough and where the said Pinkham now lives.

Dated: July 5, 1777.

Recorded July 11, 1777.

THOMAS PINKHAM to Book 5, Page 243  
EBENEZER SMITH DOVER, N. H.

135 L

---a certain dwelling house with the buildings and land belonging to the same situated and lying in Durham and bounded as follows: Beginning at the South corner of Mr. James Leighton's shop standing on the highway that leads from Lee to Durham Falls Landing, from thence running back from said highway/<sup>a</sup>straight line as the fence now goes to the land belonging to George Chesley from thence running as the wall now standing to land belonging to Stephen Cogan, from thence running by said Cogan's land to the highway aforesaid and from thence upon said highway to the bound first mentioned, said containing one quarter of an acre and two rods more or less, and also a Smoke-----with the spit and appurtenances belonging to the same that is now in the chimney of the dwelling house aforesaid.

Dated: Nov. 10, 1783

Recorded: Nov. 22, 1783

STEPHEN COGAN to

Book 25, Page 330

EBENEZER SMITH

DOVER, N. H.

10 L

--A parcel of land in Durham bounded as follows: Beginning at George Chesley's fence and from thence running in a straight line by the Northwest end of Mr. Stephen Cogan's barn as the wall now stands to the highway that leads from Lee to Durham Falls landing, from thence up said Highway to land of Thomas Pinkham near the corner of said Pinkham's house, from thence running by said Pinkham's land to Chesley's fence aforesaid and from thence running as the fence now goes to the bound first mentioned.

Dated: Nov. 7, 1783

Recorded Feb. 13, 1796.

EBENEZER SMITH           to  
(Will)

Book 42, Page 144

DOVER, N. H.

MEHITABLE SMITH (During Life)  
&  
CHILDREN

PROBATE

I give to Mehitable Smith the use income and occupancy of the dwelling house and lot of land where I now live in Durham and all out-buildings privileges and appurtenances and all household furniture of every kind -----during the term of her natural life.

-----I order my executors to sell the same for the money it will bring to be divided among my children

1829.

INVENTORY OF ESTATE OF EBENEZER SMITH (Deacon Ebenezer  
Smith)

Book 44, Page 396

DOVER, N. H.

1832.

The Mansion House	all out buildings thereon	
Frost House	and lot of land containing acreage	
situated in Durham Village		2000.00
The wood lot, so called, in Durham,	25 Acres	750.00
The Parson's Pasture, so called,	20 Acres	240.00
Long Pasture,	20 Acres	350.00
The School House lot,	20 rods	50.00
Lamprey River Pature,	35 Acres.	1700.00
Farm occupied by Blando Langley, with buildings		2000.00
Farm occupied by John Garland and buildings		3500.00
Land called Frost Wood and Timber lot,	16 acres	1200.00
Right in Rev. F. Burt's House and lot		
now occupied by Joseph Coe		200.00
Land in New Durham,	100 acres	175.00
Ten acres in Barrington		50.00

MEHITABLE SMITH to  
OLIVER C. DEMERITT

Book 175, Page 172  
DOVER, N. H.

Mortgage deed to the preceeding house and land.

October 1837.

OLIVER D. DEMERITT to  
MEHITABLE SMITH

Book 187, Page 28  
DOVER, N. H.

Discharge of the above mortgage.

Dated: Jan. 19, 1840

Recorded June 19, 1840.

EBENEZER & CHARLES SMITH        to  
(Executors of Ebenezer Smith)

Book 208, Page 150

DOVER, N. H.

JOHN RICHARDSON

\$1000.00

A parcel of land in Durham bounded as follows, Beginning at George Chesley's fence and from thence running in a straight line by the Northwest end of Mr. Stephen Cogan's barn as the wall now stands to the highway that leads from Lee to Durham Falls Landing, from thence up said highway to land of Thomas Pinkham near the corner of said Chesley's fence aforesaid and from thence running as the fence now goes to the bounds first mentioned.

Dated: Jan. 18, 1844.

Recorded April 7, 1851.

JOHN A RICHARDSON to  
  
HANNAH SMITH

Book 208, Page 101  
DOVER, N. H.

\$1000.00

-----one acres and one half acre of land situate in  
said Durham be the same more or less, and bounded by the  
Main Street, the sotre lot owned by Alfred Smith, land  
of the late Benjamin Thompson, Madbury Road, the land  
leading from said Madbury Road to the other land of said  
Thompson, and land of Valentine Smith, together with the  
dwelling house barns and other buildings, said premises  
being the homestead of the late Ebenezer Smith Esq.  
and at present occupied by his son Ebenezer Smith Esq.  
and at present occupied by his son Ebenezer Smith and the  
same estate that was conveyed to me this day by the Ex-  
ecutors of the late Ebenezer Smith Esq.

Dated: Jan. 18, 1844.

Recorded April 7, 1851.

HEIRS OF HANNAH SMITH      to      Book 262, Page 433  
LOUISA SHEAFE SMITH                      DOVER, N. H.

We, Susan R. Wilson, Almira R. Jennings, & Theodore Jennings, Sarah Hanson, James Sheafe Smith, Henry B. Smith, & Mary Ann Smith, Joseph E. Smith for the sum of one dollar, quit-claim to Louisa Sheafe Smith all right title and interest in or to the homestead of Ebenezer Smith late of Durham which was situated insaid Durham and which stood in the name of Hannah Smith the wife of the said Ebenezer under deed of John A. Richardson to her recorded in Book 208, Page 101.

Dated: March 29, 1877

Recorded August 10, 1877



ELEANOR C. SMITH to  
ALMIRA S JENNINGS

Book 397, Page 176  
DOVER, N. H.  
QUIT CLAIM

\$400.00

---- a certain tract of land with the buildings known as the "Old Smith Homestead" title therto becoming vested in said Almira Jennings by virtue of the will of Louisa Sheafe Smith in said will there being given to me Eleanor C. Smith a life estate or life interest in two pleasant rooms in the house. This deed quit-claims to Almira all my right or title in the said homestead.

Dated: April 26, 1921

Recorded May 19, 1921.

ALMIRA JENNINGS to

Book 401, Page 53

MARY JENNINGS

DOVER, N. H.

---a certain tract of land with the buildings known as the "Old Smith Homestead", title thereto becoming vested in said Almira Jennings by virtue of the will of Louisa C. Smith a life estate or life interest in two pleasant rooms in the house. This deed quit-claims to Mary all my right in the said homestead.

Dated: Feb. 15, 1922.

Recorded April 8, 1922.

MARY H. JENNINGS to

Book 441, Page 365

DOVER, N. H.

ELSIE M BROWN

----a certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon situated in said Durham on the Easterly side of Main Street, bounded and described as follows: Easterly by a lane leading from Madbury, so called, to the Thompson Field owned by the University of New Hampshire; South-erly by the homestead of Joshua Smith; Westerly by said Maine Stree and by the "Store Lot", so called, owned by George Jennings and by a vacant lot at the corner of said Madbury Road and the Main street owned by the University of New Hampshire; and Northerly by said "Store Lot" of George Jennings and said Madbury Road

Excepting from the above description the lot described in deed Mary H. and Joseph E. Jennings to the Episcopal Church dated October 11, 1927 and recorded in Strafford County Records, Book 411, Page 260 and also excepting from said above lot the lot described in deed of said Mary H. and Joseph E. Jennings to Fred H. Rollins, Sept. 16, 1926 in Book 422, Page 61.

Dated: August 14, 1930

Recorded: August 29, 1930

HABS NOTE: Elsie M. Brown is the present owner.