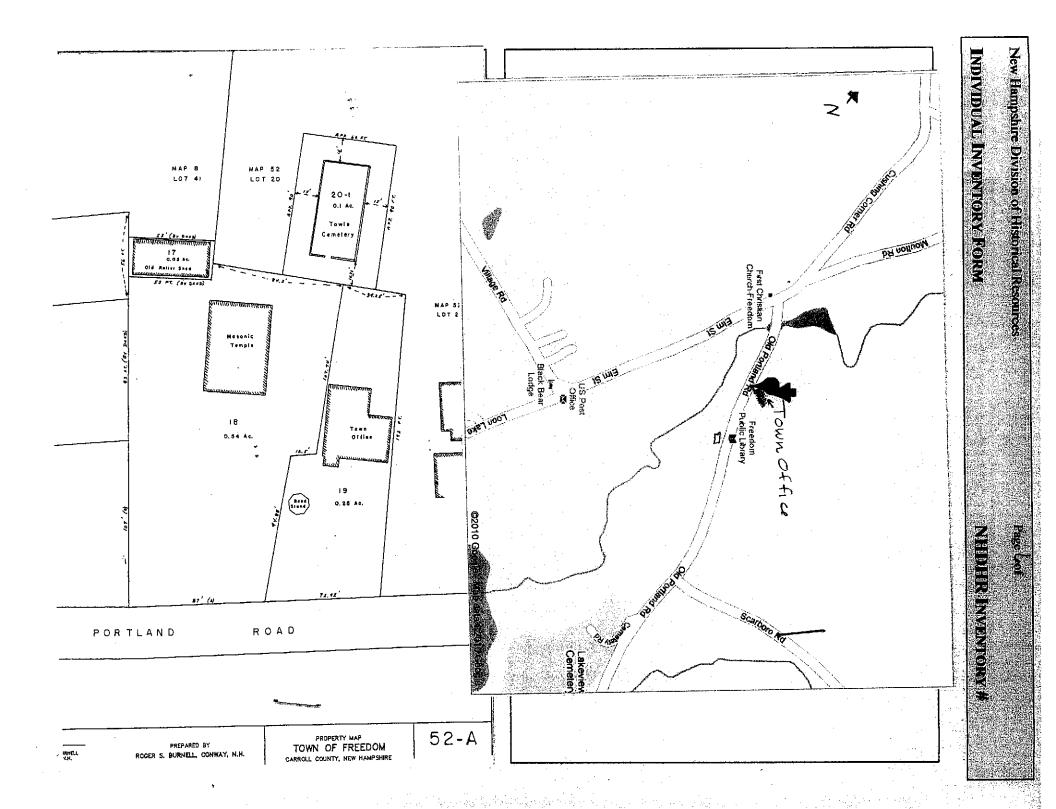
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INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM	NVENTORY#
Historic name Freedom Village Grammar School	25 (50)
2. District or area Freedom Village (10041)	//
3. Street and number 33 Old Portland Road	
4. City or town Freedom	
5. County Carroll	
6. Current owner Town Of Freedom	
Function or Use Government - offices	
72/4	
chitectural Information	
9. Style Greek Revival	
10. Architect/builder George Philbrick-Chair, Building Comm.	
11. Source Town Report - 1895	
12. Construction date 1895	
13. Source Town Clerk's Report 1895	
14. Alterations, with dates see attached	
15. Moved? no x yes date:	
erior reatures	
17 Cladding Vinvl Aluminum	
Roof material Asphalt shingles	1
19. Chimney material brick	35. Photo #1 Date 5/12/08 Direction: 1/05/1/0
20. Type of roof pitched, front gable	Releience #
Chimney location —	
e (north)	28. Acreage 0.25
	29. Tax map/parcel map 52/lot 19
24. Windows double hung 6/6 -	 30 UTM reference Zone 19 E 336341 N4852951
deal village	31. USGS quadrangle and scale024024Freedom
25. Setting hillside setting in small village, Masonic	
Hall and private residences adjacent	Form prepared by 32. Name Heritage Commission Committee
26. Outbuildings- none	(Peg Scully, Lee Fritz, Gale Morris, Alan Fall)
	33. Organization Heritage Commission
27. Landscape features south location, landscaped.	34. Date of survey Feb.,2011
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Question 14: Alterations with dates (to be expanded upon in architectural description section)

Built 1895 on Schoolhouse Hill. No electric lights or running water, and heated by burning wood Source: Town Clerk's Records of 1895; Oral History 1974-75 by Blanche A. (Eastman) Watson: Freedom native and former teacher in Freedom, and memories recorded by her of her mother, Carrie the "new" village school for the first time in 1895). Mills Eastman and father Greenleaf H. Eastman (who with his brother Charles Eastman painted

1913: Village Water Precinct established to provide pipelines with running water to the village Source: Town Annual Report, 1913.

1926: Addition of warmed and ventilated cloakrooms, and a stove drum for heat. Partitions to eliminate "cross lighting and eyestrain".

Source: Town Annual Report, 1926.

1927: Addition of new shingling to roof of porch over schoolhouse door and ½ of main roof re-

Source: Town Annual Report 1927.

1927-8: Chemical Toilets installed.
Source: Town Annual Report 1928

1930: Screens installed in windows and doors. Installation of electric lights. Source: Town Annual Report 1930.

1931-32: Ventilating heater installed in downstairs primary room. Source: Town Annual Report 1932.

1932-33: Woodshed altered and enlarged for storage of kindling, wood and janitorial supplies. Source: Town Annual Report 1933.

1934-35: Fire destroyed cupola. Cupola removed, school bell removed. Electrical rewiring and Source: Town Annual Report 1934-35. major repairs to rooms; rebuilding of the roof.

1938-39: Recommended that septic toilets be installed. Does not happen till 1956 Source; Town Annual Report 1938-39.

1952-53: Installation of automatic forced hot air heating system; installation of fire escape from second floor.

Source: Town Annual Report: 1952-53

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1956: Installation of two new toilet rooms and flush toilets. Source: Annual Report: 1956.

1957-81 need to retrieve from FHS on cooler day

1982-83: Selectmen authorized to deal with School District relative to action needed to obtain this building for use as town administrative offices.

Last classes taught 1983.

Source: Town Annual Report: 1982-83.

1984-85: Building remodeled to suit town offices. New external siding finished. Repairs to roof done with new shingles.

Heavy steel shelving created for vital records storage in town clerk's office.

Source: Town Annual Report 1984-85

1986-87: Repairs to shingled roof.

1989: Installation fire-proof cabinet for Town Clerk.

1991: Money voted to hire architect to bring into ADA compliance, including toilets. Separate men/women toilets and refurbish.

1992: Architect hired for ADA compliance remodeling work.

1993: Town voted \$102,350 to remodel both Town Hall and Town Office Building for ADA. Source: Town Annual Reports 1991-1993. Work addressed: need to add architects' outline of actual plans for alterations.

gazebo (bandstand), Town Annual Report 1994-5. compliant. Money for flagpoles at building, and for painting outside trim, windows and Amend concept of partitions for Tax Collector o 2nd floor. Must be on 1st floor to be ADA

Upgrade lighting system (not include emergency lights).

Source: Town Annual Report 1996.

1997-2005: Money voted for miscellaneous repairs, but no details. Source: Town Annual Reports 1997-2005.

2006-7: Roof replaced. Chimney left in situ for historical appearance but not used for heating Source: Town Annual Reports 2006-2007.

2008-9: no alterations inside building

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM - FREEDOM TOWN OFFICES/FORMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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QUESTION #41 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND & ROLE IN TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT

Church is now the Masonic building and the old school is a private residence. constructed next door to the then Baptist Church. All three buildings still stand on the hill. The It was built in 1895 to replace the little village schoolhouse, and the two story building was The present Freedom Town Office sits at the top of "Schoolhouse Hill" at 33 Old Portland Road

of the school and in the bandstand which was built at about the same time. In its first years the toilet facilities. A brook nearby probably supplied the water which was hauled in a bucket. school was heated with a wood-burning stove, and had no electricity, running water, or indoor surrounding the building and the footprint was much as it is today, so the children played in front three men, headed by George Philbrick, to oversee the construction. At the time, the town voted to set aside \$2,000 for the project, and appointed a committee of There is little land

we see in the Town Reports that 2 new toilet rooms and flush toilets were installed in 1956. In 1913, the Village Water Precinct was established and wooden water pipes were laid along Old would like to think those facilities existed before then! Portland Road and Elm Street. It is unclear when running water was brought into the school, but

the woodshed was enlarged. electric lights were installed. cloakrooms, a stove drum for heat, an addition of a porch over the door, window screens, and Improvements to the school were made in the 1920s and 30s, as warmed and ventilated The Primary Room downstairs had a new ventilating heater and

included PE, art, music, and attention to the needs of special students. that the school was inadequate for not only instruction, but for safety, and for a curriculum which brought their lunch to school, or ate across the street at a small lunchroom. It soon became clear through 6. Children were bused to school. Those who lived nearby went home for lunch; others school had a teaching principal and a second teacher who instructed up to 45 students in grades 1 a forced hot air heating system was installed, the play area was increased. Until the 1980s, the Sadly, a summer fire in 1934 destroyed the cupola; it was removed along with the school bell. Major repairs to the roof, the electrical system, and the classrooms were required. .. In the 1950s,

building was scheduled to be remodeled for use as the Town administrative offices and an office for the Police. The last classes were taught in 1983, and in 1984, the children moved to the new The Town voted to build a new school on donated land on Loon Lake Road, and the old school

outlived their usefulness and that another facility be constructed elsewhere or that the offices be in a Town Safety Complex with the Fire and Police. comply with ADA regulations. Presently, in 2010, some citizens feel that the Town Offices have In 1992 new regulations required that both the Town Offices and the Town Hall be renovated to Others, including the Heritage

of the 19th century New England Town, and our mission is to see that it stays that way. place in New Hampshire. Our whole village in fact, remains in many ways a remarkable picture Town Offices failed. We very much want to see the building protected as an important historic continue in its present function. In 2010 all articles pertaining to changes in the Fire Station and possibilities for additions, parking solutions, and safety compliance so that the building might Meetings in 2009 articles were approved that allowed for hiring an architect to evaluate the remains a public, town-owned building, and if possible continue as the Town Office. treasure in the heart of the town which adds its life and energy, and would like to see that it Commission and the Historical Society, feel that this building with its 115 year history is a At Town

Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

same footprint of land as when it was built in 1895, and continues to be an important site in the Corner Road, and Elm Street), was once the center of life in Freedom. To this day it conforms to the location, above one of the four main village historic roads (the others being Moulton Road, Cushing everyday life of the town. story building at the top of Schoolhouse Hill on Old Portland Road, a residential area. This elevated The Freedom Town Office Building, built in 1895 as the Village Grammar School, is a two-

social, educational, fraternal and governmental activities. historic cluster of buildings represents the heart of early Freedom's (then North Effingham) religious, Cornet Band" hanging lantern owned by the Historical Society, and rededicated in August 2010). This bandstand was renovated, repainted with colors used in early days, adorned with the old "Freedom Town Office Building is the Freedom Bandstand that was in place most likely by or near to 1895 (this before 1826 that also served as an early meeting house. Lower on the hill-rise and to the front of the of the Hall stands the Rivard House, a private dwelling, that was the first village school constructed Masonic Hall, built as a church by 1830, sits next to and west of the Office Building. To the southwest It is one of four structures on this hillside that are significant in the history of Freedom. The

new building on Loon Lake Road. The Freedom Village Grammar School then became the Town time until 1983 when the last classes were held before moving town elementary education to a brand managed by burning wood. Freedom brothers Greenleaf H. Eastman and Charles Eastman painted the "new" village school for the first time in 1895. This building was the main Freedom school from this Office Building and it remains the municipal center to this day. met on the second floor. There were no electric lights or running water in the early years, and heat was job was completed in 1895, and grades 1-4 were housed in the downstairs classroom while grades 5-8 as it was digging into the ground, and that it should have only taken one day for the move. The building whereupon resident Al Stacey happened by and suggested that Brooks jack up the back of the building Freewill Baptist Church (now the Masonic Hall) by Silas Brooks with oxen, taking two days ready for occupancy, this small one-story school was sold and moved to a position southwest of the During construction, village children continued to attend classes in the "old" cape style schoolhouse citizen George Philbrick was appointed to head the project, with the School Board forming a that stood in front of the work site, lower on the brow of the hillside. When the "new" building was Committee of three to oversee the construction of the wood-framed and clapboard-sided structure. new two-room, two-story schoolhouse to house grades 1-8 in this central village location. Freedom school's furnishings to be used in a new Grammar School. Residents voted to set aside \$2,000 for a In March of 1895 the Town voted to sell the first village schoolhouse, and retain this old

The Exterior of the Building:

time in supporting this historic edifice to the present day. foundations. It rocks badly in a heavy wind." New Hampshire granite, however, has stood the test of wrote on page 41 that "Some plan should be made for establishing the building more securely on its In the School Superintendent's Report included in the Town Annual Report of 1929-30, F.W. Jackson The foundation of the building remains as the original granite stones that stand on solid ledge.

The walls were wooden clapboard/cladding. Atop the roof was a wooden cupola that housed

center triangular wooden gable of the roof directly below the cupola. This geometric architectural enhancement is reflected in the small triangular rooftop over the front door at the lower left of the the school bell and had a flagpole superimposed above as seen in the photo from 1895. The windows are original wooden ones that number: 13 with 6 over 6 panes on the front, as well as an ornamental windows. The shed windows may have been added in 1931-2 when the then woodshed was enlarged. The aforementioned fan light ornamental window of five panes of colored glass is visible in the front paned windows and a door; to the west side are seven 6 over 6 windows as well as two 2 over 2 paned back are eight 6 over 6 windows with the shed structure attached at ground level, with two 2 over 2 the east side there are five 6 over 6 windows and one door to the fire escape on the second floor; at the semicircular one (brown) and a panel of three clear glass panes down each side of the front entrance; on fan light with five large elliptical colored glass panes (brown, green, cobalt blue) and one small

the building on, and extends only from back of the building to the street. In fact, there isn't room on which to pile the wood supply." structure. The 1927-28 Annual Report of the town states on page 33 that "...when the schoolhouse was so today. A shed was connected at the back of the building, and used to store kindling and firewood (this shed today has a cinderblock type chimney "vent" coming up through the roof). The Plan of built, no provision was made for a playground as the land that was bought is only wide enough to set what it is today so the "shed" and "outhouse" were connected then and is probably part of the original Freedom Village made for the Freedom Water Works 1913 shows a foot print of the building exactly southwestern corner. The rooftop was shingled, and the brick chimney is at the east side, and remains The front entrance is in its original position (what did lan's report say about doorway...it was widened in 1992/3 for ADA compliance but is any part original?), to the left of center, at the

The Interior of the Building:

lathing, and had both horizontal and vertical pine beadboard types of wainscoting that remain to this the day's work. All of the original floors were wood, and the walls were the horsehair plaster over mentioned in a resident's memoir as being a place where upper grade students could meet to go over staircase top. To the right of the top of the stairs was a small room (now the police room) that was right of this hallway. Upstairs the classroom was across the front of the building to the left of the beneath, and with one rectangular landing to the second floor. The classroom downstairs was to the back) to a wooden staircase with an ascending balustrade having plain rounded tops to the boards Beyond the entry and vestibule stretched a hallway that ran along the left side (from front to

drinks were stored in a small refrigerator. A mimeograph machine was located here as well. To the left of the top of the stairs, and running across the front of the building, is the room now used for the immediate right of the top of the staircase, is the small room that now is the Police Department office. staircase is a very small counter that holds kitchen/coffee making space. On the second floor, to the the Town Treasurer, as needed. At the back and to the right off the hallway is the Town Clerk's office This was once used as a Nurse's Office. In the 1960s-70s it also was used as a "milk room" where milk the building are lavatories and a storage room. Directly in front of these two doors and under the and various storage spaces for records are beyond these offices. Under the staircase and at the rear of Administrator and her assistants at the front of the building, space shared by various officials, such as been made out of the one large schoolroom. Partitions were put in place to house offices for the Town The original hallway remains in place but on the first floor, to the right of the hall, offices have

storage of paper resources and documents. There are partitioned cubicles where the Zoning Officer Building Inspector and other officials have their spaces. Select-board office and meeting space. There are extensive shelving units across the back wall for

east. There is a World War I and Spanish American War Memorial on the lower center hillside by the south easterly additional drive that connects as a downward left hand exit to Old Portland Road headed descends back to Old Portland Road with exit either along the first mentioned drive or out along a southwest front side of the Town Office Building, to the side and behind the Bandstand, and then the Town Office Building to a cemetery. The small circle continues to curve downwards to the the private home that was the first school, the Masonic Hall, and has a small drive between the Hall and moved to Loon Lake Road in 1983) to park during business hours. This paved drive passes in front of School (this area was also used as a playground with swings and a slide in the 1950's until the school Masons allow the town the use of the area in front of the Lodge and the area between Lodge and the old church land) to the west and across land of a residence to the east for access to the building. The The circular loop driveway off Old Portland Road is across land belonging to the Masons (again

Alterations (and dates) to the original property:

Exterior:

re-shingled (Town Annual Report of 1927). 1927: new shingling applied to the roof over the small porch at the front entry and ½ of the main roof

1930: screens installed to the exterior of windows and doors (Town Annual Report of 1930)

Annual Report 1932-33). 1931-32: woodshed enlarged for storage of kindling and wood as well as janitorial supplies (Town

that severely damaged top of schoolhouse building; roof rebuilt (Town Report of 1935). 1934-35: cupola and bell removed (cupola not replaced; bell at Freedom Historical Society)after fire

1952-53: fire escape constructed from second story east side to ground level (Town Report 1953)

1960: exterior painted (Town Report of 1960).

1979: New large 2,000 gallon oil storage tank partially buried outside (Town Report of 1979).

1980: new septic system, 1,000 gallon size (Town Report 1980).

1981: storm windows put on exterior and weather stripping applied (Town Report 1981)

1985: vinyl (?)siding finished on outside of building (Town Report 1985).

1986: roof re-shingled with asphalt(?) shingles (Town Report of 1986).

1987: roof repairs completed (Town Report of 1987).

(apparently there are photos of all this???)(Town Report of 1992-93). 1991-93: ADA compliance work done, including handicap ramp accessibility, doors widened?

heating outlet (Town Report of 2007). 2006-7: roof replaced but chimney (original brick) left in situ for historic appearance but not used for 1994: money for flagpoles, painting outside trim, windows and gazebo/bandstand(Town Report 1994).

2009: (was there repair to area where Karen fell?????)

Interior

1913: Water Precinct puts in pipelines for village running water (Town Report 1914).

1926: warmed and ventilated cloakrooms installed (Town Report 1926-7).

1927-8: Chemical toilets introduced(Town Report 1927-8).

1930:installation of electric lights (Town Report 1930).

1931-32: woodshed altered and enlarged for storage of kindling and wood as well as janitorial

supplies(Town Report 1932-3).

damage done to top interior as well (Town Report 1934). 1934: summer fire destroyed cupola that had to be removed along with bell and flagpole; severe

1935: electrical rewiring and major repairs to rooms from fire damages(Town Report 1935).
1952-53: installation of automatic forced hot air system (Town Report of 1953) with floor registers.

1956: modern sanitary facilities; installed 2 new toilet rooms and flush toilets (Town Report 1956-7).

Report 1960). 1960: new shades in upper room (these may be in basement storage?); renovate electrical wiring (Town

these be shutters?)installed; better fire protection equipment but without toxic retardants (Town Report 1963: proper artificial lighting for reading; audio visual aids/screens and window darkeners (could

1976: repairs to building, gas tank, glass windows and miscellany(Town Report 1976).

laid in storage area and insulation for outer walls(Town Report 1979). 1979: rebuilt storage space where oil tank once housed (tank moved and new one buried outside); floor

shelving for vital records storage in office downstairs for town clerk(Town Reports 1982-85). 1982-5: alterations to make for building as Town Office Building: miscellaneous including heavy steel

1989: installation fire-proof cabinet for town clerk(Town Record 1989).

and refurbishing(Town Reports 1991-93). downstairs rooms as well as widening of entryway at top of a ramp. Separate men's and women's toilets 1991-93: town hired architect to bring building into ADA compliance, inclusive of partitions to

1996: upgrade lighting system (not include emergency lights) (Town Report 1996). 1997-2005: miscellaneous repairs (no details on actual 'alterations') (Town Reports 1997-2005).

unchanged and has been appreciated by the people of Freedom since the early 1800s woods and waters and the distant heights of Green Mountain. The scenic rural panorama is virtually time with festive lights. The view to the south remains open to the simple, natural beauty of Freedom's bandstand is bedecked in fine weather with hanging baskets of colorful flowers and in winter holiday separate entity. The hilly lawns are well cared for by the town and the Masonic brotherhood. The behind the office building is one of the oldest small family cemeteries (the Towle Cemetery), speeches are given to honor those many men and women from Freedom who have served our country. site for Old Home Week concerts in summer and for the autumn assembly on Veterans' Day when Masonic Lodge still hold meetings in their building, and continue to allow the townspeople to use the driveway to access parking when the Town Office Building is open for business. The bandstand is the The war memorial plaque is well-tended and decorated with flags when appropriate. Straight back village. People live in the old cape school to the west of the Masonic Hall. Freedom residents continue to view Schoolhouse Hill and its four buildings as significant to life in the The significance of the landscape surrounding this building has not altered in its history The members of the

Sources: Town Clerk's Reports for Town of Freedom: 1890-1895

Annual Reports for Town of Freedom: 1896-2009

Personal memories, recorded and written, of various townspeople, now deceased, from the Freedom Historical Society and family collections

Personal observations of current local residents who attended the Village Grammar School in their lifetimes

Architect's drawings for 1992ff ADA renovations of the building

Question 44 - Statement of Significance - Town Office Building/Freedom Grammar School

enrichment activities, improvements in the curricula, and improvements in the physical plant in the basics skills of reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling, geography, and penmanship, but also approved of consolidate some of the district schools in the area to provide a centralized facility. They valued the following 50 years. Freedom citizens were willing to appropriate funds to build a new school in 1895 which would

relatively isolated and rural lives; they received the solid foundation which formed the solid citizens they health clinics held in the school screened children for vision, hearing, and dentition. Inoculation clinics the 50's to increase play space adding to the play area on the front hillside near the bandstand. Later, cupola and required major repairs, rewiring and repainting. A parcel of land in the back was donated in in 1913, running water was brought to the school. In the 20s and 30s a warmed and ventilated cloakroom optimum learning environment available at the time. Shortly after a Town Water Precinct was established the visual arts, and Physical Education. The building was improved regularly in order to provide the the criteria of the State's Educational Act of 1919 which raised the standards and broadened the scope of were held at the school. The Freedom Grammar School educated countless boys and girls who led was added, as well as window screens and electric lights. A fire in the summer of 1935 destroyed the what was taught in the classroom. History and Civics were included in the curriculum, and later, music, Annual Town Reports show that voters supported the school from the beginning and they implemented

Period of Significance - Freedom Grammar School/Town Offices - Question 45

the old school faces Southwest and receives the last light as the day ends. Other buildings and the newly refurbished bandstand surround it, but it is the most imposing. The Grammar School/Town Office in Freedom has been a significant structure since its construction in 1895. The design and location of the building are attractive and unusual. Situated atop Schoolhouse Hill,

school for all the children of Freedom for 88 years, as has been described in detail (see question 43 and Most important, however, are the two ways in which the building has served the town. First, it was the

always has been activity vital to the Town's life and purpose. Since then, in its function as the Town Offices, the building has provided office space for the Town Clerk, Town Administration, Tax Collector and Selectmen. During every season, and for 116 years, there is and

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Statement of Integrity - Freedom Grammar School/Town Office- Question 46

add interest and style. sees that it is even grander with the wooden cupola (later destroyed by fire) adding height. The scalloped atop a hill facing Southwest where it receives the last of the sun's rays every day. In old photographs, one remarkable example of a kind of Victorian confidence. It has been mentioned before that the building sits wood decoration of the second floor face, the ornamental fan light in the center, and the large windows The location, design, and setting of the Town Office building are enough to insure its integrity as a

surrounding space. Using materials which were sturdy and plain, they were able to create a remarkable they planned their new school. They chose a style and a setting which related beautifully to the and which lasts to this day. building which seems to express to perfection the sense of optimism and energy of the late 19th century, The building is an extraordinary example of what ordinary citizens in a small rural village could do as

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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development

See attached

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts: See Attached
105 Elementary and Secondary Education:
43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

See attached

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance: See attached

Period of Significance: See attached

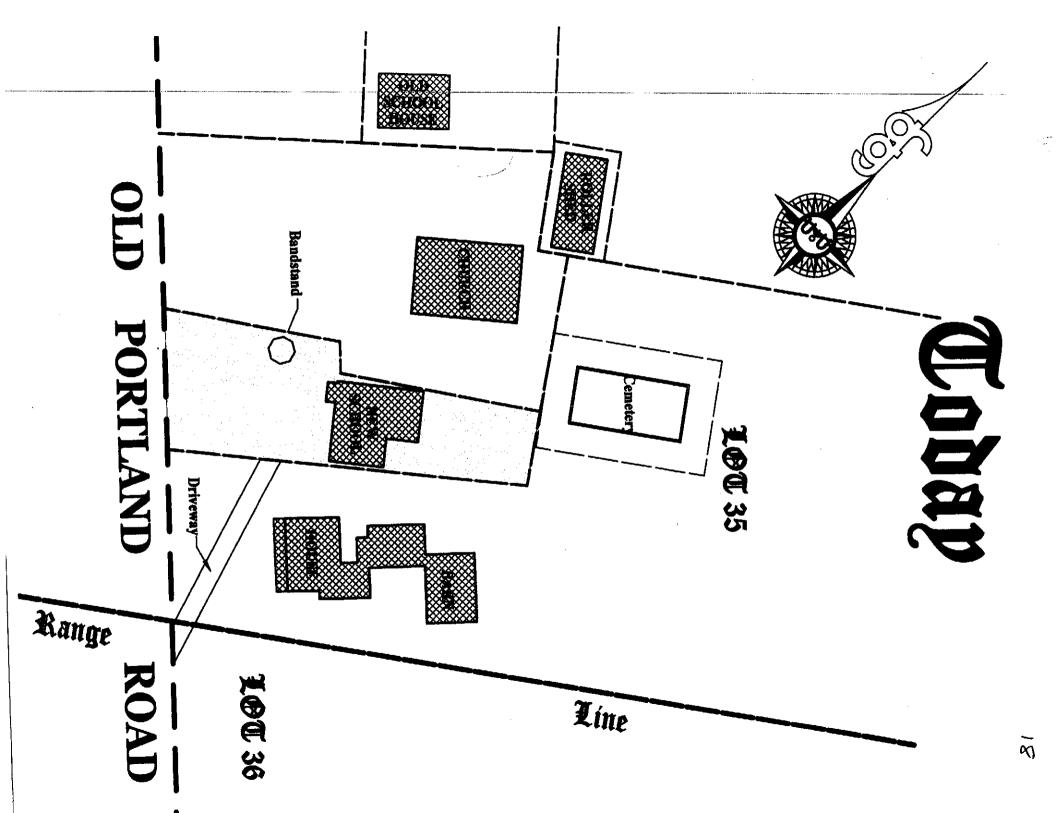
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47. Boundary Discussion: See attached maps showing structures and boundaries from 1826. The Old School was moved in 1895 to make room for the "New" School currently used as the Town Office.

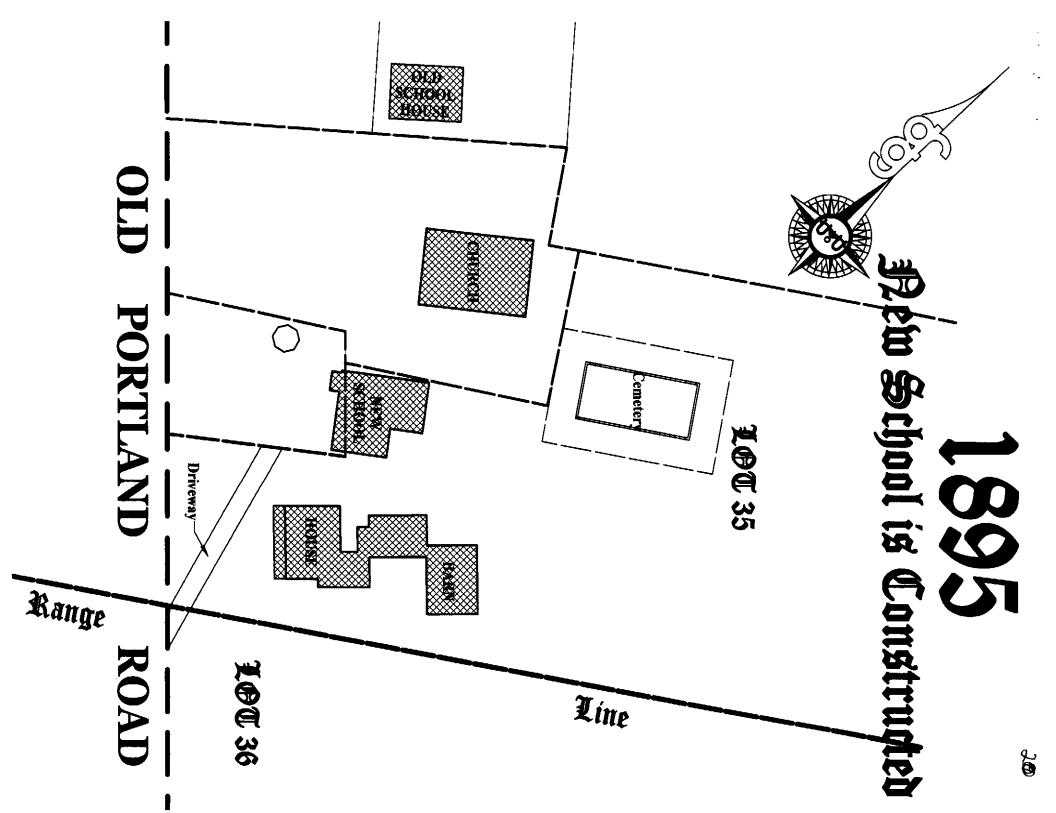
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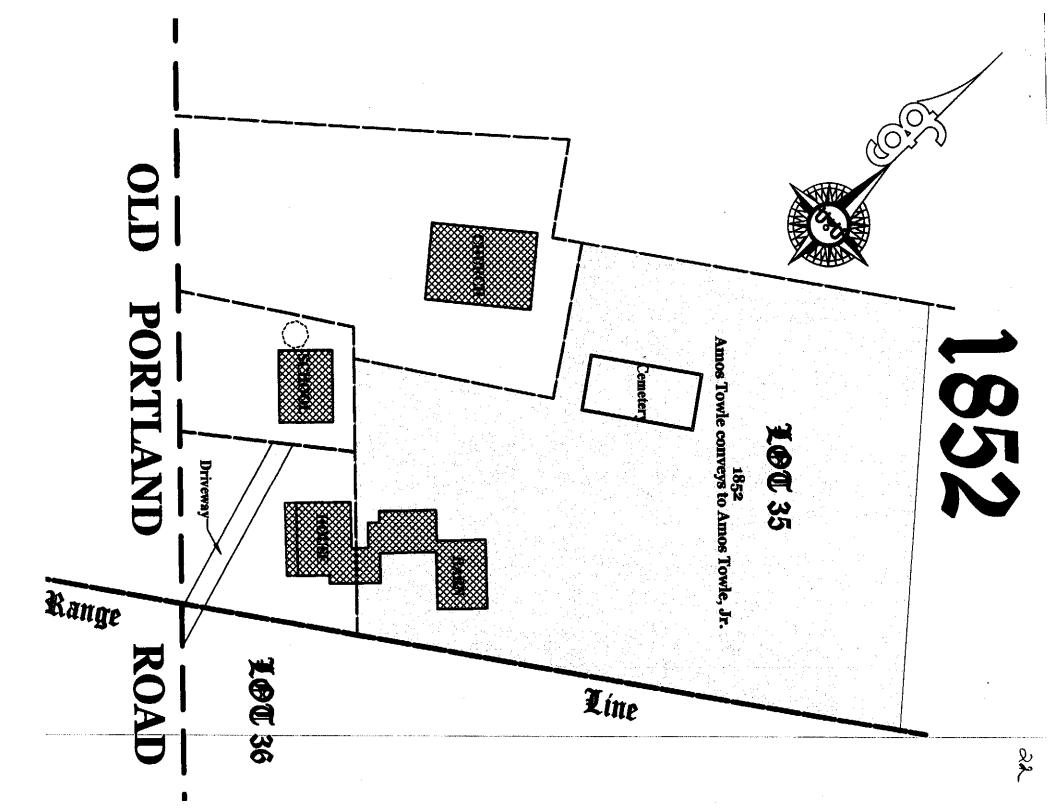
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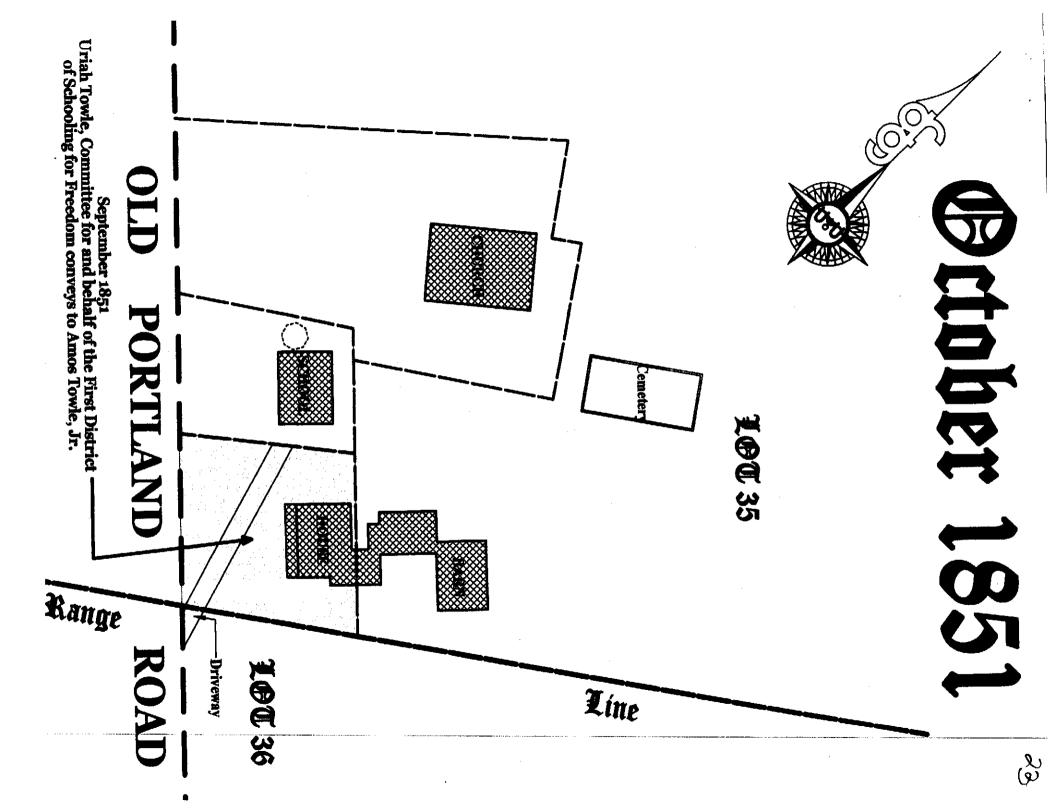
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Amos Towle conveys to John Dearborn
Description overlaps the school-house lot
"...not to interfere with School Lot." 1832

Asa Watson conveys to Amos Towle, Jr. Description overlaps the school-house lo "...not to interfere with School Lot."

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The School House Lot is Owned by Thomas Andrews not Amos Towle

LOC 36

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Thomas Andrews conveys to Joseph Burbank description goes around the school-house lot This is the first mention of the school Joseph Burbank conveys to Amos Towle lescription goes around the school-house lot 1821 1826 PORTLANI **LOC** 35 Range Line

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