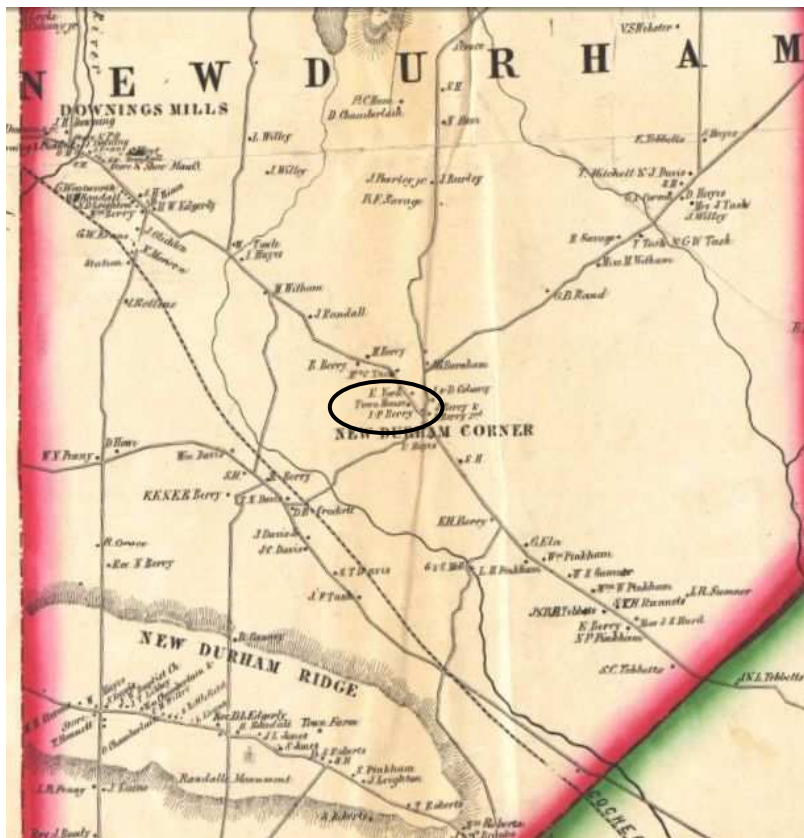


Additional Maps, Plans and Images of the Meeting House

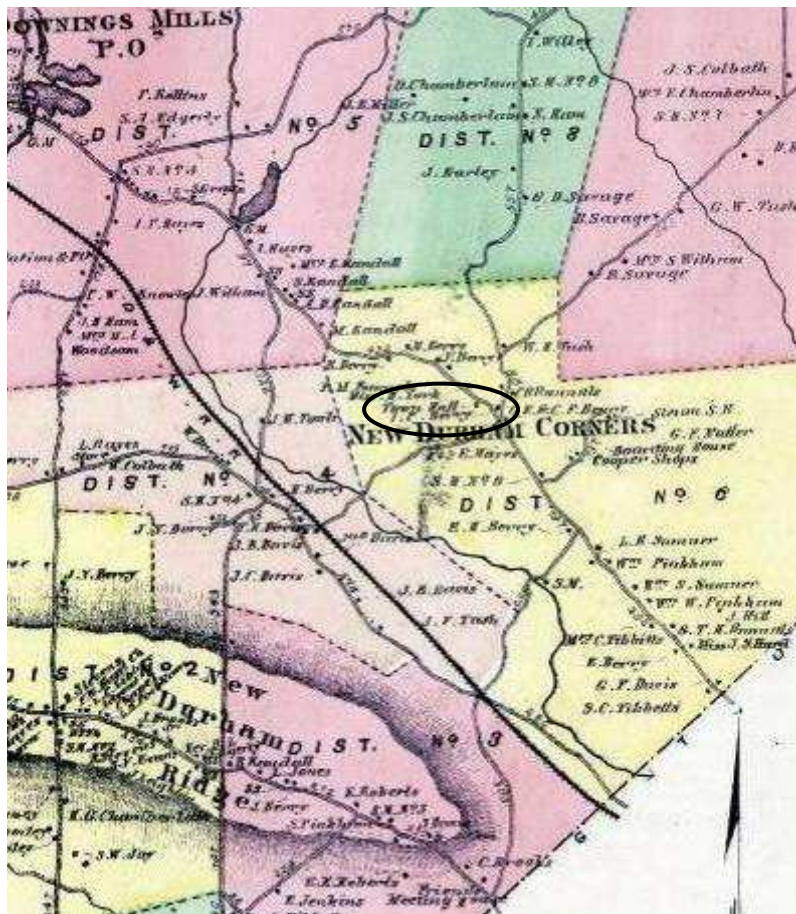
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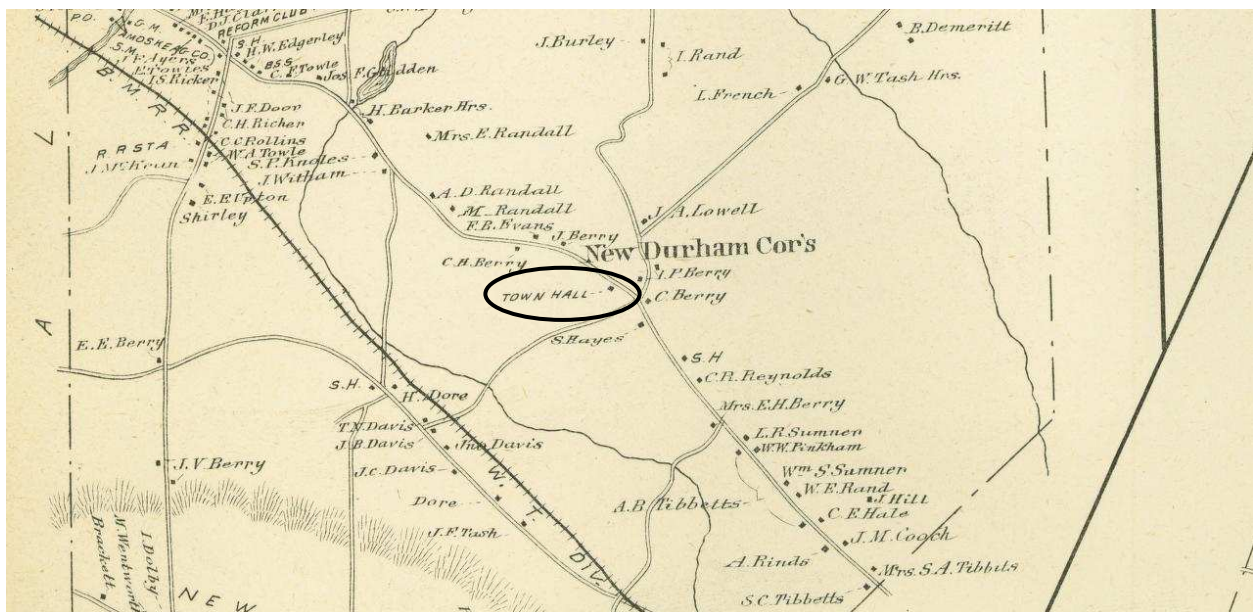
Detail of Carrigain's 1816 Map of New Hampshire



Detail of the 1856 Map of Strafford County, by J. Chace, Jr.



Detail of the 1871 Map of New Durham. From Sanford and Everts' Atlas of Strafford County



Detail of the 1892 Map of New Durham. From Hurd's Town and City Atlas of the State of New Hampshire



Rear (south) and east elevations, 1979. *From National Register Nomination Form*



West elevation, 1979. *From National Register Nomination Form*



Labeled: "Raised enclosed area / Question if it was original pulpit or seating for town officials," 1979. *New Durham Historical Collection*



Labeled: "Original door to front hall, 1987." *New Durham Historical Collection*



Labeled: "Sliding barn door [from when building] was used for storage of farm equipment," ca. 1988. *New Durham Historical Collection*

New Durham Meeting House Timeline

DATE	EVENT
1750	Plan of New Durham drafted. Lot 10 reserved for a Meeting House, school, training field and burial ground.
1762	New Durham Charter granted and name incorporated.
1768	Town voted to start construction of Meeting House.
1770	Meeting House completed (though lacked interior finish).
1772	A town meeting (possibly the first) held in Meeting House.
1779	Elder Randall called to preach in New Durham.
1791-1792	Pews built in Meeting House.
1792	Pulpit and canopy built; singing seats in gallery removed into galleries; gallery finished, including supporting columns and wainscot; parsonage pew built
1803	Clapboards, window & door trim, cornerboards and cornice replaced
1809	Town pound built next to the Meeting House.
1819	Toleration Act passed, separating church and state. Freewill Baptist Church built on New Durham Ridge.
1831	First consideration to convert Meeting House into Town House (discussion veered back and forth for seven years)
1831-1838	Warrant articles to repair the Meeting House continually defeated or passed over.
1835	Town voted to relinquish rights to the Meeting House to the owners of the pews
1838	Town decided to remodel Meeting House for Town House, including cutting it a down to a single story Entrance relocated to northeast gable end Moderator's box & speaker's platform likely constructed
1848	Interior walls lathed & plastered; stove (and likely chimney) installed
1847/48	Southeast end partitioned into two small rooms and vestibule
1870s	Town again considered selling the Meeting House and erecting new town hall; thus only general maintenance undertaken on building.
1883-1884	Meeting House received major repairs to clapboards, masonry, roof
1893	Meeting House painted.
1903	Town voted to build sheds near the Meeting House for town officers' horses, but the vote was indefinitely postponed.
1907	New Town Hall built at Downings Mills section of town.
1912	Neighbor Zanello Berry purchased the Meeting House and lot, and used it to store farm equipment. He or his descendent added a sliding barn door to southwest side and replaced floor boards.
1979	Berry's descendents donated the Meeting House, pound and six acres to town.
1980	Meeting House listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
1987-1990	Meeting House substantially renovated: new front entry door, clapboards, window sash & frames; rear barn door opening infilled and new door installed; re-roofed
2006	Meeting House foundation repaired.