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STATE OF VERMONT
Division for Historic Preservation
Montpelier, VT 05602

HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY
District ☐ Complex ☒ Survey Form

COUNTY:	Washington		
TOWN:	Duxbury		
LOCATION:	On Route 100		
NAME OF DISTRICT:			
TYPE OF DISTRICT:			
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES:			
Excellent	100 %	Good	%
Fair	%	Poor	%
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:			
Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National	<input type="checkbox"/>		
THEMES:			

SURVEY NUMBER:	1206-6
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER(S):	78-A-129
UTM REFERENCES:	
Zone/Easting/Northing	
A	18 676530 4902330
B	18 676530 4902350
C	
D	
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	Waterbury, Vt.
COMPLEX INFORMATION ONLY	
COMMON NAME:	South Duxbury Church and Church Hall
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	South Duxbury Church and Church Hall
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	South Duxbury Church and Church Hall
TYPE OF COMPLEX:	meetinghouse
TYPES OF STRUCTURES:	
PRESENT USE:	church
ORIGINAL USE:	
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	Samuel Cook Turner
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Church

This is the first and only church which was ever built in Duxbury. On December 18, 1854, at the South Duxbury Schoolhouse representatives from six denominations gathered to form the First Union Society of Duxbury. The participants were: the Congregationalists, Universalists, Free Will Baptists, Protestant Methodists, the Episcopalian Methodists, and the Adventists. Twenty-five names appear on the original subscription list, indicating the pledged money or materials that each would contribute to the construction of the church. The land was donated by C. H. Marshall. Samuel Cook Turner was contracted to build the church. "Slips" or pews were purchased by individual families. "Each denomination could have the number of Sabbaths to occupy the Church in relation to the amount of money paid by each denomination. The Congregationalists had half the Sundays of the year: the Protestant Methodists had the least two Sundays." The church still serves many denominations during the summer season.

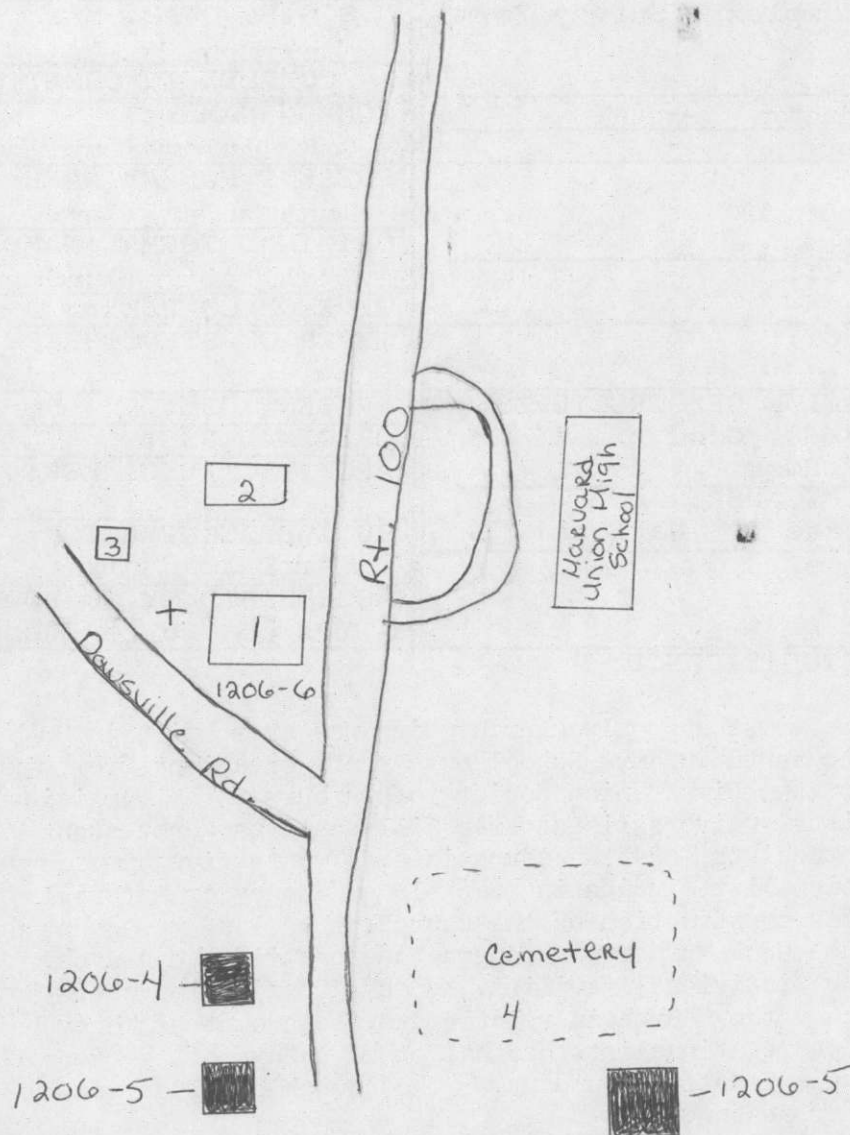
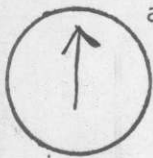
The Church Hall

In 1890, a community bee was held to construct a meeting hall for a temperance organization known as the "Independent Order of the Good Templar". The land was donated by Mr. Frank Hart. In addition to the temperance meeting, church services were held here when the weather was extremely cold, as well as community gatherings such as the Ladies Aid, and potluck dinners. The original door was in the center, and the side rear entry was recently added as a fire exit. The hall is still used.

THREAT TO STRUCTURES:					
No Threat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:			

LOCAL ATTITUDES:			
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	

MAP: (1. Indicate NORTH in circle. 2. Represent each structure as an open box. 3. Number each structure inside of its box.)



BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

REFERENCES:

#1, #2

RECORDED BY:

Nina Anderson

ORGANIZATION:

VT Div for Historic Preservation

DATE RECORDED:

June 1978

OUTSTANDING COMPONENTS OF DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>		COMPLEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(Include individual survey number ONLY if surveyed individually.)		
MAP NUMBER: 1	DATE BUILT: 1855	SURVEY NUMBER: 1206-6 #1
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: 78-A-129
COMMON NAME:		OWNER:
DESCRIPTION: This clapboard church rests on a stretcher bond brick foundation. The 2 story Church/Meetinghouse has a gabled asphalt roof which runs East-West toward the road. There is an interior brick rear chimney with a corbelled cap. The 4 bay principal facade consists of two entries each of which has a recessed 7 panel door; separated by a clapboard area. They are framed by a simple narrow surround and share a common cornice. A deck crosses the main entry. Two elongated 8/8 sash with plain surrounds and louvered shutters flank the main entry. Cornerboards frame the building. An octagonal plan louvered belfry on a square base is centered on the east elevation. The spire is topped by an excellent weathervane. Both the South and North elevation are 3 bays with elongated 8/8 sash with plain surround and louvered shutters.		
MAP NUMBER: 2	DATE BUILT: 1890's	SURVEY NUMBER: 1206-6 #2
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: 78-A-129
COMMON NAME: church hall		OWNER:
DESCRIPTION: This church hall rests on a field stone foundation. The clapboard building is 1 1/2 stories, and has a gabled asphalt roof which runs East-West toward the road. There is a rear brick interior chimney. The principal facade (east) is 2 bays wide. On the right side of the main facade is a side entry, with a recessed panelled door with a simple narrow surround. To the left of the door is a 2/2 sash with plain surround. In the gable peak is a 2/2 sash. On the left (south) elevation are 3 bays. There is a recessed panelled and 4 light door with a narrow surround. To the right of the door are 2, 2/2 sash. On the right (north) elevation are 4, 2/2 sash.		
MAP NUMBER: 3	DATE BUILT:	SURVEY NUMBER: 1206-6 #3
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: shed		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
COMMON NAME:		OWNER:
DESCRIPTION: This 1 story vertical plank shed has a shed roof and a side entry plank door.		
MAP NUMBER:	DATE BUILT:	SURVEY NUMBER:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
COMMON NAME:		OWNER:
DESCRIPTION:		



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Church, South Duxbury, 1206.6.1
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