

New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources
Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Inventory #: RAN0014

DOE Review Date: 9/11/2024

Date Received: 9/1/2024

Final DOE Approved: Yes

Property Name: Fay-Fount Cottage

Area:

Address: 189 Durand Road

Town: Randolph

County: Coos

Reviewed For: SR

DOE Program(s):

State Register

Determination of Eligibility:

State Register eligible, individually			Integrity: Yes	Level: Local	
Criteria:	A: Yes	B:	C: Yes	D:	E:

Areas of Significance(s):

Architecture

Entertainment / Recreation

Period of Significance: 1903 to 1974

Boundary:

The current 0.5 acre tax parcel serves as the State Register boundary.

Statement of Significance:

The Fay-Font Cottage is eligible for the NH State Register for its association with summer and vacation home tourism in the town of Randolph and for its architecture. The cottage was built in 1903 by local builder John Boothman as a summer residence in the Shingle-style of architecture. It is a representative example early twentieth summer residences built in the White Mountains area of NH. The house is also significant for its Shingle-style architecture as seen with the multiple porches with round arch openings, multi-gable roof, and the presence of shingles on all exterior wall surfaces. It is being nominated to the NH State Register under the Randolph State Register Multiple Property Area Form.

Comments:

Follow Up:

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INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM:**NHDHR INVENTORY #RAN0014****NOMINATED UNDER THE RANDOLPH STATE REGISTER MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM****Name, Location, Ownership**Historic name Fay-Fount CottageStreet and number 189 Durand RoadCity or town RandolphCounty CoosCurrent owner Jean Nichols**Function or Use**Current use(s) Seasonal CampHistoric use(s) Seasonal Camp**Architectural Information**Style Shingle StyleArchitect/builder John BoothmanSource Tad PfefferConstruction date 1903Source date on buildingAlterations, with dates replacement windows,
porch balustradeMoved? no yes date: _____**Exterior Features**Foundation graniteCladding wood shingleRoof material asphalt shinglesChimney material brickChimney location ridge centerNumber of stories 1.5Entry location multiple main entriesWindows double-hungReplacement? no yes date: ukn**Site Features**Setting rural villageOutbuildings shedPhoto #1 Direction: SWDate 2023Tax Map 0000U5 000008 000000Acreage 0.5State Plane Feet (NAD83) 1083457/683566**Form prepared by**Name NHDHR StaffOrganization NHDHRDate of Survey 8/15/2024

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM:**NHDHR INVENTORY #RAN0014****NOMINATED UNDER THE RANDOLPH STATE REGISTER MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM******Nominated under the Randolph State Register Multiple Property Area Form****Historical Background of Property:**

Fay-Fount House was constructed by prominent local builder, John Boothman in 1903. As a teen John was apprenticed to the Berlin builder, William McGivney, who was known to have built houses in the Shingle style. By 1898 he started working on his own in Randolph. Fay-Fount was the final of three houses constructed by Boothman along what is now Durand Road just to the west of the Town Hall, named Wollaston Lodge 1900, Thornbush 1902, and Fay-Fount 1903, all of which were built for summer residents but constructed for year-around use (Pfeffer 2014, 130). The Fay-Fount House, which acquired its name during a later period when it was part of the Ravine House, was built for Robert A. Andrews of Cambridge, MA. Fay-Fount is an example of a Shingle Style cottage constructed in the early twentieth century when homes were becoming common on the landscape in New Hampshire summer communities.

Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts (see list in the Randolph State Register Multiple Property Area Form):

603. Summer and vacation home tourism, 1880-present.

Additional Architectural Details/Description:

One- and one-half stories tall with a multi-gable asphalt roof, including clipped gable on the side façade, the building is typical of the Shingle style house which is marked by the presence of shingles on not just the roof, but on the wall surfaces themselves. The entire building is shingled, including multiple porches on all sides. Shingle style buildings have a rather monochrome appearance since the shingles are unpainted and uniformly cover most exterior surfaces. In shape and form, the Shingle style resembles the Queen Anne style, but it lacks the abundant decorative details. Porches are expansive, often wrapping around the front and sides of the building. Roofs are generally sweeping and multi-gabled. Windows are small and multi-paned and are often grouped in pairs or triples. Fay-Fount shares many of the characteristics of this style. While the windows appear to be replacements, they continue to keep the architectural integrity of the house intact. The interior is equally intact with a grand stair entry hall, wood wainscoting, and hardwood floors.

State Register Statement of Significance:

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Bibliography and/or References:

Pfeffer, W. Tad, *The Hand of the Small-Town Builder, Vernacular Summer Architecture in New England, 1870-1935*, Publisher David R. Godine, Jaffery, NH; 2014.

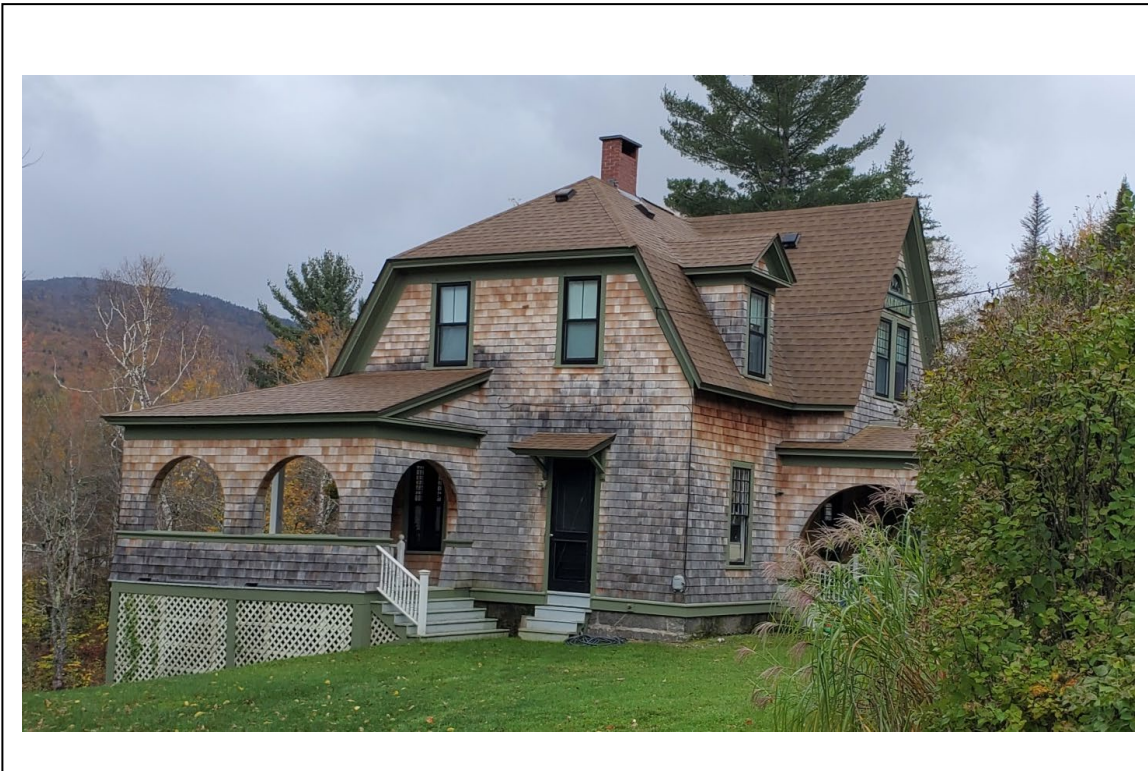


Photo #2 Description (with direction): View looking southwest.

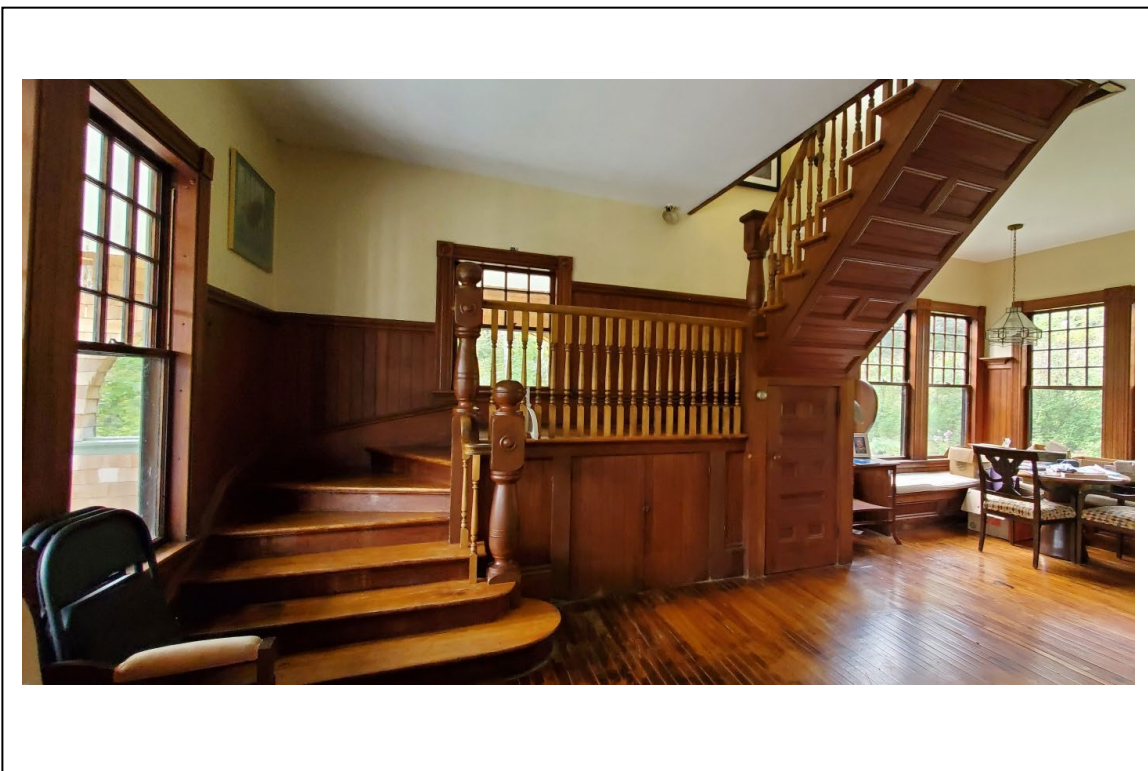


Photo #3 Description (with direction): Interior, main hall.