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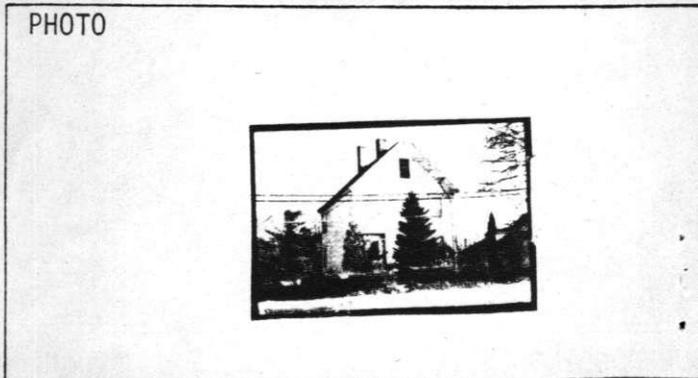
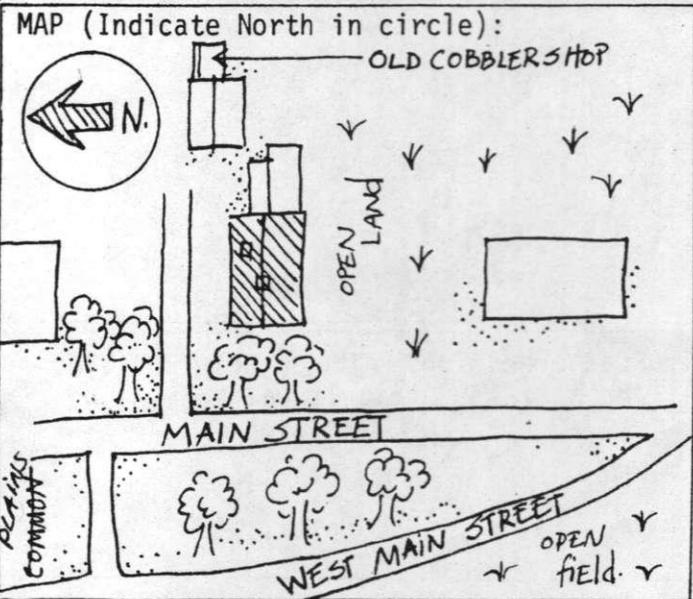
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TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham  
 SURVEY NUMBER: 2\*  
 COMMON NAME: Downing House  
 HISTORIC NAME: Page House  
 LOCATION: E side of Main St., .05 miles N of the inter. of W. Main & Main.  
 OWNER: Walter & Melva Conary  
 ADDRESS: 121 Main Street  
 MAP & PARCEL #: U-8/16  
 DATE: c. 1840  
 SOURCE: Inspection  
 STYLE: Greek Revival

UTM: Z 19 /E 332325 /N 4754625  
 USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series  
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse  
 PRESENT USE: Residential  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown  
 CONDITION: Exc. Good X Fair Poor Ruins  
 INTEGRITY: Original Site Moved X  
from near fire station (When: C. 1890)  
 Major alterations & date: Unknown  
 LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Nat'l State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam X Ballon Frame Other  
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other  
Metal Iron Steel Other  
Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard X Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum  
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl  
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tin Slate  
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:  
# of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 3 1/2 Approx. Dimensions 25' x 30'  
Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead  
Monitor Sawtooth Other  
Appendages: Porches 2 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 1 Chimneys 2  
Wings Cupolas Sheds 2 Garage Other  
Entry Location: Center Sidehall X Other



Description of View: Front-west  
Side-north

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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Arsenault House is a 2½-story, Greek Revival style structure characterized by gable-front orientation to the street, sidehall entry, and classical ornamentation. The entrance has a 4-panelled door framed by a transom light and full-length sidelights which rise to an entablature. The windows have six-over-six sash with projecting caps. The medium-pitched roof is topped by a narrow chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable-end returns. The house is framed by wide cornerboards which suggest pilasters. The structure rests on a brick foundation.

A 1-story, gable-roofed ell projects to the east. It has two porches, one on its north elevation and one which projects to the east.

**RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:** A 1½-story, gable-roofed barn topped by a cupola, is located to the northeast. It has clapboard siding, six-over-six windows, and rests on a brick foundation. A small shed, which once served as a cobbler shop, has been moved from a field to the northeast and attached to the east elevation of the barn.

**BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:** 0.7 acres bounded to the N-Malloy, S-Battles, E-Battles, W-Main Street.

**REFERENCES:**

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980

1892 Map Mrs. E. Downing

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):**

A typical example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture in Kingston.  
It is nicely proportioned and contributes to the rural residential streetscape.

**Historic Associations:**

Gertrude Bartlett Wilson was born in this house when it was located where Site #94 is now.

Map Data 1892 Mrs. E. Downing

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:** Open Land  Woodland  Scattered Bldgs  Moderately Built Up   
Densely Built Up  Residential  Commercial  Industrial  Agricultural   
Roadside Strip Development  Other

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