

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

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TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham

SURVEY NUMBER: 40*

COMMON NAME: The Bartlett House

HISTORIC NAME: S. H. Towle House

LOCATION: NE side Depot Rd., .05 mi. E. intersection Main & Depot

OWNER: Marilyn Bartlett

ADDRESS: 4 Depot Road, Kingston, NH

MAP & PARCEL #: U10 32

DATE: c. 1870

SOURCE: Inspection

STYLE: Stick Style

UTM: Z19 /E332500 /N4755575

USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential

PRESENT USE: Residential (3 apartments)

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. X Good Fair Poor Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved (When:)

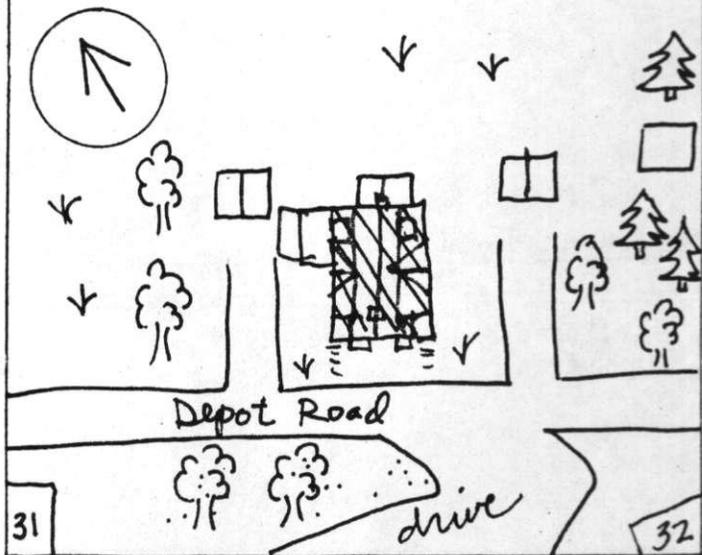
Major alterations & date: Unknown

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Nat'l State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame XX Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
Other
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle XX Standing Seam Tin Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
of Stories 2 # of Bays 5X2 Approx. Dimensions 25' X 35'
Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers 3 Bay Windows Ells 1 Chimneys
Wings 1 Cupolas Sheds Garage 1 Other
Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other Side

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (s) Side (w)
 Photographer: Herb Bubert
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.
 Negative File Number: K-80 2-C 18A-19

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Bartlett house is an unusual 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ story, stick style structure with gable-front orientation to the road. Notable for its symetry, it is balanced by two side entrys, whose porches extend to repeat the slope of the roof, creating a layered effect. The symetry is also accentuated by the fenestration which features two pairs of 1/1 windows on the first and second stories. The first story windows are sheltered by shedlike window hoods supported by truss brackets. The structure and wooden fabric of the house have been emphasized by surface boards applied over the clapboards in a sill course, belt course, corner boards, and in particular the facia at the eaves on both main block and porch.

The symetry is broken by two offset gables on the northwest and southeast elevations. They have been treated with the same eaves as the main block. There is a shed-roofed dormer on the east.

A 1-story, gable-roofed ell has clapboard siding, a victorian era door, two-over-two windows, and rests on a brick foundation. A 1-story, shed-roofed wing projects to the northwest.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

On each side of the house is a separate 1-story garage. A 1-story shed is located to the northeast of the house.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 3.4 Acres. Bounded to the N. and E. by Bartlett, S. by Roberts, Martin, W. by Town of Kingston, Depot Road.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The H. Towle House is the finest residential example of Stick Style architecture in Kingston. (The Kingston Church on the Plains is a noteworthy ecclesiastical example, and the Watson Academy in Epping is a similarly inspired academic example). The architecture would be better displayed by painting the clapboard wall surface and flat stick trim in contrasting colors.

Historic Associations: Owned c. 1910 by Dr. Sweeney; Dr. Zuck, the dentist, owned the house in the 1960's.

Map Data: 1892: Mrs. H. Towle

MAP DATA 1892-Mrs. H. Towle

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

Recorded By: Scott Novak, Herb Bubert

Date: 12/19/79

