

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

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TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham

SURVEY NUMBER: 43

COMMON NAME: Chase House

HISTORIC NAME: O. H. Key House

LOCATION: E side of Main Street, .1 mile N of intersection of Main & Depot.

OWNER: Lorraine H. Chase

ADDRESS: 173 Main Street, Kingston, NH

MAP & PARCEL #: U-10/29

DATE: c. 1870

SOURCE: Inspection

STYLE: Italianate

UTM: Z 19 /E 332475 /N 4755725

USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse

PRESENT USE: Residential - Apartments

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved (When: )

Major alterations & date:

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick X Concrete Concrete Block

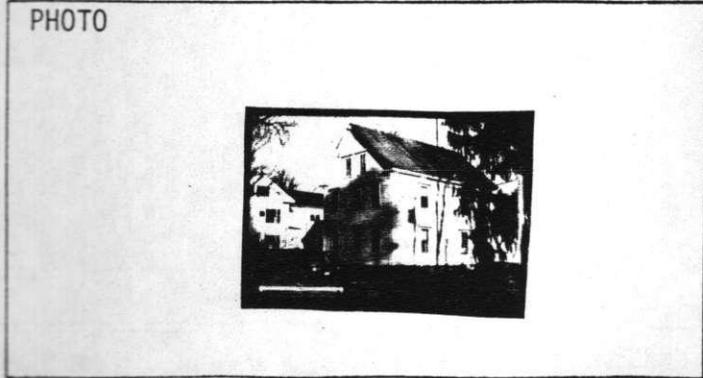
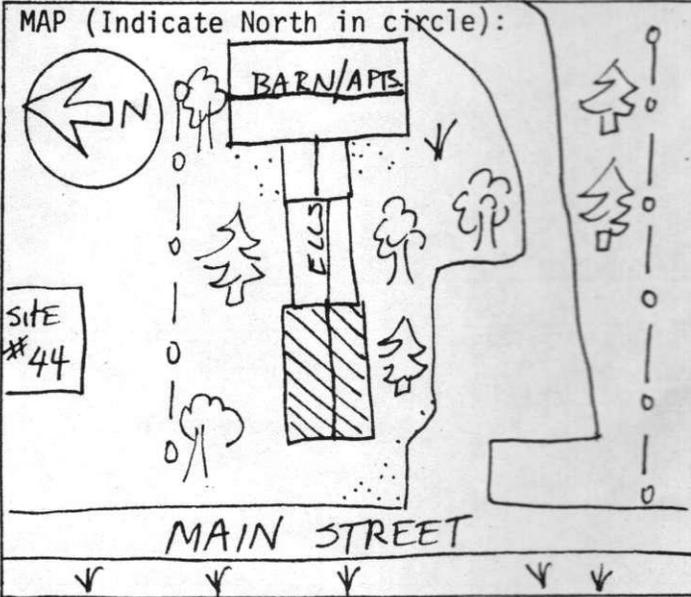
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X Other  
 Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other  
 Metal Iron Steel Other

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 X Standing Seam Tin Slate  
 Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other

5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

6. OTHER:  
 # of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 3 X 3 Approx. Dimensions 25' x 30'  
 Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead  
 Monitor Sawtooth Other 1 on ell  
 Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 2 Chimneys 1 on M.B.  
 Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Barn converted to apartments  
 Entry Location: Center Sidehall X Other



Description of View: Front-west  
 Side-south

Photographer: Scott Novak  
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.  
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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Chase House is a 2½-story Italianate style house. The sidehall entry has a four-panelled door, with two wooden panels below and two round-arched lights above, and is sheltered by a flat-roofed door hood supported by heavy brackets. All of the windows are two-over-two with projecting caps. The medium-pitch roof has projecting, bracketed eaves with a boxed cornice and gable-end returns. Wide panelled pilasters frame the main block of the house. The main block rests on a brick and fieldstone foundation.

A 2-story, gable-roofed ell extends to the east. It has clapboard siding, two-over-two and two-over-one windows, and a fieldstone foundation. Another 2-story ell extends to the east of the first. It has a flat roof, clapboard siding, and rests on a concrete block foundation. The second ell connects with a large 2½-story, four-by-three bay, gable-roofed structure which appears to have been the barn. It has been remodeled and now contains apartments.

**RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:**

**BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:** .6 acres bounded to the N-Penney, Bakie School, S-Bartlett, E-Mason, W-Main Street.

**REFERENCES:** Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980  
1893 Map -- O. H. Key

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

The O. H. Key House is a fine example of vernacular late Italianate style as exemplified by the 2½ story, sidehall configuration and detailing.

**Historic Associations:** In the 1890's, there was a post office in the building. In the early 20th century, a woman recluse, whose husband had a team, lived here. Local legend says the house was haunted.

MAP DATA 1892-O.H. Key

**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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