

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

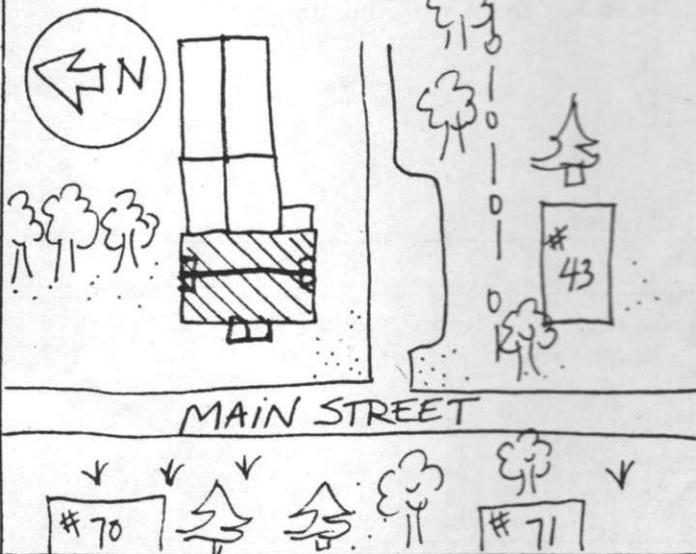
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 332500 /N 4755775
SURVEY NUMBER: 44*		USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
COMMON NAME: Wiggin Hall		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: Wiggin Hall		PRESENT USE: Residential
LOCATION: E side of Main St., .12 miles north of intersection of Main & Depot		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: James & Nancy Penney		CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
ADDRESS: 175 Main St., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: _____)
MAP & PARCEL #: U-10/28		Major alterations & date: Cupola and balustrade over porch, porch & chimney removed.
DATE: c.1879 (may be later)		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOURCE: Estimate		
STYLE: Late 19th Century Vernacular		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone Brick Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard 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 Standing Seam Tin Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 5x2 Approx. Dimensions 30' x 25'
Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-west
Side-south

Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
Negative File Number: K-80-20/22A-23

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Penney House is a 2½-story late 19th century vernacular structure. The center entry has a three-panel door with six lights. It is flanked by recessed panels which appear to have at one time contained sidelights extending the entire height of the door. A 1-story, gable-roofed portico shelters the entrance. Most of the windows are six-over-six (some have two-over-two sash) framed by shutters, and are topped by denticulated denticulated frieze and gable-end returns. Wide, paneled pilasters frame the main block of the house.

Extending to the east is a 2-story, gable-roofed ell with clapboard siding, windows with varying sash, and a brick foundation. A second 2-story, gable-roofed ell also extends to the east. It has clapboard siding, six-over-one windows and a concrete block foundation. Extending to the north of the first ell is a 1-story, shed-roofed ell with clapboard siding, two-over-two windows and a brick foundation. Also extending to the east is a 1-story, flat-roofed shed with clapboard siding, a brick foundation, and the same denticulated cornice as the main block.

See picture in Town History, page 45

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is a separate gable-roofed shed with vertical-board siding and a sliding vertical-board door.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 2.6 acres bounded to the N-Darch, Bakie School, S-Chase, E-Chase, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1892 Map -- Kingston House
Kingston Historic Society. "The History of Kingston: 1694-1969." Kingston Improvement and Historic Society, 1969.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Originally, Wiggin Hall was a handsome Italianate Inn. Old photographs show an elegant structure with far more architectural detailing than currently exists. It did a thriving business in the late 19th century and likely contributed to the economy and liveliness of the town center. Today, the stripped structure is not out of place in the district, especially to those who have never seen older photos.

Historic Associations: Built as an inn (see old photographs for views of spectacular building) by about 1892 it had become Kingston Hall, boys' dormitory for Sanborn Seminary. It remained a dorm until about 1955 when it became the teachers' residence.

MAP DATA 1892-Kingston House

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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