

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
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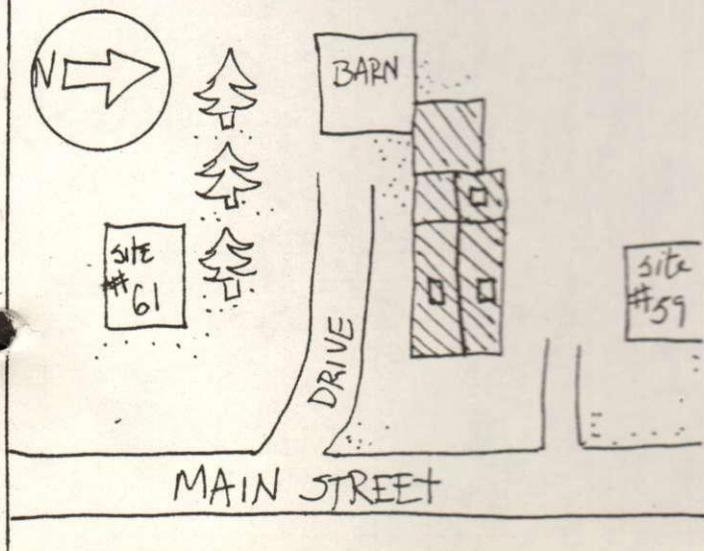
TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 60*	
COMMON NAME: Gibson House	
HISTORIC NAME: A. Brown House	
LOCATION: West side of Main St., .35 miles N of intersection Main & Depot.	
OWNER: Walter Gibson	ADDRESS: 184 Main Street Kingston, NH.
MAP & PARCEL #: R-74/20	
DATE: c. 1840	
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston	
STYLE: Greek Revival	

UTM: Z 19/E 332550 /N 4756125
USGS QUAD: Doverhill Quad 15' Series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: _____)
Major alterations & date: _____
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 Tim Slate
 Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
 # of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 3x Approx. Dimensions 20' x 40' MB
 Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
 Monitor Sawtooth Other
 Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 2 Chimneys 2 (M.B.)
 Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
 Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-east
 Side-south

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

The Gibson House is a late Greek Revival style structure which was later modified by the raising of the roof. The recessed sidehall entry has a wooden door with one road panel, and is flanked by sidelights extending its full height and paneled pilasters rising to a full entablature. Windows are two-over-one with chutters and the windows in the gable-end facade have segmentally arched window caps. The steeply pitched roof is surmounted by two chimneys with corbeled caps, and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable-end returns supported by corner pilasters.

The 1 1/2-story ell has a more steeply pitched roof topped by a tall chimney with a corbeled cap, close raking and lateral eaves, and clapboard wall covering. It rests on a granite block foundation, and has a four-panel door with transom lights on the south elevation. It connects to a 1-story, gable-roofed ell which rests on a cement block, brick, and fieldstone foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A gable-roofed 2 1/2-story barn has a horizontally sliding vertical-board door, nine-over-six windows, and clapboard siding. It has close raking & lateral eaves, and rests on a fieldstone foundation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .5 acres bounded to the N-Dutton, S-Reynolds, E-Main Street, W-Reynolds, Moore.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980
1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The A. Brown House is an unusual example of the Greek Revival Style executed in kneewall construction. Its uniqueness derives from the juxtaposition of its small size against the bigness and number of its details -- it manages to cram 5 full-sized windows and a fully scaled recessed entry on its tiny facade.

Historic Associations: The Gibsons, the present owners, came to the house in the 1920s. She was librarian and postmistress.

MAP DATA 1892-LF Prescott 1856-A Brown

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land__ Woodland__ Scattered Bldgs__ Moderately Built Up__ x
Densely Built Up__ Residential__ x Commercial__ Industrial__ Agricultural__
Roadside Strip Development__ Other__

Recorded By: Scott Novak
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Date: 12/24/79

