

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

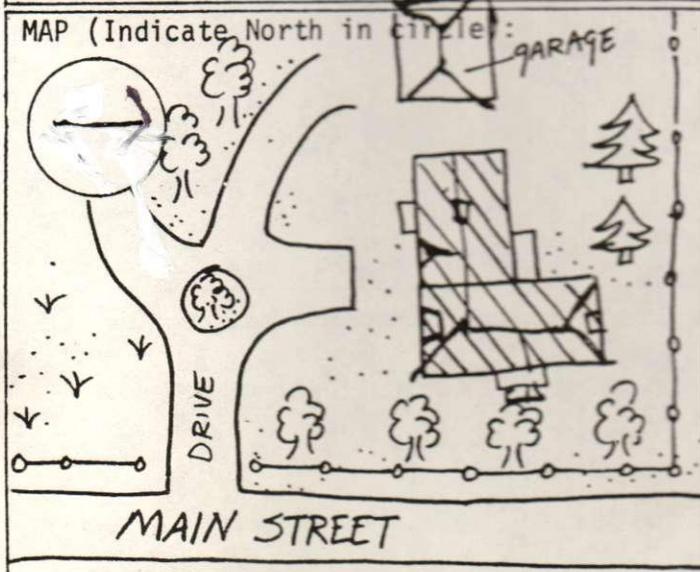
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 332475 /N 4755875
SURVEY NUMBER: 65*		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series
COMMON NAME: Headmaster's House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Dwelling
HISTORIC NAME: French House		PRESENT USE: Seacoast Learning Collaborative
LOCATION: West side of Main Street .18 miles south of Main & Depot Road		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Sanborn Regional School District		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> X Fair <u>Poor</u> Ruins
ADDRESS: 178 Main St., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>Moved</u> (When:)
MAP & PARCEL #: R-34, Plot 17		Major alterations & date: Remodeled in 1876.
DATE: c. 1800		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Federal		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam X Ballon Frame 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 Tim Slate
 Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
 # of Stories 2 # of Bays 5 X Approx. Dimensions 40' x 20' M.B.
 Roof Style: Gable Hip X Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
 Monitor Sawtooth Other
 Appendages: Porches 1 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 1 Chimneys 2 M.B.
 Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
 Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-East
 Side -West

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

2-story Federal 5x2 bay style house with projecting eaves, plain cornerboards and water table.

Windows 2/2 with plain surrounds and shutters

Front door modern 4 light 4 panel colonial door with plain surrounds.

Small gable porch with turned posts and 4 brackets supporting porch roof.

Simple overhangs.

Projection in front of house with $\frac{1}{2}$ window on each side, 2nd floor.

Gable end - shingles.

On south side, decorative roof gable with molded eaves and fancy shingles.

Small gable roof porch with door identical to front.

Ell, 4x2 bay.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

Barn box

2/3 bay, large overhangs with molded cornice and paired brackets.

Windows 2/2, plain cornerboards, Behind granite and iron school fence.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

REFERENCES:

1856 Map

1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The French House is a fine example of Federal style architecture and as such contributes significantly to the architectural mix of the historic district. Even though it was remodeled in the late 19th century, its three-part facade with pedimented center projection, and the shallow hip roof make this house unusually high styled in the region.

MAP DATA 1892-Sanborn Seminary 1856-Mrs. French

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

Recorded By:

Date:

