

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 332400 /N 4755600
SURVEY NUMBER: 73 *		USGS QUAD: Portsmouth Quad 15' Series
COMMON NAME: The Friend House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: J. Severance House		PRESENT USE: Residential/Commercial
LOCATION: west side of Main St. south side of inter. of Main & Depot.		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: William & Florence Friend		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> Fair <u>X</u> Poor Ruins
ADDRESS: 3 Church St., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved (When:)
MAP & PARCEL #: U-10/21		Major alterations & date: Unknown
DATE: C. 1855		
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston		
STYLE: Italianate		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local <u>X</u>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard X 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 X Standing Seam Tim Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 3x2 Approx. Dimensions 25' x 30'
Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers Dormers Bay Windows 1 Ells 2 Chimneys
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Barn/Store
Entry Location: Center Sidehall X Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-east
Side-north

Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Friend house is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story Italianate style house. The sidehall entry has double-leaf doors, each with two panels and one light. Narrow sidelights extend half the height of the doors and the whole entrance is framed by architrave trim. Above the door is a flat-roofed door hood supported by heavy Italianate brackets. All of the windows are two-over-two with projecting caps and shutters.

The medium-pitched roof is topped by a narrow chimney with a corbelled cap and has a boxed cornice with brackets under the eaves and gable-end returns. A 2-story, flat-roofed bay window is located on the south elevation. The bay window has bracketed eaves and one-over-one windows with recessed panels below the sills. The main block rests on a brick foundation.

A 1-story, shed-roofed ell with clapboard siding, two-over-two windows framed by shutters, and resting on a brick foundation extends to the northwest. A 2-story flat-roofed ell with projecting, bracketed eaves extends to the southwest. It has clapboard siding, two-over-two windows, and is topped by a narrow chimney with a corbelled cap.

A 1-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch extends from the south of this second ell.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: An attached 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story, gable-roofed barn extends to the west. On its south elevation is a four-panel door flanked by narrow pilasters rising to an entablature. On the west elevation is a four-panel door flanked by half-length sidelights and pilasters rising to an entablature. The barn has clapboard siding and rests on a brick and fieldstone foundation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .3 acres bounded to the N-Depot Road, E-Town of Kingston, S-Church Street, Town of Kingston, W-Church Street.

REFERENCES:

1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The J. Severance House is a nice small vernacular example of the Italianate style built with sidehall entry and bracketed cornice. It is one of the few of this style in the district.

MAP DATA 1892-A.J. French 1856-J. Severance

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

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