

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 322275 /N 4755700
SURVEY NUMBER: 83*		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: First Congregational Church		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Church
HISTORIC NAME: First Congregational Church		PRESENT USE: Church
LOCATION: W. side Church St. @ W intersection of Church & Depot		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: First Congregational Church		CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
ADDRESS: 6 Church St. Kingston, N.H.		INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When:)
MAP & PARCEL #: U10 12		Major alterations & date: Several.
DATE: c. 1825		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Greek Revival		

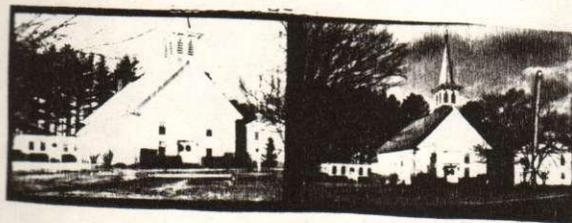
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- 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 5X3 Approx. Dimensions 40' X 60'
Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers 1 Dormers Bay Windows Ells 2 Chimneys 1
Wings 1 Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Belfry
Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (NE) Side (SE)

Photographer: Herb Bubert

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: K80-3C-24-25A

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The First Congregational Church is a Greek Revival Style structure built in the early 19th century.

The main block is a 2½ story rectangular unit. The front (east) facade has recessed, double-leaf doors with a panelled reveal and framed by narrow pilasters which rise to an entablature. On each side of the entrance are two, eight-over-twelve windows, arranged vertically and separated by a recessed panel. The rest of the windows on the main block have twelve-over-sixteen sash framed by architrave trim. Vertical board siding has been applied to the gables and the main block is framed by arch-panelled pilasters.

The steeply-pitched roof is surmounted by a belfry with a tall, hexagonal roof and projecting, bracketed eaves. The eaves treatment on the main block consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and bracketed, gable-end returns.

The structure rests on a granite slab foundation.

A 1½ story, gable roofed ell has clapboard siding, 12 over 12 windows, the same cornice and bracketts as the main block but rests on a brick foundation. A second ell to the west is one story, features a gable roof, clapboard siding, 6 over 6 windows and also rests on a brick foundation. A one story flat-roofed wing, extends to the southwest with 12 over 12 windows, clapboard siding and rests on a concrete foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

2.6 Acres. Bounded to the N. by the Masonic Lodge, E. by Church Street, S. by Norris, and Sullivan, W. by Greenwood Pond.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980.
Wilson, Rodney M. A Brief Sketch of the History of the First Congregational Church, Kingston, NH (privately printed) 1975.
1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The present appearance of the Congregational Church is the product of evolution (see "Integrity"). The predominant style presently is Stick Style, and it is likely that it received this treatment as a result of competition with Church on the Plains. Old photos indicate that many architectural details have been removed.

The first roof was much lower pitch. Vestibule & belfry 1840. 1878-79: new roof over old and redecoration. 1890-91: built vestry with kitchen facilities. 1952: Many renovations. 1954-55: rent room. 1978: add to rent room.

MAP DATA: 1856; Congregational Church

1892: Congregational Church

MAP DATA 1856-Congregational Church & 1892

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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