

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 103*	
COMMON NAME: Collins House	
HISTORIC NAME: J. French House	
LOCATION: W side of W. Main St., .25 miles S of inter. of W. Main St. & Rockingham	
OWNER: Leila Collins	
ADDRESS: 130 Main St. West Kingston, NH	
MAP & PARCEL #: U-11/2	
DATE: c. 1850	
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston	
STYLE: Vernacular	

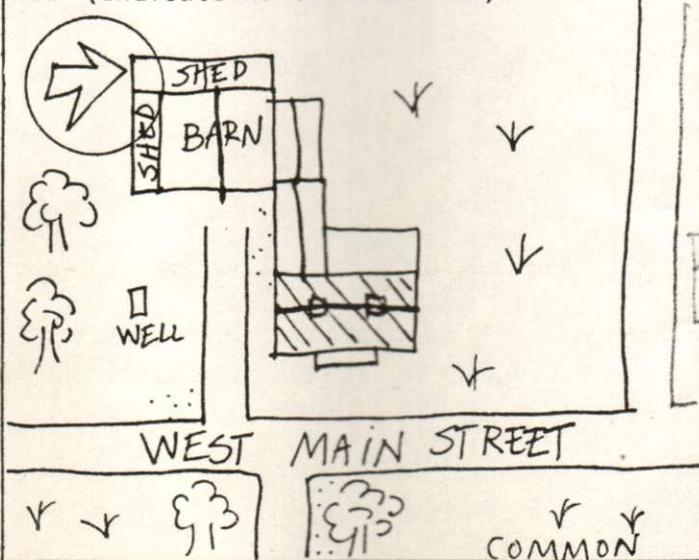
UTM: Z 19/E 332335 /N 4754825
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> Fair <u>X</u> Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved (When:)
Major alterations & date: Asbestos shingle siding added date unknown
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local <u>X</u>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

Fieldstone & Granite

- FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick 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 Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other Asbestos shingles
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tim Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
of Stories 2 # of Bays 3x2 Approx. Dimensions 30' x 25'
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 7 Garage Other Barn 1 on ell
Entry Location: Center X 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 Collins house is a mid-19th century vernacular house which has undergone some remodeling, including the addition of asbestos shingle siding. The center entry has a multi-panel and large light door sheltered by a 1-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch. All of the windows are two-over-two framed by architrave trim. The medium-pitched roof is topped by twin narrow inset chimneys with corbelled caps. The roofline consists of a boxed cornice with gable-end returns. The main block rests on a fieldstone & granite foundation.

A 1-story shed-roofed ell with two-over-two windows, asbestos shingle siding, and a brick foundation projects to the northwest. To the southwest is a 1-story, gable-roofed ell. It has a multi-panel and one light door with a shed-roofed doorhood supported by brackets. All of the windows are six-over-six framed by architrave trim. The roof is topped by a tall, narrow chimney. To the west of this ell is a 1-story, shed-roofed shed with wood shingle siding and a fieldstone foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is an attached 1-story, gable-roofed barn to the southwest of the house. It has clapboard siding, two vertical board doors with a transom light, and a fieldstone foundation. Two shed-roofed sheds, one to the south and one to the west, are attached to the barn.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 4 acres bounded to the N-Sander, S-Nason, Kingston State Park, E-West Main Street, W-Modlich.

REFERENCES:

1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Judging by the massing, the J. French House may well have been a typical 5x2 bay Federal style structure. Today, its 3x2 bay configuration speaks more to the late 19th century.

MAP DATA: 1856: J. French
1892: J. B. French estate

MAP DATA 1892-French

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

Recorded By: Scott Novak
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Date: 1/3/80

