

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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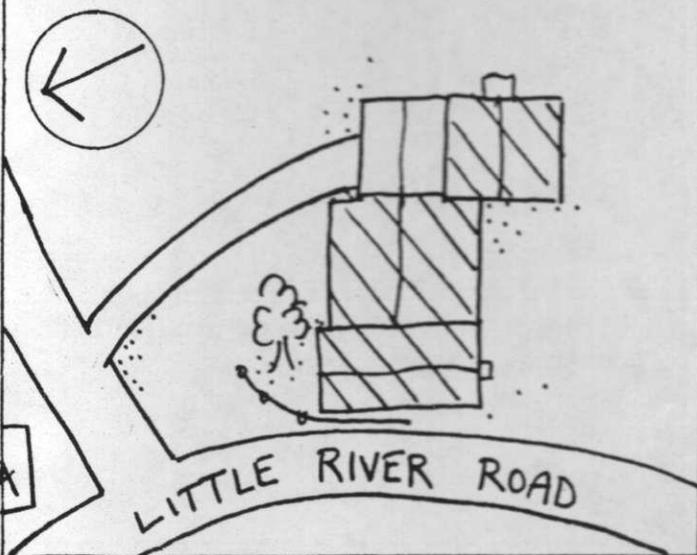
TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham
 SURVEY NUMBER: District 2 12 **
 COMMON NAME: Wight House
 HISTORIC NAME: R. L. Prescott House
 LOCATION: E. side of Little River Rd. at junction w/ Little River Rd. West
 OWNER: Robert & Nancy Wight
 ADDRESS: 51 Little River Rd., Kingston, NH
 MAP & PARCEL #: R39 39
 DATE: c. 1820
 SOURCE: Inspection
 STYLE: Federal Cape

UTM: Z 19 /E 333775 /N 4757425
 USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Mill House
 PRESENT USE: Residential
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
 CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins
 INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved (When:)
 Major alterations & date: Unknown
 LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X 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 1 # of Bays Approx. Dimensions
 Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
 Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys 1 MB
Wings 2 Cupolas Sheds Garage 1 Other 1 on ell
 Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other Offset

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (N)

Photographer: Scott Novak
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.
 Negative File Number: K80 4C-15-15A

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The main block of the Wight House is a 1½ story Federal Cape. It's offset entry features a four-panel door flanked by ¾ length sidelights which rest on recessed panels, and is topped by a full entablature.

Windows have six over six sash. The eaves treatment consists of close molded trim on both the lateral and raking eaves. There is an extended chimney with a corbeled cap. A large two story wing to the southeast, has a gable roof, the same siding and eaves treatment as the main block, and rests on a concrete block foundation. Extending further is an attached 2 story, gable roofed garage with living quarters in the second story. Another 2½ story wing extends behind the garage. Both wings and the garage are treated the same as the main block.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

Property is site of Old Sawmill

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

1.2 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Little River Road, E. by the Little River, S. by the Little River, W. by Little River Road.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980
1856 Map and 1892 Map
Kingston Historical Society. The History of Kingston: 1694-1969. Kingston Improvement and Historical Society. 1969

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The main block of the Prescott House is a Federal Cape which was also associated with the Judkins family. Its many additions over time have considerably expanded it to its present rambling configuration.

Historic Associations: Possibly part of original 100-acre grant voted by Town in 1705 to anyone who would set up a mill. The land may have been given to Benjamin and Samuel Judkins, but the site is mentioned in a deed of Capt. Jonathan Sanborn, 1722. Lower pond -- tannery after sawmill. Eugene Prescott bought sawmill from J. Warren Sanborn. Dam restored c.1980, by David Gould.

MAP DATA: 1856: Tannery & Sawmill 1892: R. L. Prescott, Sawmill & shop

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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Date: 1/9/80

