HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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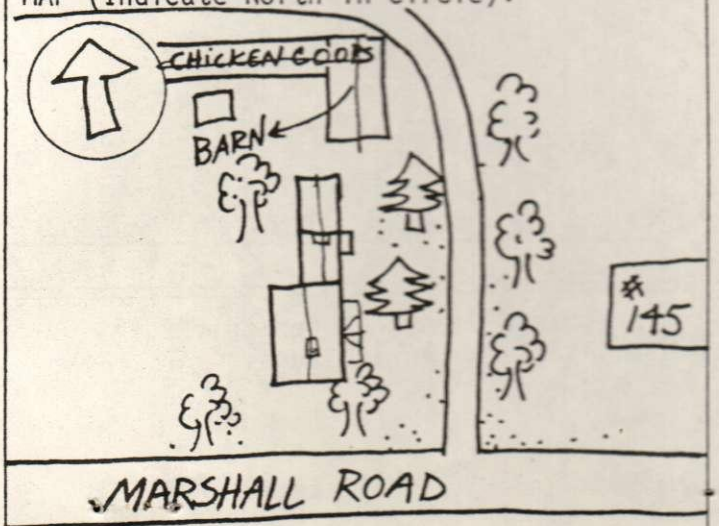
TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 143
COMMON NAME: The Gifford House
HISTORIC NAME: J. F. Marshall House
LOCATION: .46 Mi. E. of intersection Thorne Rd. on N. side of Marshall Rd.
OWNER: Clarence Gifford
ADDRESS: 23 Marshall Rd., Kingston, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: R41-11
DATE: C. 1850
SOURCE: Assessors Office, Kingston
STYLE: Greek/Italianate

UTM: Z 19 /E 331500 /N 4757250
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc.X Good__ Fair__ Poor__ Ruins__
INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved ___ (When:)
Major alterations & date: Unknown
Replaces original house which burned
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__ Ballon Frame__ Other__ Transitional Frame
   Load Bearing Masonry__ Stone__ Brick__ Concrete Block__ Other__
   Metal__ Iron__ Steel__ Other__
   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__ Apshalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tim__ Slate__
   Pressed Metal__ Sheet Metal__ Rolled Asphalt__ Other__
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories 2½ # of Bays 3X2 Approx. Dimensions 24' X 35'
   Roof Style: Gable X Hip__ Gambrel__ Flat__ Shed__ Mansard__ Jerkinhead__
   Monitor__ Sawtooth__ Other__
   Appendages: Porches 1 Towers__ Dormers__ Bay Windows__ Ells 1 Chimneys 1
   Wings__ Cupolas__ Sheds__ Garage__ Other__
   Entry Location: Center X Sidehall__ Other__

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



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Description of View:
Front (S) Side (E)

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

The Gifford house is a 2½ story, mid nineteenth century structure which combines Greek Revival and Italianate features. The center entry, located on the east elevation, has a vertical board door sheltered by a 1 story, open porch surmounted by a closed pediment containing decoratively cut wood and supported by turned posts with decorative balusters. on the south elevation is a 1 story, three sided bay window. Most of the windows on the main block have two over two sash framed by shutters.

The medium-pitch roof is topped by a narrow chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a narrow frieze and gable end returns. The house rests on a brick foundation.

The 2 story, gable roofed ell has a 2 panelled door with two lights sheltered by an open porch on its east elevation which is almost identical to the one on the main block. Projecting to the north of the ell is a 1½ story carriage house.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A separate 1½ story, gable roofed barn is located to the north of the house. It has a very large chicken coop projecting from its west elevation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 6.9 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Christie, S. by Marshall Road, E. by Winslade, W. by Christie.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980

1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The J. F. Marshall House is extremely significant site in the town's building stock. The Greek Revival/Italianate residence combined with barns, outbuildings, and large chicken coop present a good visual representation of the site's history. It represents two of Kingston's major industries -- carriage making and poultry.

Historic Associations: The Marshalls were in the carriage-making business and their shops were across the street at Sites 144 and 145.

MAP DATA: 1856: J. F. Marshall
1892: H. W. Marshall

MAP DATA 1892-H.W. Marshall 1856-J.F. Marshall

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land X Woodland__ Scattered BldgsX Moderately Built Up__ Densely Built Up__ Residential__ Commercial__ Industrial__ Agricultural__ Roadside Strip Development__ Other__

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