

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY NUMBER: KIN0012

Name, Location, Ownership

1. Historic name: James Barrett House
2. District or area: Newton Junction Road Historic District. (Area KIN-NJR)
3. Street and number: 5 Newton Junction Road
4. City or town: Kingston
5. County: Rockingham
6. Current owner: Titcomb, Robin A.

Function or Use

7. Current use(s): Domestic/single dwelling
8. Historic use(s): Domestic/single dwelling

Architectural Information

9. Style: Greek Revival sidehall
10. Architect/builder: Lawrence Barrett
11. Source: Deeds, genealogy, local history
12. Construction date: ca. 1853
13. Source: Research, Inspection
14. Alterations, with dates: enclosed side porch (ca. 1940); vinyl siding and window replacements (ca. 1980)
15. Moved? no yes date:

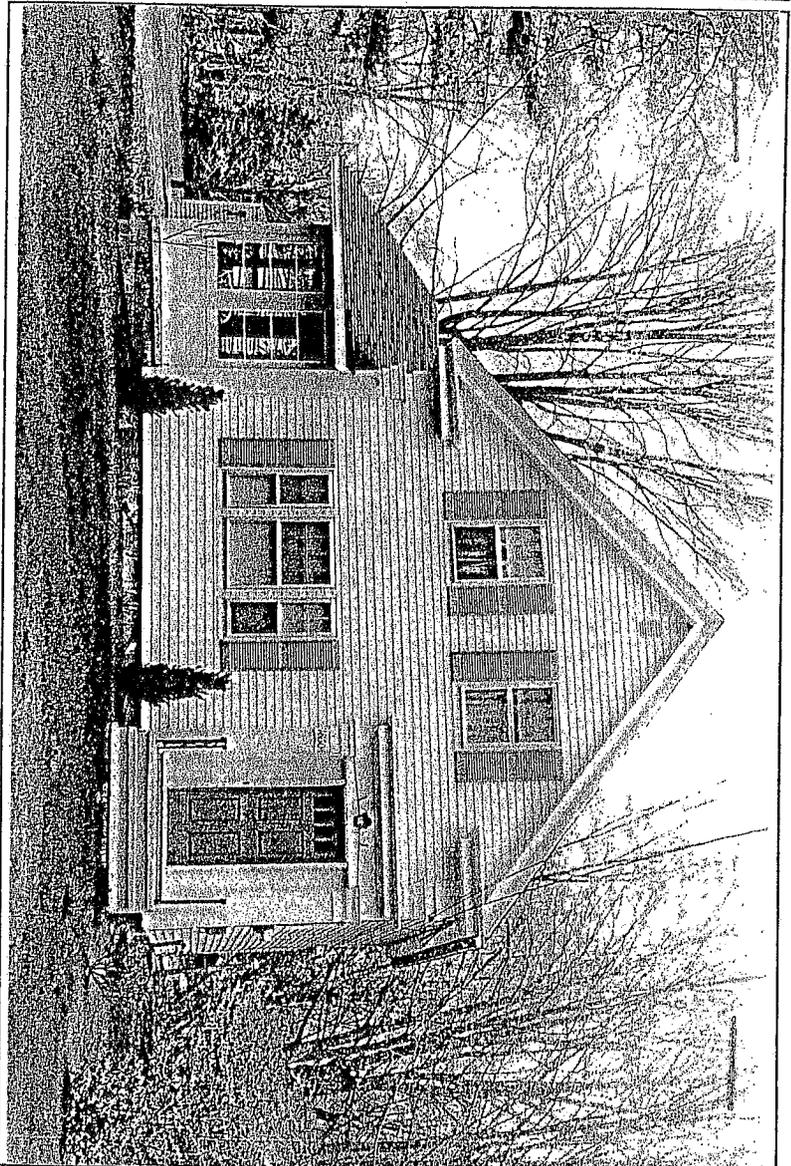
Exterior Features

16. Foundation: fieldstone/concrete block
17. Cladding: vinyl
18. Roof material: asphalt shingles
19. Chimney material: brick
20. Type of roof: gable
21. Chimney location: slope
22. Number of stories: 1½
23. Entry location: façade, sidehall
24. Windows: 6/6, 8/1, 4/1, fixed

Replacement? no yes date: ca. 1980

Site Features

25. Setting: developing mixed-use road
26. Outbuildings: barn/garage (ca. 1853)
27. Landscape features: stone walls
28. Acreage: 1 acre
29. Tax map/parcel: R-9/85
30. UTM reference: 19/330032/4749348



35. Photo #1 36. Date April 2002
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31. USGS quadrangle and scale: Kingston, 1:25000

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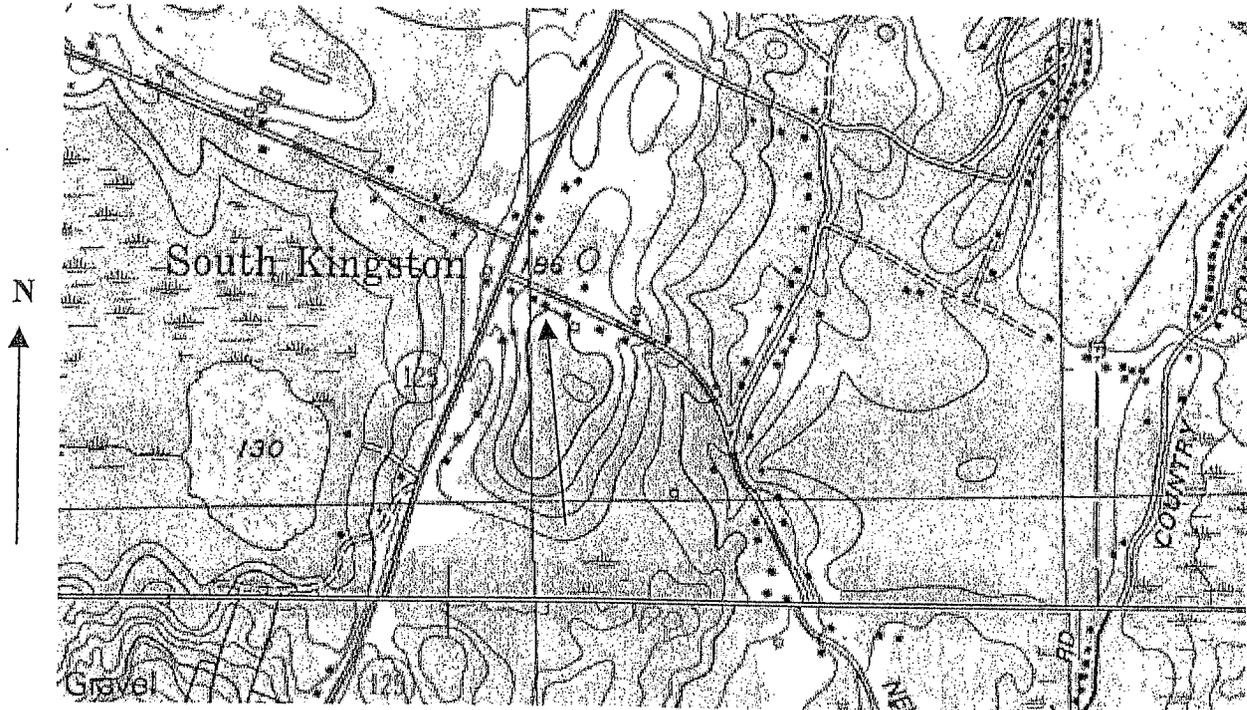
32. Name: Ken Story
33. Organization: Preservation Company
34. Date of survey: 04/24/02

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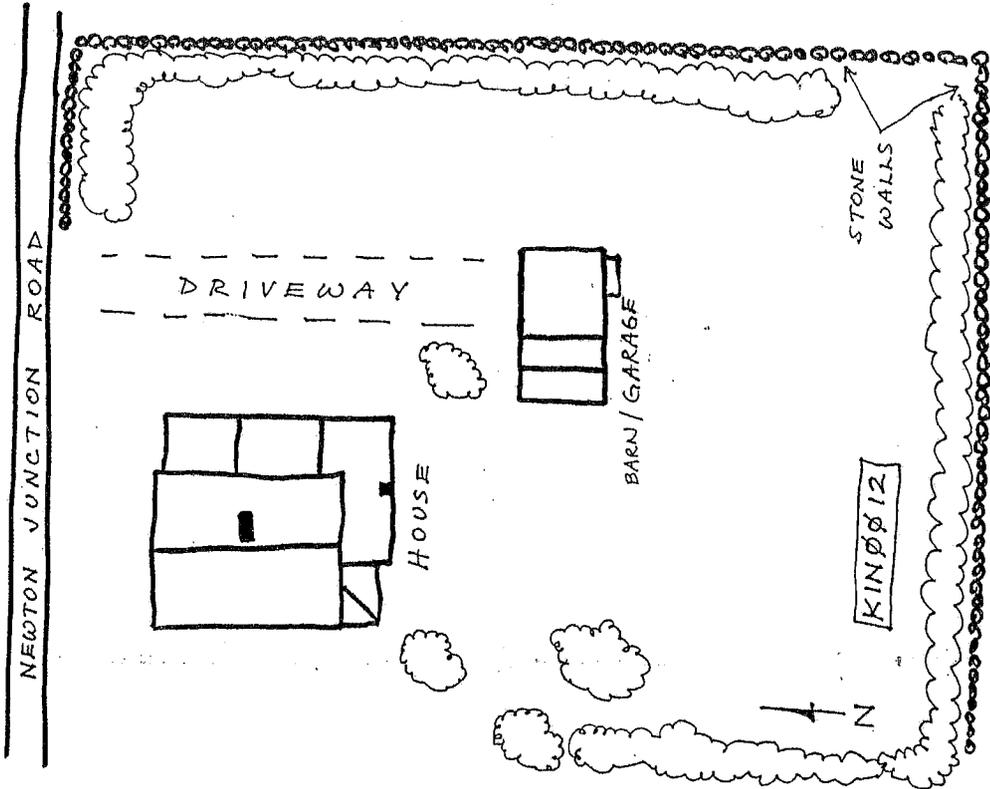
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39. LOCATION MAP:

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40. PROPERTY MAP:



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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

James Barrett, a farm laborer and farmer, built this house in 1853 on one acre of land he purchased from Issac Webster, a prominent South Kingston property owner who began selling vacant property on the south side of Newton Junction Road in the early 1850s (Bureau of the Census 1860; Deed Records 1853, 1852, 1853a and 1853b). Born in Ireland, James Barrett emigrated with his brother Lawrence and his wife Mary. They had already had all of their five children before moving into this house, and only the youngest, a daughter named Abby, was born in Kingston (Bureau of the Census 1860; Arseneault 1995). Barrett maintained a small subsistence farm next door to his brother Lawrence on Newton Junction Road until the 1880s, and even thereafter maintained only a small commercial farming operation, producing twenty bushels of Indian corn on one-half acre of land, and fifty bushels of Irish potatoes on one-third acre of land (Bureau of the Census 1860, 1860a, 1870, 1870a, 1880 and 1880a). He may have used the barn associated with his brother's house (#KIN0013). Both properties are on remarkably small plots.

Barrett sold the house to Ellary Martin just after the turn of the century (Deed Records 1901). Mary Martin resided here alone as of nine years later; it is known that a Mary A. Martin, widow of John H. Martin, was living in Kingston at the time, so it is possible that her former brother-in-law purchased this house for her after her husband's death (Anonymous 1901-03). Ellary Martin retained ownership until 1917; when he sold the property to John J. Barrett (Bureau of the Census 1910; Deed Records 1917). Barrett remained here but one year, and the house was owned by another owner for but one year before it is purchased by John Dalton, a farmer and lumber worker who lived here with his wife Nora (Deed Records 1918 and 1919; Anonymous 1928-8-9; Bureau of the Census 1920). Dalton remained here until 1932, when the property was sold to Wilson H. Thorne, Jr. and his wife Emma (Deed Records 1932). Thorne, who was retired as of 1940, remained here until selling the property in 1954 (Anonymous 1940 and 1948; Deed Records 1954). Thereafter the property passed through five more owners before it was purchased by the current owner, Robin Titcomb, in 1999 (Deed Records 1963, 1968, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 1999).

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts:

None

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

The ca. 1853 James Barrett House is a 1½-story, wood frame, Greek Revival sidehall residence built on the south side of Newton Junction Road, near the intersection with Route 125 (the old Post Road). It is one of three known to have been built by his brother, Lawrence Barrett (#KIN0013), a carpenter, although there are others in Kingston that are similar and may have been part of his work. This 3 X 2 bay sidehall is oriented with its gable end toward the road, and rests on a mortared fieldstone foundation. The walls are sheathed with vinyl siding and the roof with asphalt shingles. A single brick fireplace chimney is centered on the east roof slope. The Greek Revival style is evident on the façade with has gable returns supported by channeled corner pilasters, and an outstanding entry, which consists of two pilasters supporting a frieze and entablature. A recent enclosed porch, covered with a gable roof, wraps around the east and south elevations; it is on a concrete block foundation. There is a single concrete block chimney on the south elevation of the

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porch structure. The original windows have been replaced with wooden 8/1, 6/1, and 4/1 sash. A wood frame, single-story garage and storage building stands to the east of the house.

The proportions and trim of the façade are very well thought out and have survived despite the application of siding and replacement of the door and windows. The major change is the three-part window on the first story. The entry is next to the west wall, the pilaster of the entry superimposed on the corner pilaster. The pilasters are channeled with lancet top. The new door is flanked by filled-in sidelights, framed by a pair of broad pilasters that support an entablature. Two 6/1 windows are placed symmetrically in the upper half-story.

The east elevation is obscured by the ca. 1940 enclosed porch. The odd gable roof is a recent addition. This porch wraps around to the southern elevation, and was originally open at the northern end, near the façade (the screened openings were filled with glass at an unknown date). The south or rear end of the porch is lit with a pair of modern windows. The upper half-story of the south elevation is lit with two symmetrically placed 3/1 windows. The first story is lit with a pair of 2/1 windows in the hip roof section to the west, and two 3/1 modern windows in the porch addition. The exterior, concrete block chimney is placed between these windows. The west elevation is blank.

A small wood frame, 1½-story barn was extended to the east with a shed addition for a one-bay garage. It stands to the east of the house. The roof has asphalt shingles and the whole structure is clad in vinyl siding; it rests on a dry-laid fieldstone foundation. The barn, ca. 1853, has a single vertical plank person door centered on the west gable end with a hay door above. There is a small six-pane awning window on the west and a 6/6 window on the south. the garage has a new lift door.

The remnants of stone walls extend around the southern and eastern edges of the lot.

Comparative Evaluation

The James Barrett House remains one of four good examples of a mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival sidehall in South Kingston. Despite its loss of integrity due to vinyl siding, replacement windows, and porch addition, it retains sufficient material and design to document its association with its builder, Lawrence Barrett. Its form and Greek Revival trim are more pronounced than some other examples in the town, but there are others with equal design aspiration that retain more integrity, both in South Kingston and the Plains Historic District.

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

- Criterion A: The James Barrett House is not eligible for the National Register under this criterion as it retains no associations with broader trends of local, state or national history.
- Criterion B: The James Barrett House is not eligible for the National Register under this criterion as it is not associated with any historic persons who made significant contributions to the history of Kingston.
- Criterion C: The James Barrett House is not individually eligible for the National Register under this criterion because it has lost too much integrity to be given distinction for its architecture. There are more perfect examples remaining in the town. It is of high level interest as one of two nearly identical houses built by the Barrett brothers, immigrants from Ireland in the mid-nineteenth century. Lawrence Barrett was a carpenter and is likely responsible for the construction of both houses, and quite possibly several others in the center of Kingston as there are some with similar

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detailing. However, this house does contribute to the proposed Newton Junction Road Historic District, which is being recommended for eligibility under this criterion, and this property is eligible within that context.

45. Period of Significance:

ca. 1853

46. Statement of Integrity:

This property retains integrity of location. Integrity of setting has been compromised somewhat by the overgrowth of the property at the rear of the house. It retains limited integrity of design, materials and workmanship, due to the application of vinyl siding and the replacement of original windows; however, the essential Greek Revival sidehall form remains easily read. The structure also retains its original window, door and cornice trim. Integrity of feeling and association has been impacted somewhat by the widening of Route 125 to the west; however, Newton Junction Road has not been substantially widened, and the residential character of the neighborhood has been maintained with the stonewalls and the plantings along the road.

47. Boundary Discussion:

The James Barrett House is on one-acre lot (parcel 85 on tax map R-9 in Kingston) subdivided about the time of the construction of the house, ca. 1853. The lot contains the house, barn, stone walls, and yard necessary to convey the National Register eligible characteristics of the property and is included in the larger district boundary for the Newton Junction Road Historic District (Area KIN-NJR).

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- 1977 Bk. 2278, pg. 1014
- 1982 Bk. 2416, pg. 296
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- 1999 Bk. 3412, pg. 957

Surveyor's Evaluation

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Photo 2: Overview from rear of property
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Photo 3: Façade, showing ca. 1940 porch at left
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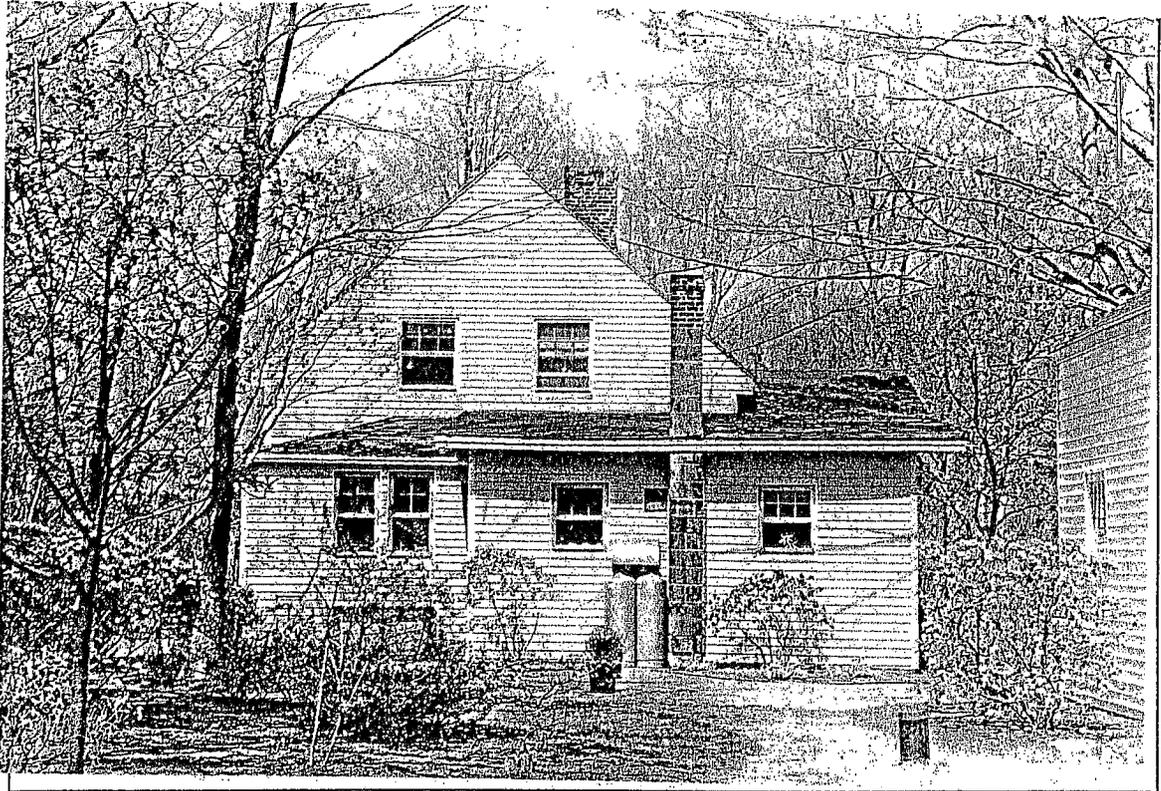


Photo 4: South elevation of house
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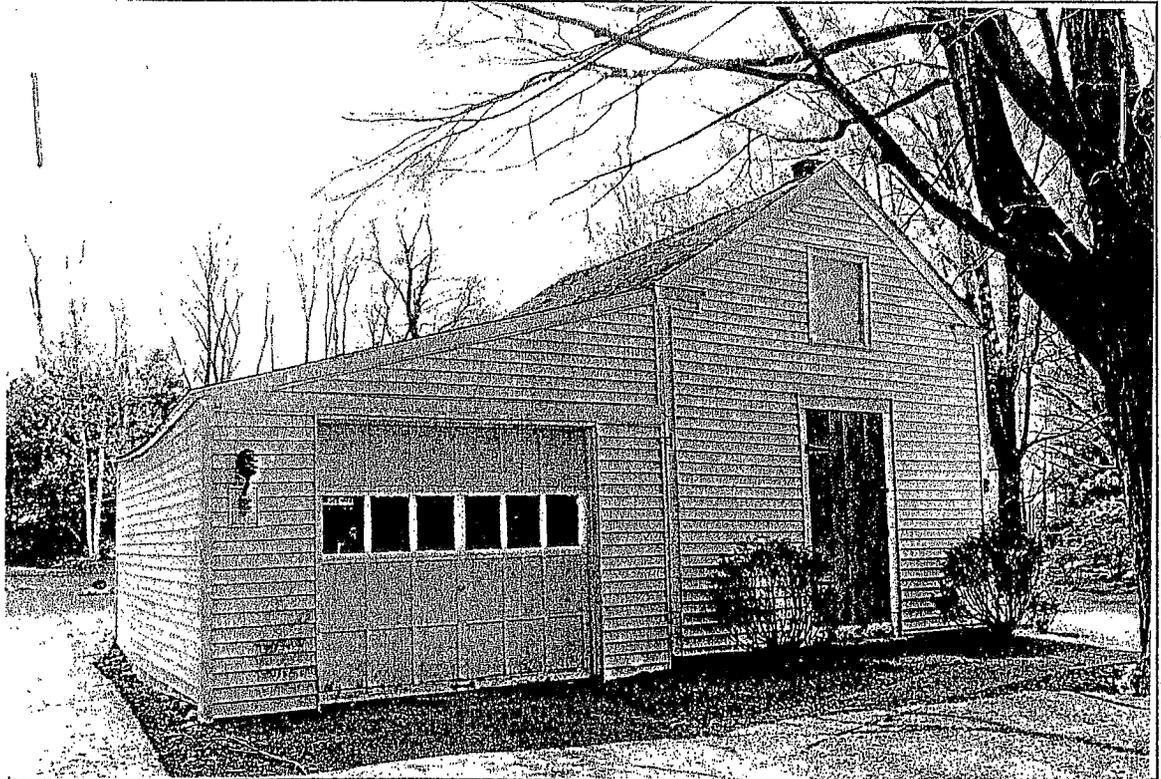


Photo 5: North elevation of barn/garage
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