



HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

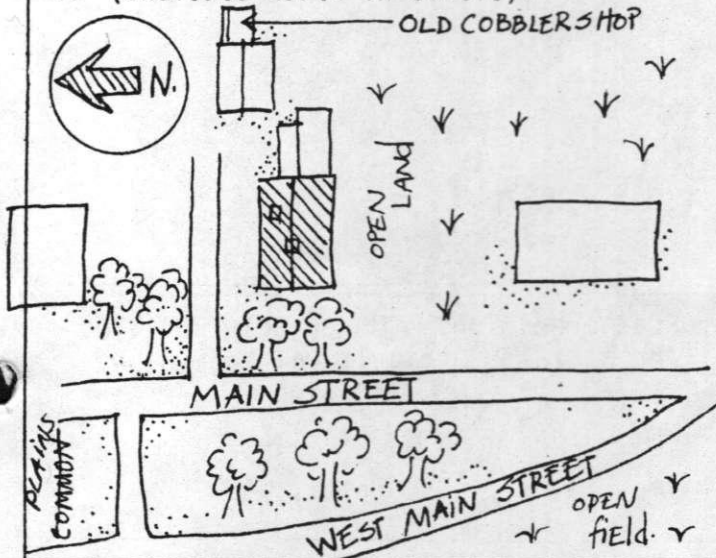
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 332325 /N 4754625
SURVEY NUMBER: 2*		USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
COMMON NAME: Downing House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: Page House		PRESENT USE: Residential
LOCATION: E side of Main St., .05 miles N of the inter. of W. Main & Main.		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Walter & Melva Conary		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <u>Poor</u> <u>Ruins</u>
ADDRESS: 121 Main Street Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>Moved</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> from near fire station (When: C. 1890)
MAP & PARCEL #: U-8/16		Major alterations & date: Unknown
DATE: c. 1840		
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Greek Revival		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <u>State</u> <u>Local</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brick ☒ Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam ☒ Ballon Frame Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
Other
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard ☒ 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 ☒ Standing Seam Tin Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 3 1/2 Approx. Dimensions 25' x 30'
Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches 2 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 1 Chimneys 2
Wings Cupolas Sheds 2 Garage Other
Entry Location: Center Sidehall ☒ Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-west
Side-north

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

The Arsenault House is a 2½-story, Greek Revival style structure characterized by gable-front orientation to the street, sidehall entry, and classical ornamentation. The entrance has a 4-panelled door framed by a transom light and full-length sidelights which rise to an entablature. The windows have six-over-six sash with projecting caps. The medium-pitched roof is topped by a narrow chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable-end returns. The house is framed by wide cornerboards which suggest pilasters. The structure rests on a brick foundation.

A 1-story, gable-roofed ell projects to the east. It has two porches, one on its north elevation and one which projects to the east.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A 1½-story, gable-roofed barn topped by a cupola, is located to the northeast. It has clapboard siding, six-over-six windows, and rests on a brick foundation. A small shed, which once served as a cobbler shop, has been moved from a field to the northeast and attached to the east elevation of the barn.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 0.7 acres bounded to the N-Malloy, S-Battles, E-Battles, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980

1892 Map Mrs. E. Downing

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

A typical example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture in Kingston.
It is nicely proportioned and contributes to the rural residential streetscape.

Historic Associations:

Gertrude Bartlett Wilson was born in this house when it was located where Site #94 is now.

Map Data 1892 Mrs. E. Downing

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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