

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

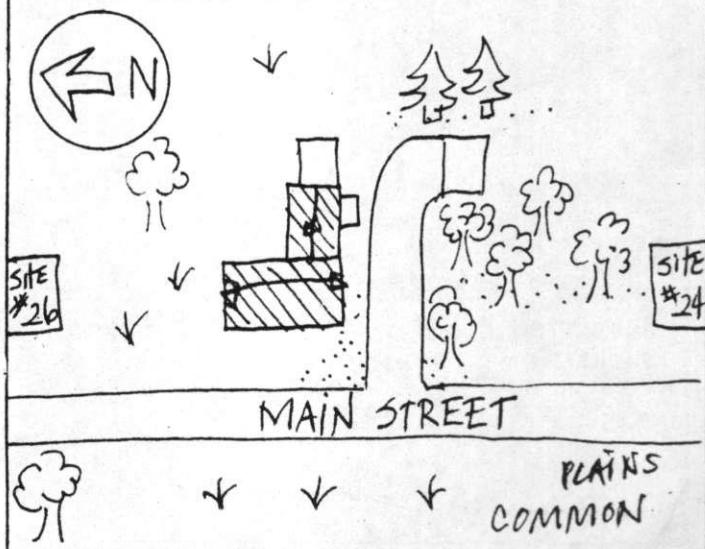
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 25*	UTM: Z 19/E 332375 /N 4755375
COMMON NAME: Brown House	USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
HISTORIC NAME: W. T. Bassett House	FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Dwelling
LOCATION: E side of Main Street, .15 miles N of inter. of Main Street & Bartlett St.	PRESENT USE: Residential
OWNER: Michael & Helene Brown	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
ADDRESS: 155 Main Street, Kingston, NH	CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
MAP & PARCEL #: U-9/1	INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When:)
DATE: c. 1770/1810	Major alterations & date: Porch added date Unknown; porch c. 1982
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston	LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STYLE: Federal	

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 ☐
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 # of Bays 5x2 Approx. Dimensions 35' x 20'
Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐
Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells 1 Chimneys 2
Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds 1 Garage 1 Other ☐
Entry Location: Center ☒ Sidehall ☐ Other ☐

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-west
Side-south

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

The Brown House is a 2-story, five-by-two bay, twin-chimney, Federal style house. The center entry has a four-panelled door topped by a transom light and flanked by pilasters rising to a full entablature. The roofline has a boxed cornice on both the lateral and raking eaves with a panelled, decorated frieze under the lateral eaves. All of the windows are two-over-two framed by architrave trim. The main block rests on a brick and stone foundation.

A 1½-story, gable-roofed ell projects to the east and has a 1-story open porch on its south elevation. To the rear of the ell is a 1-story, gable-roofed screened porch.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is a separate garage to the southeast of the house.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.2 acres bounded to the N-Bakie, E-Cemetery, S-Bartlett, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1856 Map -- W. T. Bassett
1892 Map -- Mrs. Dr. Bassett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The current ell of this house is actually the original structure c. 1770. The 2-story Federal style main block was added c. 1810. While the exterior of the house is intact, most of the original interior features were removed in the early 1970's. It is a significant contribution to the federal style component in the Historic District.

Historic Associations: House was parsonage to Universalist Church in early 1900's.

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

Recorded By: Herb Bubert
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