

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 28*	
COMMON NAME: The Bake House	
HISTORIC NAME: S. Calef House	
LOCATION: E side of Main St., .22 miles N of intersection of Main & Bartlett	
OWNER: Ralph & Virginia Bake	
ADDRESS: 161 Main St., Kingston, NH	
MAP & PARCEL #: U-10/40	
DATE: c. 1830	
SOURCE: Inspection	
STYLE: Greek Revival	

UTM: Z 19 /E 332375 /N 4755450
USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Ell was not part of house. (When: _____) Horace French's wife built ell 1920's. Major alterations & date: Porch added, wing extended twice (dates unknown)
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <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 ☐
 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 3x4 Approx. Dimensions 25' x 20'
 Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐
 Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐
 Appendages: Porches 1 Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells ☐ Chimneys 2 M.B.
 Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds ☐ Garage ☐ Other ☐
 Entry Location: Center ☐ Sidehall ☒ Other ☐

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-west
Side-south

Photographer: Scott Novak
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.
 Negative File Number: K-80-2-C/13A-14

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Bake house is actually two houses joined together: one in the Federal style and one in the Greek Revival style. The Greek Revival house is attached to the west gable end of the Federal house, and serves as the present main block. It features gable front orientation to the street, and the entry is sheltered by a shed-roofed screened porch. The 6-panel door is flanked by full-length sidelights, and topped by a transom light. Windows have six-over-six sash, granite lintels, and are framed by shutters. A palladian window in the pedimented gable (west elevation) has a granite arch with a keystone encircling a louvered semi-circular fan. The medium-pitched roof is topped by two tall chimneys with corbeled caps, and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice. The main block rests on a granite block foundation.

The Federal style structure now serves as a 2-story gable roofed wing. It features a large oriel window, clapboard siding, close eaves, and six-over-six windows framed by shutters. Two additions have been made to this wing. One has a brick foundation, and the other has poured concrete.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.9 acres bounded to the N-Town Hall, Kelley, S-Lord, Bakie, Long, E-Depot Road, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1856 Map -- S. Calef
1892 Map -- B. F. Rowe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The S. Calef House is the only brick house on the Plains, and the only brick Greek Revival structure in town. It is notable for its symmetry and detailing. It is an impressive structure which contributes to the architectural mix of the north end of the Plains.

The property originally belonged to John Calef, Sr., John Drinkwater owned the property c. 1922. Until about 1918 there was a store and barabar shop out back.

MAP DATA 1892-B F Rowe

1856: S. Calef

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

Recorded By: Scott Novak

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