

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

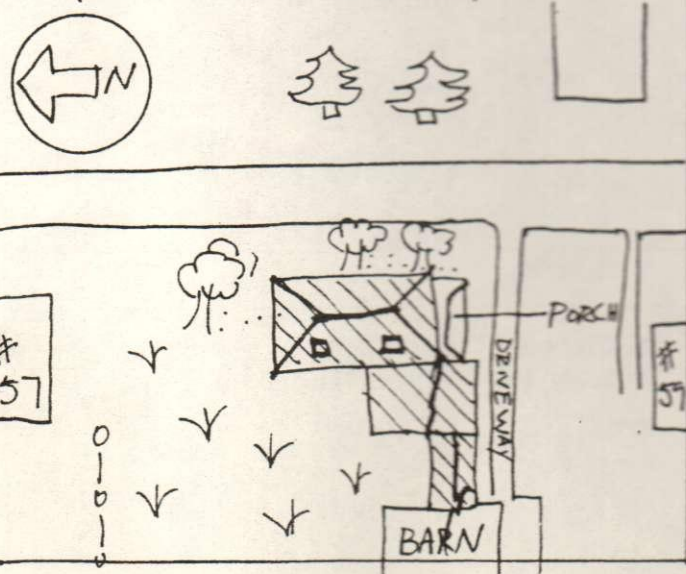
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 58*	
COMMON NAME: Morse House	
HISTORIC NAME: D. Webster House	
LOCATION: west side of Main St., .39 miles N of inter. of Main & Depot	
OWNER: Robert Morse	
ADDRESS: 188 Main Street	
Kingston, NH.	
MAP & PARCEL #: R-34/22	
DATE: c. 1810	
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston	
STYLE: Federal	
UTM: Z 19 /E 332575 /N 4756200	
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential	
PRESENT USE: Residential	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	
CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> <u>X</u> Fair <u>Poor</u> <u>Ruins</u>	
INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved <u>    </u> (When: <u>    </u> )	
Major alterations & date:	
Family room 1980-81	
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <u>    </u> State <u>    </u> Local <u>X</u>	

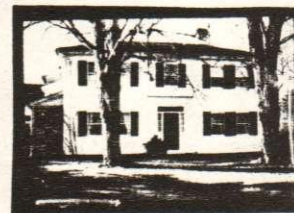
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick      Concrete      Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame      Post & Beam      Ballon Frame      Other       
Load Bearing Masonry      Stone      Brick      Concrete Block      Other       
Metal      Iron      Steel      Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard X Wood Shingle      Board & Batten      Shiplap      Aluminum       
Novelty      Stucco      Stone      Brick      Sheet Metal      Asphalt Shingles      Vinyl       
Asphalt Sheeting      Composite Board      Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle      Asphalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tin      Slate       
Pressed Metal      Sheet Metal      Rolled Asphalt      Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:  
# of Stories 2 # of Bays 5x2 Approx. Dimensions 40' x 15'  
Roof Style: Gable      Hip X Gambrel      Flat      Shed      Mansard      Jerkinhead       
Monitor      Sawtooth      Other       
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers      Dormers      Bay Windows      Ells 2 Chimneys 2  
Wings      Cupolas      Sheds      Garage      Other      Barn       
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall      Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-east

Photographer: Scott Novak

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: 5-80-5c/32-32A



#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Morse House is a fine example of a 2-story, twin-chimney, Federal style structure. The center entry consists of a door with six recessed panels, a transom light and is flanked by sidelights extending halfway to floor level and pilasters rising to full entablature. Windows are two-over-two with architrave trim and shutters except on the rear elevation which has nine-over-six windows. The low-pitched hip roof is surmounted by two chimneys with corbelled caps, and meets a boxed cornice at the eaves.

There is a (new) 1-story, shed-roofed porch on the southeast corner that shelters a door to the 1½-story ell. This (new) ell has fixed multi-light windows and a shed dormer on both the north and south sides. It connects to a 1-story, gable-roofed, five-bay ell with clapboard siding.

This ell, in turn, connects to a 2½-story, gable-roofed barn that has double-leaf, vertical-board swinging doors, feathered clapboard siding, and rests on a fieldstone foundation.

#### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

**BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:** 2.4 acres bounded to the N-Burbank, Carter, E-Main Street, S-Dutton. Reynolds, W-

#### REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980  
1856 Map  
1892 Map

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Webster House contrasts wonderfully with its neighbor, the Judkins House (Site 57), as it is nearly a textbook example of the Federal style. Both its proportions and its ornamentation make this house a fine example of this style.

**Historic Associations:** The house stayed in the Webster family until the 1930's.

MAP DATA 1892-D. Webster 1856-D. Webster

**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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