

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

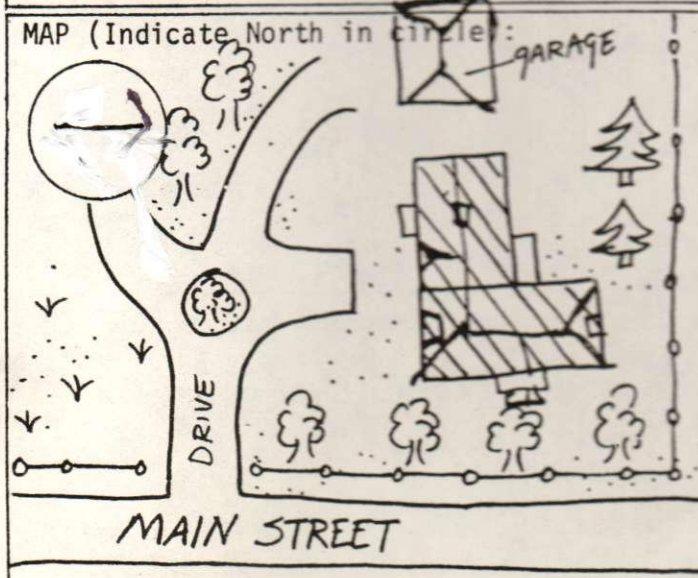
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 332475 /N 4755875
SURVEY NUMBER: 65*		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series
COMMON NAME: Headmaster's House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Dwelling
HISTORIC NAME: French House		PRESENT USE: Seacoast Learning Collaborative
LOCATION: West side of Main Street .18 miles south of Main & Depot Road		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Sanborn Regional School District		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> Fair <u>  </u> Poor <u>  </u> Ruins <u>  </u>
ADDRESS: 178 Main St., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>  </u> Moved <u>  </u> (When: <u>  </u> )
MAP & PARCEL #: R-34, Plot 17		Major alterations & date: Remodeled in <u>  </u> 1876.
DATE: c. 1800		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <u>  </u> State <u>  </u> Local <u>X</u>
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Federal		

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick    Concrete    Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame    Post & Beam X 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 Tim    Slate     
Pressed Metal    Sheet Metal    Rolled Asphalt    Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:  
# of Stories 2 # of Bays 5 Approx. Dimensions 40' x 20' M.B.  
Roof Style: Gable    Hip X Gambrel    Flat    Shed    Mansard    Jerkinhead     
Monitor    Sawtooth    Other     
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers    Dormers    Bay Windows    Ells 1 Chimneys 2 M.B.  
Wings    Cupolas    Sheds    Garage    Other     
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall    Other



## PHOTO



Description of View: Front-East  
Side -West

Photographer: Scott Novak  
Negative with: S.R.R.C.  
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#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

2-story Federal 5x2 bay style house with projecting eaves, plain cornerboards and water table.

Windows 2/2 with plain surrounds and shutters

Front door modern 4 light 4 panel colonial door with plain surrounds.

Small gable porch with turned posts and 4 brackets supporting porch roof.

Simple overhangs.

Projection in front of house with  $\frac{1}{2}$  window on each side, 2nd floor.

Gable end - shingles.

On south side, decorative roof gable with molded eaves and fancy shingles.

Small gable roof porch with door identical to front.

Ell, 4x2 bay.

#### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

Barn box

2/3 bay, large overhangs with molded cornice and paired brackets.

Windows 2/2, plain cornerboards, Behind granite and iron school fence.

#### BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

#### REFERENCES:

1856 Map

1892 Map

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

The French House is a fine example of Federal style architecture and as such contributes significantly to the architectural mix of the historic district. Even though it was remodeled in the late 19th century, its three-part facade with pedimented center projection, and the shallow hip roof make this house unusually high styled in the region.

MAP DATA 1892-Sanborn Seminary 1856-Mrs. French

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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