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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Cunningham House is a Greek Revival style structure with its pedimented gable end oriented toward the street and a recessed sidehall entry. Set into paneled reveals is a six-panel door flanked by full-length sidelights and topped by a transom light. The door has fluted surrounds with corner blocks and fluted engaged columns rising to a full entablature. All windows are six-over-six with shutters and some have pedimented lintels. The pedimented gable end has a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and is supported by wide, 2-story pilasters. The medium-pitch roof is topped by two tall, narrow chimneys with corbelled caps.

A 1-story, flat-roofed open porch supported by topped columns is located on the north elevation. A 2-story wing with a pedimented gable-end extends to the north. On the south elevation is a 1-story, flat-roofed, three-by-six bay enclosed porch. A 2-story, shed-roofed ell extends to the northwest and a second ell which is 1½-stories high and gable-roofed.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.46 acres bounded to the N-Jones, S-Depot Road, E-Main Street, W-Church Street, Collins.

Land originally crossed Church St., to Greenwood Pond; gave land to church and masons.

REFERENCES:

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The L. D. Peaslee House is an outstanding example of the Greek Revival style as displayed by its fully pedimented flushboard facade and recessed doorway. In addition, the historic landscape features surviving on the site evidence the prominence of its builders. The house is located in a focal position in the town center.

Historic Associations: Luther Peaslee built the general store across the street (Site 32). His wife was the daughter of Jacob Hook Sanborn, Site 42. House is very similar to Site 34 (outlying in South Kingston) as the two were built by brothers.

MAP DATA 1856-L.D. Peaslee

1892-L.D. Peaslee

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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