

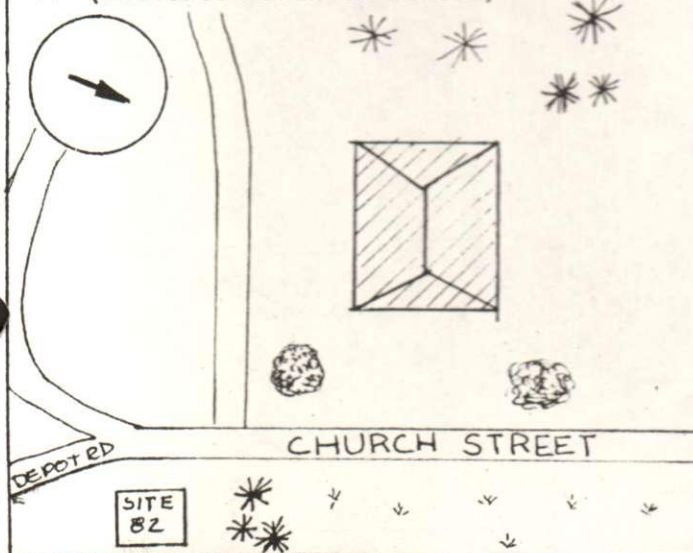
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
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TOWN: <u>Kingston</u> COUNTY: <u>Rockingham</u> SURVEY NUMBER: <u>31*</u> COMMON NAME: <u>The Masonic Building</u> HISTORIC NAME: <u>The Masonic Building</u> LOCATION: <u>w. side Church St. .18 Mi. S.</u> <u>intersection Church & Cottage</u> OWNER: <u>Masonic Lodge</u> ADDRESS: <u>8 Church St., Kingston, NH</u> MAP & PARCEL #: <u>U10 13</u> DATE: <u>c. 1893</u> SOURCE: <u>Cornerstone laid May 1893</u> STYLE: <u>Georgian Revival</u>	UTM: <u>Z 19 /E 332225 /N 4755750</u> USGS QUAD: <u>Haverhill Quad 15' series</u> FUNCTIONAL TYPE: <u>Meeting House</u> PRESENT USE: <u>Meeting House</u> ARCHITECT/BUILDER: <u>Unknown</u> CONDITION: <u>Exc. Good Fair X Poor Ruins</u> INTEGRITY: <u>Original Site X Moved</u> <u>(When:)</u> Major alterations & date: <u>1952 and 1966</u> <u>plumbing, lighting, kitchen. Concrete steps</u> <u>1980-81</u> LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: <u>Nat'l State Local X</u>
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame xx Other
 Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
 Metal Iron Steel Other
 Other
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X 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 X Standing Seam Tim Slate
 Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
 # of Stories 2 # of Bays 3X3 Approx. Dimensions 40' X 45'
 Roof Style: Gable Hip X Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
 Monitor Sawtooth Other
 Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys
 Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Portico
 Entry Location: Center XX Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO

Description of View:

Front (NE) Side (SE)

Photographer: Herb Bubert

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Masonic Building displays the massing and scale characteristics of Colonial Revival architecture. The 2 story 3X3 bay structure is topped by a truncated hip roof (originally surmounted by a balustrade) a feature which contributes to the buildings sense of monumentality.

Dominating the central bay of the facade is a 2 story gabled pavillion set off by Ionic pilasters. On the first story, the pavillion enframes the recessed main entry which is topped by a projecting pediment (originally supported on clustered Ionic columns; only portions of the capitals survive.) The pavillion's second story features four adjoining windows contained within a single rectangular surround, (the windows have been infilled), the side bays are distinguished by large 2/2 sash windows topped by wide architraves with cap moldings, and connected between the stories by vertical spandrel panels. The facade is further embellished by a wide architrave band below the roofline; this feature encircles the building. (corner pilasters originally ornamenting each corner have been removed.) The side elevations are characterized only by the symmetrical placement of the 2/2 windows.

The building rests on a brick foundation which contains a cornerstone bearing the buildings 1893 date.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1 Acre. Bounded to the N. by Town of Kingston, E. by Church Street, S. by 1st Congregational Church, W. by Greenwood Pond.

REFERENCES:

See 100th Anniversary Program (1867-1967) of Gideon Lodge No. 84 AF & AM, Kingston

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

This was an outstanding example of the Georgian Revival style as attested by old photos which document the site. It could be easily restored to its former elegance.

Historic Associations: Owned by Kingston Masonic Building Association, Inc., prior to 1947. Cornerstone was laid on May 5, 1893, and dedicated on November 16, 1893.

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

Date: 12/28/79

