

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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TOWN: <u>Kingston</u>	COUNTY: <u>Rockingham</u>
SURVEY NUMBER: <u>83*</u>	
COMMON NAME: <u>First Congregational Church</u>	
HISTORIC NAME: <u>First Congregational Church</u>	
LOCATION: <u>W. side Church St. @ W intersection of Church &amp; Depot</u>	
OWNER: <u>First Congregational Church</u>	
ADDRESS: <u>6 Church St. Kingston, N.H.</u>	
MAP & PARCEL #: <u>U10 12</u>	
DATE: <u>c. 1825</u>	
SOURCE: <u>Inspection</u>	
STYLE: <u>Greek Revival</u>	
UTM: <u>Z 19 /E 322275 /N 4755700</u>	
USGS QUAD: <u>Haverhill Quad 15' series</u>	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: <u>Church</u>	
PRESENT USE: <u>Church</u>	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: <u>Unknown</u>	
CONDITION: <u>Exc. xGood Fair Poor Ruins</u>	
INTEGRITY: <u>Original Site x Moved</u> (When: <u>      </u> )	
Major alterations & date: <u>Several.</u>	
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: <u>Natl State Local x</u>	

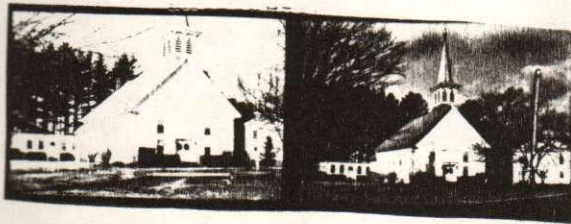
## GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- 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 1/2 # of Bays 5x3 Approx. Dimensions 40' X 60'  
Roof Style: Gable x Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead  
Monitor Sawtooth Other  
Appendages: Porches Towers 1 Dormers Bay Windows Ells 2 Chimneys 1  
Wings 1 Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Belfry  
Entry Location: Center x Sidehall Other

## MAP (Indicate North in circle):



## PHOTO



## Description of View:

Front (NE) Side (SE)

Photographer: Herb Bubert

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

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### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The First Congregational Church is a Greek Revival Style structure built in the early 19th century.

The main block is a 2½ story rectangular unit. The front (east) facade has recessed, double-leaf doors with a panelled reveal and framed by narrow pilasters which rise to an entablature. On each side of the entrance are two, eight-over-twelve windows, arranged vertically and separated by a recessed panel. The rest of the windows on the main block have twelve-over-sixteen sash framed by architrave trim. Vertical board siding has been applied to the gables and the main block is framed by arch-panelled pilasters.

The steeply-pitched roof is surmounted by a belfry with a tall, hexagonal roof and projecting, bracketed eaves. The eaves treatment on the main block consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and bracketed, gable-end returns.

The structure rests on a granite slab foundation.

A 1½ story, gable roofed ell has clapboard siding, 12 over 12 windows, the same cornice and bracketts as the main block but rests on a brick foundation. A second ell to the west is one story, features a gable roof, clapboard siding, 6 over 6 windows and also rests on a brick foundation. A one story flat-roofed wing, extends to the southwest with 12 over 12 windows, clapboard siding and rests on a concrete foundation.

### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

### BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

2.6 Acres. Bounded to the N. by the Masonic Lodge, E. by Church Street, S. by Norris, and Sullivan, W. by Greenwood Pond.

### REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980.  
Wilson, Rodney M. A Brief Sketch of the History of the First Congregational Church, Kingston, NH (privately printed) 1975.  
1856 Map  
1892 Map

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

The present appearance of the Congregational Church is the product of evolution (see "Integrity"). The predominant style presently is Stick Style, and it is likely that it received this treatment as a result of competition with Church on the Plains. Old photos indicate that many architectural details have been removed.

The first roof was much lower pitch. Vestibule & belfry 1840. 1878-79: new roof over old and redecoration. 1890-91: built vestry with kitchen facilities. 1952: Many renovations. 1954-55: rent room. 1978: add to rent room.

MAP DATA: 1856; Congregational Church

1892: Congregational Church

MAP DATA 1856-Congregational Church & 1892

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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