

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

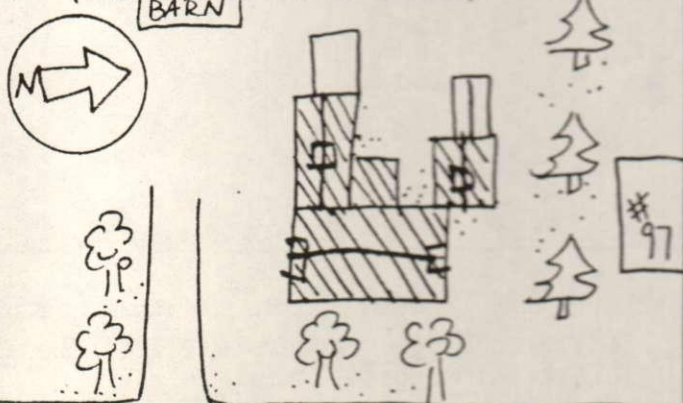
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19/E 332200 /N 4755050
SURVEY NUMBER: 98*		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series
COMMON NAME: Caldwell House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: Oliver P. Nichols House		PRESENT USE: Residential
LOCATION: .11 miles S. of inter. of W. Main & Rockrimmon, West side of W. Main Street		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Oliver Nichols
OWNER: Charles & Linda Caldwell		CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
ADDRESS: 140 Main St. West, Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: )
MAP & PARCEL #: U-11/8		Originally 2 houses
DATE: c. 1820		Major alterations & date: Windows changed, Dates unknown.
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local
STYLE: Federal		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone ☐ 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 ☒ 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 ☒ Standing Seam Tim ☐ Slate ☐  
Pressed Metal ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Rolled Asphalt ☐ Other ☐
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:  
# of Stories 2 # of Bays 5x2 Approx. Dimensions 35' x 20' M.B.  
Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐  
Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐  
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells 2 Chimneys 2 M.B., 2 ell  
Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds 2 Garage ☐ Other ☐  
Entry Location: Center ☒ Sidehall ☐ Other ☐

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO

Description of View: Front-east  
Side-northPhotographer: Scott Novak  
Negative with: S.R.R.C.  
Negative File Number: K-80-4C/4-4A



#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Caldwell house is a 2-story Federal style structure. The central entry has a six-panel door, a transom with lights, half-length sidelights, and pilasters rising to a denticulated entablature. The windows have two-over-one sash except those on the rear facade which have nine-over-six windows sash. The wall covering is of feathered, graduated clapboarding and the low-pitched roof is topped by two end-placed chimneys with corbeled caps. Eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with gable-end returns.

A 1½-story, gable-roofed ell to the north has a brick foundation, clapboard siding, two-over-two windows, and a tall chimney with a corbeled cap. It has a attached 1-story, gable-roofed shed to the south.

A 2½-story, gable-roofed ell has a brick foundation, clapboard siding, and two-over-two and nine-over-six windows framed by shutters. The south side door has four panels and two lights and is sheltered by an open, 1½-story porch (new). To the west of the ell is a shed and to the north is a 1-story wing/ell with a shed roof and concrete foundation.

#### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

**BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:** 5 acres bounded to the N-Impey, Briggs, Jackson, S-Clark, E-Main Street, W-Jackson.

#### REFERENCES:

1856 Map  
1892 Map

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

The Oliver Nichols House is another good example of the 5x2 bay form Federal style structure that was popular in the region in the early 19th century. The low pitched gable roof is very typical.

MAP DATA 1892-J.P. Marshall 1856-OP Nichols

**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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