

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 333725 /N 4757225
SURVEY NUMBER: District 2 8 **		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: The Swanson House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: Smith House		PRESENT USE: Residential
LOCATION: SE side of Little River Road .15 mi NE of intersection w/Alma Ave.		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Emil & Faith L. Swanson		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> XXFair Poor Ruins
ADDRESS: 45 Little River Rd., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved (When: )
MAP & PARCEL #: R39-41		Major alterations & date: Remodeled in 1968
DATE: C. 1870		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local <u>X</u>
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Italianate		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone BrickX Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Framexx Other  
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other  
Metal Iron Steel Other  
Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboardx 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 3x2 Approx. Dimensions 30' X 25'  
Roof Style: GableX Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead  
Monitor Sawtooth Other  
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers Dormers Bay Windows 2 Ells 1 Chimneys 2 on MB  
Wings Cupolas Sheds 1 Garage Other Barn  
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (NW) Side (SW)

Photographer: Scott Novak

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: K80-4C 21-21A

#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Swanson house is a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story Italianate style structure. The 4 panelled center entry door contains two lights and is sheltered by a flat-roofed doorhood supported by heavy scroll brackets. Two 1 story, flat roofed bay windows on the facade contain narrow four over four windows above recessed panels. They have a boxed cornice supported by heavy brackets. Other main block windows have six over six sash. The medium pitched roof is topped by two corbel capped windows, and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns.

A 1 story open hip-roofed porch on the southwest rests on a fieldstone foundation.

A 1 story gable roofed ell rests on a fieldstone and concrete foundation. It has a 6 panelled door, clapboard siding, wood shingles in the gable end, and windows with six over six sash. It has an oriel window on the southwest elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story gable roofed barn to the southeast rests on a fieldstone foundation. It has clapboard siding, a vertical board door, a hayloft door, and a nine over six window in the gable.

A 1 story gable roofed shed to the south rests on a fieldstone foundation. It has clapboard siding, a 4 panelled door, and a window with six over six sash.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.2 Acres. Bounded to the North South, and East by the land of David Gould, West by Little River Road.

#### REFERENCES:

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

1892 Map

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

Built in 1870, the Smith House is a later addition to the district. Its simple 3 x 2 bay Italianate facade blends well with the earlier architecture in the area. It is a fine example of a late 19th century subsistence farm.

Historic Associations: Shed was a cobbler shop.

MAP DATA: 1892: S.F. Smith (probably)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land\_\_ Woodland\_\_ Scattered BldgsX Moderately Built Up\_\_  
Densely Built Up\_\_ Residential\_\_X Commercial\_\_ Industrial\_\_ Agricultural\_\_  
Roadside Strip Development\_\_ Other\_\_

Recorded By: Herb Bubert, Scott Novak

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