

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 22	
COMMON NAME: The Scribner House	
HISTORIC NAME: A. P. Frye House	
LOCATION: SW side Newton Junction Rd. .10 Mi. E. of intersection of Rt. 125	
OWNER: Betty Scribner	
ADDRESS: 7 Newton Jct Rd., Kingston, NH	
MAP & PARCEL #: R9-84	
DATE: C. 1840	
SOURCE: Inspection	
STYLE: Greek Revival	

UTM: Z 19 /E 330100 /N 4749350
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Dwelling
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Mr. Berrati
CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved (When:)
Major alterations & date: Victorian era additions, dates unknown
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone ☒ Brick ☐ Concrete ☐ Concrete Block ☐
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame ☐ Post & Beam ☒ Ballon Frame ☐ Other ☐
Load Bearing Masonry ☐ Stone ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete Block ☐ Other ☐
Metal ☐ Iron ☐ Steel ☐ Other ☐
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard ☒ 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 ☐ Standing Seam Tin ☐ Slate ☐
Pressed Metal ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Rolled Asphalt ☐ Other ☐
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
of Stories 1 1/2 # of Bays 3X3 Approx. Dimensions 23' X 30'
Roof Style: Gable ☐ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐
Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐
Appendages: Porches ☐ Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells 1 Chimneys 1 on MB
Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds ☐ Garage ☐ Other ☐ Barn/garage 1 on ell
Entry Location: Center ☐ Sidehall ☒ Other ☐

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (NE) Side (SE)

Photographer: Scott Novak

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Scribner House is a 1½ story, Greek Revival style structure characterized by gable front orientation to the street, sidehall entry, and classical ornamentation, victorian era remodeling is evidenced by the double leaf (victorian) doors each with three panels and a large light flanking the door are wide pilasters which rise to meet a full entablature with a pediment motif containing decoratively cut molding. All of the windows have two over two sash. The medium pitched roof is topped by a narrow corbel capped chimney, and the roofline has a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns. Wide pilasters frame the main block. The house rests on a random rubble foundation. To the southeast of the main block is a 1 story shed roofed enclosed porch supported by square tapering columns. It has a 3 panelled door with four lights and fixed two and four pane windows. The 1 story gable roofed ell has clapboard siding, one over one windows and a new 3 panelled door with three lights. Its roof is topped by a tall narrow chimney and it is supported by a fieldstone foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A separate 1 story gable roofed barn/garage is located to the south of the main block.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .7 acres. Bounded to the N. by Newton Junction Road, S. by the land of the Jorays, E. by the Episcopal Church, W. by the land of the Gamblins.

REFERENCES:

1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The A. P. Frye House is an exquisite example of Vernacular Greek Revival architecture. It is small but well proportioned, achieving a monumental effect through the use of overscale detailing, i.e., heavy corner pilasters and entablature over the sidehall entry. It is a significant contributor to the South Kingston historic area.

MAP DATA: 1856: Not legible
1892: A. P. Frye

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land ☒ Woodland ☐ Scattered Bldgs ☐ Moderately Built Up ☒
Densely Built Up ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Agricultural ☐
Roadside Strip Development ☐ Other ☐

Recorded By: H. Bubert, S. Novak

Date: 2/7/00

