

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

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TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham

SURVEY NUMBER: 34

COMMON NAME: Kneeland House

HISTORIC NAME: S. Peaslee House

LOCATION: E side of Rte. 125, .06 miles N of the inter. of West Shore & Rte. 125

OWNER: Edward & Joyce Kneeland

ADDRESS: 85 Rte. 125
Kingston, NH - 03848

MAP & PARCEL #: R10/8

DATE: c.1840

SOURCE: Inspection

STYLE: Greek Revival

UTM: Z 19 /E 330250 /N 4750000

USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse

PRESENT USE: Residential

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved When:

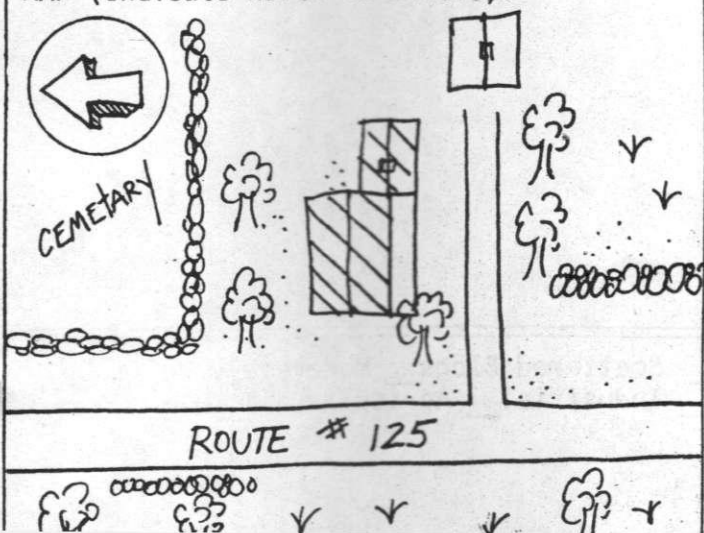
Major alterations & date: Unknown

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

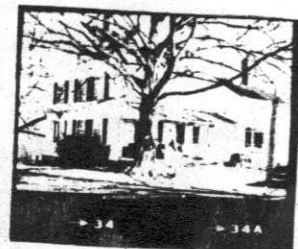
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam X Ballon Frame Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap X 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 1/2 # of Bays 3x4 Approx. Dimensions 20' x 30'
Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 1 Chimneys 2 Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage 1 Other
Entry Location: Center Sidehall X Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Front-west
Side-south

Photographer: Scott Novak

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: 80-6-171-31A

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Kneeland House is a typical 2½-story Greek Revival style house with gable front orientation to the street. The sidehall entry door has recessed sidelights with panels below, and pilasters rise to a full entablature containing a pediment motif. Windows are nine-over-six with architrave trim and shutters. The first floor windows have pedimented lintels. Eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide, molded frieze, and a pedimented gable end supported by wide pilasters. The front facade has shiplap siding, and a six-over-six window in the gable end. The rest of the house is clapboarded.

A 1-story, shed-roofed open porch on the south facade is supported by square columns.

A 2-story, gable-roofed ell has a new 6-panel door, new six-over-six windows, and vinyl siding. It has an oriel window on the south facade, and is topped by a tall, narrow chimney.

The entire structure rests on a granite slab foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A separate 1-story, gable-roofed shed/garage to the southeast has a 6-panel door, two-over-two windows, and novelty siding. It rests on a cement foundation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .9 acres bounded to the N-Cemetery, S-Stukes, E-Stukes, W-Rte. 125.

REFERENCES:

1856 Map S. Peaslee, 1892 Map S. Peaslee

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Extremely well developed example of the Greek Revival Style. Gable front orientation and classical ornamentation plus intact hilltop siting make the S. Peaslee House extremely significant to Kingston's historic building stock. Relates to Site 72, the Luther Peaslee House in the downtown historic district.

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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