

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 330950 /N 4752875
SURVEY NUMBER: 84		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: The Swett House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: D. Wadleigh House		PRESENT USE: Residence
LOCATION: Across the Street of the intersection Kelly Road & Danville Rd. on W. side		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Mrs. Wilbert Swett		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> Fair <u> </u> Poor <u> </u> Ruins <u> </u>
ADDRESS: 17 Danville Rd., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved <u> </u> (When: <u> </u>)
MAP & PARCEL #: R21-44		Major alterations & date: Asphalt Shingle siding added, date unknown.
DATE: C. 1780		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <u> </u> State <u> </u> Local <u>X</u>
SOURCE: Inspection, Mrs. Swett		
STYLE: Federal		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick X 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 Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles X 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 2½ # of Bays 5X3 Approx. Dimensions 38' X 30'
Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys 2 on MB
Wings Cupolas Sheds 2 Garage 1 Other Barn
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

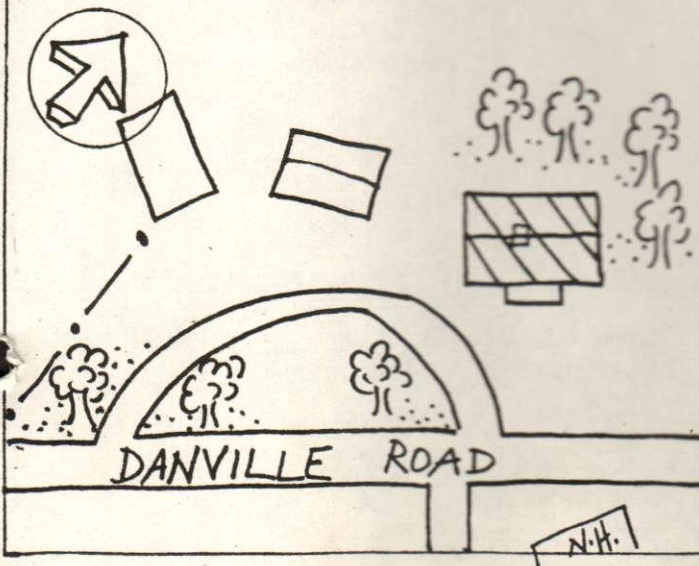
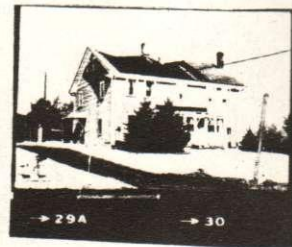


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Description of View:
Front (SE) Side (SW)

Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Swett house is a 2½ story, gable roofed Federal style structure which has undergone extensive remodeling including the application of asphalt shingle siding. The center entry has double leaf (victorian) doors each with one arched light. It is sheltered by a 1 story, shed roofed enclosed porch with a 3 panelled door with four lights, two over two windows, and a fieldstone foundation. Most of the windows on the main block have two over two sash except for some nine over six windows on the north elevation. The low-pitch roof is topped by a central corbel capped chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns. There is an exterior chimney located on the east elevation. A stone and brick foundation support the structure.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is a separate 1 story gable roofed garage to the northwest and a 1 story gable roofed shed to the north of the main block. To the west of the house is a 1 story, gable roofed barn with asphalt shingle siding, a vertical board door, six over six windows and a fieldstone foundation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 86.4 Acres. Bounded on the S. by Danville Road, E. by nason and Fletcher, N. & W. unknown.

REFERENCES:

1856 map
1892 map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Perhaps second house on site of one that burned?

The D. Wadleigh House is prominently sited on a knoll overlooking Danville Road. Situated on 86.4 acres of farmland, this house maintains the agricultural character of this area of W. Kingston. Architecturally, the massing of this house appears to date from the Federal period, although it was heavily modified in the late 19th century with attractive Victorian era details.

MAP DATA: 1856: D. Wadleigh
1892: N/A

MAP DATA 1856-D. Wadleigh 1892-D. Wadleigh

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

Recorded By: Herb Bubert, Scott Novak

Date: 3/3/80

