HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

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TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham SURVEY NUMBER: 125 COMMON NAME: Motuzas House HISTORIC NAME: R. Prescott House LOCATION: E. side Church St., .03 Mi.N of intersection of Cottage St. OWNER: Joe Motuzas ADDRESS: 27 Church St. Kingston, N.H. MAP & PARCEL #: R34-7 DATE: C. 1850 SOURCE: Inspection STYLE: Greek Revival

UTM: Z 19 /E 332225 /N 4756050 USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residence ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown CONDITION: Exc. X Good Fair Poor Ruins INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved (When: Major alterations & date: Porches added date unknown LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State LocalX

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brickx Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame Other X Transitional Frame Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other Metal Iron Steel Other Other -

3. WALL COVERING: Clapboardx Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum Novelty__Stucco__Stone__Brick__Sheet Metal__Asphalt Shingles__Vinyl__ Asphalt Sheeting__Composite Board__Other__

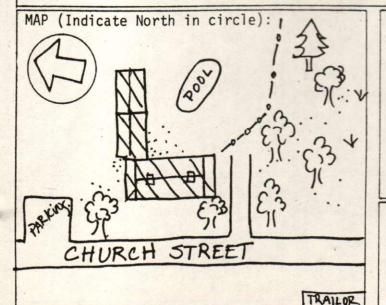
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Apshalt Shingle Standing Seam Tim Slate Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other

5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

6. OTHER:

of Stories 22 # of Bays 5X3 Approx. Dimensions 33' X 30' Roof Style: Gable xx Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead Monitor Sawtooth Other

Appendages: Porches 2 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells 2 Chimneys 2 on MB
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (W) Side (N)

Photographer: Herb Bubert Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: K80-11C-0-0A

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Motuzas house is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story, 5 bay, Greek Revival style house with a central hall plan. The entrance has a 6 panelled door framed by half-length sidelights and fluted pilasters which rise to a full entablature with a pediment motif. All of the windows have two over two sash framed by molded surrounds and shutters. The steeply-pitched roof is topped by twin, tall, chimneys and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns. The house is framed by wide, panelled pilasters and rests on a brick foundation.

The house has a similiar 1 story hip roofed open porches on its north and south elevations. A 2 story, gable roofed ell projects to the east. On the east elevation of this ell is a second 1 story, gable roofed ell.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

To the northeast of the house is a 1 story gable roofed shed.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 3 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Sanborn Regional High S. by Martine, Gray, and Crockett, E. by Sanborn Regional High, W. by Church Street.

REFERENCES:

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

1856 Map 1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The R. Prescott House is a handsomely proportioned example of the 5x3 bay mid-19th century farmhouse; well preserved and in excellent condition, it contributes to the character of Church Street.

Historic Associations: Boarding house in rear, c.1915

MAP DATA: 1856: R. Prescott 1892: F. Sanborn

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

Recorded By:

Date: 3/24/80

