HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
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TOWN: Kingston COUNTY: Rockingham

SURVEY NUMBER: 147

COMMON NAME: The Leet House

HISTORIC NAME: B. F. Cram House

LOCATION:S. side Marshall Road, .59 mi. E. intersection of Thorne Rd.

OWNER:Lorraine Leet (14 Marshall Rd.)

ADDRESS:35 Paradise Rd., Ipswich Mass 01938

MAP & PARCEL #: R33-23

DATE: C. 1880

SOURCE: Assessors Office, Kingston

STYLE: Late 19th century Vernacular

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

UTM: Z 19 /E 331700 /N 4757075

USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Dwelling

PRESENT USE: Residential

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair XPoor Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved
On site of earlier (When:)

structure which burned.

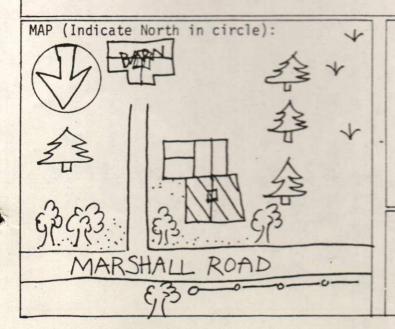
Major alterations & date: Asbestos shingle

siding applied date unknown

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State LocalX

1. FOUNDATION: Stonex Brick Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
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 Asbestos shingles
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Apshalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tim Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
of Stories 12 # of Bays 2X4 Approx. Dimensions 22' X 17'
Roof Style: Gable Y Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys Wings 2 Cupolas Sheds Garage Other Barn
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other





Description of View:
Front (N) Side (E)
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Photographer: Herb Bubert Negative with: S.R.R.C.

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This house is a l_2 story, gable roofed, late nineteenth century, vernacular structure. The center entry, located on the east elevation, has a 3 panelled door with two lights. All of the windows have two over two sash. The medium-pitch roof is topped by a narrow, corbel-capped chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a sloped soffit along the lateral eaves. Asbestos shingle siding has been applied to the exterior walls. The house rests on a stone foundation.

A 1 story, gable roofed wing projects to the southeast and is attached to a second 1 story

gable roofed wing projecting to the south.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

A separate 2 story barn topped by a cupola is located to the south of the house.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 2.5 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Marshall Road and the Swansons, S. by the Giffords, E. by Harmon and Gifford, W. by Swanson.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980 1856 Map 1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The B. F. Cram House is historically associated with the Marshall carriage industry. Today, however, it is a simple vernacular residence of no particular architectural significance.

MAP DATA: 1856: Carriage shop 1892: B. F. Cram

MAP DATA 1892-B F Cram

1856-Carriage Shop

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Landx Woodland Scattered Bldgs X Moderately Built Up_
Densely Built Up_ Residential Commercial Industrial Agricultural_
Roadside Strip Development Other_

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