

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

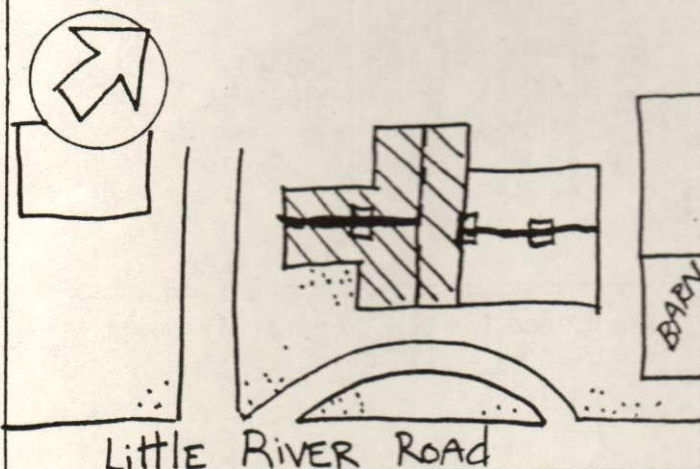
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 332800 /N 4756475
SURVEY NUMBER: 154		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: The LaBranche House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME:		PRESENT USE: Residence
LOCATION: NW side Little River Rd., .11 Mi. W. intersection Little River Rd. & Exeter Rd.		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: LaBranche (6 Little River Rd.)		CONDITION: Exc. Good FairX Poor Ruins
ADDRESS: 303 Amesbury Rd., Haverhill, Mass		INTEGRITY: Original SiteX Moved (When:)
MAP & PARCEL #: R34-44		Major alterations & date:
DATE: C. 1880		Barn built by Currier of Amesbury
SOURCE: Inspection		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State LocalX
STYLE: Late Nineteenth Century Vernacular		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone BrickX Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X Other
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard xx Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle x Standing Seam Tim Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:
of Stories 2 1/2 # of Bays 6X2 Approx. Dimensions 32' X 30'
Roof Style: Gable x Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches 1 Towers Dormers Bay Windows 1 Ells Chimneys 3
Wings 1 Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other x

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View:

Front (SE) Side (SW)

Photographer: Herb Bubert

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The LaBranche house is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story late nineteenth century vernacular structure. The 3 panelled entry door contains one large light surrounded by small lights, and is sheltered by a 1 story flat roofed porch. Windows have two over two sash and are surmounted by caps. Some are flanked by shutters. A 1 story hip roofed bay window on the southeast facade has recessed panels below the one over one lights. The medium pitched roof is topped by three chimneys, one is vaulted, the other two have corbelled caps. Treatment of the eaves consists of a boxed cornice with gable end returns.

A 2 story gable roofed wing has the same siding, foundation windows and eaves treatment as the main block. It has a 4 panelled entry door sheltered by a flat roofed doorhood which is supported by turned brackets.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A large $1\frac{1}{2}$ story gable roofed barn to the east of the house has clapboard wall covering, fixed 4 light windows, and cornice treatment consisting of projecting eaves and gable end returns.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 84 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Magnuson, and Federhen, S. by Little River Road, and Route 125, E. by Little River Road, W. by Dunbar, and Magnusson.

REFERENCES:

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

1856 Map

1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

This structure, while not particularly architecturally significant, is however, historically important as the site of the Town Farm. Further research is recommended.

Historic Associations: Christie Poultry Farm in 1950's.

MAP DATA: 1856: Town Farm
1892: D. Collins

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

Recorded By: Scott Novak, Herb Bubert

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