

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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| TOWN: Kingston   | COUNTY: Rockingham | UTM: Z 19 /E 335975 /N 4757500  |
| SURVEY NUMBER: 159   |                    | USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series  |
| COMMON NAME: The Hill House                                      |                    | FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse  |
| HISTORIC NAME: A. Davis House                                    |                    | PRESENT USE: Residence/Commercial   |
| LOCATION: NW side Exeter Rd., .36 Mi. SW intersection South Road |                    | ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown  |
| OWNER: Helen Hill  |                    | CONDITION: Exc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ADDRESS: 108 Exeter Rd, Kingston, NH                             |                    | INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: <input type="text"/> )   |
| MAP & PARCEL #: R37-2  |                    | Major alterations & date: windows and door changed, dates unknown   |
| DATE: C. 1840  |                    | LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |
| SOURCE: Assessors Office, Kingston                               |                    |   |
| STYLE: Greek Revival   |                    |   |

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone ☒ Brick ☐ Concrete ☐ Concrete Block ☐
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame ☐ Post & Beam ☒ Ballon Frame ☐ Other ☐  
Load Bearing Masonry ☐ Stone ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete Block ☐ Other ☐  
Metal ☐ Iron ☐ Steel ☐ 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 ☐
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Shingle ☒ Standing Seam Tin ☐ Slate ☐  
Pressed Metal ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Rolled Asphalt ☐ Other ☐
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:  
# of Stories 1½ # of Bays 5X3 Approx. Dimensions 31½' X 36½'  
Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐  
Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐  
Appendages: Porches ☐ Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells 1 Chimneys 2  
Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds ☐ Garage ☐ Other ☐ Barn ☐  
Entry Location: Center ☒ Sidehall ☐ Other ☐

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



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

Photographer: Herb Bubert  
Negative with: S.R.R.C.  
Negative File Number: K80-12C-OA-2



#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Hill house is a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story, gable roofed, Greek Revival style structure which displays gable front orientation to the street and a central hall plan. The center entry has double leaf doors, each with two panels and one light. The entrance is flanked by wide pilasters which rise to a full entablature. All of the windows have two over one sash capped by pedimented lintels. Wide pilasters frame the main block. The steeply pitched roof is topped by a tall narrow chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns. The house rests on a granite slab foundation.

A 1 story gable roofed ell projects to the northwest. Projecting to the southwest of the house is a 1 story, shed roofed, enclosed porch.

#### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

To the northwest of the house is a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story, gable roofed barn.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 3 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Goodwin, S. by Route 111, and Kerkhoff, E. Route 111, W. by King.

#### REFERENCES:

1856 Map

1892 Map

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The A. Davis House is another example in the group of Sites #158, 162 and a house in Exeter...that of the wide gable Greek Revival style. This interesting architectural configuration was not widely used and is interesting to find in concentration in this area.

MAP DATA: 1856: A. Davis  
1892: Mrs. Davis

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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