

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

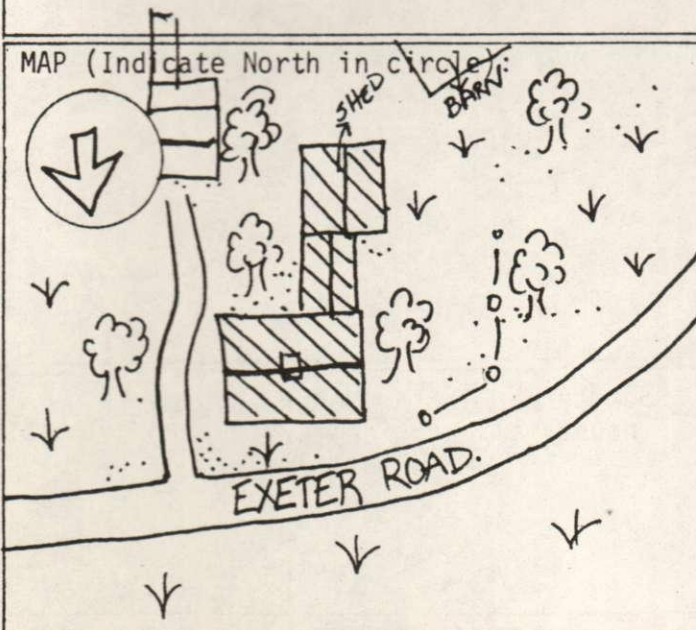
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TOWN: Kingston	COUNTY: Rockingham	UTM: Z 19 /E 334275 /N 4756850
SURVEY NUMBER: 165		USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: The Wajda House		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
HISTORIC NAME: M. French House		PRESENT USE: Residential
LOCATION: S. side Exeter Rd., .38 mi. SW intersection Willow Rd.		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Mr. French
OWNER: Michael & Kathryn Wajda		CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
ADDRESS: 51 Exeter Rd., Kingston, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: <input type="text"/>)
MAP & PARCEL #: R35-13		Major alterations & date: Greek Revival period remodeling
DATE: C. 1790		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOURCE: Mrs. Wajda, Deed Research		
STYLE: Georgian		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone ☒ Brick ☐ Concrete ☐ Concrete Block ☐
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame ☐ Post & Beam ☒ 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 ☐ 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 2 1/2 # of Bays 5X2 Approx. Dimensions 40' X 30'
Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☐ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐
Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐
Appendages: Porches ☐ Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells 1 Chimneys ☐
Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds 5 Garage 1 Other ☐ Barn ☐
Entry Location: Center ☒ Sidehall ☐ Other ☐



PHOTO



Description of View:
Front (N) Side (E)

Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
Negative File Number: K80-12C-8A-9

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Wajda house is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story, late vernacular structure in the Georgian style which was modified in the Greek Revival period. The center entry has a recent 4 panelled door framed by full length sidelights (Greek Revival) and wide pilasters which rise to a full entablature. All of the windows have six over six (Greek Revival) or one over one sash and some have projecting caps. The medium pitched roof has a large central chimney with a corbelled cap and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a narrow frieze and gable end returns (all greek revival characteristics). The house rests on a granite slab foundation. A 2 story, gable roofed ell projects to the south. It has clapboard siding, a recent door, is topped by a narrow corbel capped chimney and rests on granite slabs. A 1 story shed projects from its south elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: To the southwest is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story, gable roofed barn. To the southeast is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story garage with four sheds projecting from its south elevation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 6 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Exeter Road, S. by Bradbrook, E. by Bradbrook, W. by Masse.

REFERENCES:

1856 Map

1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The M. French House is a vernacular Georgian style structure which was modified in the Greek Revival period. It is an important visual anchor on the Exeter Road.

MAP DATA: 1856: M. French
1892: M. French estate

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: 4/8/80

