HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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TOWN: Kingston
COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 1
COMMON NAME: Kingston House
HISTORIC NAME: Robie House
LOCATION: East side of Main St., .14 miles N of inter. of Main and W. Main.
OWNER: Main St. & Scotland Realty, Inc.
ADDRESS: 1 Scotland Rd, Kingston, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: U-8/13
DATE: c. 1750
SOURCE: Inspection
STYLE: Georgian

UTM: Z 19/E 332375/N 4734800
USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential
PRESENT USE: Restaurant
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. Good X Fair Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved
(When: )
Major alterations & date: Ell added c. 1917
house joint to barn in 1950's.
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick _ Concrete _ Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame _ Post & Beam X 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 _ X Standing Seam Tim _ Slate
   Pressed Metal _ Sheet Metal _ Rolled Asphalt _ Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories _ # of Bays 5 x 7
   Approx. Dimensions 25' x 30'
   Roof Style: Gable _ Hip _ Gambrel _ Flat _ Shed _ Mansard _ Jerkinhead
   Monitor _ Sawtooth _ Other
   Appendages: Porches _ Towers _ Dormers _ Bay Windows _ Ells _ Chimneys _ Wings
   Cupolas _ Sheds _ Garage _ Other _ Barn/Dining room
   Entry Location: Center X Sidehall _ Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-west
Side-north

Photographer: Scott Novak
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Speliotis House is a 2-story, hip-roofed, central chimney Georgian style house. The center entry has a 4-panelled door with one large light surmounted by a transom light and flanked by pilasters rising to a full entablature. The windows are nine-over-six on the first floor and six-over-six on the second, all framed by shutters and architrave trim. The eaves treatment consists of a molded cornice with imitation rope-molding below. The main block rests on a fieldstone foundation.

A 2-story, gable-roofed ell projects to the east. It has a 1-story, enclosed porch on its north elevation. A second ell extends to the east of the first. It has a gable-roof and nine-over-six windows. A 1-story wing projects from the south elevation of this ell.

Multiple additions late 1970's and 80's for restaurant; clapboard, small panes in colonial style.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: An attached 2-story, gable-roofed barn projects to the east of the house. It has clapboard and wood shingle siding, rests on a stone foundation and has been converted into a kitchen and dining space.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .9 acres bounded to the N-Scotland Road, S-Clark, E-Strout, W-Mair Street.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980

1856 Map S. P. Clark, 1892 Map J. E. Clark

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

One of the earliest remaining houses in Kingston, although its integrity has been compromised by the many colonial-style additions necessary to make it into a busy restaurant.

Kingston's famous Linden tree is in the front yard. A Mr. Choate is reported to have been the first owner of the property in 1689; his son David owned it in 1753.

Map Data: 1856: Simeon Peaslee Clark (who bought house in 1836 from Robert Ayer) 1892: J.E. Clark

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

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