TOWN: Kingston  COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 25
COMMON NAME: Brown House
HISTORIC NAME: W. T. Bassett House
LOCATION: E side of Main Street, .15 miles N of inter. of Main Street & Bartlett St.
OWNER: Michael & Helene Brown
ADDRESS: 155 Main Street, Kingston, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: U-9/1
DATE: c. 1770/1810
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston
STYLE: Federal

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick X Concrete X Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame X Post & Beam X Balloon Frame X Other
   Load Bearing Masonry X Stone X Brick X Concrete X Concrete Block X Other
   Metal X Iron X Steel X Other
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X Wood Shingle X Board & Batten X Shiplap X Aluminum
   Novelty X Stucco X Stone X Brick X Sheet Metal X Asphalt Shingles X Vinyl
   Asphalt Sheeting X Composite Board X Other
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle X Asphalt Shingle X Standing Seam X Tin X Slate
   Pressed Metal X Sheet Metal X Rolled Asphalt X Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories 2  # of Bays 5 x 2  Approx. Dimensions 25' x 20'
   Roof Style: Gable X Hip X Gambrel X Flat X Shed X Mansard X Jerkinhead
   Monitor X Sawtooth X Other
   Appendages: Porches X Towers X Dormers X Bay Windows X Eells X Chimneys X
   Wings X Cupolas X Sheds X Garage X Other
   Entry Location: Center X Sidehall X Other

UTM: Z 19/E 332375 /N 4755375
USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Dwelling
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. Good X Fair X Poor X Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved (When: )
Major alterations & date: Porch added date
Unknown; porch c. 1982
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl X State X Local X

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-west X Side-south
Photographer: Herb Bubort
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
Negative File Number: K-80-2-c/10A-11
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Brown House is a 2-story, five-by-two bay, twin-chimney, Federal style house. The center entry has a four-panelled door topped by a transom light and flanked by pilasters rising to a full entablature. The roofline has a boxed cornice on both the lateral and raking eaves with a panelled, decorated frieze under the lateral eaves. All of the windows are two-over-two framed by architrave trim. The main block rests on a brick and stone foundation.

A 1½-story, gable-roofed ell projects to the east and has a 1-story open porch on its south elevation. To the rear of the ell is a 1-story, gable-roofed screened porch.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is a separate garage to the southeast of the house.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.2 acres bounded to the N-Bakie, E-Cemetery, S-Bartlett, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1856 Map — W. T. Bassett
1892 Map — Mrs. Dr. Bassett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The current ell of this house is actually the original structure c. 1770. The 2-story Federal style main block was added c. 1810. While the exterior of the house is intact, most of the original interior features were removed in the early 1970's. It is a significant contribution to the federal style component in the Historic District.

Historic Associations: House was parsonage to Universalist Church in early 1900's.

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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