**TOWN:** Kingston  
**COUNTY:** Rockingham

**SURVEY NUMBER:** 28*

**COMMON NAME:** The Bake House

**HISTORIC NAME:** S. Calef House

**LOCATION:** E side of Main St., 0.22 miles N of intersection of Main & Bartlett

**OWNER:** Ralph & Virginia Bake

**ADDRESS:** 161 Main St., Kingston, NH

**MAP & PARCEL #:** U-10/40

**DATE:** c. 1830

**SOURCE:** Inspection

**STYLE:** Greek Revival

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**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Structural System

1. **FOUNDATION:** Stone X Brick Concrete Concrete Block
2. **WALL STRUCTURE:** 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 Tim Slate Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. **ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:**
6. **OTHER:**

**LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE:** Natl State Local X

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**PHOTO**

Description of View: Front-west  
Side-south

**Photographer:** Scott Novak
**Negative with:** S.R.R.C.
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Bake house is actually two houses joined together: one in the Federal style and one in the Greek Revival style. The Greek Revival house is attached to the west gable end of the Federal house, and serves as the present main block. It features gable front orientation to the street, and the entry is sheltered by a shed-roofed screened porch. The 6-panel door is flanked by full-length sidelights, and topped by a transom light. Windows have six-over-six sash, granite lintels, and are framed by shutters. A palladian window in the pedimented gable (west elevation) has a granite arch with a keystone encircling a louvered semi-circular fan. The medium-pitched roof is topped by two tall chimneys with corbeled caps, and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice. The main block rests on a granite block foundation.

The Federal style structure now serves as a 2-story gable roofed wing. It features a large oriel window, clapboard siding, close eaves, and six-over-six windows framed by shutters. Two additions have been made to this wing. One has a brick foundation, and the other has poured concrete.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.9 acres bounded to the N-Town Hall, Kelley, S-Lord, Bakiie, Long, S-Depot Road, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1856 Map -- S. Calef
1892 Map -- B. F. Rowe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The S. Calef House is the only brick house on the Plains, and the only brick Greek Revival structure in town. It is notable for its symmetry and detailing. It is an impressive structure which contributes to the architectural mix of the north end of the Plains.

The property originally belonged to John Calef, Sr., John Drinkwater owned the property c. 1922. Until about 1918 there was a store and barber shop out back.

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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