TOWN: Kingston  COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 31
COMMON NAME: Country Store
HISTORIC NAME: Peaslee & Bakie Store
LOCATION: Side of Main St. & intersection of Main & Depot Road.
OWNER: Stuart & Judith Carmichael
ADDRESS: 167 Main St., Kingston, NH
DATE: C. 1845
SOURCE: Inspection
STYLE: Vernacular

UTM: Z 19 /E 332375 /N 4755550
USGS QUAD: Kingston Quad 7.5' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial
PRESENT USE: Commercial
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Luther D. Peaslee
CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site X Moved __
2nd floor added 1870 (When: ___ ) for Masons; 3rd floor 1871 (then Odd Fellows)
Major alterations & date: __
1880 became Bakie Bros. stores until 1960

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick Concrete Concrete Block
   Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
   Metal Iron Steel Other
   Other Sides Front-flushboard
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam X Balloon Frame Other
   Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
   Metal Iron Steel Other
   Other Sides Front-flushboard
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X 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 3/4 # of Bays 3x4 Approx. Dimensions 20' x 45'
   Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
   Monitor Sawtooth Other
   Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Eells Chimneys
   Wings: Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
   Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle): PHOTO

Description of View: Front-west
Side-south

Photographer: Scott Novak
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Country Store is a 3½-story structure built at the turn of the century with some Greek Revival characteristics including gable front orientation to the street and a closed pediment in the gable containing a semi-circular radiating fan blind. The center entry has a recent glass door framed by surrounds containing cornerblocks. The entry is sheltered by a 1-story, flat-roofed porch supported by four, free-standing posts. The eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice and a wide frieze. Panelled pilasters frame the main block. Most of the windows have six-over-six sash with some nine-over-six and eight-over-twelve sash as well. The main block rests on a granite foundation.

A 1-story, flat-roofed wing projects to the south. It has clapboard siding, one-over-one windows, and rests on a concrete foundation. A second, 1-story, gable-roofed wing also projects to the south. It has shiplap siding and rests on a concrete block foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .4 acres bounded to the N-Depot Road, S-Town of Kingston, E-Depot Road, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1856 Map — Store and Post Office
1892 Map — Store and Post Office

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The Peaslee/Bakie Store has occupied this focal location in the town center since its construction c. 1845. Its present 3½ story configuration dates from c. 1870 when the 2nd story was elevated to make a room for the Masons to meet in. The result is an extraordinary tall, narrow Greek Revival structure, whose facade is surmounted by a full pediment. Because of its pivotal location, the Peaslee/Bakie Store maintains its historic function as the center of commerce in Kingston. There are cut granite piers in the cellar.