HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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LOCATION: E side of Main Street, .1 mile N of intersection of Main & Depot.

OWNER: Lorraine H. Chase
ADDRESS: 173 Main Street, Kingston, NH

DATE: c. 1870
SOURCE: Inspection
STYLE: Italianate

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone, Brick, Concrete, Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame, Post & Beam, Balloon 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, Standing Seam, Tin, Slate
   Pressed Metal, Sheet Metal, Rolled Asphalt, Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories, # of Bays, 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, Barn, Converted to apartments
   Entry Location: Center, Sidehall, Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-west, Side-south

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Chase Bouse is a 2½-story Italianate style house. The sidehall entry has a four-panelled door, with two wooden panels below and two round-arched lights above, and is sheltered by a flat-roofed door hood supported by heavy brackets. All of the windows are two-over-two with projecting caps. The medium-pitch roof has projecting, bracketed eaves with a boxed cornice and gable-end returns. Wide panelled pilasters frame the main block of the house. The main block rests on a brick and fieldstone foundation.

A 2-story, gable-roofed ell extends to the east. It has clapboard siding, two-over-two and two-over-one windows, and a fieldstone foundation. Another 2-story ell extends to the east of the first. It has a flat roof, clapboard siding, and rests on a concrete block foundation. The second ell connects with a large 2½-story, four-by-three bay, gable-roofed structure which appears to have been the barn. It has been remodeled and now contains apartments.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .6 acres bounded to the N-Penney, Bakie School, S-Bartlett, E-Mason, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980

1893 Map -- O. H. Key

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The O. H. Key House is a fine example of vernacular late Italianate style as exemplified by the 2½ story, sidehall configuration and detailing.

Historic Associations: In the 1890's, there was a post office in the building. In the early 20th century, a woman recluse, whose husband had a team, lived here. Local legend says the house was haunted.

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

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