**TOWN:** Kingston  
**COUNTY:** Rockingham  
**SURVEY NUMBER:** 44*  
**COMMON NAME:** Wiggins Hall  
**HISTORIC NAME:** Wiggins Hall  
**LOCATION:** E side of Main St., 1/2 miles north of intersection of Main & Depot  
**OWNER:** James & Nancy Penney  
**ADDRESS:** 175 Main St., Kingston, NH  
**DATE:** c.1879 (may be later)  
**SOURCE:** Estimate  
**STYLE:** Late 19th Century Vernacular  

**UTM:** Z 19/E 332500 /N 4755775  
**USGS QUAD:** Kingston Quad 7.5' series  
**FUNCTIONAL TYPE:** Farmhouse  
**PRESENT USE:** Residential  
**ARCHITECT/Builder:** Unknown  
**CONDITION:** Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins  
**INTEGRITY:** Original Site Moved (When: )  
**Major alterations & date:** Cupola and balustrade over porch, porch & chimney removed.  
**LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE:** Natl State Local x  

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Structural System  
1. **FOUNDATION:** Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block  
2. **WALL STRUCTURE:** Wood Frame Post & Beam X 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 X Standing Seam Tim Slate Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other  
5. **ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:**  
6. **OTHER:**  
   - # of Stories X # of Bays X X Approx. Dimensions 20' x 25'  
   - 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:** Herb Dubert  
**Negative with:** S.R.R.C.  
**Negative File Number:** K-89-20/22A-25
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Penney House is a 2½-story late 19th century vernacular structure. The center entry has a three-panel door with six lights. It is flanked by recessed panels which appear to have at one time contained sidelights extending the entire height of the door. A 1-story, gable-roofed portico shelters the entrance. Most of the windows are six-over-six (some have two-over-two sash) framed by shutters, and are topped by denticulated denticulated frieze and gable-end returns. Wide, paneled pilasters frame the main block of the house.

Extending to the east is a 2-story, gable-roofed ell with clapboard siding, windows with varying sash, and a brick foundation. A second 2-story, gable-roofed ell also extends to the east. It has clapboard siding, six-over-one windows and a concrete block foundation. Extending to the north of the first ell is a 1-story, shed-roofed ell with clapboard siding, two-over-two windows and a brick foundation. Also extending to the east is a 1-story, flat-roofed shed with clapboard siding, a brick foundation, and the same denticulated cornice as the main block.

See picture in Town History, page 45

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is a separate gable-roofed shed with vertical-board siding and a sliding vertical-board door.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 2.6 acres bounded to the N-Darch, Bakie School, S-Chase, E-Chase, W-Main Street.

REFERENCES: Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews with members, spring 1980
1892 Map — Kingston House

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
Originally, Wiggin Hall was a handsome Italianate Inn. Old photographs show an elegant structure with far more architectural detailing than currently exists. It did a thriving business in the late 19th century and likely contributed to the economy and liveliness of the town center. Today, the stripped structure is not out of place in the district, especially to those who have never seen older photos.

Historic Associations: Built as an inn (see old photographs for views of spectacular building) by about 1892 it had become Kingston Hall, boys' dormitory for Sanborn Seminary. It remained a dorm until about 1955 when it became the teachers' residence.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land__ Woodland__ Scattered Bldgs__ Moderately Built Up X__
Densely Built Up__ Residential__ Commercial__ Industrial__ Agricultural__
Roadside Strip Development__ Other__

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