TOWN: Kingston
COUNTY: Rockingham

SURVEY NUMBER: 59

COMMON NAME: Eley House

HISTORIC NAME: W. C. Patten House

LOCATION: West side of Main St., 0.37 miles North of inter. of Main & Depot

OWNER: Thomas & Pauline Eley

ADDRESS: 186 Main St, Kingston, NH

MAP & PARCEL #: R-24/21

DATE: c. 1850

SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston

STYLE: Greek Revival

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick X Concrete _ Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame X Post & Beam _ Ballon Frame _ Other _
   Load Bearing Masonry _ Stone _ Brick _ Concrete Block _ Other _
   Metal _ Iron _ Steel _ Other _
   Other
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 _ Standing Seam Tim _ Slate _
   Pressed Metal _ Sheet Metal _ Rolled Asphalt _ Other _
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE: 
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories _ X _ # of Bays _ Approx. Dimensions _ 30' x 70' F.T.
   Roof Style: Gable _ X Hip _ Gambrel _ Flat _ Shed _ Mansard _ Jerkinhead _
   Monitor _ Sawtooth _ Other _
   Appendages: Porches _ 2 _ Towers _ Dormers _ Bay Windows _ Ells _ 2 _ Chimneys _ 4 _
   Wings _ Cupolas _ Sheds _ 1 _ Garage _ Other _
   Entry Location: Center _ Sidehall _ Other _ X _ 2 _ sidehall entries

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-east Side-south

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Eley House is a two-family, 2-story Greek Revival style house with gable front orientation to the street. Identical side entries have multi-panel (recessed) doors with sidelights extending their full height. Each entry is sheltered by a shed-roofed porch supported at the corner by a round, tapering, fluted column. Windows are six-over-six with shutters. All have wooden lintels, and the gable-end facade windows also have window caps. The medium-pitched roof is topped by two chimneys with corbeled caps, and at the eaves line it meets a boxed cornice with gable-end returns. The main block of the house is framed by pilasters rising to the gable-end returns.

Both ells are 1 1/2 stories high, have gable roofs, clapboard siding, boxed cornices on the lateral eaves, and close raking eaves. Each is topped by a tall chimney with a corbeled cap, and both have six-over-six windows with shutters, and a granite block and brick foundation. One has a multi-panel entry door and the other (on the south) has a multi-light entry door.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A 2 1/2-story gable-roofed barn has (wide) clapboard siding, fixed multi-light windows, and swinging type vertical-board doors. It rests on a fieldstone foundation. There is a swimming pool and a shed behind the barn.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .5 acres bounded to the N-Morse, S-Gibson, E-Main Street, W-Morse.

REFERENCES:

Kingston Historic Advisory Committee; interviews w/members, Spring 1980
1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The W. C. Patten House continues the progression of architectural styles on the west side of Main Street by exemplifying the Greek Revival style. Perfectly symmetrical and beautifully detailed, this striking house is extremely significant to the local architectural mix.

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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