HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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TOWN: Kingston
COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 62 X
COMMON NAME: Peard House
HISTORIC NAME: The Gale House
LOCATION: W side of Main St., .28 miles N of intersection of Main St. & Depot Rd.
OWNER: E. Alice & Jenny Peard
ADDRESS: 180 Main St.
ADDRESS UTM Z 10 / E 332500 / N 4756000
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. Goo.d _ Fair _ Poor _ Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site _ Moved (When: )
Major alterations & date: Central chimney removed, roofline altered dates unknown.
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local _

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick _ Concrete _ Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame _ Post & Beam _ Ballon 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 Sheting _ Composite Board _ Other_
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle _ Asphalt Shingle _ Standing Seam _ Slate _
   Pressed Metal _ Sheet Metal _ Rolled Asphalt _ Other_
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-east
Side-north

Photographer: Herb Hubert
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Peard house is a 2½-story, 5x3 bay, transitional Georgian/Federal style house which, due to a fire (date unknown), has had some later remodeling, including the remodel of its massive, central chimney. The center entry has a 5-panelled door flanked by half-length sidelights and a transom light. Flanking the door are wide pilasters which rise to a full entablature. All of the windows have one-over-one sash framed with architrave trim. The medium-pitch roof is topped by a narrow, corbel-capped chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a molded frieze and gable-end returns. Encompassing the main block is a wooden watertable and the house is framed by narrow corner boards. A granite slab foundation supports the main block. A 1-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch projects from the west elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is a separate 1-story, gable-roofed garage to the southwest of the house.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1 acre bounded to the N-Reynolds, S-Swasey Gym., E-Main Street, W-Santorn School.

REFERENCES: 1856 Map 1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The Gale House retains most of its historic integrity although it was remodeled of necessity after a fire. It contributes greatly to the character of the streetscape.

MAP DATA 1892-EG Judkins 1856-Mrs. Gale

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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