**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

**Strafford Rockingham Regional Council**

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<th>TOWN: Kingston</th>
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<td>SURVEY NUMBER: 65*</td>
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<td>COMMON NAME: Headmaster's House</td>
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<td>HISTORIC NAME: French House</td>
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<td>LOCATION: West side of Main Street, 18 miles south of Main &amp; Depot Road</td>
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<td>OWNER: Sanborn Regional School District</td>
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<td>ADDRESS: 178 Main St., Kingston, NH</td>
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<td>MAP &amp; PARCEL #: R-74, Plot 17</td>
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**UTM:** Z 19/E 332475/N 4750775

**USGS QUAD:** Haverhill Quad 15' Series

**FUNCTIONAL TYPE:** Dwelling

**PRESENT USE:** Seacoast Learning Collaborative

**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Unknown

**CONDITION:** Exc. **Good** Fair Poor Poor Ruins

**INTEGRITY:** Original Site Moved (When: )

**Major alterations & date:** Remodeled in 1876.

**LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE:** Natl State Local X

**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 _ Slate
   - Pressed Metal _ Sheet Metal _ Rolled Asphalt _ Other
5. **ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:**
6. **OTHER:**
   - # of Stories _ # of Bays _ Approx. Dimensions 40' x 20' M.B.
   - Roof Style: Gable _ Hip _ Gambrel _ Flat _ Shed _ Mansard _ Jerkinhead
   - Monitor _ Sawtooth _ Other
   - Appendages: Porches _ Towers _ Dormers _ Bay Windows _ Ells _ Chimneys _ M.B.
   - Wings _ Cupolas _ Sheds _ Garage _ Other
   - Entry Location: Center _ Sidehall _ Other

**MAP (Indicate North in circle):**

**PHOTO**

Description of View: Front-East Side-West

Photographer: Scott Novak

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: 4970-3705-27
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

2-story Federal 5x2 bay style house with projecting eaves, plain cornerboards and water table.
Windows 2.2 with plain surrounds and shutters
Front door modern 4 light 4 panel colonial door with plain surrounds.
Small gable porch with turned posts and 4 brackets supporting porch roof.
Simple overhangs.
Projection in front of house with \( \frac{1}{2} \) window on each side, 2nd floor.
Gable end - shingles.
On south side, decorative roof gable with molded eaves and fancy shingles.
Small gable roof porch with door identical to front.
Ell, 4x2 bay.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

Barn box
2/3 bay, large overhangs with molded cornice and paired brackets.
Windows 2/2, plain cornerboards, Behind granite and iron school fence.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

REFERENCES:

1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The French House is a fine example of Federal style architecture and as such contributes significantly to the architectural mix of the historic district. Even though it was remodeled in the late 19th century, its three-part facade with pedimented center projection, and the shallow hip roof make this house unusually high styled in the region.

MAP DATA 1852-Sanborn Seminary 1856-Mrs. French

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

Recorded By:

Date: