**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT**
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<td>COMMON NAME</td>
<td>The Larson House</td>
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<td>HISTORIC NAME</td>
<td>J. Webster House</td>
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<td>LOCATION</td>
<td>West side of Main St., .74 miles N of inter. Main &amp; Depot</td>
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<td>OWNER</td>
<td>Elmer Larson heirs &amp; Gladys Larson</td>
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<td>ADDRESS</td>
<td>176 Main St., Kingston, NH</td>
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<td>MAP &amp; PARCEL #:</td>
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<td>DATE:</td>
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**UTM:** Z 19 / E 332425 / N 4755800
**USGS QUAD:** Haverhill Quad 15' Series
**FUNCTIONAL TYPE:** Farmhouse
**PRESENT USE:** Residential/Kindergarten
**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Unknown
**CONDITION:** Exc. Good X Fair Poor Ruins

**INTEGRITY:** Original Site X Moved
**Major alterations & date:**

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

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** Structural System

1. **FOUNDATION:** Stone _ 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 _ 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 _ X _ Asphalt Shingle _ Standing Seam Tim _ Slate _
   - Pressed Metal _ Sheet Metal _ Rolled Asphalt _ Other _
5. **ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:**
6. **OTHER:**
   - # of Stories 2
   - # of Bays 5 x 2
   - Approx. Dimensions 40' x 20'
   - Roof Style: Gable _ Hip _ Gambrel _ Flat _ Shed _ Mansard _ Jerkinhead _
   - Monitor _ Sawtooth _ Other _
   - Appendages: Porches _ Towers _ Dormers _ Bay Windows _ 1 _ Ells _ 1 _ Chimneys _ 2 _
   - Wings _ Cupolas _ Sheds _ Garage _ 1 _ Other _ barn
   - Entry Location: Center _ X _ Sidehall _ Other _

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

**PHOTO**

**Description of View:** Front-east __ Side-north

**Photographer:** Scott Novak
**Negative with:** S.R.R.C.
**Negative File Number:** K-80-3c/10-10A
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Iirso.. House is a Federal style structure probably built c. 1800. The central
tentry door has three vertical panels and six lights. There are recessed panels where
sidelights and a transom light probably once existed and paneled surrounds frame the
doorway. The door is sheltered by a 1-story, flat-roofed portico supported by round
tapered columns. The front facade of the main block has a vented gable with decorative
shingle siding. Windows are two-over-two with architrave trim, and there is a 1-story
bay window on the south elevation. The low-pitched hip roof meets a boxed cornice at
the eaves line and is topped by a chimney.
A 2-story, five-bay, gable-roofed ell has the same eaves treatment and siding as
the main block. A 1-story, shed-roofed open porch extends along the south elevation.
A 1-story shed connects the porch with a barn to the west.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: The gable-roofed barn is approximately 35' x 40'; has
clapboard siding, vertical-board doors, a six-over-six windows, and a fieldstone founda-
tion. There are two attached sheds on to the north, one to the south. To the south-west is a separate gable-roofed one story shed.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.5 acres bounded to the N-Sanborn School, E-Main Street,
S-Jones, W-Bartlett.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The J. Webster House is another example of the Federal style, and therefore
contributes to the early 19th century character of the historic district.

Historic Associations: Brewer had a store just to the south of the house
which served as a post office in the 1920's and 1930's. In the 1940's,
Ev. Brown used it as his furniture store. The building was later torn down.

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

Recorded By: Scott Novak
Herb Rubert

Date: 12/21/79