TOWN: Kingston  COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 73
COMMON NAME: The Friend House
HISTORIC NAME: J. Severance House
LOCATION: west side of Main St. south side of inter. of Main & Depot.
OWNER: William & Florence Friend
ADDRESS: 3 Church St., Kingston, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: U-10/21
DATE: c. 1855
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston
STYLE: Italianate

UTM: Z 19/E 372400 /N 4755600
USGS QUAD: Portsmouth Quad 15' Series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residential/Commercial
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site, Moved
MAP & PARCEL #:
DATE: c. 1855
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: National, State, Local

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 Shingles, Standing Seam, Tin, Slate
   Pressed Metal, Sheet Metal, Rolled Asphalt, Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories, # of Bays, Approx. Dimensions 25' x 20'
   Roof Style: Gable, Hip, Gambrel, Flat, Shed, Mansard, Jerkinhead, Monitor, Sawtooth, Other
   Appendages: Porches, Towers, Dormers, Bay Windows, 1 Ells, 2 Chimneys
   Wings, Cupolas, Sheds, Garage, Other, Barn/Store
   Entry Location: Center, Sidehall, Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-east, Side-north

Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
Negative File Number: K-80-3c/13-13A
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Friend house is a 2½-story Italianate style house. The sidehall entry has double-leaf doors, each with two panels and one light. Narrow sidelights extend half the height of the doors and the whole entrance is framed by architrave trim. Above the door is a flat-roofed door hood supported by heavy Italianate brackets. All of the windows are two-over-two with projecting caps and shutters.

The medium-pitched roof is topped by a narrow chimney with a corbelled cap and has a boxed cornice with brackets under the eaves and gable-end returns. A 2-story, flat-roofed bay window is located on the south elevation. The bay window has bracketed eaves and one-over-one windows with recessed panels below the sills. The main block rests on a brick foundation.

A 1-story, shed-roofed ell with clapboard siding, two-over-two windows framed by shutters, and resting on a brick foundation extends to the northwest. A 2-story flat-roofed ell with projecting, bracketed eaves extends to the southwest. It has clapboard siding, two-over-two windows, and is topped by a narrow chimney with a corbelled cap.

A 1-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch extends from the south of this second ell.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:
An attached 1½-story, gable-roofed barn extends to the west. On its south elevation is a four-panel door flanked by narrow pilasters rising to an entablature. On the west elevation is a four-panel door flanked by half-length sidelights and pilasters rising to an entablature. The barn has clapboard siding and rests on a brick and Italianate foundation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1.3 acres bounded to the N-Depot Road, E-Town of Kingston, S-Church Street, Town of Kingston, W-Church Street.

REFERENCES:
1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The J. Severance House is a nice small vernacular example of the Italianate style built with sidehall entry and bracketed cornice. It is one of the few of this style in the district.