**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT**
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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| TOWN: | Kingston |
| COUNTY: | Rockingham |
| SURVEY NUMBER: | 86 |
| COMMON NAME: | Norris House |
| HISTORIC NAME: | Squire Hoyt's Office |
| LOCATION: | west side of Church St., .03 miles NW of inter. of W. Main & Church |
| OWNER: | Joseph Norris heirs & Barbara |
| ADDRESS: | 4 Church St, Kingston, NH |
| MAP & PARCEL #: | U-10/11 |
| DATE: | c. 1860 |
| SOURCE: | Assessor's Office Kingston |
| STYLE: | Greek Revival |

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System**

1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick X Concrete X Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame X Post & Beam X Balloon Frame X Other
   - Load Bearing Masonry, Stone X Brick X Concrete Block X Other
   - Metal X Iron X Steel X Other
   - Other
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X Wood Shingle X Board & Batten X Shiplap X Aluminum
   - Novelty X Stucco X Stone X Brick X Sheet Metal X Asphalt Shingles X Vinyl
   - Asphalt Sheeting X Composite Board X Other
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle X Asphalt Shingle X Standing Seam Tim X Slate
   - Pressed Metal X Sheet Metal X Rolled Asphalt X Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   - # of Stories
   - # of Bays
   - Approx. Dimensions
   - Roof Style: Gable X Hip X Gambrel X Flat X Shed X Mansard X Jerkinhead X Monitor X Sawtooth X Other
   - Appendages: Porches X Towers X Dormers X Bay Windows X Eells X Chimneys X Wings X Cupolas X Sheds X Garage X Other
   - Entry Location: Center X Sidehall X Other

**PHOTO**

- Description of View: Front-east Side-south
- Photographer: Scott Novak
- Negative with: S.R.R.C.
- Negative File Number: K-80-56/26-26A
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Morris house is a simple, 1½-story Greek Revival structure with gable front orientation to the street. The recessed sidehall entry has a new door with cornerboards and a partial entablature. Most windows are two-over-two and some are fixed. The medium pitched roof is topped by two chimneys and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with gable-end returns.

A 1½-story, gable-roofed ell has the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block. A small 1-story shed is attached to the rear of this ell.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: .4 acres bounded to the N-1st Congregational Church, S-Church Street, S-Isaacs, W-1st Congregational Church.

REFERENCES:
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
This is a nice little Greek Revival house featuring a recessed sidehall entry.

Historic Associations: 1892 was Squire Hoyt's office. Judge Hoyt had his law office here into the 1930's and was judge of probate in Exeter.

MAP DATA: 1892: Squire Hoyt

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land_ Woodland_ Scattered Bldgs_ Moderately Built Up_ x Densely Built Up_ Residential_ x Commercial_ x Industrial_ Agricultural_ Roadside Strip Development_ Other_

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