HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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TOWN: Kingston  COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 98  COMMON NAME: Caldwell House
HISTORIC NAME: Oliver P. Nichols House
LOCATION: 11 miles S. of inter. of W. Main & Rockrimmon, West side of W. Main Street
OWNER: Charles & Linda Caldwell
ADDRESS: 140 Main St. West, Kingston, NH
DATE: c. 1820
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston
STYLE: Federal

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
   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 2  # of Bays 5x2  Approx. Dimensions 25' x 20' N.B.
   Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Gambrel  Flat  Shed  Mansard  Jerkinhead
   Monitor  Sawtooth  Other
   Appendages: Porches  Towers  Dormers  Bay Windows  Ells  Chimneys
   Wings  Cupolas  Sheds  Garage  Other
   Entry Location: Center  Sidehall  Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-east
Side-north

Photographer: Scott Novak
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Caldwell house is a 2-story Federal style structure. The central entry has a six-panel door, a transom with lights, half-length sidelights, and pilasters rising to a denticulated entablature. The windows have two-over-one sash except those on the rear facade which have nine-over-six windows sash. The wall covering is of feathered, gradual clapboarding and the low-pitched roof is topped by two end-placed chimneys with corbeled caps. Eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with gable-end returns.

A 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed ell to the north has a brick foundation, clapboard siding, two-over-two windows, and a tall chimney with a corbeled cap. It has a attached 1-story, gable-roofed shed to the south.

A 2 1/2-story, gable-roofed ell has a brick foundation, clapboard siding, and two-over-two and nine-over-six windows framed by shutters. The south side door has four panels and two lights and is sheltered by an open, 1 1/2-story porch (new). To the west of the ell is a shed and to the north is a 1-story wing/ell with a shed roof and concrete foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 5 acres bounded to the N-Impey, Briggs, Jackson, S-Clark, E-Main Street, W-Jackson.

REFERENCES:
1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Oliver Nichols House is another good example of the 5x2 bay form Federal style structure that was popular in the region in the early 19th century. The low pitched gable roof is very typical.

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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