**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT**
**Strafford Rockingham Regional Council**
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| TOWN: | Kingston |
| COUNTY: | Rockingham |
| SURVEY NUMBER: | 102 |
| COMMON NAME: | Collins House |
| HISTORIC NAME: | J. French House |
| LOCATION: | W side of W. Main St., .25 miles S of inter. of W. Main St. & Rockrimmon |
| OWNER: | Leila Collins |
| ADDRESS: | 130 Main St. West, Kingston, NH |
| MAP & PARCEL #: | U-11/2 |
| DATE: | c. 1850 |
| SOURCE: | Assessor's Office, Kingston |
| STYLE: | Vernacular |

**COMMON NAME:** Collin? rouse  
**FUNCTIONAL TYPE:** Farmhouse  
**PRESENT USE:** Residential  
**ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Unknown  
**CONDITION:** Exc. Good Fair x Poor Ruins  
**INTEGRITY:** Original Site X Moved (When: )

**DATE:** c. 1850  
**SOURCE:** Assessor's Office, Kingston  
**STYLE:** Vernacular  
**LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE:** Natl x State Local

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System**  
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X 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 ___  
   - 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 ___ Asbestos shingles ___  
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle ___ Asphalt Shingles ___ Standing Seam ___ Slate ___  
   - Pressed Metal ___ Sheet Metal ___ Rolled Asphalt ___ Other ___  
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:  
6. OTHER:  
   - # of Stories ___ # of Bays ___ Approx. Dimensions ___' x ___'  
   - 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 ___ Barn ___  
   - Entry Location: Center ___ Sidehall ___ Other ___

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

**PHOTO**

**Description of View:** Front-east  
Side-south  

**Photographer:** Scott Novak  
**Negative with:** S.R.R.C.  
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Collins house is a mid-19th century vernacular house which has undergone some remodeling, including the addition of asbestos shingle siding. The center entry has a multi-panel and large light door sheltered by a 1-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch. All of the windows are two-over-two framed by architrave trim. The medium-pitched roof is topped by twin narrow inset chimneys with corbelled caps. The roofline consists of a boxed cornice with gable-end returns. The main block rests on a fieldstone & granite foundation.

A 1-story shed-roofed ell with two-over-two windows, asbestos shingle siding, and a brick foundation projects to the northwest. To the southwest is a 1-story, gable-roofed ell. It has a multi-panel and one light door with a shed-roofed doorhood supported by brackets. All of the windows are six-over-six framed by architrave trim. The roof is topped by a tall, narrow chimney. To the west of this ell is a 1-story, shed-roofed shed with wood shingle siding and a fieldstone foundation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: There is an attached 1-story, gable-roofed barn to the southwest of the house. It has clapboard siding, two vertical board doors with a transom light, and a fieldstone foundation. Two shed-roofed sheds, one to the south and one to the west, are attached to the barn.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 4 acres bounded to the N-Sander, S-Mason, Kingston State Park, E-West Main Street, W-Modlich.

REFERENCES:

1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Judging by the massing, the J. French House may well have been a typical 5x2 bay Federal style structure. Today, its 3x2 bay configuration speaks more to the late 19th century.

MAP DATA: 1856: J. French
1892: J. B. French estate

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

Recorded By: Scott Novak Herb Bubert

Date: 1/3/80