HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
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TOWN: Kingston  COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 77 Central
COMMON NAME: The Fraser House
HISTORIC NAME: Nichols House
LOCATION: S. side Rockrimmon Rd.; 1/2 mi. E. intersection of Tippen Rd.
OWNER: Hersey Fraser
ADDRESS: 14 Rockrimmon Rd., Kingston, NH

UTM: Z 19 /E 331900 /N 7755150
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. x Good Fair Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site Moved

DATE: Federal C. 1730, Greek C. 1840
SOURCE: Inspec
STYLE: Federal and Greek Revival
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 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 Shingle Standing Seam Tim Slate
   Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories # of Bays Approx. Dimensions 25' X 40'
   Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
   Monitor Sawtooth Other
   Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Eells Chimneys
   Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
   Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other Offset

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View:
Front (F) Side (R)
Photographer: Herb Dubort
Negative File Number:
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Fraser house is a 2-story, 5x2 bay, Federal style structure which has further evolved with the addition of a 2-story, Greek Revival style front section. The Federal section has a new 4-panelled door with two lights sheltered by a 1-story, shed roofed enclosed porch on its northwest elevation. All of the windows have nine-over-six sash framed by shutters. The low pitched roof is hipped on the east side and gabled on the west. It is topped by a tall narrow corbel-capped chimney. The structure rests on a granite slab foundation.

To the south of the Federal section is a 1-story shed roofed enclosed porch. The Greek Revival section is a 3x4 bay, gable roofed structure characterized by a pedimented gable which is oriented toward the street, and a sidehall entry with classical ornamentation. The entrance has a 4-panelled door flanked by sidelights extending halfway and surmounted by a transom light. Flanking the sidelights are pilasters which rise to meet a full entablature. All of the windows have nine-over-six sash framed by shutters. The medium-pitched roof is topped by a corner, corbel-capped chimney and the roofline has a boxed cornice with a narrow volute frieze. The pedimented gable contains a semi-circular window on 1st floor.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: To the southeast of the house is a 1-story, gable-roofed barn with novelty siding, double diagonal board doors with a transom light, nine-over-six and fixed six-pane windows, and a fieldstone foundation. Two separate 1-story, gable-roofed apartments are located to the south and southwest of the house.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 3.1 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Rockrimmon Road, S. by Jackson, E. by Fraser, W. by Colcord and Fraser.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Nichols House is of exceptional architectural interest in the Kingston building stock. Well developed examples of both the Federal and Greek Revival styles join in a symbiotic relationship of great interest to architectural historians.

Mr. Nichols had a window blind business in structure behind house. In the 1940's, one building was used as an office for the Nichols Poultry Farm.

Map Data: 1856: S. F. Nichols
1892: P. French

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

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