HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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TOWN: Kingston
COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 125
COMMON NAME: Motuzas House
HISTORIC NAME: R. Prescott House
LOCATION: E. side Church St., .03 Mi.N of intersection of Cottage St.
OWNER: Joe Motuzas
ADDRESS: 27 Church St. Kingston, N.H.
MAP & PARCEL #: R34-7
DATE: C. 1850
SOURCE: Inspection
STYLE: Greek Revival

UTM: Z19 /E 332225 /N 4756050
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential
PRESENT USE: Residence
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. XGood Fair Poor Ruins
INTegrity: Original Site X Moved (When: )
Major alterations & date: Porches added date unknown
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brick Concrete Concrete Block
   Load Bearing Masonry
   Other X Transitional Frame
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame Other X Transitional Frame
   Load Bearing Masonry
   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 2 1/2 # of Bays 5 X 3 Approx. Dimensions 33' X 30'
   Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead Monitor Sawtooth Other
   Appendages: Porches 2 Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys 2 on MB Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
   Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View:
Front (W) Side (N)
Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
Negative File Number: K80-11C-0-0A
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Motuzas house is a 2 1/2 story, 5 bay, Greek Revival style house with a central hall plan. The entrance has a 6 panelled door framed by half-length sidelights and fluted pilasters which rise to a full entablature with a pediment motif. All of the windows have two over two sash framed by molded surrounds and shutters. The steeply-pitched roof is topped by twin, tall, chimneys and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns. The house is framed by wide, panelled pilasters and rests on a brick foundation. The house has a similar 1 story hip roofed open porches on its north and south elevations. A 2 story, gable roofed ell projects to the east. On the east elevation of this ell is a second 1 story, gable roofed ell.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:
To the northeast of the house is a 1 story gable roofed shed.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 3 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Sanborn Regional High S. by Martine, Grey, and Crockett, E. by Sanborn Regional High, W. by Church Street.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The R. Prescott House is a handsomely proportioned example of the 5x3 bay mid-19th century farmhouse; well preserved and in excellent condition, it contributes to the character of Church Street. Historic Associations: Boarding house in rear, c.1915

MAP DATA: 1856: R. Prescott
1892: F. Sanborn

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

Recorded By:

Date: 3/24/80