TOWN: Kingston                      COUNTY: Rockingham

SURVEY NUMBER: 143

COMMON NAME: The Gifford House

HISTORIC NAME: J. F. Marshall House

LOCATION: .46 Mi. E. of intersection Thorn Rd. on N. side of Marshall Rd.

OWNER: Clarence Gifford

ADDRESS: 23 Marshall Rd., Kingston, NH

MAP & PARCEL #: R41-H

DATE: C. 1850

SOURCE: Assessors Office, Kingston

STYLE: Greek/Italianate

UTM: Z 19 /E 331500 /N 4757250

USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse

PRESENT USE: Residence

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site Moved

(When:)

Major alterations & date: Unknown

Replaces original house which burned

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block

2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X Other Transitional Frame
Load Bearing Masonry Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal Iron Steel Other

3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard X 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 X Standing Seam Tim Slate
Presssed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other

5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

6. OTHER:

# of Stories 2 # of Bays 3x2 Approx. Dimensions 24' X 35'

Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other

Appendages: Porches X Towers Dormers Bay Windows Eills Chimneys
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other

Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View:

Front (S) Side (E)

Photographer: Herb Bubert

Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: K80-11C-18-19A
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Gifford house is a 2½ story, mid nineteenth century structure which combines Greek Revival and Italianate features. The center entry, located on the east elevation, has a vertical board door sheltered by a 1 story, open porch surmounted by a closed pediment containing decoratively cut wood and supported by turned posts with decorative balusters. On the south elevation is a 1 story, three sided bay window. Most of the windows on the main block have two over two sash framed by shutters. The medium-pitch roof is topped by a narrow chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a narrow frieze and gable end returns. The house rests on a brick foundation.

The 2 story, gable roofed ell has a 2 panelled door with two lights sheltered by an open porch on its east elevation which is almost identical to the one on the main block. Projecting to the north of the ell is a 1½ story carriage house.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A separate 1½ story, gable roofed barn is located to the north of the house. It has a very large chicken coop projecting from its west elevation.


REFERENCES:

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The J. F. Marshall House is extremely significant site in the town's building stock. The Greek Revival/Italianate residence combined with barns, outbuildings, and large chicken coop present a good visual representation of the site's history. It represents two of Kingston's major industries -- carriage making and poultry.

Historic Associations: The Marshalls were in the carriage-making business and their shops were across the street at Sites 144 and 145.

MAP DATA: 1856: J. F. Marshall
1892: H. W. Marshall

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

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