HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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TOWN: Kingston
COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 159
COMMON NAME: The Hill House
HISTORIC NAME: A. Davis House
LOCATION: NW side Exeter Rd., .36 Mi. SW intersection South Road
OWNER: Helen Hill
ADDRESS: 108 Exeter Rd, Kingston, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: R37-2
DATE: C. 1840
SOURCE: Assessors Office, Kingston
STYLE: Greek Revival

UTM: Z 19/E 335975/N 4757500
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residence/Commercial
ARCHITECT/Builder: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc.X Good Fair Poor Ruins
INTENSITY: Original Site Moved (When: )
Major alterations & date: windows and door changed, dates unknown
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local X

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick _ Concrete _ Concrete Block _
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame _ Post & Beam X Balloon Frame _ Other _
   Load Bearing Masonry _ Stone _ Brick _ Concrete Block _ Other _
   Metal _ Iron _ Steel _ Other _
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard _ Wood Shingle _ Board & Batten _ Shiplap _ Aluminum _
   Novelty _ Stucco _ Stone _ Brick _ Sheet Metal _ Asphalt Shingles _ Vinyl _
   Asphalt Siding _ 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 _ 5X3 Approx. Dimensions _ 31 1/2' X 36 1/2' 
   Roof Style: Gable X Hip _ Gambrel _ Flat _ Shed _ Mansard _ Jerkinhead _
   Monitor _ Sawtooth _ Other _
   Appendages: Porches _ Towers _ Dormers _ Bay Windows _ Ells _ 1 Chimneys _ 2 _
   Wings _ Cupolas _ Sheds _ Garage _ Other _ Barn _
   Entry Location: Center _ X Sidehall _ Other _

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View:
Front (SE) Side (SW)
Photographer: Herb Bubert
Negative with: S.R.R.C.
Negative File Number: K80-12C-0A-2
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Hill house is a 1 1/2 story, gable roofed, Greek Revival style structure which displays gable front orientation to the street and a central hall plan. The center entry has double leaf doors, each with two panels and one light. The entrance is flanked by wide pilasters which rise to a full entablature. All of the windows have two over one sash capped by pedimented lintels. Wide pilasters frame the main block. The steeply pitched roof is topped by a tall narrow chimney and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a wide frieze and gable end returns. The house rests on a granite slab foundation.

A 1 story gable roofed ell projects to the northwest. Projecting to the southwest of the house is a 1 story, shed roofed, enclosed porch.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:
To the northwest of the house is a 1 1/2 story, gable roofed barn.


REFERENCES:
1856 Map
1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The A. Davis House is another example in the group of Sites #158, 162 and a house in Exeter...that of the wide gable Greek Revival style. This interesting architectural configuration was not widely used and is interesting to find in concentration in this area.

MAP DATA: 1856: A. Davis
1892: Mrs. Davis

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

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