HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT
Strafford Rockingham Regional Council
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TOWN: Kingston  COUNTY: Rockingham
SURVEY NUMBER: 161
COMMON NAME: Stevens House
HISTORIC NAME: W. F. Sanborn House
LOCATION: NE side of Exeter Road, 1/2 miles NE of intersection of Willow Road.
OWNER: Annie Stevens
ADDRESS: 96 Exeter Rd., Kingston, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: R-38/7
DATE: c. 1740
SOURCE: Assessor's Office, Kingston
STYLE: Georgian

UTM: Z 12 / E 335600 / N 4252450
USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' Series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair Poor Ruins
INTENSITY: Original Site Moved
(When: )
Major alterations & date: Main chimney & roof c.1977-78; ell rebuilt after fire c.1979
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Nat'l State Local x

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System
1. FOUNDATION: Stone X Brick Concrete Concrete Block
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam X Ballon Frame Other
   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 Shingles Standing Seam Tim Slate
   Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
   # of Stories 2½  # of Bays 5x2
   Approx. Dimensions 40' x 70'
   Roof Style: Gable X Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
   Monitor Sawtooth Other
   Appendages: Porches 1 Towers 0 Dormers 0 Bay Windows 0 Ells 1 Chimneys 1
   Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
   Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

PHOTO

Description of View: Front-south

Photographer: Herb Bubert
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Stevens House is a 2½-story, center chimney Georgian style structure. The 6-panelled center entry door contains one large light, and is surmounted by a gable-roofed door hood which is supported by scrolled brackets. Windows have two-over-one sash, and are framed by architrave trim. The medium-pitched roof is topped by a massive chimney, and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice on the lateral eaves, and close raking eaves.

A 1-story, shed-roofed open porch is supported by tapering panelled columns.

A 1-story, gable-roofed ell rests on a stone foundation. It has windows with one-over-one and two-over-one sash, clapboard siding, and a tall chimney.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: A large 1½-story, gable-roofed barn rests on a stone foundation. It has clapboard siding, windows with six-over-six sash, and horizontally sliding vertical-board doors.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 10 acres bounded to the N-Kerkhoff, Stevens, S-Exeter Road, E-Kerkhoff, Stevens, W-Stevens.

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

1856 Map 1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
W. F. Sanborn, one of the first Sanborns in Kingston, was a prominent farmer and citizen. His fine Georgian homestead survives to narrate the history of the family.

MAP DATA: 1856: W. F. Sanborn
1892: Mrs. M. A. Sanborn

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land X Woodland _ Scattered Bldgs X Moderately Built Up__
Densely Built Up__ Residential__ Commercial __ Industrial__ Agricultural __
Roadside Strip Development__ Other__

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