**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT**
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**TOWN: Kingston**
**COUNTY: Rockingham**
**SURVEY NUMBER: 165**
**COMMON NAME: The Wajda House**
**HISTORIC NAME: M. French House**
**LOCATION: S. side Exeter Rd., .38 mi. SW intersection Willow Rd.**
**OWNER: Michael & Kathryn Wajda**
**ADDRESS: 51 Exeter Rd., Kingston, NH**
**MAP & PARCEL #: R39-15**
**DATE: C. 1790**
**SOURCE: Mrs. Wajda, Deed Research**
**STYLE: Georgian**

**UTM: Z 19 /E 334275 /N 4756850**
**USGS QUAD: Haverhill Quad 15' series**
**FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farmhouse**
**PRESENT USE: Residential**
**ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Mr. French**
**CONDITION: Exc. X Good _ Fair _ Poor _ Ruins (When: )**
**INTEGRITY: Original Site _ Moved _**
**Major alterations & date: Greek Revival period remodeling**
**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 _
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 _ Slate _
   Metal _ Sheet Metal _ Rolled Asphalt _ Other _
5. **ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:**
6. **OTHER:**
   # of Stories _ 2 1/2 _ # of Bays _ 5 _ 2 _ Approx. Dimensions _ 40' _ X _ 30' _
   Roof Style: Gable _ Hip _ Gambrel _ Flat _ Shed _ Mansard _ Jerkinhead _
   Monitor _ Sawtooth _ Other _
   Appendages: Porches _ Towers _ Dormers _ Bay Windows _ Ells _ Chimneys _
   Wings _ Cupolas _ Sheds _ 5 _ Garage _ 1 _ Other _ Barn
   Entry Location: Center _ Sidehall _ Other _

**MAP (Indicate North in circle)**

**PHOTO**

**Description of View:**
Front (N) _ Side (E) _
Photographer: Herb Bubert _
Negative with: S.R.R.C._
Negative File Number: KB0-120-8A-9
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The Wajda house is a 2½ story, late vernacular structure in the Georgian style which was modified in the Greek Revival period. The center entry has a recent 4 panelled door framed by full length sidelights (Greek Revival) and wide pilasters which rise to a full entablature. All of the windows have six over six (Greek Revival) or one over one sash and some have projecting caps. The medium pitched roof has a large central chimney with a corbelled cap and the eaves treatment consists of a boxed cornice with a narrow frieze and gable end returns (all Greek revival characteristics). The house rests on a granite slab foundation.
A 2 story, gable roofed ell projects to the south. It has clapboard siding, a recent door, is topped by a narrow corbel capped chimney and rests on granite slabs. A 1 story shed projects from its south elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT: To the southwest is a 1½ story, gable roofed barn.
To the southeast is a 1½ story garage with four sheds projecting from its south elevation.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 6 Acres. Bounded to the N. by Exeter Road, S. by Bradbrook, E. by Bradbrook, W. by Masse.

REFERENCES:
1856 Map 1892 Map

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):
The M. French House is a vernacular Georgian style structure which was modified in the Greek Revival period. It is an important visual anchor on the Exeter Road.

MAP DATA: 1856: M. French
1892: M. French estate

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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