

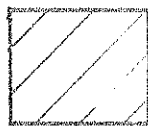
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STRAFFORD ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL  
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|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TOWN: Rochester                                   | COUNTY: Strafford | UTM: Z19 /E 339800 /N4796 150                                                            |
| SURVEY NUMBER: 54                                 |                   | USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series                                                       |
| COMMON NAME: Ace Auto Parts                       |                   | FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial                                                              |
| HISTORIC NAME: The Record Press                   |                   | PRESENT USE: Commercial                                                                  |
| LOCATION: 13 Portland Street                      |                   | ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown                                                               |
| OWNER: <del>Paul Wentworth</del> Nichols Michaels |                   | CONDITION: Exc. ___ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair ___ Poor ___ Ruins ___ |
| ADDRESS: 11 Portland St., Rochester, NH           |                   | INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved ___<br>Date ___       |
| MAP & PARCEL #: 51/230 120-333                    |                   | Major Alterations & Date:                                                                |
| DATE: C. 1924                                     |                   |                                                                                          |
| SOURCE: City Directory                            |                   |                                                                                          |
| STYLE: Georgian Revival                           |                   | LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. ___ State ___ Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        |

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 2 # Bays 3 Approx. Dimensions 30' X 40' Window Sash 1/1  
Roof Style: Gable \_\_\_ Hip \_\_\_ Gambrel \_\_\_ Flat ☒ Shed \_\_\_ Mansard \_\_\_ Jerkinhead \_\_\_  
Monitor \_\_\_ Sawtooth \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Appendages: Porches \_\_\_ Towers \_\_\_ Dormers \_\_\_ Bay Windows \_\_\_ Ells \_\_\_ Chimneys \_\_\_  
Wings \_\_\_ Cupolas \_\_\_ Sheds \_\_\_ Garage \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Entry Location: Center ☒ Sidehall \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_
- FOUNDATION: Random Rubble \_\_\_ Cut Granite \_\_\_ Brick ☒ Concrete \_\_\_ Concrete Block \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_
- WALL STRUCTURE:  
Wood Frame: Post & Beam \_\_\_ Balloon Frame \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Load Bearing Masonry: Stone \_\_\_ Brick \_\_\_ Concrete Block \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
Metal: Iron \_\_\_ Steel ☒ Other \_\_\_
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard \_\_\_ Wood Shingle \_\_\_ Board & Batten \_\_\_ Shiplap \_\_\_  
Aluminum \_\_\_ Novelty \_\_\_ Stucco \_\_\_ Stone \_\_\_ Brick ☒ Sheet Metal \_\_\_ Asphalt Shingles \_\_\_  
Vinyl \_\_\_ Asphalt Sheeting \_\_\_ Composite Board \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle \_\_\_ Asphalt Shingle \_\_\_ Standing Seam Tin \_\_\_ Slate \_\_\_  
Pressed Metal \_\_\_ Sheet Metal \_\_\_ Rolled Asphalt \_\_\_ Gravel \_\_\_ Other ☒ Composition
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

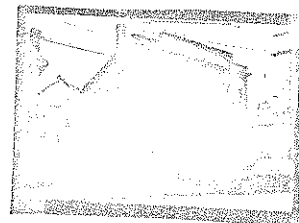


PORTLAND STREET



1333S VIEW

PHOTO



Description of View: Facade looking  
South  
Negative File Number: RO 80/A5/5  
Photographer: Roger Brevoort  
Negative on file with: SRRC

## ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Record Press building is a 2 story Georgian Revival style commercial block. The 3 bay facade is dominated by a central entry flanked by full sidelights, framed by engaged Doric columns and topped by a segmental-arched hood. On the first story, the side bays feature plate glass display windows with transom sash, topped by elliptical blind arches. The arches have corner blocks and keystones of concrete. Each bay of the second story features paired 1/1 windows topped by brick flat arches. Centered over the facade a stepped parapet features an inscription stone reading "The Record Press."

A projecting denticular cornice spans the facade and east elevation.

## RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

It stands at the western end of a residential Street.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

When the record Press was built in 1924, by Henry K. Dow. There was much local concern that the residential character of Portland Street and Lower Main Street would change. However, commercial development never did spread further on Portland Street and this small, handsome Georgian Revival building became an accepted neighbor. It was built to house the Record Press which is evidenced by both the inscription stone on the cornice and the large windows designed to light the print shop.

## REFERENCES:

Rochester City Directory - 1924

## MAP DATA:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land ☐ Woodland ☐ Scattered Bldgs. ☐ Moderately Built Up ☒  
Densely Built Up ☐ Residential ☒ Commercial ☒ Industrial ☐ Agricultural ☐  
Roadside Strip Development ☐ Other ☐

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 40 X 56

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## Continuation Sheet

## DESCRIPTION

On the storefront level, a transom panel above the present display windows indicates the original storefront design. A wooden sign architrave, now covered by aluminum sheathing, spans the facade. Champhered cast-iron piers which separated the two storefronts in each half of the building also survive.

