

## Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

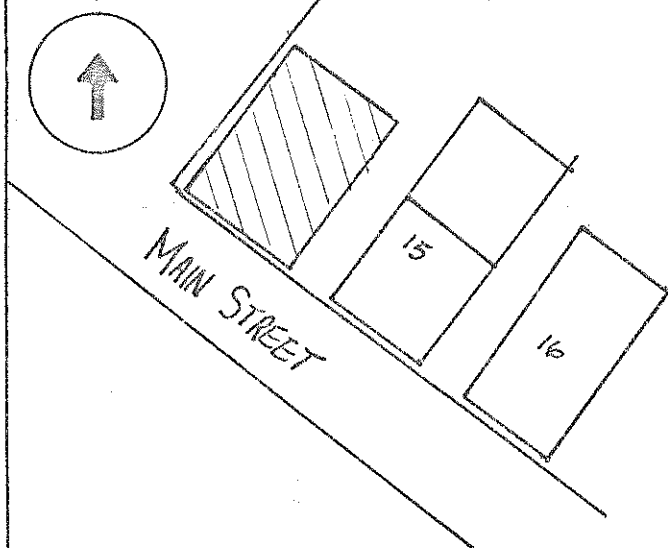
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TOWN: Rochester	COUNTY: Strafford	UTM: Z 19 /E 339625 /N 4796330
SURVEY NUMBER: 14		USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: Borque's Flooring		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial
HISTORIC NAME: The Chesley Building		PRESENT USE: Commercial
LOCATION: 47 North Main Street		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Richard L. Allard		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> <u>Fair</u> <u>Poor</u> <u>Ruins</u>
ADDRESS: First Crown Point Rd., Strafford, NH 03884		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved <u>    </u> (When: <u>    </u> )
MAP & PARCEL #: 42/285 <u>121-373</u>		Major alterations & date: Storefront al- tered, 2nd story fenestration changed.
DATE: C. 1870		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl State Local <u>X</u>
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Italianate		

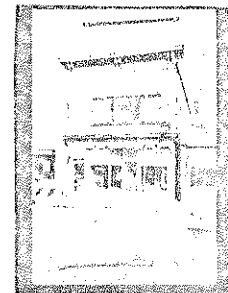
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- FOUNDATION: Stone Brick X Concrete Concrete Block
- WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame Post & Beam Ballon Frame X 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 Asbestos; Flush Board
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle Standing Seam Tin X Slate       
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
- OTHER:  
# of Stories 2 # of Bays 1X10 Approx. Dimensions 25' X 100'  
Roof Style: Gable Hip Gambrel Flat X Shed Mansard Jerkinhead       
Monitor Sawtooth Other       
Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys       
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other       
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

## MAP (Indicate North in circle):



## PHOTO



Description of View: Facade looking east

Photographer: Roger Brevoort  
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.  
 Negative File Number: R-81-A2-19

#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This C. 1870 Italianate style commercial block is identified now primarily by its projecting block cornice which is supported on three pairs of incised console brackets. A similar cornice runs above the storefront level, supported by paired brackets at the ends and a single bracket at the center.

Both cornices are wood. Paneled pilasters flank the facade on the upper story, but are presently covered at the storefront level. The storefront also may remain unaltered behind the aluminum. The existing plate glass display windows and transoms, framed in wood, flank a recessed central entry, reflecting the proper original design.

The upper story is flush boarded, a common nineteenth century means of giving buildings more formal facade.

The wide plate glass window is a twentieth century alteration.

#### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

Situated within a commercial streetscape, the building is flanked by one story structures.

#### BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 25 X 100

#### REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee

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

One of Rochester's few surviving Italianate commercial buildings, it indicates the typical style and scale of Rochester's commercial district in the late nineteenth century. Because it is flanked by more recent one story structures it is of major importance to retaining the visual continuity of the historic streetscape.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land\_\_ Woodland\_\_ Scattered Bldgs\_\_ Moderately Built Up\_\_  
Densely Built Up\_\_ Residential\_\_ Commercial x Industrial\_\_ Agricultural\_\_  
Roadside Strip Development\_\_ Other\_\_

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/13/80