

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

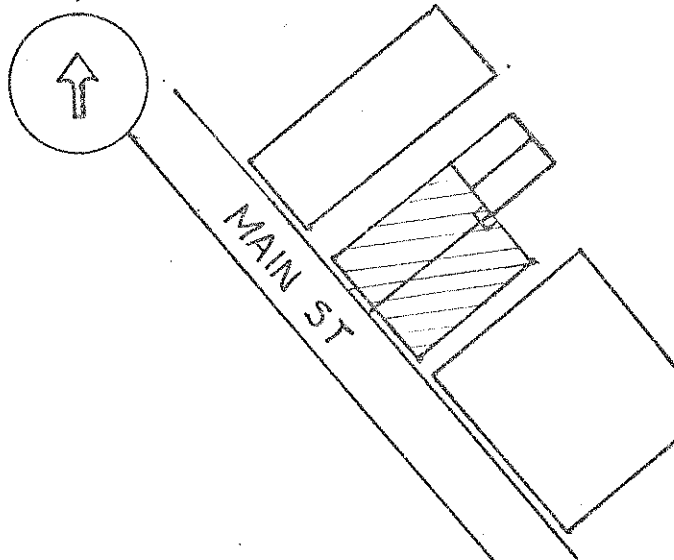
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TOWN: Rochester	COUNTY: Strafford	UTM: Z19 /E 339675 /N 4796310
SURVEY NUMBER: 16		USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: Peoples Market		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial
HISTORIC NAME: The Brick Store		PRESENT USE: Commercial
LOCATION: 29 North Main Street		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Rose Langelier		CONDITION: Exc. <u>Good</u> Fair <u>X</u> Poor <u>Ruins</u>
ADDRESS: Meaderboro Rd.		INTEGRITY: Original Site <u>X</u> Moved <u> </u>
MAP & PARCEL #: 42/287 <u>121-375</u>		(When: <u> </u>)
DATE: C. 1825		Major alterations & date: 2nd story
SOURCE: Gladys Redlon Scrapbook		fenestration; 1920's
STYLE: Greek Revival		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <u> </u> State <u> </u> Local <u>X</u>

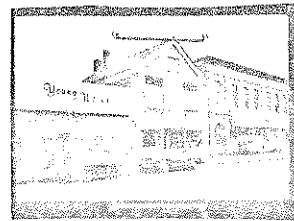
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

1. FOUNDATION: Stone xx 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 Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap Aluminum
Novelty Stucco Stone Brick X Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles Vinyl
Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle Standing Seam Tin Slate xx
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Other
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:
of Stories 2½ # of Bays 2 Approx. Dimensions 30' X 45'
Roof Style: Gable xx Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers Dormers Bay Windows Ells X Chimneys X
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other
Entry Location: Center X Sidehall Other

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Three Quarter East

Photographer: Roger Brevoort
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.
 Negative File Number: R-81-A2-21

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The brick store is a massive looking 2½ story Greek Revival style commercial block dating C. 1825. Constructed of brick, it is typically oriented gable-end to the street. The roofline is emphasized by a heavy wooden architrave and corbelled brick cornice returns, which also lend to the building's heavy, massive scale a typical characteristic of Greek Revival architecture. The wooden architrave may obscure additional brick corbelling. Significantly, the building retains its slate roof that is historically correct roofing material.

The tripartite window in the gable end, topped by a granite lintel, is the only original window opening left on the facade.

The two rectangular windows on the second story are an early twentieth century alteration to the originally 4 bay wide design. The storefront level has been more recently modernized.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

The building is an important element of the grouping of commercial blocks surrounding Monument Square.

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 15 X 62

REFERENCES:

Personal notes of Gladys Redlon, Rochester Historian
Rochester History Advisory Committee

MAP DATA 1871-Dodge's Store 1877-Birds Eye 1884-Birds Eye 1892-Dodge Estate

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Rochester's last remaining commercial block from the Greek Revival period, the brick store indicates the early nineteenth century appearance and scale of the commercial district.

Because of its gable end orientation to the street the brick store enhances the visual diversity of the streetscape.

Erected to house the dry goods business of the Chase family, it was later run by Charles K. Chase, son of the original merchant.

Simon Wolfs clothing store occupied the building after 1926. It later became the Peoples Market, its most commonly remembered name today.

In 1878 the building was substantially rebuilt after a major fire.

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