

TOWN: Rochester COUNTY: Strafford
SURVEY NUMBER: 69
COMMON NAME: The Watson House
HISTORIC NAME: The Watson House
LOCATION: 87 South Main Street
OWNER: Charles Watson
ADDRESS: 87 South Main Street
Rochester, NH
MAP & PARCEL #: 51/153 125-202
DATE: C. 1919
SOURCE: Owner
STYLE: Colonial Revival

UTM: Z 19 /E339925 /N 4795 975
USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residential
PRESENT USE: Residential
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair ☒ Poor Ruins
INTEGRITY: Original Site ☒ Moved Date
Major Alterations & Date:
LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. State Local ☒

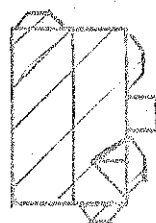
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 2 1/2 # Bays 5 1/2 Approx. Dimensions 45' X 25' 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
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):

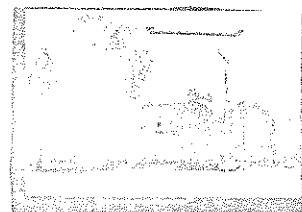


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PHOTO



Description of View: Facade looking west

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Watson House is a Colonial Revival style residence of 5X2 bay form, and 2½ stories tall. Its most prominent features are a Palladian window centered on the second story, an entry portico, and corner pilasters. A two story bay window fills the southern bay of the facade, and there is a single story bay window in the northern bay. Another bay window extends from the front bay of the south elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

This house stands between the Odd Fellows Block across Academy Street to the south, and a gas station immediately adjacent to the north.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Built c.1919, The Watson House is a pure example of the Colonial Revival style. Its most notable features include a Palladian window and an entry portico. It is still owned by its original family.

REFERENCES:

Personal notes of Gladys Redlon, Rochester Historian

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) 80 X 97

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/25/80