

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STRAFFORD ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL
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TOWN: Rochester COUNTY: Strafford

SURVEY NUMBER: 67

COMMON NAME: The Clark Apartment House

HISTORIC NAME: Unknown

LOCATION: 114 South Main Street

OWNER: William & Lorraine Clark

ADDRESS: 114 South Main Street
Rochester, NH

MAP & PARCEL #: 51/247 125-6

DATE: c. 1850

SOURCE: Inspection

STYLE: Greek/Italianate

UTM: 219 /E 340 175/N 4195 835

USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Boarding House

PRESENT USE: Residential

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site ☒ Moved ☐
Date

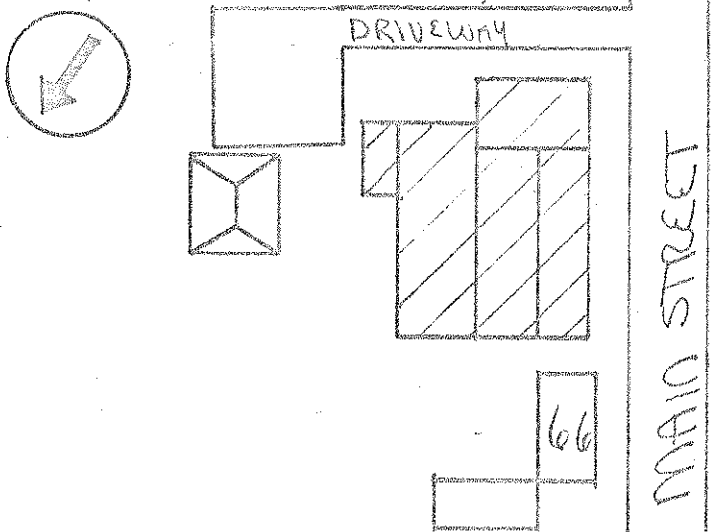
Major Alterations & Date:

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

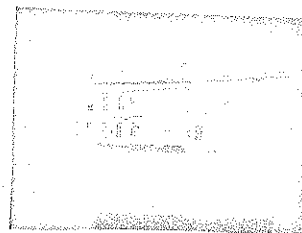
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 2 # Bays 6 X 2 Approx. Dimensions 40' X 25' Window Sash 2/2
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):



PHOTO



Description of View: Three Quarter North East
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Photographer: Roger Brevoort
Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

This is a mid-nineteenth century 2^{1/2} story Italianate double-house with a symmetrical 6 bay wide facade. It features a distinctive bracketed cornice, each bracket having a turned pendant drop at the outer end. A paired central entry is topped by a similiar cornice. The clapboard walls are framed by wide corner boards, and 2/2 sash windows are contained in surrands with architrave moldings.

A two story, flat-roofed addition extends from the rear and there is an enclosed porch on the south elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

This building is at the border of a section of commercial strip development.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

Architecturally, this house is an excellent example of transitional architectural design incorporating features of both Greek Revival and Italianate styles.

Period documents suggest this structure was once the Norway Hotel, one of several such establishments operating in the city in the second half of the nineteenth century. Period maps indicate the Norway Hotel operated through the 1890'. One such map, dated 1892, records E. Richardson as the hotel proprietor. It is probably that the Norway Hotel served guests connected with the Wallace Shoe Company, a wing to the structure's proxsimity to that industrial complex.

REFERENCES:

MAP DATA: 1871-Norway Hotel 1877-- 1884-Birdseye 1892-E. Richardson Co.

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) 118' X 320'

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/25/80