Site
number

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Address 18 Melcher St.

New tax map(1979) U9 lot 7 size Old tax map 7 lot116 size

Owner

Ryan, George

Address 14 Andover Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628

Location of legal description:
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire
03833

Representation in existing surveys: HABS NR NHL

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NR Other

Date c. 1860

Source: Estimate X Other:
Not shown on 1887 map

Historic name Common name Original owner

Architect/bldr.

Functional type House Present use, if different

Moved Altered

Date Date

Effect: Focal non-contributing

Contributing X Intrusion

Photo roll no. Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description
Date taken by

1. Style Greek Revival No. of stories 2½ No. of bays 3x4 (right) x1 (left)

2. Overall plan: Rectangle, gable end to street

3. Foundation: Brick X Stone Poured concrete Concrete block Artificial stone Other

4. Wall structure: Woodframe X Brick Stone Other If wood: Post and beam X Balloon frame.

5. Wall covering: Clapboard X Wood shingle __Flushboard X _ Imitation ashlar ______ Brick __Stone __Stucco _ Composition board __ Aluminum __ Vinyl ___ Sheet metal __ Asphalt shingles __Other _____

6.Roof: GableX Hip Shed Mansard Flat Cambrel Other

7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors, chimnies, dormers, ells/wings-see also description), decorative elements:

Chimney in middle of right slope of roof; probably was originally balanced by one on left. Shed on rear, projecting East side. Continuous horizontal pediment on front. Flush-boarded gable. Door surround (heavy classical).

8.Outbuildings:

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Description: Small Greek Revival house, $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories, gable end to street. The gable is flush-boarded and surrounds a continuous horizontal architrave. Three-bay facade with entry on left. The door surround consists of a heavy antablature surmounted by projecting cornice, the whole on plain pilasters. This encloses a rectangular transom light and sidelights. There is a chimney in the center of the right (west) slope of the roof; probably originally balanced by one on the left. Four bays on the west side, one on the east, and a 1-story shed on the rear.

A well-preserved, classic textbook example of a small Greek Revival house.

