

Site
number:Address 293 Pleasant St. Cor. Gates St.New tax map (1979) 119 lot 21 size 9911
Old tax map lot sizeOwner BRADY, Arthur
Address 293 Pleasant St.Location of legal description:
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire
03833

Representation in existing surveys:

HABS NR NHL
HAER Other

Date c. 1815

Source: Estimate Other: PlaqueHistoric name Abraham Wendell house
Common name
Original owner
Architect/bldr.Functional type
Present use, if differentMoved Date
Altered Date Effect: Focal x Contributing
non-contributing Intrusion Photo roll no.
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Description
Date taken by 1. Style Federal No. of stories 3 No. of bays 5 x 2

2. Overall plan: L-plan, long side along street.

3. Foundation: Brick Stone cut x Poured concrete Concrete block
Artificial stone Other 4. Wall structure: Woodframe Brick x Stone Other
If wood: Post and beam Balloon frame 5. Wall covering: Clapboard Wood shingle Flushboard Imitation ashlar
Brick x Stone Stucco Composition board Aluminum Vinyl
Sheet metal Asphalt shingles Other 6. Roof: Gable Hip x Shed Mansard Flat Gambrel Other 7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors,
chimneys, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:
Chimneys - one right and left roof slopes - bottom (2 left, 1 right front).
1-story entry porch right side rear (removed 1980/81). 1-story gable-roofed
2-bay garage (c. 1970) attached to left side.8. Outbuildings:
Brick carriage house, separate, at corner
of Washington and Gates Streets.

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Description:

3-story brick Federal hip-roofed house with full-height ell on left rear. Two chimneys at bottom of left slope - one at bottom, near front of right slope of roof. Cornice on small scroll consoles. Splayed window lintels and projecting rectangular sills on all windows. 3/3 sash top floor, 6/6 other floors.

Strongly projecting central door surround with segmental pediment with cornice returns, the cornice supported by console brackets with a reeded soffit behind. Pediment contains elaborate fanlight and is flanked by $\frac{1}{4}$ engaged Ionic columns supporting entablature blocks below the cornice return. Shutters on all windows. Cut granite foundation. House has lost entry porch on right side rear (removed c. 1980/81). A 2-bay gable-roofed garage added to left side c. 1975. Iron fence with gate on granite posts in front added sometime in 196 .

Significance:

Besides the well-preserved house which is one of Portsmouth's outstanding Federal residences, the property contains a unique brick carriage house behind the main house. This consists of a roughly square $1\frac{1}{2}$ story gable-roofed section with two bays and an attached 1-story shed-roofed structure with one bay each front and side. The exterior is well-preserved and intact.

Bibliography:

Howell's, figs. 250, 251. "...built by Abraham Wendell, son of Hon. John Wendell and brother of Jacob."



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