

Site  
number:

Address 383 Pleasant St. Meetinghouse Hill St.

New tax map(1979) U3 lot 66 size 4418  
Old tax map 7 lot 32 sizeOwner PHILBRICK, Donald  
Address 110 Central Rd., Rye 03870Location 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. 1800

Source: Estimate ☒ Other: ☐  
on 1813 map

Historic name Capt. Charles Blunt house

Common name

Original owner Capt. Charles Blunt

Architect/bldr.

Functional type house

Present use, if different

Moved ☐ Date ☐Altered ☐ Date ☐Effect: Focal ☐ Contributing ☒  
non-contributing ☐ Intrusion ☐Photo roll ☐ no. ☐  
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates  
Description ☐  
Date taken ☐ by ☐1. Style Federal No. of stories 2 No. of bays 5 x 2

2. Overall plan: Rectangle, along street.

3. Foundation: Brick ☐ Stone ☒ <sup>cut</sup> Poured concrete ☐ Concrete block ☐  
Artificial stone ☐ Other ☐4. Wall structure: ~~Woodframe~~ ☒ Brick ☐ Stone ☐ Other ☐  
If wood: Post and beam ☒ Balloon frame ☐5. Wall covering: Clapboard ☐ Wood shingle ☒ Flushboard ☐ Imitation ashlar ☐  
Brick ☐ Stone ☐ Stucco ☐ Composition board ☐ Aluminum ☐ Vinyl ☐  
Sheet metal ☐ Asphalt shingles ☐ Other ☐6. Roof: Gable ☐ Hip ☒ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Flat ☐ Gambrel ☐ Other ☐  
high7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors, chimneys, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:  
Two chimneys located at ends of ridge, larger to left. Two-story gable-roofed ell with interior stove chimney on end, located left rear. 6/6 sash.  
One dormer rear (balancing ell).

8. Outbuildings:


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#### Description:

Substantial 2-story house with a 5-bay facade. Three roof dormers, high hip roof with two chimneys, the larger to the left. Projecting denticulated cornice. Higher 1st story. Greek Revival entry porch with corner posts set on granite parapets. Cut granite foundation. Granite front yard curbing. Doorway has transom light and full length sidelights.

House form is mid-18C but doorway, portico extensive use of granite, high 1st story windows with lengthened lintels point to c. 1820 Greek Revival work. cf. Leonard Cotton house on Washington St., a Georgian house with Greek Revival work. According to Garvin, the hammered granite foundation, if original, should date the house 1790s or later.

Howells relates that Capt. Charles Blunt was the original owner, and that the house was occupied in the 1840s and 1850s by Capt. March, a builder of clipper ships, including the Franklin Peirce, the Frank Jones and the Granite State. The Howell's photograph shows the house clapboarded, before the appli-ation of the existing wood shingles.

#### Bibliography:

Garvin, James: Interview June 1982.

Howells, fig. 241.

