

Address 93 Pleasant St cor. Court St.

New tax map(1979) U7 lot 74 size
Old tax map 11 lot 67 sizeOwner B.P.O. Elks #97
Address 93 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 1818

Source: Estimate Other: Gurney, p. 76.

Historic name Treadwell-Jenness House
Common name Elks Home.Original owner Mrs. Robert Treadwell
Architect/bldr.Functional type house
Present use, if different

Fraternal organization lodge.

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Description
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1. Style Federal No. of stories 3 No. of bays 5 x 4

2. Overall plan: Rectangular, long side on Pleasant Street.

3. Foundation: Brick Stone Cut granite
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 7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors,
chimneys, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:
Originally probably 4 chimneys, two in each end wall, rising from left and
right slope of roof near bottom. Front 2 and rear left remain. Two bay, 3-story
ell on left and set back with 1-story, hip-roofed porch with central entry; ell
probably added. Brick dentil frieze, stone stringcourses and lintels; inclosed
8. Outbuildings: colonial revival, gable-roofed entry porch.
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Description:

Rectangular 3-story brick Federal house with lower third story and hip roof. Projecting cornice with dentil cut granite foundation. Central entry. 3-story, set-back ell on N (left) side with one story wooden, hip-roofed porch; this ell continues decorative details of main block, but is probably an early addition. The columnar, balustraded wooden porch and the inclosed gable-roofed main entrance to the building appear to be c. 1908 Colonial Revival additions, following acquisition of the building in 1908 by the Portsmouth Lodge of Elks. The third story of the main block was rebuilt by the Elks for a lodge room and is an intact example of an early Colonial Revival interior.

The iron fence set in granite on both streets is a 19C addition. Window sash was changed from mentin to 1/1 sash at some point. Shutters were removed but hardware remains. First story interior made into one large room by removal of interior walls in 197. Modern additions include a 1-story gable-roof shed on S side near front, (brick) and a 1-story cinder block shed on N side of rear. Interior includes Victorian additions such as marble fireplace surrounds, and a pressed-metal wall in the ell, as well as some Federal woodwork.

Main entry seems to have had a larger gable-roofed portico similar to the one presently there, revealed by weathering of the brick.

Statue of an elk on the corner has long been a prominent article of street furniture. "Elks Rest" stone in front recent.

The building stands on the site of Sheriff Thomas Packer's house, which perished in the 1813 Fire. It was the home of Ex-Mayor Richard Jenness, later became the Hotel Merrick, and finally (in 1908) the Elks Home, which it remains today.

Bibliography:

Brewster I, 291-2, 318.

Burney, 76, 205. (Photograph as Hotel Merrick).

Zeidman, Jack - 7/7/82 Interview.

Howell's, Fig. 247.