

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
03833Representation 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.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 3 No. of bays 5 x 4

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

3. Foundation: Brick Cut granite Stone ☒ Poured concrete _____ Concrete block _____
Artificial stone _____ Other _____4. Wall structure: Wood frame _____ 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,
chimnies, 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.8. Outbuildings: Brick dentil frieze, stone stringcourses and lintels; inclosed
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).

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Howell's, Fig. 247.