

Site
number:Address The Hill/
Deer St. cor. High St.New tax map(1979)U18 lot 26H size
Old tax map 16 lot 5 sizeOwner SHAINES, R.A.&S.N. & FISHBEIN, A.
Address Hill Realty Trust Trustees
25 Maplewood 03801Location of legal description:
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire
03833Representation in existing surveys:
HABS NR ☒ NHL
HAER OtherDate 1800+
Source: Estimate Other:Historic name Jeremiah Hart Hill?
Common name
Original owner Jeremiah Hart
Architect/bldr.Functional type house
Present use, if different officesMoved ☒ Date 1972
Altered Date
(urban renewal)Effect: Focal ☒ Contributing
non-contributing Intrusion

Originally 112 Deer Street

Photo roll 19 no. 35
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description Jeremiah Hart House
Date taken by

1. Style Federal No. of stories 2½ No. of bays 5 x 2
2. Overall plan: Rectangular, gable-end to street (originally) center chimney.
3. Foundation: Brick ☒ Stone 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, chimnies, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:
New 6/6 sash 4-part facade, one each floor sides, triangular pedimented door with transom below entablature, flat caps later 1st floor.

8. Outbuildings:


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Description:

Narrow late 18th/early 19th century center chimney house with 4-part facade originally gable end to Deer St. New 6/6 sash, wood shingle roof, foundation and clapboards. Originally triangular pedimented door, with plain pilasters, entablature with transom below. New 6 panel door.

The triangular pediment and pilastered doorway, triple-run stairway and interior finish surviving in the house suggest a date in the last quarter of the 18th century (NR form).

Significance:

As an example of an almost unaltered interior and exterior in a small urban vernacular building of the late 18th century, the house is one of a small number of such structures remaining in Portsmouth. It is illustrative of the simple urban building practices of the late colonial period. Its original location opposite the noted Michael Whidden house, suggests a possible attribution to that carpenter builder whose major work includes the Governor Langdon Mansion and other elaborate buildings of the pre and post Revolutionary period (from NR form).

Bibliography:

Deeds 171:291 (1805)
(1803)

National Register form.

