

Site
number:Address The Hill/
Deer St.

cor. High St.

New tax map (1979) U18 lot 26M size

Old tax map 000 lot 000 size

Owner SHAINES, R.A. & S.N. & FISHBEIN, A.
Address Hill Realty Trust Trustees.

25 Maplewood 03801

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. 1725 +) 1773-83

Sources: Estimate ☐ Other: Deeds, probate ☐

Historic name Whidden-Ward

Common name ☐

Original owner Michael Whidden, Jr.

Architect/bldr. possibly Michael Whidden,
Jr.

Functional type house

Present use, if different offices

Moved ☒ Date 1972Altered 1773-83 Date ☐

Originally 115-117 Deer Street

Effect: Focal ☒ Contributing ☐non-contributing ☐ Intrusion ☐

Photo roll 19 no. 30

Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates

Description Ward-Whidden House

Date taken ☐ by ☐

1. Style Georgian No. of stories 2½ No. of bays 5 x 3

2. Overall plan: Rectangle with ells.

3. Foundation: Brick ☒ 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:
Triangular pedimented door, 1st floor facade trinagular window caps ½ original
rear ell.

8. Outbuildings:


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Description:

Originally a center-hall one room deep plan with end chimneys (1, now lost) plus full rear-ell, the ell (perhaps originally a 1725 era building) was partly destroyed. The house now faces High Street with 5-part facade and center triangular pediment, Georgian doorway with plain pilasters and transom below entablature. Roof gabled with hip at present NE corner joining ell remnant. Sash all 6/6, no windows present W end except pair in attic. Arched stair-landing window center rear over 1-story (new ?) shed joining original rear door to 2½ story ell. Two windows each floor ell side, one window each floor rear plus two new sash to 1st floor ell and connector.

Significance:

The house is noted for its fine Georgian stair hall with its original staircase and arched stair landing window case, all of which was recorded by H.A.B.S. in the 1930s. This woodwork may be the work of Michael Whidden, Jr., a joiner, the first owner.

Bibliography:

HABS #

Deeds 14:563 (1726), 103:540, 550 (1773)
115:369 (1783)

Probate #8502 (1812).

National Register Form.

