

Address The Hill/
Deer St. cor. High St.New tax map(1979) U18 lot 26 D 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 ☐ NRX ☐ NHL ☐
HAER ☐ Other ☐

Date 1831

Source: Estimate ☐ Other: ☐
Deeds, probate, tax records

Historic name James Neal house

Common name

Original owner James Neal

Architect/bldr.

Functional type house

Present use, if different offices

Moved

Date

Altered

Date

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

74 Deer Street

Photo roll 19 no. 36
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description James Neal House
Date taken by 1. Style late Federal No. of stories 3 No. of bays 5 x 2

2. Overall plan: Rectangular with gable end to street and rear end ell.

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:
3-story, 5 bay central entry with end chimneys and rear 2-story ell, 6/6 sash
(3rd story 6/3). Fan-light.

8. Outbuildings: None.


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Description:

3-story brick late Federal mansion on granite foundation, with gable end to street and central doorway with fanlight on long side. End chimneys in the central bay of each end, the rear one heating both a parlor and a 2-story original brick ell inset from the main facade. A back doorway located on the rear wall corner of a 2-story job flush with the main block in front of this ell.

Significance:

The house is significant for being an unaltered example of one of the last of the Federal style brick houses built after the Portsmouth fire of 1813. The interior finish, a transitional vernacular of late Federal and early Greek Revival, exists in each of the major rooms. Sash and fenestration are original and unaltered throughout. The position of the house in the block behind the Moffatt-Ladd house documents the declining position of the local merchant community in the second quarter of the 19th Century (NR form).

Bibliography:

NH Profiles, Feb. 1969.

Deeds 167:28 (1830).

Probate James Neal (56:261).

Tax Records: 1st increase 1832

National Register form.

