

Address The Hill/ Deer St. cor. High St.

New tax map(1979)U18 lot 26B size
Old tax map 16 lot 5 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. 1720
Source: Estimate _____ Other: _____

Historic name Jabez Fitch
Common name _____
Original owner Jabez Fitch
Architect/bldr. _____

Functional type house
Present use, if different _____ offices

Moved _____ Date _____
Altered _____ Date _____

Effect: Focal Contributing _____
non-contributing _____ Intrusion _____

164 High Street



Photo roll 19 no. 28
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description Jabez Fitch House
Date taken _____ by _____

1. Style Georgian No. of stories 2 1/2 No. of bays 5 x 2 + ell

2. Overall plan:

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:
Pilastered chimney.

8. Outbuildings:

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Description:

5-part facade with center entry and center chimney, one room deep, 2½ story house with added rear ell. Primarily noteworthy for the only surviving early 18th century pilastered center chimney stack in New Hampshire. All sash replaced 6/6, doors new, front door surround new. New wood shingle roof. Extensive interior alterations.

The land was purchased by Joseph Alcock in 1719, having been part of the Vaughan family land. Presumably the house was built at that time; the property was rented by Jabez Fitch, Pastor of Portsmouth's North Parish Church, in 1726-

The house was one of a handful of houses built on the Vaughan subdivision in the first two decades of the eighteenth century, and is significant for preserving the only early eighteenth century pilastered chimney stack remaining in New Hampshire (NR form).

Bibliography:

Deeds 11:203 (1719 no house)
29:365 (1744)

Portsmouth Town Records II:64a.

Howells, fig. 195.

National Register form.

