

Site  
number:

Address 43 Middle St. cor. State St.

New tax map(1979) U16lot 2 size19,197sq.ft  
Old tax map 2 lot18 sizeOwner PORTSMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Address 70 Court St. c/o BoyntonLocation of legal description:  
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds  
Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire  
03833Representation in existing surveys:  
HABS NR NHL ☒  
HAER OtherDate 1757-59  
Source: Estimate Other:  
Howells, Fig. 198.Historic name Capt. Gregory Purcell House  
Common name John Paul Jones House  
Original owner  
Architect/bldr.Functional type house  
Present use, if different museumMoved Date  
Altered DateEffect: Focal ☒ Contributing  
non-contributing IntrusionPhoto roll no.  
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates  
Description  
Date taken by1. Style Georgian No. of stories 3½ No. of bays 5 x 3

2. Overall plan: Rectangular with two story rear ell (hipped).

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:Classic Georgian facade with segmental pedimented front door, triangular  
first floor window caps, three dormers: traingular, flanking segmental,  
pedimented, rear stair arched window over rear door. Two story hipped roof ell8. Outbuildings: 4x3 bays offset to E. Fence  
with urn pickets. Modern rear  
S side rear dormer and metal exterior  
stable or barn. furnace stack.

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Description:

Classic Georgian bumbrel house on stone foundation with full story in attic lit by three original front dormers with alternating triangular and center segmental pediments, modern dormer on rear, and two gable end windows on each side. Attic ventilated with one window above each side. Five part facade with modillioned segmental pediment on top fluted pilasters on tall plinths, triangular first floor window caps on front and Georgian ovolo caps on all side and rear windows. Second floor front and rear windows run into main cornice crown molding. Inset large square chimneys at ridge separate front and rear rooms on either side of center stair hall, with arched window (original sash) on landing. First and second floor old sash 6/6, attic 4/2 sash. Hipped roof rear ell offset to E (S?) of 4 x 3 bays, two stories, modern 6/6 sash. Handsome fence with urns and raised pickets.

Bibliography:

Howells, fig. 198.

