

Address 180 Middle St.^{cor.}

New tax map(1979) U27lot 8 size29080sq.ft.
Old tax map 24 lot42 size

Owner RICE, A & J & COLVOCORESSES, J.
Address 180 Middle St.

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 1815
Source: Estimate Other:

Historic name Larkin-Rice House
Common name Larkin-Rice House
Original owner
Architect/ ~~bln.~~ Bradbury Johnson (probably)

Functional type house
Present use, if different

Moved Date
Altered Date

Effect: Focal Contributing
non-contributing Intrusion

Photo roll 17 no. 37
Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description _____
Date taken _____ by _____

1. Style Federal No. of stories 3 No. of bays 3 x 3
2. Overall plan: Square with rear ell.
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:

8. Outbuildings:
Brick carriage house.

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Description:

A three story brick Federal mansion with two chimneys rising above both side walls, a low hipped roof, crowned by a balustrade around a central deck. It has a projecting dentilled cornice and three windows in each wall. The top story are 3/3 sash within granite sills and lintels throughout. One the facade the first and second story sash are set in arched recesses with arched tops with granite sills and side bands on the second story and palladian window below. There is a fan lighted center door also within recessed archway. The cellar wall is exposed on the east and rear with three 6/6 sash windows identical to those above but without granite sills and lintels. A one story rear ell with exposed basement also has two windows per story. An important two story brick stable and carriage house stands behind with hipped roof, oculus, chimney and 6/6 sash and glazed door.

Significance:

Built for Samuel Larkin, probably by Bradbury Johnson, between 1813-1815 from privateering profits, this is one of the finest classical Federal houses in Portsmouth.

