

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

New tax map(1979) U18 lot 26L size
 Old tax map 16 lot 5 size

Owner SHAINES, R.A.&S.N. & FISHBEIN A. Trustees
 Address Hill Realty Trust
25 Maplewood 03801

Location of legal description:
Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
Hampton Road; Exeter, New Hampshire
03833

Representation in existing surveys:
 HABS NRx NHL
 HAER Other

Date c. 1760 & 1790
 Source: Estimate x Other: between 1761 and 1807

Historic name Samuel Beck house
 Common name (formerly "Hart-Treat")
 Original owner Samuel Beck
 Architect/bldr.

Functional type house
 Present use, if different offices

Moved x Originally Date 1972
 Altered 107 Deer Street Date
From Deer St. (urban renewal)

Effect: Focal Contributing
 non-contributing x Intrusion

Photo roll 20 no. 33
 Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
 Description Samuel Beck House - 1760
 Date taken by

1. Style early Federal No. of stories 2½ No. of bays 5 x 3
 late Georgian
2. Overall plan: Rectangular.
3. Foundation: Brick x Stone Poured concrete Concrete block
 Artificial stone Other
4. Wall structure: Wood frame x Brick Stone Other
 If wood: Post and beam Balloon frame
5. Wall covering: Clapboard x Wood shingle Flushboard Imitation ashlar
 Brick Stone Stucco Composition board Aluminum Vinyl
 Sheet metal Asphalt shingles Other
6. Roof: Gable x 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:
 Modern wood front steps, paine type doorway c. 1800, restored 6/6 sash throughout.

8. Outbuildings:

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Description:

5 x 3 bay central chimney house, remodded c. 1800-1810 with William Paine type fan light doorway (fan gone, plain glass). Two windows on each side of door and one above front door; only one window present N side each floor, two on S side and four across rear with new rear door 5-bay without window above. Short return of molded cornice on ends. Wood shingle restored roof.

Significance:

The Beck House is significant for its exterior Federal woodwork dating from the early nineteenth century. The pedimented and fan-lighted door enframingent of applied columns is one of a very few examples of this early Adamesque style in the city. These additions as well as the unusual Connecticut sandstone foundation facing stone and steps illustrate improvements to an earlier streetscape in Portsmouth's greatest period of rebuilding (NR form).

Bibliography:

Howells, fig. 219.

NH Profiles, Feb. 1969, March 1970.

Deeds 65:155 (1761).

Tax Records 1807-1820

Probate # 2089 (1756; no house here).

