

Site number:

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

New tax map (1979) U18 lot 26F 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 x NHL
HAER Other

Date c. 1750
Source: Estimate Other:

Historic name John Hart, Jr.
Common name
Original owner John Hart, Jr.
Architect/bldr. collected courtesy of [unclear]
Home of [unclear]

Functional type house
Present use, if different offices

Moved x from Deer St. Date 1972
Altered 63 Date
3rd floor added.

affect: Focal x Contributing
non-contributing Intrusion

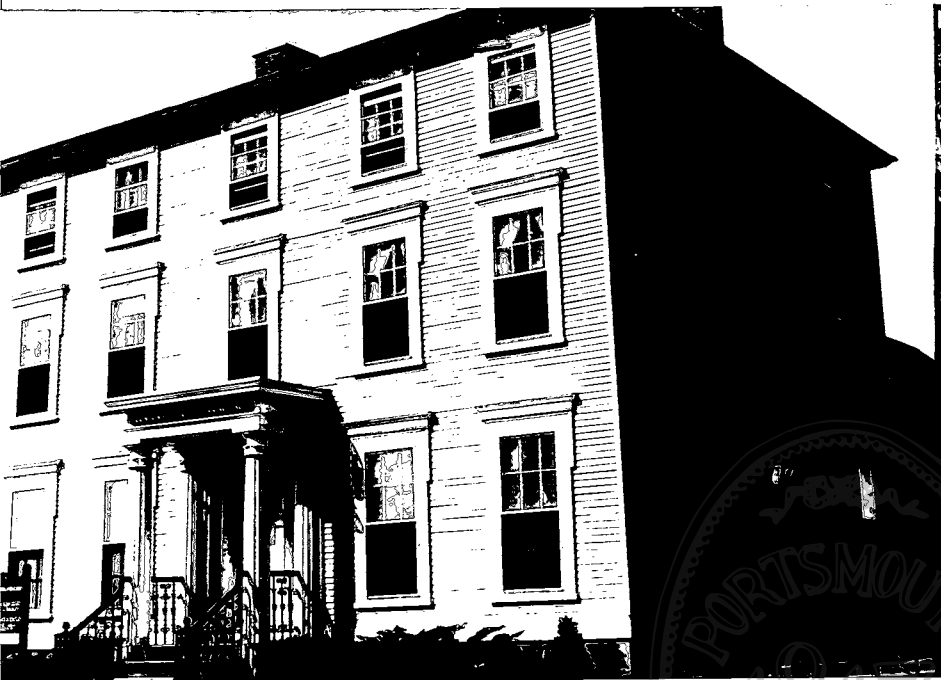


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Negative with: Portsmouth Advocates
Description John Hart Mansion c. 1750
Date taken by

1. Style Federal No. of stories 3 No. of bays 5 x 4

2. Overall plan: A square with two story rear ell across 1/2 rear.

3. Foundation: Brick x Stone x Poured concrete Concrete block
Artificial stone Other

4. Wall structure: Woodframe 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 Hip x Shed Mansard Flat Gambrel Other

7. Specific features (location, no., appearance of porches, windows, doors, chimnies, dormers, ells/wings--see also description), decorative elements:
Greek Revival porch with two applied fluted columns and two freestanding on granite steps with iron railing with hearts; front windows shouldered, all 6/6 except 3rd story, arched stair landing window in rear with keystone.

8. Outbuildings:

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Description:

Square 2½ story Georgian house raised after 1790 to full 3 stories with low hip roof and rear 2-story hipped ell across ½ rear. Added Greek Revival portico with fluted columns, ironwork railing, and granite steps. All windows ~~6/6~~ except 3rd floor and side windows (6/3). Two room central hall plan seen in chimneys, single windows per room each side and arched stair landing window with keystone over rear door. Third floor rear mixes two old 6/3 sash with three new small 6/6 windows.

Significance:

The John Hart house is architecturally significant for the record it provides of changes to a c. 1750 house made over about a century to keep it up to date as a merchant's mansion house. These include the addition of a third story and a Greek Revival portico.

Bibliography:

Deeds 73:175 (1760)

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