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16. Sketch map

[maps of entire corridor to be attached]

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17. Methods and Purpose

The Portsmouth Avenue Project Area Form was prepared by Lisa Mausolf for the Stratham Heritage Commission. The purpose of the Area Form is to look at properties along the approximate five-mile length of Portsmouth Avenue extending from the Exeter town line at the south to the Greenland town line to the north to better understand the evolution of the historic route as well as document the historic resources that survive today. The study area also includes the properties on Emery Lane which was, until the 1950s, part of the Portsmouth Avenue alignment.

During fieldwork, photographs were taken of each property that was more than fifty years old. Archival research explored the role of Portsmouth Avenue as a transportation route as well the history of individual properties. Critical to the research were the following publications: *The History of Stratham, New Hampshire* by Charles M. Nelson (reprinted in 1987), Helen LaFave's *Images of America: Stratham* (1998) and *Stratham at 300* by Craig Brandon (2014) as well as an article written by R.M. Scammon and appearing in the *Granite Monthly Magazine* in 1899 ("Down the King's Great Highway: A Sketch of Stratham"). Stratham is fortunate to have a number of important maps including the 1793 Phineas Merrill map (and overlays produced by others), the 1857 map by J. Chace which is part of a larger map of Rockingham County and the 1892 map included in D.H. Hurd's *Town and City Atlas of New Hampshire*. Historic deeds available online from the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds were researched for nearly every property. Information was also obtained from historic directories, U.S. Census records – both in the form of decennial return and the Agricultural and Industrial Schedules (1850-1880) and other sources available on Ancestry.com. Additional information was gleaned from past issues of the *Portsmouth Herald*. Other sources consulted the Stratham Historical Society, the New Hampshire Historical Society (photographic collection), and the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (inventory forms and National Register nominations). The Stratham Town Center Project Area Form prepared by Preservation Company in 2014 was particularly useful. Craig Drouin of the NHDOT Highway Design Bureau kindly provided assistance and access to plans for road construction/improvement projects occurring in 1929, 1957, 1978 and 1981.

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18. Geographical Context

Portsmouth Avenue (including Rt. 108 west of the traffic circle and Rt. 33 east of the circle) is a busy State-maintained road that has been the central corridor in the town of Stratham since it was built to connect the towns of Exeter and Portsmouth in the late 17th century. Portsmouth Avenue generally echoes the curvature of the Squamscott River which forms the town's natural western boundary with Newfields and then the road turns northeast along Great Bay as it approaches Greenland. Much of the land along the road is fairly level with good agricultural soils. Historically, the road was flanked by farmland but much of it has been developed or reforested.

Portsmouth Avenue crosses small brooks in several locations along its route. Mill Brook is located near the intersection of Portsmouth Avenue and College Road (NH 108). This intersection has been significant since the road and a toll bridge over the Squamscott to Newfields and Newmarket was built in the late 18th century. Several small mills were also historically located in the area. The Lane millpond is still visible in the center of the 1950s traffic circle; from here the brook flows north into the Squamscott River. Jewett Hill Brook, in the vicinity of Greenwood Cemetery, presents a stream corridor as well as floodplain. The brook also runs between Stratham Hill and Jewett Hill which, at roughly 290' in elevation, are the highest points in town and are located to the east of Portsmouth Avenue.

NH Route 101, a major east-west highway, crosses Portsmouth Avenue at its southern end, near the Exeter town line. Historically, approximately ten roads intersected with Portsmouth Avenue along its five-mile route through Stratham (Stratham Heights Road, River Road, Bunker Hill Road, Winnicut Road, Squamscott Road, Depot Road, Sandy Point Road, Jack Rabbit Road, Lovell Road and Stratham Lane). Emery Lane was created in the 1950s and was historically part of the Portsmouth Avenue alignment. Since the mid-1950s residential development has resulted in multiple new subdivisions and cross streets being laid out off Portsmouth Avenue.

19. Historical Background

1631-1849; Settlement, King's Highway and Stagecoach Period

The first settler to arrive in what is now Stratham was Captain Thomas Wiggin who came from Dover in the early 1630s. The seacoast region was New Hampshire's earliest settled area and in 1623 Europeans first immigrated to Dover Point, attracted by the region's location and natural resources. At this point, settlements occurred under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; New Hampshire did not become a separate province until 1697.

Originally part of Exeter, the town of Stratham was incorporated in 1716 and was the sixth New Hampshire town to be incorporated. At the first town meeting in April 1716 officers were elected to oversee the construction of a meetinghouse. The church/meetinghouse was built on Daniel Leavitt's land fronting the King's Highway and was completed in 1718. This is roughly the site of the present Stratham Community Church. A cemetery was also established next to the meetinghouse.

In the mid 1660s four families – Wiggin, Veasey, Scammon and Waldron – owned all the land in what is now Stratham. From an early date farms were established along the river and bay, the river being the first route of travel from the coast. The fertile soil and relatively level topography soon attracted others who grew fruit and vegetable crops as well as feed grains for cattle and hogs and hops for brewing beer. What is now Portsmouth Avenue has served as the main road in Stratham since the late 17th century when it was laid out to connect the two early towns of Portsmouth on the seacoast and the inland Exeter. The King's Highway or King's Great Road, as it was originally known, was laid out in 1671 or 1681. After the Revolutionary War it was called the Main Road. Today's highway (Portsmouth Avenue) follows much of the same route as it did in the late 17th century. Topography was a major consideration in establishing the route which skirted the central hills and paralleled the shoreline of the river and bay. From the beginning the town developed linearly along the main road; there was no traditional common. Farms were scattered throughout the town and the main road was critical for transporting lumber and farm produce to the coast and imported goods inland. As was typical, mills were soon established on various brooks. Samuel Lane purchased property on the west side of the mill pond in 1741 and had a tannery and shoe shop. A grist mill was operating at the pond by 1793 and there was a fulling mill downstream. Additional early mills were located in the east part of town on the Winnicutt River. Initially, ferries were used to cross the Squamscott River; the first toll bridge was built in 1807. In time, a new road was laid out from near the mills on the Main Road to the bridge. This was what is now College Road (NH Route 108) which continued north to Newmarket and Durham.

For the first hundred or so years, town affairs were conducted at the meeting house, in taverns, and in private homes. Several taverns were located along the King's Highway. Typically, these modest establishments were little more than a farm dwelling with one front room arranged for reception purposes. Thomas Chase (1720-1757) was the first family member to operate Chase's Tavern at what is now 16 Emery Lane (the building was originally considerably larger – a section on the north side that held a hall was removed at an unknown time). Located near the meetinghouse, Chase's Tavern was an important center for business and community affairs and the most noted of the old taverns that once operated in Stratham. Town meetings were occasionally held at Chase's Tavern and the selectmen also transacted town business here. The tavern was the site for meetings held on behalf of the Bow Proprietors beginning in 1759 and to plan a new meetinghouse in 1768. In 1776 Mrs. Chase's was the location for a town meeting to draw a petition to be presented to the Congress against the assumption of

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unwarranted powers. Other meetings were also held here related to the War for Independence over the next several years. Jonathan Wiggin had a tavern at the lower ferry in 1721. Others were operated by D.C. Jewell and Ezra Corson. The last to operate in town was Kenniston Tavern at the corner of Portsmouth Avenue and Depot Road (245 Portsmouth Avenue) which was operated by the Kenniston family from the late 18th century to 1883. In the early 1850s the Kenniston Tavern business consisted of two old ladies selling homemade currant wine (Nelson: 41).

Farms became established along the Main Road but were also scattered throughout the rest of the town. Public buildings and businesses also were located along the Main Road. A school had been built at what is now 240 Portsmouth Avenue as early as 1733 with another built at the site of 78 Portsmouth Avenue in 1761. In 1767 the town voted to build a new meeting house for public worship on the same site as the 1718 building. A Baptist Church was constructed in 1771 west of the top of Saw Mill Hill. A private library, the Stratham New Library, was first established in town in 1793. This was followed by the Stratham Union Library (1799-1822).

Phineas Merrill's 1793 map indicates that there were then 133 dwellings in Stratham, excluding outbuildings, as well as five mills. Those living on the Main Road in 1793 included the Thompsons and Scammons south of River Road (then Quaboag Lane) and Col. Ladd and Dr. Bartlett between River Road and Bunker Hill Road (originally Middle Road). Members of the Veazey, Chase, Lane and Wingate families had houses between Middle Road and Winnicut Road. Those living along the road between Winnicut Road and Depot Road included Wiggins, Weeks, Jewett, Redington, and Lane family members. A number of other Wiggins lived in the northernmost section of the Main Road in 1793. Today, approximately seventeen of the homes built along Portsmouth Avenue prior to 1793 survive.

In addition to dwellings, there were also a number of other small industrial structures. In 1741 Samuel Lane purchased property on the west side of the mill pond. In 1742 he built an addition to his house (132 Portsmouth Avenue) to house a shoemaker's shop. A grist mill was operating at the pond by 1793 and a fulling mill was located downstream. Later the Lane sawmill was located on the west side of the pond. The Wingate family had grist and sawmills downstream on the brook. The blacksmith shop of David Norton was located east of the intersection of Stratham Lane and Portsmouth Avenue. Joseph Emery, a blacksmith/machinist, was located at 16 Emery Lane prior to 1840. Benjamin Moulton who lived at 249 Portsmouth Avenue was a boot and shoe maker and also a tanner. His neighbor Joseph Staples was also a shoemaker. Not all of the residents along Portsmouth Avenue were farmers or tradesmen. Dr. Josiah Bartlett III lived in a house his uncle built for him at 82 Portsmouth Avenue in 1827. Other local physicians included George Odell.

A small town center developed where the Main Road (Portsmouth Avenue) intersected with roads leading east (the present day Winnicutt Road) and west (College Road/Route 108). From 1822 to the local post office was located in the home, and then the store, of Zebulon Wiggin who lived on the site of 159 Portsmouth Avenue. A new Congregational Church was constructed in 1837 (the present Stratham Community Church, 6 Emery Lane) and the town leased the basement for town offices (the space was known as Jackson Hall). A new Baptist Church was built on Portsmouth Avenue, next to the Greenwood Cemetery, in 1840 with funds donated by Phoebe Clark. The Middle Christian Church was organized in 1812 but did not have a church building until 1840 when they bought the old Baptist church, and moved it opposite the Town Hall onto land deeded by James Odell (this was where the post office later was located - 152 Portsmouth Avenue). After the church was moved it was completely rebuilt and remodeled. It was demolished c.1930. The house at 154 Portsmouth Avenue became the Middle Christian parsonage.

1849-1902: Railroad Era, Agriculture

A new era in transportation began in 1849 when the Portsmouth & Concord Railroad initiated rail service to the northern point in Stratham. The rail line was later acquired by the Concord and Portsmouth in 1857. A new road, Depot Road, was built to connect the Main Road and the depot at Sandy Point. Although the arrival of the railroad decreased freight traffic on the Main Road, it remained an important route for those traveling between Portsmouth and Exeter. In the late 19th century the Main Road became known as Portsmouth Avenue.

Stratham's first post office was located in George Odell's store at the corner of Winnicut Road and Portsmouth Avenue. It later moved into the old Taylor House near the site where the Wiggin Memorial Library was later built. The Stratham Atheneum, another private library, was established in 1863 and had a collection of books housed at the Congregational Parsonage. It continued until 1893. The Literary and Social Union was founded in 1876 as a reading society and maintained its collection at the Shales Store.

In the 1850s discussions began regarding the construction of a separate town building although the town continued to rent space in the basement of the church in the meantime. In 1874 town meeting first voted to build a townhouse and appointed a building committee consisting of John Ayers, D.P. Batchelder, C.N. Healey, C.W. Jones and Levi Barker to make estimates and locate a site. Charles R. Leavitt was paid \$15 for plans that showed a 40' x 60' building with a lower story to contain a store (storeroom?), selectmen's room, dining and cook rooms. The upper story was to contain a town hall and ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms. Bringing these plans to fruition was to take several more years as subsequent votes relating to the building of a townhouse were held in 1874 and 1875 to reconsider the project. Finally, in 1877 the town voted to build a townhouse and raised \$3,500 for the purpose. Josiah B. Wiggin, Freeman H. Burleigh, Otis B. French and James W. Rollins were appointed a committee to present plans, specifications and location. Soon thereafter \$300 was appropriated to buy a lot of land from the farm of George Wingate. The lot was located at approximately the midpoint of Portsmouth Avenue, adjacent to the village store and post office, and a short distance from the three Stratham churches. Charles R. Leavitt was awarded the contract for the town house. The new building was dedicated on November 28, 1877. In 1884 a row of horse sheds was constructed at the west end of the lot. In 1897 a room in the town hall was fitted up for the use of the town library. Initially, the library was located in the basement until a room over the ante room could be finished. The Winnicut Grange, No. 170, Patrons of Husbandry was organized in Stratham on February 7, 1892 and was founded to support and enhance local agricultural efforts. The group met in the Town Hall as did many other organizations. The town hall increasingly was the center of the community's social life.

Greenwood Cemetery was laid out in 1877, the land was bought from Andrew Wiggin for \$300. A few years later, in 1879, Andrew Wiggin discovered a sulphur and saline water well on his homestead at 159 Portsmouth Avenue. Said to be beneficial for the treatment of liver and kidney disease, rheumatism and gout, Stratham Sulphur Springs water was bottled and sold throughout the Northeast. The existence of the well also boosted the popularity of the adjacent resort hotel, The Elms (also known as Elmwood). To the south of this, what was later known as Wiggin's Store was constructed in the late 19th century.

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Farming was the primary local industry in the town in the late 19th century. In 1850 or 1860 there were 117 farms in town. One of the largest farms in town during this period was that of Charles N. Healey (the present 69 Portsmouth Avenue). Healey specialized in purebred Ayrshire stock and built up a herd of pure bred animals. During the 1850s he had 220 improved acres and 80 unimproved acres. In the late 19th century Healey built a large dairy barn that remains today, one of the best surviving barns in Stratham. The property left ownership of the Healey family shortly after 1900.

John Emery (16 Emery Lane) was the first in Stratham to operate as a market gardener and was a pioneer in the business. He is said to have begun market gardening in 1855. The Emery horse-drawn wagon making door-to-door deliveries was a familiar sight in Exeter, Portsmouth, and Dover. In 1860 there were only four farms in Stratham that were engaged in market gardening – the other three belonged to Nathan Adams, James Drinan and William Roby. By the time of the 1870 Census Emery was one of eight market gardeners in town and one of the two most profitable, earning \$500 from produce on nine acres of land. Strawberries were relatively scarce in the late 19th century and Emery took the first cultivated strawberries into Portsmouth. His strawberries brought more 40 cents and more per box and his melons sold for half a dollar. According to an 1899 article in *Granite Monthly*, “no business in town has developed more rapidly in recent years than market gardening. The work is exacting, and the products are varied as the list in the seed catalogue but it is uniformly profitable.” In particular, Stratham was known for its fruit production, potatoes and strawberries. Hay and rye were grown to feed dairy and beef stock. In the early 1900s, there were over fifty dairies shipping quantities of milk daily throughout New Hampshire and to Boston markets.

1902-1915: Streetcar and Early Automobile

The importance of Portsmouth Avenue as a transportation route was underscored in the early 20th century with the arrival of the streetcar in 1902. The 14.4-mile route between Exeter and Portsmouth was established in 1901 to serve the residents of Greenland and Stratham. By May 1902 construction had been completed from Portsmouth to Greenland and was expected to reach Exeter in June. Over 170 Italians were employed to construct the railway. In Stratham, the trolley route followed Portsmouth Avenue which was at the time still a dirt road. A brick trolley car barn was built on the current site of 145 Portsmouth Avenue and the Portsmouth & Exeter Street Railway also erected and maintained several electric lights, at no cost to the town. Wood planks were laid at all public and private crossings. There were a total of eight motor passenger cars and a snow plow. The fare was initially a nickel and the cars ran every hour in either direction. By 1909 the fare had risen to six cents and in the winter the cars ran every two hours. Unfortunately, the electric railway could not compete with the advent of the automobile and by 1910 the system was bankrupt. In 1912 workmen began tearing up the tracks on Portsmouth Avenue. The Greenland section continued to operate until 1916. (The brick trolley barn burned in September 1965.) There were also signs of changing times elsewhere in town. Arthur Cushman who lived at 82 Portsmouth Avenue owned the first automobile in town, a 1912 Autocar. He built a concrete block garage on his property to house either that car or what became a collection of vintage automobiles. Arthur Cushman also worked as a private chauffeur for a family in Exeter for a time.

In 1906 Stratham Hill Park was dedicated on the east side of Portsmouth Avenue. The land was purchased in 1905 by Edward Tuck, then of Paris, France from the heirs of Enoch Lane; the Lane family had owned the land for four generations. Tuck sold the land to the Town of Stratham for \$1 in 1906, in memory of his father, Amos Tuck, a long-time resident of Exeter. In the days of the trolley, there was a stop at Stratham Hill Park, bringing visitors from nearby towns to the park for sports and picnics. At least two hotels were operating in Stratham in 1911 – The Elms at 159 Portsmouth Avenue and that of Sanford G. Parker, also on Portsmouth Avenue (exact location not known). Harry G. Brierly, a fruit farmer who lived at what is now 2 Emery Lane, also offered rooms for tourists at one time.

In 1902 Albert C. Lane renovated the former town hearse house to serve as a small post office. It was moved next to the Town Hall. Lane was to remain postmaster until 1937. In 1909 the Miss I.C. Wingate property next to the Town Hall was purchased by Frank H. Philbrick, conductor on the electric road who occupied the place for his home (149 Portsmouth Avenue).

The Wiggin Memorial Library was built in 1911 opposite the Town Hall under the terms of a \$10,000 bequest in the will of Emma Jane Blodgett Wiggin (1852-1909) which also named three trustees. The new building was named “The George A. and Emma B. Wiggin Public Library” in memory of Mrs. Wiggin and her husband, who had died in 1903. The couple had married in 1883. George Wiggin was a widower who had served as superintendent of schools; his wife had been a teacher. In 1910 the building committee purchased the two-acre lot with some small buildings which were then sold. Architect Charles Howard Walker of Boston (1857-1936) designed the library which was constructed with rubble walls and a portico of granite from Deer Island, Maine. When the library was completed in 1912, the Stratham Public Library’s collection was moved from its former home in the town hall.

In 1911 there were eight market gardeners operating in Stratham. Those on Portsmouth Avenue in the early 20th century included John Emery (16 Emery Lane), Mark Piper, and James Roby. George Odell sold meats and provisions in his store at the corner of Winnicutt Road and Portsmouth Avenue

The appearance of prosperity suggested by these various events belied the fact that in 1920 Stratham's population reached an all-time low of 542 residents.

1915-1964: South Side Trunk Line – NH Route 101

The first half of the 20th century continued to bring changes to the local transportation system. In 1915 the New Hampshire Highway Department designated east-west trunk line highways and Portsmouth Avenue became New Hampshire's "South Side Road". In 1922 route numbers were assigned and this was NH 101. In 1929 Portsmouth Avenue, from Exeter to Greenland, was finally paved. For years, local farmers had used horses and tractors to extract stuck motorists from the muddy road. The 1929 project widened the road so that two cars could pass, taking out many of the curves and hills. The paving used the latest in concrete road technology and new culverts and guard rails were also installed. As automobiles increased in popularity, service stations were constructed along the route. Franklin H. Wilkins was the proprietor of Wilkins' Garage on Portsmouth Avenue in the early 1920s. Charles R. Brown operated the Stratham Center Garage on Portsmouth Avenue in the 1920s and 1930s. Carl Stockbridge operated a service station at 127 Portsmouth Avenue. Gas pumps were also located in front of the Breezy Hill Farm Market at 100 Portsmouth Avenue, operated by Mark Piper in the 1930s and 1940s. In the early 1930s Mrs. Piper operated a lunchroom on the Portsmouth-Exeter Road offering toasted sandwiches and hot dogs to order. The establishment also had ladies' and gentlemen's rest rooms. There were also gas pumps in front of Wiggin's Variety Store at 157 Portsmouth Avenue. Despite the improved access, the Elms Hotel closed in the late 1930s. Railroad service was finally discontinued in 1954.

A War Memorial was dedicated at Stratham Hill Park on October 12, 1920. The bronze tablet mounted on the boulder at the entrance of the park includes the names of the 62 men who served from Stratham in the Civil War and the 36 others who served in World War I. In 1931 the Forest Fire Service built a steel lookout tower on the summit of Stratham Hill. It was manned all day long from the spring through the fall.

The schools were wired for electricity in 1937 and the following year the school districts were reorganized with the Stratham Hill School teaching grades one to three and the Ridge School teaching grades four to six. Septic toilets were installed in the outhouses of the two school houses. The other two school houses, the Winnicutt and the Plains schools were closed for the time being although the Plains School was reopened in the early 1940s as enrollment increased. In 1950 town residents approved the construction of a four-room school on Bunker Hill Avenue that would contain three classrooms with an auditorium that could also be used as a classroom. In June 1951 the two one-room schoolhouses on Portsmouth Avenue were sold. Charles Charbonneau bought the Ridge School at 78 Portsmouth Avenue for \$1,700 and planned to use it as a residence for employees of his chicken farm. The former Stratham Hill School at 240 Portsmouth Avenue was sold for \$1,705; the buyer planned to convert it into a residence.

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In the 20th century Stratham farms continued to be an important source of produce for city markets and restaurants. In 1919 John Fred Emery opened the summer roadside stand known as Emery's Drive-In, the first in the area. A somewhat direct sign at the stand declared "God help those who help themselves, but God pity those found here helping themselves". Another prominent local farm stand was located on Frying Pan Lane across from the Scamman Farm. J. Fred Emery kept his fruit and vegetables in cold storage, bringing out small lots as needed. Much of the produce sold at the stand was grown on the Emery farm, including melons, tomatoes and corn. In addition to the homestead at 16 Emery Lane, the Emery family also owned the two adjacent dwellings to the north at 12 Emery Lane and 14 Emery Lane. Rows of vegetables and fruits were planted behind the three houses. Representing the latest in farm technology, a windmill pumped water from wells and a large storage tank (still extant) was located on the upper level of the barn. From here the accumulated water flowed by gravity to the fields for irrigation.

James T. Roby was a market gardener from the 1930s to about 1950. He specialized in Fairfax and Catskill strawberry plants and Chief raspberry plants. Roby also operated a group of tourist cabins (Roby's Overnight Camps) at 313 Portsmouth Avenue. James and Peter Pantelakos (291 Portsmouth) were also market/truck gardeners in the 1930s and 1940s as was Arthur Morris. Robert Wiggin, proprietor of Wiggin Farm at 171 Portsmouth Avenue, sold produce to Portsmouth Produce where it was sold to schools and Quincy Market in Boston. As the 20th century progressed, the number of market gardeners in Stratham decreased and much of the former farmland including that owned by Roby, Morris, and Pantelakos was subdivided for the construction of housing, especially Ranch-style dwellings. By 1955 only John Emery and Benjamin Gowen on High Street were listed in the local directory as market gardeners.

During the first half of the 20th century poultry farming became popular in New Hampshire. In the 1930s local poultrymen included John Cole who had a hen farm at 156 Portsmouth Avenue and Piper's Red Wing Poultry Farm operated by Jonathan and later Harold Piper at 338 Portsmouth Avenue. (The house at 337 Portsmouth Avenue incorporates one of the Piper chicken houses.) During the 1940s Ralph and James Ferguson engaged in poultry farming at what is now 69 Portsmouth Avenue (they called it Sunbeam Farm). A chick hatchery still stands on the property. Arthur Whittaker had a poultry farm at 238 Portsmouth Avenue in the 1940s and 1950s and another poultryman, Guy Whitten was at 248 Portsmouth Avenue. George Parkman had a poultry operation for many years at 10 Portsmouth Avenue with 200-300 hens at one point. It was carried on by his children until the mid-1980s. W.K. Butterfield was still poultry farming in 1960. D.V. Moran is listed as selling eggs that year. Local farms found it increasingly difficult to compete with the automation of national farms. By the late 1960s most local chicken coops were empty and the land was sold off for housing or other kinds of farming. Dairy farms that were active into the 1960s included the Wiggin Farm at 271 Portsmouth Avenue. The Seaveys at 69 Portsmouth Avenue had milk cows into the late 1960s but were better known as draft horse breeders and competitors.

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The 20th century saw an increased demand for housing in the Seacoast Region. With the expansion of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from 8,000 to 12,000 workers the federal government offered aid to area towns including Stratham for the construction of schools, water treatment plants, sanitation and recreation facilities. Agricultural land was increasingly being subdivided into housing lots. In the 1950s or early 1960s the 58-acre, former William Wiggin farm was subdivided into what became 222 and 232 Portsmouth Avenue and Crestview Terrace. This was the town's first housing development. Another type of housing was offered by Mary Dondero of Portsmouth who opened a convalescent home (Stratham Manor) in the house at 200 Portsmouth Avenue in 1950. The home had 12 rooms, two sun porches, four bathrooms, and a sitting room and offered nursing care for its residents. Previously the building had been known as the Stratham Manor Apartments.

An increase in population also resulted in new and expanded businesses. In 1955 Mrs. Mildred Piper built a new store at 100 Portsmouth Avenue. In the southern part of Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham Hardware and Lumber Company was opened by Alfred Beairsto in the late 1940s and offered lumber, hardware and paints. Ernest T. Wiggin was the proprietor of a grocery store at 157 Portsmouth in the mid 1950s. Next to the grocery store was an Amoco gas station. Cadieux's Wayside Furniture was open in the late 1950s and there was at least one used car lot along Portsmouth Avenue.

In the 1950s planning for the Exeter bypass promised additional changes to the town and the alignment of Portsmouth Avenue. The project included construction of a traffic circle at College Road and the creation of Emery Lane to the west of Portsmouth Avenue so that the Community Church would no longer be on the state highway. As part of the project land owned by a number of Stratham residents was taken by the state as Portsmouth Avenue was straightened and realigned slightly to improve traffic flow. On June 17, 1955 fire destroyed the c.1800 house and barn of W. Douglas Scamman on Portsmouth Avenue. The State had purchased the house two weeks before as part of the project to relocate Route 101 as part of the Exeter bypass project. In December 1955 Peter Houghton moved the Severance house which he bought from the state at auction to a lot across the road. Several buildings including a house and shed at the intersection of Routes 101 and 108 that had belonged to Matilda Thompson (corner Portsmouth Ave. and Newmarket Road?) were sold at public auction on September 19, 1956 (?) in Stratham with the condition that they be moved. [Note: Not sure if the house Houghton moved was the Thompson house??] Many mature trees were also removed. In 1959 additional work was undertaken on Portsmouth Avenue including the widening of the road, the elimination of curves from Squamscott Road in Stratham to just beyond the Winnicutt River in Greenland. The new road was a controlled-access highway with a limited number of driveways, although existing driveways were grandfathered. The 100-foot right of way required the removal of a house owned by Hugh O'Hear.

The buildings in the town center also saw various changes. The old single-story, gablefront Post Office next to the Town Hall was taken down about 1947. In 1955 or 1956 the old horse sheds were removed and rebuilt for the use of the highway department. On August 10, 1956 a fire that started in the highway department garage behind the town hall destroyed the garage and fire station while also damaging the rear of the Town Hall building. A new firehouse was subsequently built at the rear of the Wiggin Memorial Library. After much debate, the town hall was renovated and repaired although the town hall stage which burned in the fire was never rebuilt.

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The Baptist Church closed in 1961 with the retirement of Rev. Charles Parker. The building was sold to the Community Church of Stratham in 1964 and was renovated for church school classrooms. It was dedicated in 1970 as the Rev. Charles Parker Parish Hall.

In 1963 Russell and Robert Corbin set up a small ski slope from the fire tower on Stratham Hill to the base of the park. An old bus was used to power a rope pulley for a ski tow.

Post 1967

In the late 1960s there were still remnants of farming along Portsmouth Avenue. Fred Marchaland was both a florist and operated a vegetable stand as did his neighbor Carl Chapman. You could still buy eggs from Donald Wiggin and Harold Piper's Poultry farm near the Greenland town line while W.K. Butterfield maintained a poultry operation near the Exeter town line. It wasn't long after this, that the section of Portsmouth Avenue closest to Exeter and Route 101 began to develop as a commercial strip. Stratham's first shopping center, King's Highway Plaza, was constructed at 28 Portsmouth Avenue in 1973. The plaza included two anchor stores – a 55,000 square foot W.T. Grant department store and a 27,000 square foot Shaw's Supermarket as well as 25,000 square feet of satellite stores. Also in 1973, a Grand Union supermarket opened a 33,000-square foot store on Portsmouth Avenue. Twelve years later, a new "Super Shaw's" supermarket opened on the site of the existing Shaw's.

As the town's population and municipal services increased, larger facilities were required. The Old Town Hall at 151 Portsmouth Avenue in particular had become increasingly inadequate. In 1969 the town clerk and tax collection offices which had previously been located in private homes were relocated to the building. In 1971 a new wing was added to the rear of the town hall. The police department moved to a trailer to at the rear of the lot before relocating to the former school on Bunker Hill Avenue. In 1991 the last of the town's administrative offices also moved to the former school. In 1997 the former Town Hall was sold. In 1989 the town library also left its historic home, the Wiggin Memorial Building at 158 Portsmouth Avenue, for larger quarters in the former Memorial School. The Stratham Historical Society took over the former library in 1990. A new fire station was constructed behind the former library (now the historical society) in 2007. A new police station at 76 Portsmouth Avenue, adjacent to the Stratham Plaza, was formally opened in August 2007.

Stratham Hill Park continues to be at the center of community life. In 1966 the celebration of the town's 250th birthday was held at the park. As a result of the success of the celebration, the Stratham Fair was created in 1967 beginning a town-wide, volunteer run, annual event that now lasts several days. A ten-ton set of scales was purchased in 1970 to weigh the horses participating in the pulling events. In the next few years additional exhibit space was created and several buildings were constructed including a sheep house built by the fire department. In 1985 Stratham Hill Park was expanded by the addition of 160 acres of land on Jack Rabbit Lane in 1985. The fire tower at Stratham Hill Park burned in the 1980s and again in 1997 (the second time it was arson). A new metal fire tower was built in 1998 on the site of the second tower. On August 18, 1991 a violent micro burst severely damaged the park and killed three picnickers. Two pavilions were subsequently rebuilt. In 2001 the fair added a new stage to hold musical acts; this was replaced by a new stage in 2003. A second Veterans' Memorial was dedicated at Stratham Hill Park on November 11, 2001. It includes the names of the Stratham residents who fought in the Revolutionary War, World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars.

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In addition to commercial and town facilities, non-profits began to construct along Portsmouth Avenue as well. In 1975 the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals built a two-story building at 104 Portsmouth Avenue that included facilities for the care of hundreds of cats and dogs, dog runs, a garage and storage room. It was designed by architect Philip Tambling of Rye. In 2000 the facility was greatly expanded with a 10,000-square foot addition. In 1981 the New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College was constructed on the north side of Portsmouth Avenue, across the street from Stratham Hill Park. In 1982 the former Baptist Church was moved to its present location adjacent to the Community Church. The Stratham Post Office relocated to a new building at 2 College Road in 1997.

In recent years farming has continued to decline in Stratham fueled by the high cost of real estate and the demand for housing. The local Winnicut Grange, founded in 1892, held its final meetings in 1997. Produce farms which still operate on Portsmouth Avenue include Barker's Farm, an 89-acre vegetable farm and stand at 216 Portsmouth Avenue which has been operated by the Barker family for over 100 years. Saltbox Farm at 321 Portsmouth Avenue, specializes in pick-your-own blueberries and raspberries and packaged baked goods. It is operated by Bob and Irma Goodrich, who purchased the property in 1959. The farm at 69 Portsmouth Avenue dating back to the mid-17th century and early settler Richard Scammon was purchased by distant relative Doug Scamman and his wife Stella in the 1970s. It was operated as a dairy farm until 1999 and is now operated as a hay and pumpkin farm with seasonal features such as a corn maze, farmers market and school visits.

In the late 20th century traffic lights were installed on Route 101 in front of King's Highway Plaza. At the time an estimated 30,000 vehicles were using the road each day. Portsmouth Avenue's designation as Route 101 changed yet again in 1995 when the section from Exeter to the traffic circle became NH Route 108 and the section from the traffic circle to Portsmouth became NH Route 33. In 1998 Walmart considered building on a 45-acre site behind Stratham Tire on Portsmouth Avenue. The proposal was withdrawn on November 11, 1999.

In the fifty years between 1960 and 2010, Stratham's population increased exponentially from 1,033 to 7,255. Along the Portsmouth Avenue corridor this growth manifested itself in subdivisions as well as considerable residential infill. The transformation from agricultural community to bedroom community also resulted in new appreciation for the town's rural heritage. Between 1983 and 2017 six properties along Portsmouth Avenue were individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Federal conservation grants were obtained to protect 325 acres of pasture land at Bittersweet Farm (69 Portsmouth Avenue), one of the largest open spaces in town. The town of Stratham purchased a conservation easement on Saltbox Farm at 321 Portsmouth Avenue using Land Conservation funds; the easement is held by Rockingham County Conservation District. In 2016 the Lane Homestead was protected by a preservation easement developed by the Stratham Heritage Commission, NH Preservation Alliance and LCHIP. A number of barns along Portsmouth Avenue are also protected by RSA 79-D easements including the Decker barn at 2 Emery Lane and an early barn at Saltbox Farm at 321 Portsmouth Avenue.

20. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts

- 34 Localized shoemaking, 1623-1900
- 48 Tanneries and leather board manufacturing in New Hampshire
- 51 Mixed agriculture and the family farm, 1630-present
- 54 Orchards and cider production, 1650-present
- 56 Local-scale dairy farming, 1800-present
- 64 Poultry farming, 1870-present
- 65 Dairy farming for urban markets, 1880-1940
- 67 Market gardening/truck farming in New Hampshire, 1900-present
- 72 Boarding house tourism, 1875-1920
- 82 Pre-automobile land travel, 1630-1920
- 83 Taverns, inns, hotels, motels, motor courts and bed and breakfasts, 1623-present
- 87 Street railroads in New Hampshire, 1842-1960
- 88 Automobile highways and culture, 1900-present
- 105 Elementary and secondary education, 1770-present
- 106 Libraries in New Hampshire
- 107 Local government, 1630-present
- 112 Philanthropy, 1850-present
- 120 Religion in New Hampshire, 1623-present
- 131 Suburban/bedroom community growth in New Hampshire, c.1850-present
- 136 Public and private cemeteries and burials

21. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation

There are approximately 150 properties along Portsmouth Avenue and Emery Lane between the Exeter and Greenland town lines. Construction dates range from the early 18th century to the present day. There are approximately 19 properties that have at least one building that was standing at the time of the 1793 Phineas Merrill map. Many of the other historic homes that once lined the road have been lost over the years to demolition and fire. Those historic properties which survive are becoming increasingly outnumbered by modern residential and commercial development. This is particularly true west of the traffic circle. Over twenty-five properties along Portsmouth Avenue were built between 1945 and 1967. An additional sixty-five properties in the study area were constructed after 1967 and are, thus, less than sixty-five years old.

The buildings range in use from residential to commercial to civic/institutional. Stylistically there are over a dozen early 2 ½-story, side-gabled dwellings with Georgian and Federal period forms. Most of these farmhouses are vernacular although often they display door surrounds with transom lights, pediments and/or fans. The Cape Cod form is visible in historic Capes as well as Greek Revival period Classic Cottages and 20th century examples. There are a few gablefront dwellings with sidehall plans including one showing a Gothic Revival influence and another with Italianate style details as well as one notable intact Queen Anne style house. Public buildings include the former Town Hall in the Second Empire style and the stone Classical Revival/Tudor/Gothic former library. In the 20th century the Cape Cod and Ranch styles dominate. The study area also includes a number of historic barns including several English barns as well as the more prevalent gablefront Yankee barns.

A list of properties within the Project Area is included in the following pages.

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| 3 | Chase Lane | 17/52 | Henry Salter House | c.1815 | 2 story Federal style house with later wing. Two historic barns to rear. Owned by George W. and Charles H. Chase from 1882 | 24 | Further needed |
| 2 | Emery Lane | 13/58 | Wingate-Brierley Property | pre 1793/ c.1880 | 2 ½-story 3 x 2-bay sidegabled house c.1880 Unique hip-roofed barn (on 1793 map) is older than house and Yankee barn | 59-60; hist photos 12 & 31 | Further needed |
| 4 | Emery Lane | 13/41 | Cemetery | | | 41 | Further needed |
| 5 | Emery Lane | 13/43 | | 2013 | Modern Cape | | |
| 6 | Emery Lane | 13/42 | Congregational Church | 1837/c.1840 | Built roughly on site of original town meeting house (1718), and 1768 replacement. In 1982 the c.1840 Baptist church was moved adjacent to the Cong. Church and is known as Parker Parish Hall, named in honor of minister of Baptist Church. 1999 addition connects church and parish hall. | 39-40; hist photos 13 & 14 | STM0014 (Church) STM0015 (Parker Hall) Further needed? |
| 7 | Emery Lane | 13/44 | | c.1800? | not on 1793 map | 27 | Further needed |
| 12 | Emery Lane | 13/40 | Emery House | c.1800/ 2001 | Originally a simple cape. Second story and rear addition date to 2001. Gablefront detached barn 1892- J. Emery; 1857 – R. Horne | 37-38 | Further needed? |
| 14 | Emery Lane | 13/39 | Daniel Sinclair House | c.1850 | 1 ½-story gablefront cottage with recessed sidehall entry | 53 | Further needed |
| 16 | Emery Lane | 13/38 | Emery Farm/Chase Tavern | c.1740 | 2 story, 3 x 1-bay side gable with center chimney. Tavern wing removed. | 3-4; hist. | NR listed |

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| | | | | | Early post & beam barn | photos 41-44 | |
| 2 | Laurel Lane | 21/18 | Nathan Adams House | c.1850 | Greek Revival | 43 | Further needed |
| 2 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/21 | | 2005 | | | |
| 3 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/3 | | 1975 | | | |
| 9 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/11 | Gas Station | | | | |
| 10 | Portsmouth Ave (2 Stratham Hts. Rd.) | 4/20 | Irving Gas Station | 2002 | G.W. Parkman House demolished and replaced by this gas station | | STM0084 |
| 12 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/15 | | 1976 | | | |
| 15 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/12 | Commercial | 1970 | | | |
| 17 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/10/1 | Bank | 2011 | | | |
| 20 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/14 | | 1985 | | | |
| 23 | Portsmouth Ave | 4/13 | Barn | 19 th c. | 2 ½-story side-gabled Federal house moved to Maine c.2000, leaving only barn. 1857-Benj. Jewett; 1892 - Wiggin | 8 | N/A |
| 27 | Portsmouth Ave | 8/2 | | 1985 | | | |
| 28 | Portsmouth Ave | 5/1 | King's Highway Plaza | 1973 | Stratham's first shopping center | | |
| 34 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/118 | Honda | 1982 | | | |
| 35 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/1 | Sullivan Tire | 1985 | | | |
| 36 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/117 | Exeter Banking Co. (Citizens Bank) | 1974 | Col. Revival brick building William Maynes, architect? | 111 | |
| 37 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/2 | Subaru | 1994 | | | |
| 38 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/116 | Office | 1986 | | | |
| 45 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/5 | Auto Fair | 2013 | | | |
| 46 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/114 | Circle K | 2005 | | | |

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| 50 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/17 | Jeep dealership | 1964-1991 | oldest section is 1964 garage | | |
| 56 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/16 | Edward Mara House (Stratham Health Center) | 1955 | | | |
| 57 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/6 | Agway | 1985 | | 113 | |
| 58 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/15 | Auto Dealer | 1997 | | | |
| 60 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/14 | Auto Dealer | 2004 | | | |
| 64 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/12 | Meadow View Plaza | 1984 | | | |
| 68 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/10 | Ranch House | 1959 | | | |
| 69 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/7 | Janvrin-Healey-Scamman Farm (Bittersweet Farm) | c.1825 | 2 ½-story wide gablefront Greek Revival house with attached wings. Also c.1750 English barn, barn and chick hatchery | 5, 45 | STM0019 NR eligible |
| 70 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/9 | Offices | 2003 | | | |
| 71 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/1 | BMW Dealer | 1997 | | | |
| 72 | Portsmouth Ave | 9/8 | Stratham Plaza | 1985 | | | |
| 76 | Portsmouth Ave | | Stratham Police Station | 2007 | | 108 | |
| 78 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/128 | District 1 (Ridge) Schoolhouse | 1883 | School on site beg. in 1761. | 63; hist. photo 26 | Further needed |
| 81 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/20 | 2 Ranch Houses | 1975 | | | |
| 82 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/127 | Bartlett-Cushman House | 1827 | Hip-roofed Federal style dwelling with later c.1850 Italianate alt. Joshua Pike, builder. Also includes example of village barn and garage | 26; hist. photo 9 | STM0029 NR listed |

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| 85 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/21 | Offices | 1975 | | | |
| 89 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/22 | Medical offices | c.1985 | | | |
| 91 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/23 | Offices | 1985 | | | |
| 94 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/89 | Wingate Homestead/ Old Cong. Parsonage (Bean real estate) | c.1790 | 2 ½-story side-gabled dwelling with attached wings | 19 | Further needed |
| 95 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/36 | Weathervane Restaurant and Ice Cream Stand | c.1960 | Owned and operated by Waldo Butterfield | 88 | Further needed |
| 96 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/88 | Andrew Chase House | c.1840 | Greek Revival Cape | 47 | Further needed |
| 98 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/87 | Offices (Cape) | c.1960 | Cape Cod | 72 | |
| 100 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/86 | George Veasey House | by 1793 | Geo. Veasey on 1793 map. Farm owned by Mark Roberts in 19 th c. | 17 | Further needed |
| 100 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/86 | Piper's Market (later White's Grocery) | 1955 | Mark Piper in 1930s & 1940s. Store later rebuilt by Mildred Piper | 87 | Further needed |
| 102R | Portsmouth Ave | 13/85 | House (NHSPCA) | 1984 | | | |
| 104 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/84 | NHSPCA | 2001 | | 117 | |
| 108 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/83 | House | 1989 | | | |
| 118 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/69 | Millbrook Office Park | 1994 | Colonial Revival | 115 | |
| 123 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/8 | House | 1974 | | | |
| 127 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/11 | Carl's Garage | c.1929 | operated by Carl Stockbridge | 86 | Further needed |
| 129 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/10 | Andrew Lane House | c.1820 | Federal | 23 | Further needed |
| 131 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/12 | Paul Gerard House | 1960 | Raised Ranch | 83 | |

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| 132 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/13 | Deacon Samuel and Jabez Lane Homestead | 1807 | Jabez Lane built house in 1807 on site of old c.1740 homestead of Samuel Lane. Property includes c.1800 corn house, c.1740 Shoemaker's Shop, c.1850 Barn | 6, 7, 22; hist. 1-2, 8 | NR listed |
| 137 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/36 | Medical Facility | 2001 | | 116 | |
| 138 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/68 | House (Modern) | 2012 | | | |
| 139 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/37 | John Wingate House | c.1786 | 2 story side gabled with center entrance and twin chimneys. Col. H. Rust on 1793 map | 16 | Further needed |
| 140 | Portsmouth Ave | 13/67 | House (Ranch) | 1980 | | | |
| 142 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/119 | Offices | 1986 | | | |
| 142R | Portsmouth Ave | 17/120 | Peter Day House | 1974 | Ranch | | |
| 145 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/38 | Stratham Furniture | c.1968 | Modern commercial bldg. Site of old Trolley car barn, burned 1965 | 109; hist. 36 | |
| 148 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/118 | Odell-Lester House | c.1853 | Greek Revival/Italianate farmhouse with barn. Had a blacksmith shop. Today in commercial use | 50-51 | Further needed |
| 149 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/39 | Parker House | 1910 | Early 20 th c. cottage with jerkinhead roof, stone foundation. Parker family since 1944 Demolished 2017 | 65 | |
| 151 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/40 | Old Town Hall | 1877 | Second Empire style. Town offices until 1989. Currently antiques shop | 61; hist. 16-19 | STM0086 SR listed |
| 152 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/117 | Frank Tuck House/Post Office | 1952 | Ranch style built to combine residential and post office uses. Large storage bldg. in rear. Christian Church | 73; hist. 15 | |

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| | | | | | previously occupied this site - demolished c.1930. | | |
| 154 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/116 | Thurston-Colbath-French House | c.1800 | Cape style house with gable end to street, barn connected by ells. Parsonage for Christian Church 1890-1930. Willed by Winfield Foote to Historical Society who later sold. | 34 | Further needed |
| 156 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/115 | Rev. James Miltimore House | c.1780 | Late Georgian with hip roof and twin chimneys and ell addition. Miltimore was the 3rd minister of the Congregational Church between 1786 & 1807. Later Cole hen farm for many years. Currently in commercial use | 15; hist. 6 & 7 | Further needed |
| 157 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/41 | Stratham Village Market | 1987 | Site of Wiggin's Store and Post Office | 106, 114; hist. 21-22 | |
| 158 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/114 | George A. and Emma B. Wiggin Memorial Library | 1911-1912 | Stratham Library until 1989; now Historical Society. Designed by Charles Howard Walker, architect | 66; hist. 38 | STM0027 NR listed |
| 159 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/42 | The Elms/Elmwood | 1875 | Site of Zebulon Wiggin house. Former resort hotel with sulphur spring in rear. Building alt. and stripped of ornament | 64; hist. 30 | |
| 160 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/89 | People's United Bank | 1979 | Modern bank building. Site of George Odell store and post office | 112; hist. 20 | |
| 161 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/43 | Black Cherry Condos | 2004 | | | |
| 164 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/88 | Store | 1982 | Modern commercial bldg. | | |

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| 165 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/44 | Johnson House | 1996 | 2 story Colonial | | |
| 166 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/87 | George H. Odell House | c.1890 | Queen Anne style | 58; hist. 28 | Further needed |
| 169 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/45 | Milton Houghton House | c.1950 | Cape | 70 | |
| 170 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/86 | Odell-Barker House | c.1900 | 2 ½-story gablefront | 55 | |
| 171 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/124 | Baptist Church Site | | plaque on boulder and granite stones | 42; hist. 14 | |
| 172 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/85 | Barker House | c.1950 | Cape | 71 | |
| 173 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/46 | Greenwood Cemetery | 1877 | Land bought from Andrew Wiggin. Some early 19 th century stones. Distinctive markers include Wiggin monument and Severance Angel monument. Over 400 markers | | Further needed |
| 174 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/84 | Cynthia Palladino House | 1985 | Ranch | | |
| 175 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/47 | Baptist Parsonage | c.1850 | 1 ½-story, side-gabled Classic Cottage | 46 | Further needed |
| 176 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/83 | Levi Mason House | c.1830 | Cape | 35 | Further needed |
| 178 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/82 | Robert Corbin House | c.1958 | Ranch | 76 | |
| 180 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/81 | House | 1935?? | 1857 – Mrs. Thurston? 1892 – Diman Estate | 68 | Further needed |
| 181 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/49 | Widow Mason House | c.1790 | 2-story side-gabled house. on 1793 map; 1857 – Stephen Philpot; 1892 – Eliza Robinson | 20 | Further needed |
| 185 | Portsmouth Ave | 17/50 | Richard Wiggin House | c.1965 | Cape Cod | 91 | |

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| 197 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/84 | Robert Senko House | c.1975 | Cape Cod | 93 | |
| 200 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/83 | Joshua Hill House | c. 1725 | 2 st. hip roofed Georgian with 5 bay facade W. Weeks on 1793 map | 2 | Further needed |
| 201 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/87 | Andrew Wiggin House | c.1850 | 1 ½-story gablefront with Gothic Revival bargeboard 1892 – Mrs. J.S. Staples | 49 | Further needed |
| 208 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/82 | Mark Sweetser House | 1985 | 2 story side gambrel | | |
| 210 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/81 | Hezekiah H. & Annie Leavitt House | c.1880 | 2 ½-story gablefront house and connected barn. H.H. Leavitt was a carpenter & builder. The couple married in Feb. 1879 | 56-57 | Further needed |
| 216 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/80 | Gordon Barker House | 1983 | Cape | | |
| 217 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/88 | Samuel Lane Jr. House | 1768 | 2 ½-story 5 x 2 bay side gabled Samuel Lane on 1793 map | 14 | Further needed |
| 218 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/79 | Wiggin-Jewett House (Barker Farm) | c.1705/ c.1810 | Back ell built by Bradstreet Wiggin c.1705; he had a tavern here in 1706. Aaron Jewett built the large front portion 2 ½-story 5 x 2-bay with 2 interior chimneys c.1810. Barn is also early. | 18 | Further needed |
| 219 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/89 | J. Folsom House | by 1793 | 1 ½-story Cape Cod Heirs of J. Folsom on 1793 map. Later Enoch Lane | 33 | Further needed |
| 222 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/78 | Hanson-Brackett House | c.1960 | Raised ranch Lot 5 Crestview | 84 | |

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| 223 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/90 | Little House | c.1960 | Garrison Colonial | | |
| 227 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/91 | Maurice Longchamps House | 1968 | Lot 1 Stratham Estates | 90 | |
| 228 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/57 | Chase Wiggin House | 1730 | 2 ½-story side gabled J. Weeks on 1793 map | 13 | Further needed |
| 230 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/56 | Charles Hartson House | 1963 | Ranch | 77 | |
| 232 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/55 | M. Don Betts House | 1965 | Gambrel Cape | 92 | |
| 235 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/20 | Dwight Crow House | c.1970 | Raised ranch | | |
| 236 | Portsmouth Ave | 21/54 | Arnold Whittaker, Jr. House | c.1940 | 1 ½-story Cape Cod dwelling; was poultry farm | 69 | Further needed |
| 240 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/89 | District 2 (Stratham Hill) School | c.1860 | Former 1 ½-story gablefront schoolhouse, much altered. Now in commercial use. School on site in 1733 | 62; hist. 27 | N/A |
| 245 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/1 | John Crockett House (Kenniston Tavern) | c.1760 | 2 ½-story, 5 x 2-bay Georgian style dwelling built by Ephraim & John Crockett. Owned by Kenniston family from 1780 to 1883 and operated as tavern. Kenniston's Inn on 1793 map | 9; hist. 4-5 | NR listed |
| 248 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/88 | W. Lester Lane House | c.1916 | 1 ½-story side-gable with gable end to street Guy Whitten 1925-1962 | 67 | Further needed |
| 249 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/6 | Cornet Thomas Wiggin House (aka the Tannery and Widow Sarah Wiggin House) | 1762 | 2 ½-story 5 x 2 sidegabled with 2 interior chimneys Widow W. Wiggin on 1793 map | 10-11 | NR listed |
| 250 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/87 | Laurence | c.1965 | | 89 | |

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| | | | Farnsworth Mobile home | | | | |
| 255 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/7 | House | c.1970 | Colonial | 94 | |
| 257 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/8 | Commercial Building | c.1960 | 2013 alt. Land was previously owned by Donald Wiggin | | |
| 261 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/9 | House | c.1800? | 2 ½-story, 5 x 3-bay with gable end to street. Not on 1793 map. Later Elmer Wiggin | 54 | Further needed |
| 267 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/10 | Andrew Wiggin House | c.1750 | 2-story side-gable with two interior chimneys. Andrew Wiggin on 1793 map | 12 | Further needed |
| 269 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/13 | Beairsto House | 1996 | Cape Cod | | |
| 270 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/83 | Stratham Hill Park | 1906+ | 70 acre park donated to the town by Edward Tuck in 1906. War memorials dedicated in 1920 and 2001. Stage/restrooms built in 1980. Fire tower rebuilt in 1998. | 85, 98-105; hist. 35 | Further needed? |
| 271 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/14 | Diman-Wiggin house | c.1850 | 2 ½-story, 5 x 2-side gable with gablefront attached barn with c.1940 add. J.Diman – 1857; J.T. Smith – 1892 Ernest Wiggin operated Wiggin's Store | 48; hist. 11 | Further needed |
| 273 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/15 | Francis & Eleanor Durgin House | c.1730 | Cape Cod with center chimney and connected farm buildings. Possibly built by John Satchel before his death. G. Wiggin on 1793 map | 29-30 | Further needed |
| 275 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/16 | Former Vocational-Technical College | 1981-3 | closed in 2009 | 107 | |

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| 283 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/18 | Earl Rumrill House | c.1955 | Ranch Pantelakos land | 80 | |
| 285 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/19 | House | c.1990 | Contemporary | 95 | |
| 287 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/20 | David Noyes House | c.1955 1972? | Ranch Pantelakos land | 81 | |
| 291 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/21 | Allen-Piper House | 1736 | 1 ½-story Cape built by Samuel Allen before 1737. Bought by Samuel Piper in 1772; Piper on 1793 map. West side of house is original portion. Addition to side and dormers added. 19 th c. detached gablefront barn to west. Pantelakos veg. farm in 1930s & 40s | 31-32 | Further needed |
| 301 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/24 | House | c.1950 | Ranch | 78 | |
| 303 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/25 | Gould Blair House | 1957 | Ranch, Roby land | 78 | |
| 305 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/26 | Sewall York House | c.1955 | Ranch, Roby land | 79 | |
| 307 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/27 | Cook Duplex | 2005 | | 96 | |
| 308 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/48 | Hugh O'Hear House | c.1960 | corner Lovell Road | 82 | |
| 309 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/28 | Hodgdon-Roby House | c.1800 | 2 ½-story, 5 x 2-bay. Was a Cape. James True Roby added a second story. 1857 – Supply Hodgdon 1892-W. Roby | 36; hist. 10 | N/A |
| 310 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/47 | Charles Strukel House | 1998 | Colonial | | |
| 313 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/29 | Warehouse | c.1970 | Former location of Roby's Cabins | 110; hist. 32 | |
| 321 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/31 | Thomas Wiggin | c.1725 | Saltbox dwelling built by great | 1; hist. | Further needed |

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| | | | House (Saltbox Farm) | | grandson of Stratham's first settler. Thomas Wiggin on 1793 map. Owned by Wiggin family until 1854. Daniel & Charles Scott until 1906 | 3 | |
| 323 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/32 | French House | 1841 | 1 1/2 broad gablefront in Greek Revival style. Z.H. French in 1857 G.W. Dixon in 1892 | 44; hist. 40 | Further needed |
| 325 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/33 | Stephen Wiggin-David S. Norton House | c.1820- c.1840 | David S. Norton was a blacksmith and father of Nathan Norton (see 330 Portsmouth). Their blacksmith shop was to the east of Stratham Lane. | 28 | Further needed |
| 330 | Portsmouth Ave | 22/37 | Nathan Norton House | c.1850 | 1 1/2-story gablefront with Greek Revival entrance. Norton was a blacksmith | 52 | Further needed |
| 334 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/50 | Emanuel Three Family | 1975 | | | |
| 336 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/49 | Kenneth Bart House | 1995 | Cape Cod, Piper land Suncoast Builders | | |
| 337 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/34 | Robert E. Ryan House | c.1980 | Modern house incorporates former Piper poultry barn | 97 | |
| 338 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/48 | Jones-Dixon House | c.1800? | 2 story, 3 x 1-bay with later Italianate bay window. 1857 map – Brackett Jones; 1892 – S.C. Dixon; G.W. Dixon in 1899, later owned by Harold Piper of Piper's Poultry Farm | 21; hist. 29 | Further needed |
| 339 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/35 | Cook Duplex | 2001 | Piper land | | |
| 340 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/47 | Skeffington- | 1995 | Cape Cod, Piper land | | |

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| | | | Caldwell House | | Suncoast Builders | | |
| 341 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/36 | House | c.1980 | Colonial, Piper land | | |
| 343 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/37 | House | c.1980 | Colonial, Piper land | | |
| 345 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/38 | Duplex | 2007 | Piper land | | |
| 347 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/39 | Herbert Peck House | 1956 | Ranch, Willow Brook subdivision lot 5 | | |
| 349 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/40 | Eugene Courtemanche House | 1956 | Ranch, Willow Brook subdivision lot 4 | | |
| 353 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/45 | William Preston House | 1956 | Ranch, Willow Brook subdivision lot 2 | 75 | |
| 355 | Portsmouth Ave | 23/44 | John Woolston House | 1956 | Ranch, Willow Brook subdivision lot 1 | 74 | |

1631-1849; Settlement, King's Highway and Stagecoach Period

One of the earliest surviving houses along Portsmouth Avenue is the **Thomas Wiggin House at 321 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 1), constructed c. 1725. The two-story wood shingled dwelling consists of a 3 x 1-bay house with center chimney and rear attached lean-to, giving it a so-called saltbox shape. It was constructed by Thomas Wiggin, great grandson of Stratham's first settler, and remained in the Wiggin family until 1854. Owned by Bob and Irma Goodrich since 1959, Saltbox Farm is known for its blueberries and raspberries. In addition to an early detached barn and other outbuildings, the property also includes a farmstand built by the Goodrichs. Today, the property contains 35 acres as it did when it left the Wiggin family. The land (and setting) is protected by a conservation easement.

The well-preserved, two-story, 5 x 5-bay, hip-roofed house with center chimney at **200 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 2) is believed to have been built by Joshua Hill, a house carpenter, at about the time of his marriage to Rachel Gross in 1724. It incorporates a number of Georgian style details including a projecting vestibule with quoins (simulated stonework) and a pedimented door surround displaying pilasters, a full entablature and transom lights. The openings contain 9/6 sash and the first floor windows are capped by entablature lintels. From 1789 to 1855 the house was owned by Walter Weeks and then his son-in-law Joseph Taylor. John Ayers, a farmer, owned the property from 1855 to 1886. The original 30 acres was reduced to two acres in 1925.

The house at **16 Emery Lane** (photos 3-4) is a much simpler 2 ½-story, 3 x 1-bay, side-gabled house with center chimney constructed c.1740, apparently by a local joiner named Timothy Jones. According to historic accounts an additional section (used as Chase's Tavern) originally extended to the north but was removed in the 19th century. To the south of the house there is a large gablefront post and beam barn with cow stalls and attached corn crib and the property also includes remnants of a late 19th or early 20th century irrigation system including several wells and brick-lined cisterns. The house is located on a section of the King's Highway which was bypassed in the 1950s. The 1793 map labels this as Chase's Inn; it was owned by Emery family of market gardeners from 1829 to 1971. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

Some of the earliest extant buildings along Portsmouth Avenue are outbuildings which in some cases, have lost the primary residence with which they were once associated. The farm at 69 Portsmouth Avenue dates to 1665 and the oldest surviving building on the property is a c.1750 **English style barn** (photo 5). What is now the main house on the property was constructed c.1825. Similarly, at the Lane Homestead, 132 Portsmouth Avenue, there is a former shoemaker's shop (photo 6) which was constructed in 1742 and was originally attached to the house which previously stood on the property. The shoemaker's shop was moved to its present location in 1807 when the present main house was constructed. The cornhouse (photo 7) on the property was originally constructed c.1800, prior to the construction of the present house which was erected in 1807 to replace the original c.1740 house. At **23 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 8), a 19th century barn survives although the Federal style house which formerly stood on the property was moved to Maine c.2000.

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The John Crockett House at **245 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 9) is a mid-18th century Georgian style dwelling constructed c.1760 by Ephraim Crockett and his son John as a dwelling for John and his wife, the former Mary Lane. The side-gabled dwelling displays a five-bay façade and central entablatured door surround with transom lights. Members of the Crockett family were important local builders – Richard and Ephraim Crockett were employed in the construction of the Deacon Samuel Lane House in 1743 while John Crockett was a joiner involved in the construction of the Northwood Meeting House. With its symmetry, graduated proportion and exterior detail, the house at 245 Portsmouth is important as a simplified adaptation of the Georgian style showing the inland migration of the style during the mid 18th century. The house was later owned by Kenniston family from 1780 to 1883 and operated as a tavern complete with a ballroom located on the second floor. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

Located at the northeast corner of Portsmouth Avenue and Depot Road, the **Cornet Thomas Wiggin House at 249 Portsmouth Avenue** (photos 10 & 11) is a 2 ½-story, side-gabled structure with two interior brick chimneys and double-hung 9/6 windows. The house is believed to have been constructed c.1760 although some of the finish work is thought to have been completed by his son-in law, Nathan Barker, after Wiggin's death in 1776. Centered on the five-bay façade, the door surround was likely remodeled c.1830. One of the rear wings was used as a cobbler's shop during the early 19th century by Benjamin Moulton and his son, also Benjamin, who were tanners and boot and shoemakers. The elder Benjamin had married Olive Wiggin in 1825. To the east of the house is a 40' x 60' side-gabled barn which could be contemporary with the house (photo 11). This building was restored in the 1970s but now stands in an extremely deteriorated condition with holes in the roof. The property was listed to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 for its architectural significance.

Located adjacent to Sandy Point Road, **267 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 12) is a mid 18th century house that was likely constructed for Andrew Wiggin. The 35' x 16', two-story, side-gabled dwelling has a five bay façade, two interior chimneys and an entablatured door surround with transom lights over the door. The second floor windows contain 6/6 double-hung windows while those on the first floor are slightly larger with 9/6 sash. Another Wiggin house, that of Chase Wiggin, at **228 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 13) was reportedly constructed c.1730 is quite similar but retains less integrity due to the application of vinyl siding, new brick end chimneys and the loss of original acreage.

The house at **217 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 14) was reportedly constructed in 1768 by Samuel Lane for his son, Samuel Lane, Jr. The 2 ½-story 5 x 2-bay dwelling has five unevenly spaced façade bays with larger windows on the first floor, containing 9/6 replacement sash and smaller windows (new 6/6) above. The center entrance has a paneled door with a surround that is not original but has partial sidelights and a row of transom lights under a simple pediment. Both the main house block and the small wing to the south are set on brick foundations. Two interior brick chimneys rise from the rear slope of the gable roof. A garage and attached shop are located to the north of the residence.

Constructed c. 1786, the Rev. James Miltimore House at **156 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 15) is a two-story, 5 x 3-bay, late Georgian/Federal style house capped by a hipped roof with two interior chimneys with a dentil cornice. Originally built for the third minister of the Congregational Church, it is now in commercial use. The building has seen various alterations including double-hung 1/1 replacement windows replacing what were originally 9/6 and 6/6 sash and the fact that the front entry is obscured by a glazed projection which was formerly a single-story entry porch supported by two columns. The ell

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additions and barn visible in historic photographs have been removed as have hen houses associated with the Cole hen farm that formerly operated here. The ell behind the house was constructed c. 1970. Also constructed c.1786, the **John Wingate House at 139 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 16) is a two-story, 5 x 2-bay house with a center entry and twin chimneys. It is now in commercial use and has seen various additions and alterations.

The house at **100 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 17) is another dwelling that predates the 1793 map which shows it was then owned by George Veasey. The 2 ½-story side-gabled house measures 38' x 34' and has a gable roof with close eaves and two interior chimneys. The windows openings contain modern 6/6 sash. The center entrance contains a four-panel door flanked by partial sidelights and is capped by an entablature lintel. The house is currently in poor condition. With just 1.47 acres, it is much altered from its 19th century appearance when it included 46 acres of land including an ell, a barn, wood house and corn house (all no longer extant). The c.1810 house at **218 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 18) is a 2 ½-story, side gabled house with similar massing and proportions. The back ell was built by Bradstreet Wiggin c.1705; he had a tavern here in 1706. To the rear of the house is a small post and beam barn that may also date to the 18th century. The 2 ½-story, side-gabled dwelling at **94 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 19) was built by Joshua and Hannah Wingate prior to 1793. It also displays close eaves and twin interior chimneys. The main entrance consists of pilasters supporting an entablature with transom lights above the door. A secondary entrance vestibule is centered on the south gable end. The series of connected buildings extending from the main house have been altered and added to over the years and the windows have seen some alteration as well as the installation of 6/6 replacement sash. The building served as the Congregational Parsonage for many years; it is now a real estate office.

The house at **181 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 20) is an example of a late 18th century vernacular dwelling which lacks features of any particular style. Set below the road, the two-story, 3 x 1-bay, side-gabled dwelling displays an irregular fenestration pattern and small windows. It appears that it predates the 1793 Merrill map which shows it as being owned (but not occupied) by Widow Mason. In the 19th century it was owned by Stephen Philpot who worked as a farm laborer. Near the Greenland town line, the house at **338 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 21) is another dwelling which appears to date to the late 18th or early 19th century; it does not appear on the 1793 map. The two-story, 3 x 1-bay house is set with its gable end to the street. The three-sided bay window was a c.1870 later addition. Early owners included the Wiggin family. Brackett Jones owned the house from 1854 to 1864 and Samuel and then George Dixon owned and farmed the property from 1864 to 1928.

In contrast to these more vernacular properties, the **Samuel and Jabez Lane Homestead at 132 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 22) is a high-style Georgian dwelling built in 1807 on site of c.1740 homestead. The well-preserved, hip-roofed, two-story, 5 x 2-bay dwelling has twin chimneys and a pedimented entrance flanked by tapered pilasters with a five-light transom above the door. The 9/6 wooden windows on the first floor are capped by entablature lintels. Inside, the house is notable for carvings executed by Ebenezer Clifford, a regional master craftsman. The ell may incorporate the frame of the earlier c.1740 house. In addition to the main house, the property includes a former mill pond, a c.1800 corn house, a c.1740 shoemaker's shop and a c.1850 gablefront barn. Adding to the significance of the property are the extensive diaries and records kept by its owners, Samuel and Jabez Lane from 1741 to 1810. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 and is protected by a preservation easement held by the NH Preservation Alliance.

Across the street, the c.1820 **Andrew Lane House at 129 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 23) was built for Andrew Lane (1799-1839), a son of Jabez Lane. The hip-roofed, two-story, 5 x 2-bay house displays a Federal style entrance consisting of partial sidelights and a semi-elliptical louvered fan framed by pilasters supporting an entablature. An entablatured door surround is also located on the south end. A series of ells and wings connect the house to an altered side-gabled barn. Alterations include the application of siding and the loss of one of two interior chimneys.

Set on the hill above Portsmouth Avenue, the **Henry Salter House at 3 Chase Lane** (photos 24 & 25) is another hip-roofed, two-story, 5 x 2-bay house. In this case the Federal style door surround incorporates a semi-circular fanlight. The house was apparently built for Capt. Henry Salter (1801-1851) of Portsmouth. The rear wing appears to be later. Although the acreage of the property was greatly reduced by a c.1987 subdivision, the property retains several early barns to rear.

The **Bartlett-Cushman House at 82 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 26) is a hip-roofed double house with central hall that was originally constructed in the Federal style in 1827. It was constructed by Joshua Pike, builder for Josiah Bartlett II. A partial remodeling c.1850 resulted in the addition of Italianate style-inspired embellishments including the addition of a two-story bay window on the south elevation and arched dormer windows. The barn is an example of a village barn serving a largely non-agricultural purpose. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

The house at **7 Emery Lane** (photo 27) does not appear on the 1793 map so likely it was constructed in the early 19th century. The 2 ½-story, 5 x 2-bay dwelling was heavily renovated in 2006. The façade is clapboarded while the ends are clad in wood shingles. The center entry is framed by pilasters that support an entablature above transom lights. Windows currently contain 12/12 sash although this may not have been the historic configuration.

Judging from its massing, the 2 ½-story, side-gabled house at **325 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 28) appears to date to the early 19th century although there is no supporting stylistic evidence. The house is set on a granite foundation but has been covered in vinyl siding and had its windows replaced in recent years. The decorative shingle details in the gables and the glass-and-panel front door suggest a late 19th century remodeling.

Within the study area, there are several Cape Cod style houses which date to the 18th and early 19th century. The **Francis and Eleanor Durgin house at 273 Portsmouth Avenue** (photos 29 & 30) is likely the earliest and is believed to have been constructed c.1730. The south-facing 1 ½-story dwelling displays a five-bay façade and center chimney. The front door surround is a later alteration and displays transom and partial sidelights. The property is a good example of a connected farm complex with a series of wings and barns extending to the east of the main house, culminating in a side-gabled barn with transom lights above the double doors on the façade.

The Cape style house at **291 Portsmouth Avenue** (photos 31 & 32) also dates to this period (constructed 1736?) but has seen more extensive alterations. The original house with five bay façade is the portion to the west. Additions include the section to the east, the large shed dormers and garage; the original windows now contain 1/1 sash. The house is currently in poor condition. To the west is a detached 19th century barn measuring 40' x 40' with a broad gablefront with large central doors. In the 19th century this was the farm of B.D. Loughton and later James W. Foss. In the 20th century the

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Pantelakos family engaged in truck/vegetable farming. Much of the original acreage has been subdivided for housing.

The house at **219 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 33) was constructed prior to 1793 when the Merrill map shows it as belonging to the heirs of J. Folsom. The simple Cape with center chimney has five irregularly spaced openings on the façade which now contain modern windows and doors. In the mid to late 19th century this was the home of Enoch M.C. Lane, a farmer and son of Samuel Lane.

The 1 ½-story, 5 x 2-bay Cape with central chimney at **154 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 34) was constructed in the late 18th or very early 19th century. It is oriented to face south and thus, its gable end faces the road. The simple clapboarded building has plain eaves and transom lights cap the front door. Two ells connect the main house to an offset small barn oriented with its gablefront and offcenter door to the street. The property was owned by the Thurston family in the early 19th century and by Eliphalet Colbath, a farmer in the 1840s and 1850s. John French, a “huckster” according to the 1870 Census, purchased the property in 1863. It was sold by his widow in 1890 and served as the Christian Church parsonage until 1930. (The Christian Church had been moved to the adjacent lot to the south – now 152 Portsmouth Avenue – about 1890 and stood until 1930).

The 1 ½-story dwelling at **176 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 35) displays a three-bay façade. It has seen alterations and additions since 2002 including a new garage, sunporch, etc. It was likely built c.1830 and was owned by the Mason family from 1839 to 1905. The elder Levi Mason who purchased the property in 1839 was a shoemaker/tanner. After his death it was occupied by his son, also Levi, a farmer. The house at **309 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 36) was originally a 1 ½-story Cape. James True Roby (1872-1959) later added a second story. The c.1800 house at **12 Emery Lane** (photo 37) was also, until recently, a simple Cape. The entablatured doorframe, upper story, saltbox profile and rear addition were all added in 2001. To the north is a historic gablefront barn (photo 38); the attached one-car garage was added in 1973.

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The **Stratham Community Church at 6 Emery Lane** (photo 39) was constructed as a Congregational Church in 1837 and is a gablefront building with a two stage tower capped by an octagonal drum with bellcast roof. Elements of the Greek Revival include the pediment front supported by cornerboards and the cornerblocks at the windows while the Federal style is evident in the front louvered fan and the pointed arch louvered fans on the side elevations and the pointed arch window between the two entries project a Gothic Revival influence. The building has seen various alterations over the years including the addition of vinyl siding, the loss of tower balustrades, the addition of stained glass windows in the late 19th century and a large 1999 addition connecting the church to the parish hall. The parish hall was originally constructed as the **Baptist Church** (photo 40) c.1840 and moved to its present location in 1982. Like the Congregational Church, the building displays a mix of Federal and Greek Revival features in keeping with its c.1840 date of construction. The vinyl-sided building retains a pediment front and wide cornerboards although there is no longer a frieze. The two front entries have cornerblock moldings although the doors have been replaced. A semi-elliptical Federal-style fan panel is centered in the pediment and originally the tower had an additional level with arched openings. The cemetery (photo 41) adjacent to and behind the Community Church includes gravestones dating to the late 18th and early 19th century.

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Prior to 1982, the Baptist Church was located adjacent to Greenwood cemetery at 173 Portsmouth Avenue. The location is marked by some large granite stones and a boulder with plaque (photo 42). Although Greenwood Cemetery was established in 1877 it also retains a number of early 19th century gravestones which were either moved here or predated the purchase by the town.

1849-1902: Railroad Era, Agriculture

Residential Resources

The Greek Revival style experienced limited popularity in Stratham but nonetheless, the style in general had a large impact on residential architecture. Throughout New England, prior to the Greek Revival, 1 ½-story and 2 ½-story, side-gabled forms predominated; after 1800 these houses generally had twin chimneys rather than the earlier large central chimney.

It was the Greek Revival style that was responsible for introducing the gablefront form, loosely based on the temple fronts of ancient Greek temples. In Stratham, the expressions of the Greek Revival style were vernacular and modest with stylistic features typically visible in entablatured entries with full sidelights, cornerboards and/or projecting eaves with cornice returns and wide frieze boards.

The transition between the Federal style with its five-bay facade and the Greek Revival style is apparent in several houses along the Portsmouth Avenue corridor that combine the typical five-bay façade with a gablefront. The house at **2 Laurel Lane** (photo 43) is an excellent example of this and displays a center entrance with full sidelights, framed by pilasters supporting an entablature as well as paneled cornerboards, a wide two-part frieze on the side elevations and cornice returns on the façade. A similar design is also visible at **323 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 44) although this house has seen more extensive alterations including siding and numerous additions. The **Janvrin-Healey-Scamman House at 69 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 45) is a larger example of the same form. The wide 2 ½-story gablefront displays a recessed central entry, and well articulated pilasters and cornices with later (c.1860) Italianate porches.

During the Greek Revival period, 1 ½-story, side-gabled Cape Cod houses typically have kneewall frames that increased the amount of space between the tops of the façade windows and the cornice and are known as “Classic Cottages”. The former Baptist Parsonage at **175 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 46) is an excellent example of this house form. Two interior chimneys rise from the roof. Greek Revival details include the paneled cornerboards, two-part frieze on the façade and cornice returns on the side gables. The Andrew Chase House at **96 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 47) is another simpler example of a Greek Revival Classic Cottage.

The **Dinan-Wiggin House at 271 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 48) is an example of the perseverance of the 2 ½-story, 5 x 2-bay side-gabled form at the mid-19th century. In this case, the house displays Italianate-inspired details including intricate cornice moldings, arched attic windows and chamfered porch posts. The house has seen various alterations including siding, new windows and the removal of the two original chimneys. The attached barn is notable for its 20th century stick frame rear addition that was designed and built c.1940 for modern dairying with concrete floors and an electric gutter cleaner that emptied out into a roofed manure storage area.

As stated above, gable-front dwellings with three-bay facades and sidehall (offcenter) entrances became the norm by the mid 19th century. The house at **201 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 49) is an example of

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this change in orientation as well as the fact that gablefront houses could be dressed in many styles. In this case, the house displays a sidehall entrance with full sidelights popularized in the Greek Revival styles although the decorative wooden bargeboards make it a rare example of the Gothic Revival, also known as “Carpenter Gothic”.

The 2 1/2-story **James Odell (Odell-Lester) House at 148 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 50) is a transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style farmhouse with a cross-gable plan. The clapboarded house has seen various additions and alterations including new porch posts, a bay window and new front entry. Greek Revival details include the pediment ends filled with flushboard, wide frieze and the paneled cornerboards which are in this case topped by trefoils. The elongated windows under the porch and the entablature lintels reflect an Italianate influence. The property retains 28 acres as well as a gablefront, clapboarded barn (photo 51).

The 1 1/2-story gablefront cottage with sidehall entrance is another house form commonly associated with the Greek Revival style. The c.1850 house at **330 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 52) is one such example. It was occupied by Nathan Norton (1826-1888) who was a blacksmith. The house at **14 Emery Lane** (photo 53) is a 1 1/2-story gablefront cottage with a recessed sidehall entry. It appears to have been constructed c.1850 by Daniel Sinclair, a carpenter, for his own use. It has seen various alterations including siding, new windows, and additions. In recent years, an adjacent shed has been renovated for residential use. There are several examples of 2 1/2-story, gablefront dwellings with sidehall entries along the corridor. The exact age of the house at **261 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 54) is not clear. The main, recessed entrance on the gablefront facing the street is framed by pilasters supporting an entablature with two-part frieze that is indicative of the Greek Revival. An additional unadorned entrance is centered on the five-bay side elevation.

Other vernacular dwellings with sidehall entries dating to the late 19th century include **170 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 55) which has a simple door hood above the glass-and-panel door. The gablefront house at **210 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 56) is fronted by a simple, single-story porch and connects to a gablefront barn (photo 57). This house was likely constructed c.1880 by local carpenter/builder Hezekiah H. Leavitt around the time of his February 1879 marriage to Annie Ayers whose parents lived next door at 200 Portsmouth. H.H. Leavitt was responsible for all the interior finish work on the Town Hall in 1877.

Constructed c.1890, the George Odell House at **166 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 58) is a well-preserved Queen Anne style home displaying many hallmarks of the style. Set on a brick foundation, the house has contrasting clapboards and shingles, a profusion of gables, a front porch supported by turned posts with a spindle frieze and a projecting gabled bay on the side elevation with cutaway corners and stickwork.

The house at **2 Emery Lane** (photo 59) appears to date to the late 19th century. The 2 1/2-story, 3 x 2-bay, side-gabled house apparently replaces the 18th century 5 x 2-bay Wingate house (see historic photo). As seen today the house has two interior chimneys, a central porch supported by turned posts and a two-story, three-sided bay on the south gable end. In the early 20th century the house was owned by Benjamin Brierley and later his son Harry Brierley. The family operated a fruit farm and Harry also took in boarders (see historic photo). Also on the property is a barn now protected by a 79-D easement consisting of a unique, hip-roofed barn connected to a later, larger Yankee-style barn (photo 60).

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Constructed in 1877, the **Town Hall at 151 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 61) is a rare local example of the French Second Empire style. The omnipresent mansard roof was originally sheathed in slate with contrasting rosette designs but was resided in asphalt shingles, probably after the building was damaged by a fire in 1956. single-story building with mansard roof, indicative of the French Second Empire style. Despite the application of vinyl siding, the building retains many details of the style including paired brackets at the cornice, segmentally arched window hoods supported by small brackets and a front porch with square posts and brackets.

There are two surviving schoolhouses from this period. The **District No. 2 (Stratham Hill) School at 240 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 62) was constructed c.1860 but its historic form is nearly unrecognizable today (see Figure). Originally a 1 ½-story building with two pairs of windows on the gablefront and an entry vestibule on the side, the fenestration pattern has been totally changed and an additional level of window openings added. The **District No. 1 Schoolhouse at 78 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 63) was constructed in 1883 in the Stick Style. It has also seen alterations including the removal of the first floor stickwork and changes to the fenestration pattern including new windows and the introduction of a doorway on the façade.

The former **Elms Hotel at 159 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 64) was constructed by the Wiggin family in 1875; visitors from all over came to sample the healing waters. In the late 20th century the building was stripped of its front porches, projecting bay and other decorative trim and vinyl siding and replacement windows were installed. Only the 3 ½-story form remains as a reminder of the former historic appearance.

1902-1915 Streetcar and early AutomobileResidential Resources

Somewhat surprisingly, the arrival of the streetcar resulted in little residential development along Portsmouth Avenue. The only known example is the c.1910 house that formerly stood at **149 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 65), a 1 ½-story cottage set on a fieldstone foundation and capped by a clipped gable (jerkinhead) roof. This modest house, flanked on the east by the old Town Hall and on the west by the site of the trolley car barn was demolished in 2017 as this form was being prepared. At the time of its demolition it retained original 2/1 sash, a wrap-around porch with turned posts, and Queen Anne-style stained glass window.

Non Residential Resources

Constructed in 1911, the **Wiggin Memorial Library at 158 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 66) is an eclectic early 20th century building which draws on multiple architectural styles for its inspiration. The front portico with its granite columns reflects an interest in the Classical Revival while a Tudor influence is apparent in the rubble walls and grouped windows. Inside there is also evidence of the Gothic Revival in the arched roof trusses. The building was designed by Boston architect C. Howard Walker (1857-1936) who was a noted architectural writer and teacher.

1915-1967 South Side Trunk Line – NH Route 101Residential Resources

There was little population growth in Stratham from 1915 to 1940 and this is reflected in nearly a total lack of new housing along the study corridor during those years. The 1 ½-story wood shingled house at **248 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 67) is believed to have been constructed for W. Lester Lane, a patternmaker, about 1916. By 1925, it was owned by Guy Whitten, a farmer. According to assessor's records, the house at **180 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 68) was constructed c.1935. Due to alterations, the exterior offers few clues as to whether this date of construction is accurate.

The Cape Cod-style dwelling became popular in the 1940s and is visible in several examples. The house at **236 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 69) appears to have been built in the 1940s for Arthur Whittaker, Jr. on what had been the William Wiggin farm. Whittaker operated a large poultry farm. The house has seen various alterations since that time including vinyl siding, the demolition/replacement of the original wing and the reduction of the acreage to 10 acres. The **Houghton House at 169 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 70) is a simple wood-shingled Cape Cod house constructed c.1950. Across the street, the Barker House at **172 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 71) was also constructed c.1950 but is oriented with its asymmetrical gable end to the street. The Cape Cod house at **98 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 72) was built c.1960.

As the population increased in Stratham during the 1950s, there was additional housing construction and many of these took the form of the Ranch style house. The Ranch house at **152 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 73) was built in 1952 for Postmaster Frank Tuck and his wife. The long, single-story dwelling has a brick façade under the front porch. As constructed, the post office occupied a room adjacent to the living quarters. The building is located on the site of the former Christian Church. The house at 56 Portsmouth Avenue was constructed as a residence by Edward and Edna Mara in 1955 but is now offices. Near the Greenland town line, the houses at **347, 349, 353 and 355 Portsmouth Avenue** (photos 74 & 75) were constructed c.1956 on land that was part of the Willow Brook subdivision. All are side-gabled Ranches with attached garages and chimneys between the house and garage. The Robert Corbin house at **178 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 76) was constructed c.1958 and is a long, side-gabled Ranch with a front cross gable sheltering the entrance and an enclosed porch linking the main house with a one-car garage. Constructed in 1963, the house at **230 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 77) is a well-preserved Ranch-style dwelling, sheathed in wood shingles with an attached garage, porch sheltering the entrance and a mix of double-hung and picture windows.

There are several small single-story, side-gabled dwellings that also date to this period but are best described as hybrid Ranch-Capes because they lack the length associated with the Ranch and the upper story common to the Cape. Three of the houses were built on land sold by James T. Roby in 1955. These include **301 and 303 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 78) as well as **305 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 79). Another similar single-story house is located at **283 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 80). It was constructed by Earl Rumrill, a self-employed carpenter, for his own use. The Ranch with attached garage next door at **287 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 81) was also built on land that was once part of the Pantelakos farm. The single-story house with U-shaped plan at **308 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 82) also dates to c.1960.

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Two c.1960 Raised Ranch-style dwellings are visible at **131 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 83) and **222 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 84).

Non-Residential Resources

The War Memorial (photo 85) dedicated at Stratham Hill Park in 1920 consists of a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder at the entrance of the park.

Several commercial structures were erected along Portsmouth Avenue during the 1915-1967 period. Carl Stockbridge built a gas station/garage at **127 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 86) about 1929. The single-story stuccoed building has seen various alterations including the placement of new modern windows in what were originally larger openings. A single-story offset porch projects from the corner of the gablefront building. It is not clear if it is original. The building is now in commercial use. According to newspaper accounts, the commercial building at **100 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 87) was constructed in 1955 by Mrs. Mildred Piper. Her husband, Mark, had operated a vegetable stand across the street from Emery's in the 1930s and 1940s. The flat-roofed concrete block building has a gabled entrance vestibule flanked by large display windows. In the early 1960s it housed White's Grocery and by 1966 was occupied by Badger's Bakery. The former Weathervane, an ice cream stand and restaurant, was opened by Waldo Butterfield at **95 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 88) c.1960. It consists of a single-story Cape sheathed in wood shingles with a small gablefront barn to the south. The buildings may actually predate the ice cream stand and may have been reused from Butterfield's poultry farm.

1967-Date

Residential Resources

Since 1967 residential construction has continued to occur along Portsmouth Avenue, especially between the traffic circle/town center and the Greenland town line. Much of this land was former farmland.

The Laurence Farnsworth property at **250 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 89) is the only example of a mobile home along the Portsmouth Avenue corridor. Located at the corner of Squamscott Road, the house at **227 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 90) is a large, wood-shingled Ranch-style dwelling constructed in 1968 as part of the Stratham Estates subdivision. The Cape Cod style continued to be popular and examples include the c.1965 wood-shingled dwelling at **185 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 91), the c.1965 gambrel-roofed **232 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 92) and the Cape at **197 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 93) constructed c.1975.

Other more recent residential construction includes Colonials such as **255 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 94; c.1970); Contemporary designs such as the c.1990 **285 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 95) and several modern duplexes including **307 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 96; 2005). The **Robert Ryan House at 337 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 97) is a c.1980 Contemporary dwelling that incorporates the former Piper poultry barn.

Non-Residential Resources

Since 1967 a number of improvements have been made at the town-owned Stratham Hill Park (photo 98) located on the south side of Portsmouth Avenue at Jack Rabbit Lane. A **cottage for the park's caretaker** (photo 99) was constructed c.1980. The long, single-story building is clad in board-and-batten siding and is set above a concrete foundation. Fenestration includes large picture windows. Other structures of recent construction include a **shop/snack bar, garage and restrooms** (photos 100 & 101). Two of the hip-roofed **park pavilions** (photo 102 & 104) were reconstructed after being destroyed in a strong wind storm in 1991. The facilities also include ball field diamonds, fields, a horse pulling area and natural amphitheater (photo 103) and 4-H buildings. The present metal fire tower was erected in 1998. The stage was constructed in 2003. In 2001 the existing 1920 Veterans Memorial was supplemented by a new **Veterans Memorial Garden** (photo 105).

Other institutional structures of note constructed since 1967 include the former Post Office at **157 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 106). The small gablefront concrete block building was constructed c.1970 and housed the post office until ?? The former **New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College** is a large concrete building constructed beginning in 1981 and setback from the road on a 91 acre site at **275 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 107). A new Fire Station was constructed at 4 Winnicutt Road in 2008 (behind the former Wiggin Memorial Library at 158 Portsmouth Avenue), resulting in the demolition of the earlier 1957 station. More recently, the Town of Stratham constructed a new **Police Station** at **76 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 108) in 2007.

During this period a number of commercial buildings were constructed on the site of historic properties.

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A large rectangular commercial building with a broad gambrel roof was constructed c.1968 at **145 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 109) on the site of the trolley car barn that burned in 1965. The façade is fronted by a single-story porch and storefront windows with a large arched window above. A metal storage building was erected c.1970 at **313 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 110). This had formerly been the site of Roby's Cabins. A brick Colonial Revival-style bank was built at **36 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 111) in 1974. The side-gabled building has a central cupola, an exterior brick chimney on one end and a drive-through on the other. It was built for the Exeter Banking Co. and was likely designed by William D. Maynes of Hampton. Another brick bank with hip roof and drive-in was built at **160 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 112), corner of Winnicutt Road in 1979. This structure is located on the site of the Odell Store. A large Agway store with two-story gambrel rising from the single-story base with continuous porch was constructed by the Scamman family at **57 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 113) in 1985. In 1987 **Wiggin's Variety Store at 157 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 114) was rebuilt and expanded.

In the last fifty years, the section of Portsmouth Avenue closest to Rt. 101 and Exeter has seen extensive commercial development including several large shopping centers, multiple car dealerships, gas stations and other commercial/office buildings. In the vicinity of Emery Lane and the traffic circle there are a number of notable office structures of recent construction including the Millbrook Office Park, a large Colonial Revival office building at **118 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 115) constructed in 1994 and the contemporary/Shingle Style office building at **137 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 116). The NH Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals also greatly expanded its original 1975 facility at **104 Portsmouth Avenue** (photo 117) in 2001.

Comparative Evaluation of the Surveyed Area

The town of Stratham contains numerous well-preserved historic buildings, many of which are historic farmhouses as well as some significant intact agricultural land and barns. In addition to its agricultural heritage, the history of Portsmouth Avenue has been shaped by other themes as well - its importance as a transportation route connecting the communities along the eastern shore of Great Bay, growing development pressures and the formation of a town center at the crossroads of roads leading east to the coast (Winnicutt Road) and leading west (College Road) to connect to routes to the interior of the state. It is thus a unique corridor compared to either Winnicutt Road or College Road or the historic farmhouses and fields scattered throughout the town. Although Portsmouth Avenue has concentrations of significant historic buildings, it can no longer be considered an intact historic corridor or linear district due to the modern commercial development and housing that have impacted and diminished the historic character.

22. Statement of Significance

Three properties along Portsmouth Avenue – the John Crockett House, the Lane Homestead and the Cornet Wiggin House were individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. The Wiggin Memorial Library was listed in 1993. More recently, the Bartlett-Cushman House was added to the Register in 2014 and the Emery Farm/Chase Tavern received the same designation in 2017. The Janvrin-Healey-Scammon Farm at 69 Portsmouth Avenue was determined individually eligible for the National Register under Criteria A & C in 1998. The Old Town Hall was determined eligible for the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in 2016 under Criteria A & C.

Limited architectural survey has occurred elsewhere in Stratham to date. In 2014, in connection with proposed roadway and streetscape improvements, a Project Area Form was prepared by Preservation Company for Stratham Town Center covering sixteen properties. In 1996 the NHDOT inventoried a number of properties including 68, 72, 73, 78, 80, 84, 85, and 88 College Road. Of these, the Stuart Farm (main house) at 73 College Road was determined to be individually eligible under Criterion A. In 1998 three other properties in addition to the property at 69 Portsmouth Avenue were inventoried as part of the proposed gas line project. The other properties inventoried were 45 Frying Pan Lane, 83 Bunker Hill Road and 97 Bunker Hill Road. All but 83 Bunker Hill Road were determined to be individually eligible. In 2014 an inventory form was prepared for the Parker Cabin on Linda Lane on behalf of NH Fish and Game. It was determined to be National Register eligible individually under Criteria A & C.

The town's agricultural heritage and the many types of farming (dairy, market, poultry, orchards, etc.) that historically fueled the local economy clearly comprise Stratham's most significant historical context. The town has many notable historic farm houses and barns and some intact agricultural land. Based on the current study, there are approximately forty properties along Portsmouth Avenue that would be recommended for further documentation on NHDHR Inventory Forms (see table, right column). There are also good examples of 18th and 19th century farmhouse architecture elsewhere in town that have not yet been inventoried including east of Portsmouth Avenue on Winnicutt Road.

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23. Periods(s) of Significance
N/A

24. Statement of Integrity

Taken as a whole, the overall integrity of the Portsmouth Avenue corridor including its setting, character, feeling, and association has been severely compromised by new construction. In particular, the section between the Exeter town line and the traffic circle retains only a few isolated historic buildings that are largely overwhelmed by shopping centers and commercial development. Many additional farmhouses once dotted the road in this area but have been lost to fire or demolition. Those that remain including such as 69, 78, 82, 94 and 100 Portsmouth remain important focal points and may have individual significance despite the erosion of the overall setting.

The structures which now comprise Emery Lane constitute another historic concentration. Individual buildings including the Community Church and 12 Emery Lane have experienced considerable alteration/additions but the integrity of character, feeling, and association is enhanced by the fact that these properties were bypassed by the creation of Emery Lane in the 1950s. It should be noted that a new residential subdivision that recently been laid out adjacent to the Emery Farm/Chase Tavern.

As noted in the Stratham Town Center Project Area Form prepared by Preservation Company in 2014, the individual buildings in this area may retain integrity of location but the area has lost several key buildings including the George Odell Store (site of 160 Portsmouth Avenue), the Christian Church (site of 152 Portsmouth Avenue) and the trolley car barn (site of 145 Portsmouth Avenue). The former Elms Hotel is barely recognizable and an additional building (149 Portsmouth Avenue) has recently been demolished. Despite the existence of the former Library and old Town Hall, the Center is dominated by new construction including the largely rebuilt General Store. The adjacent historic properties near the traffic circle such as 139 Portsmouth have been compromised by alterations, the modern rotary and other new construction.

To the east of the rotary, there are a number of historic houses which retain reasonable levels of integrity and original features despite the late 20th century infill construction that detracts from the overall sense of place. Most of the historic buildings that remain retain a good level of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship and several are well-preserved and have been thoughtfully restored. The largest threats to the others are siding, new windows, additions and deferred maintenance. Stone walls and historic barns are also significant features.

25. Boundary Justification
N/A

26. Boundary Description

The boundary for the project takes in the entire alignment of Portsmouth Avenue from Exeter to Greenland as well as Emery Lane which was so-named in the 1950s but was historically part of Portsmouth Avenue.

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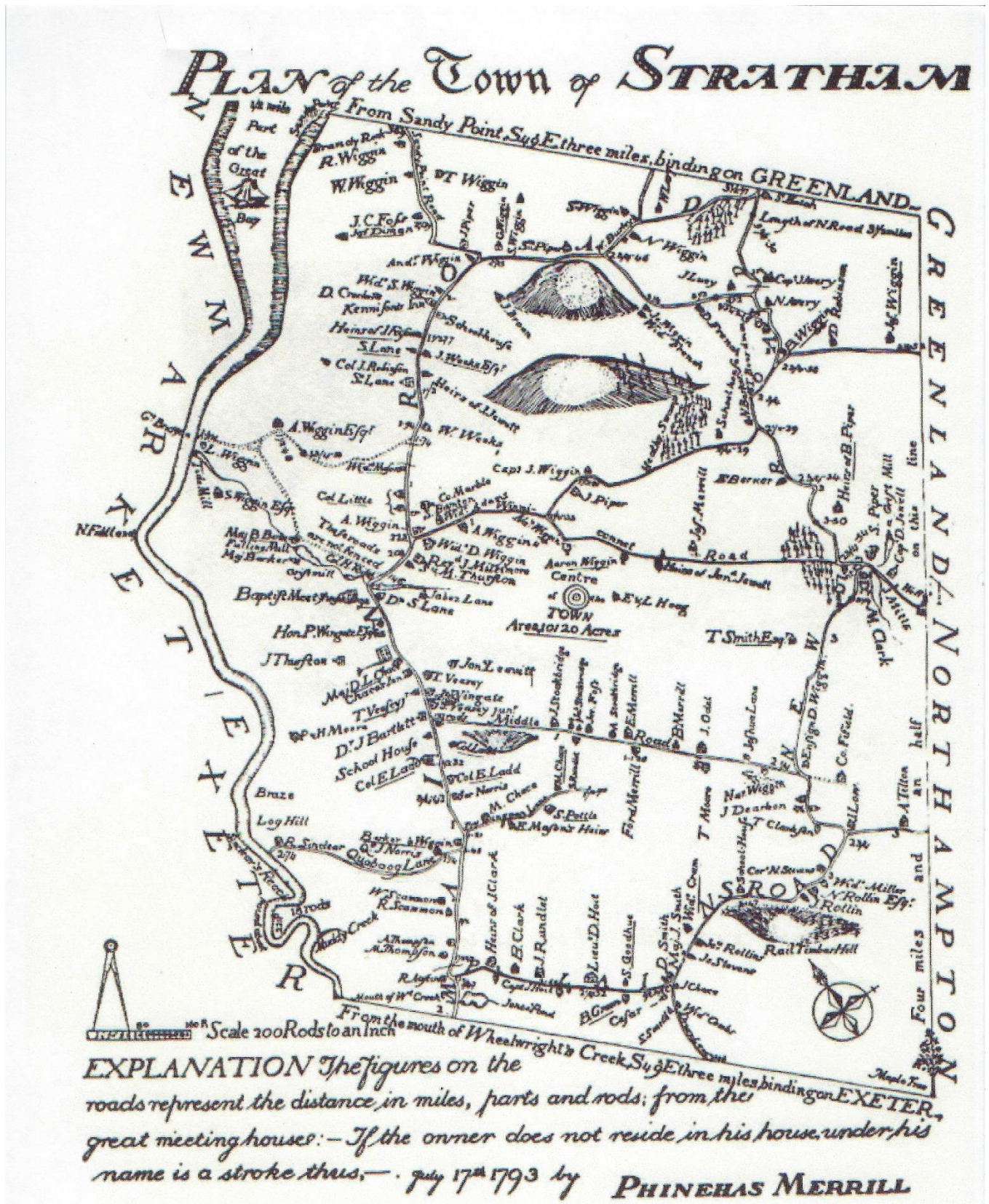
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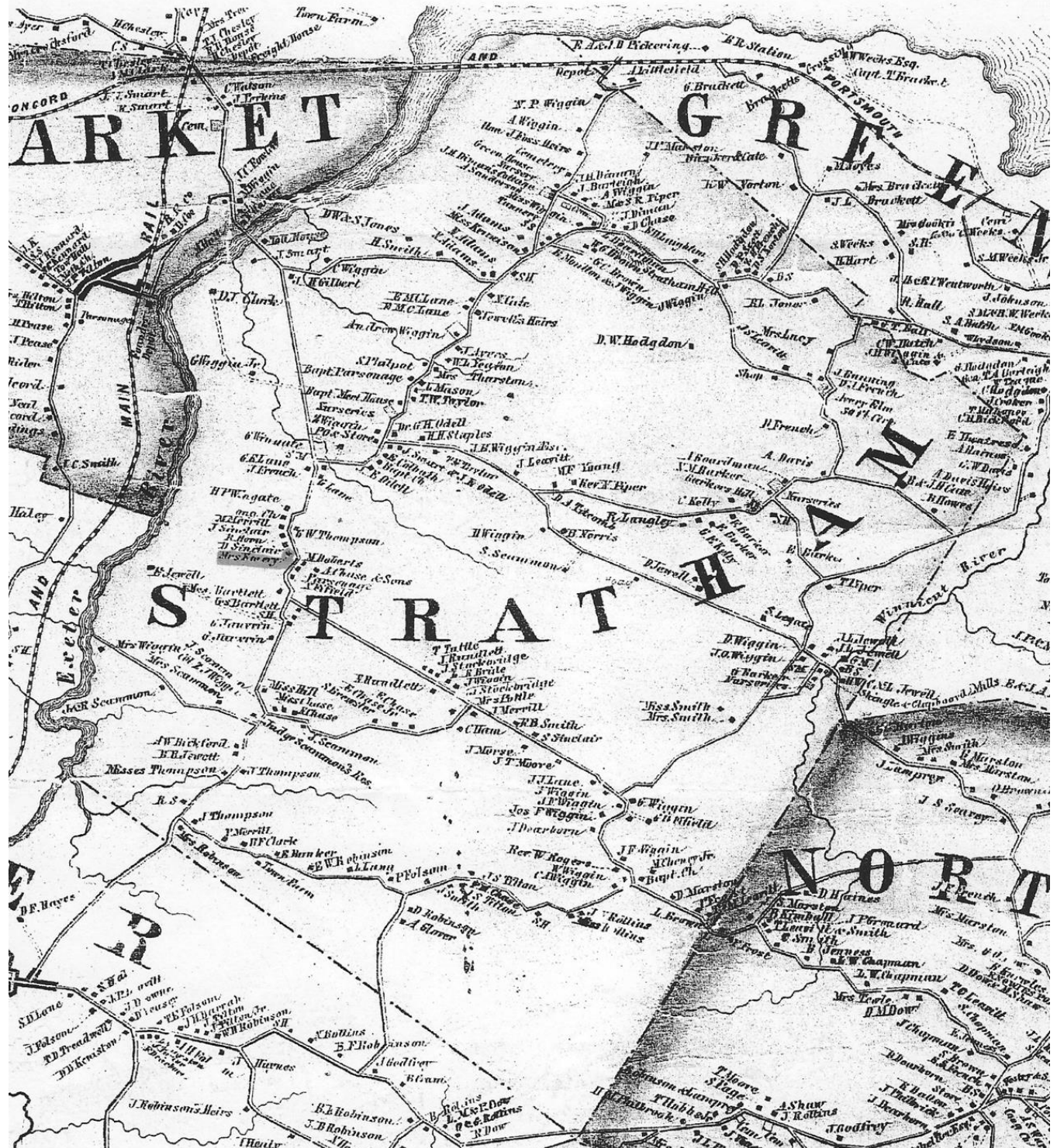
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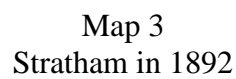


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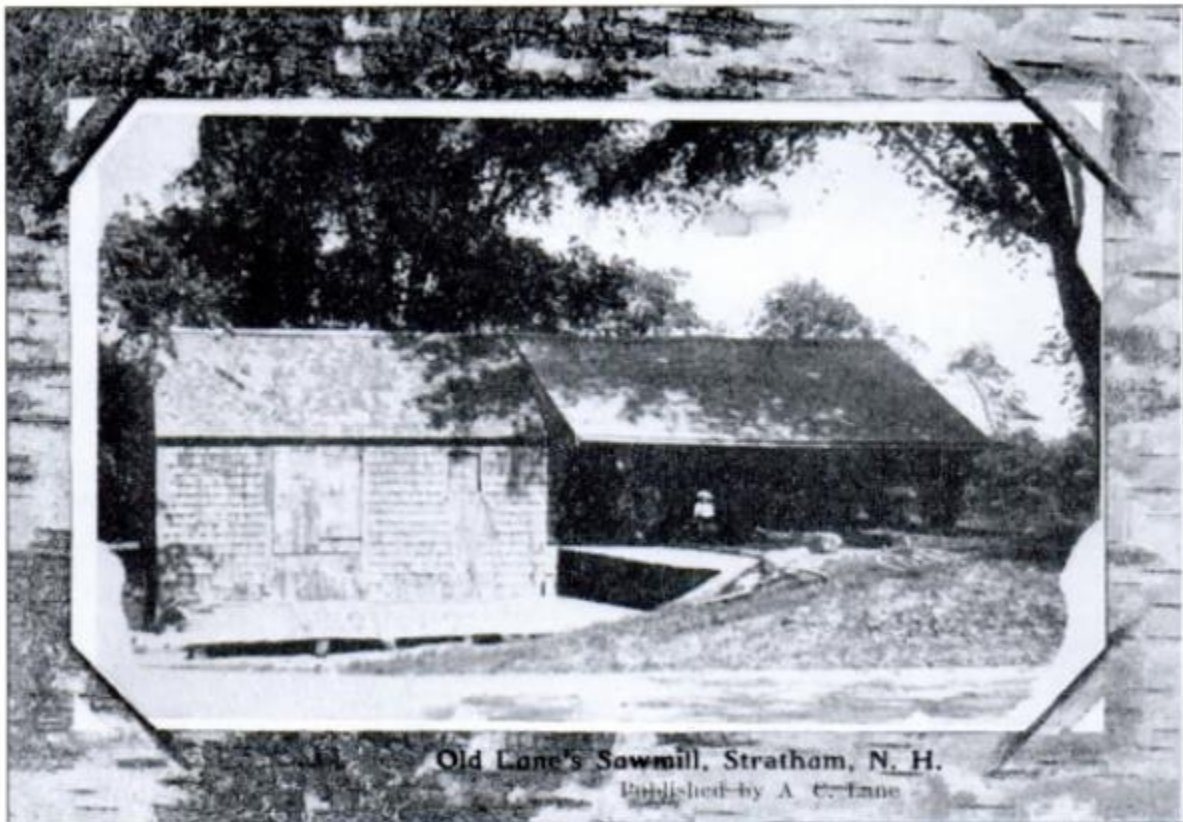
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Map 2
Stratham in 1857



Map 3
Stratham in 1892



Old Lane's Sawmill at Mill Pond on Portsmouth Avenue, where the circle is now. (SHS.)

Historic Photo 1
Lane's Sawmill at Mill Pond



Historic Photo 2
Undated photo of dam at Mill Pond

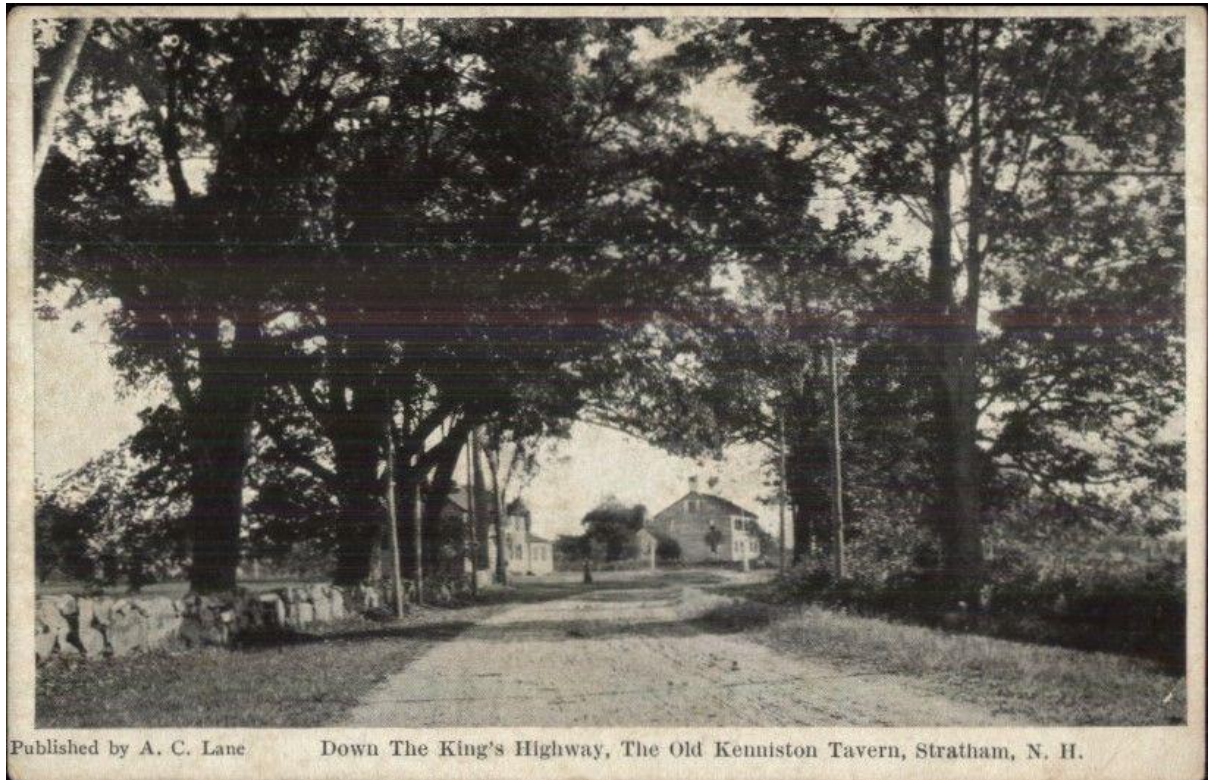


Historic Photo 3

c.1965 photo of Thomas Wiggin House (Saltbox Farm), 321 Portsmouth Avenue



Historic Photo 4
Undated postcard, 245 Portsmouth Avenue



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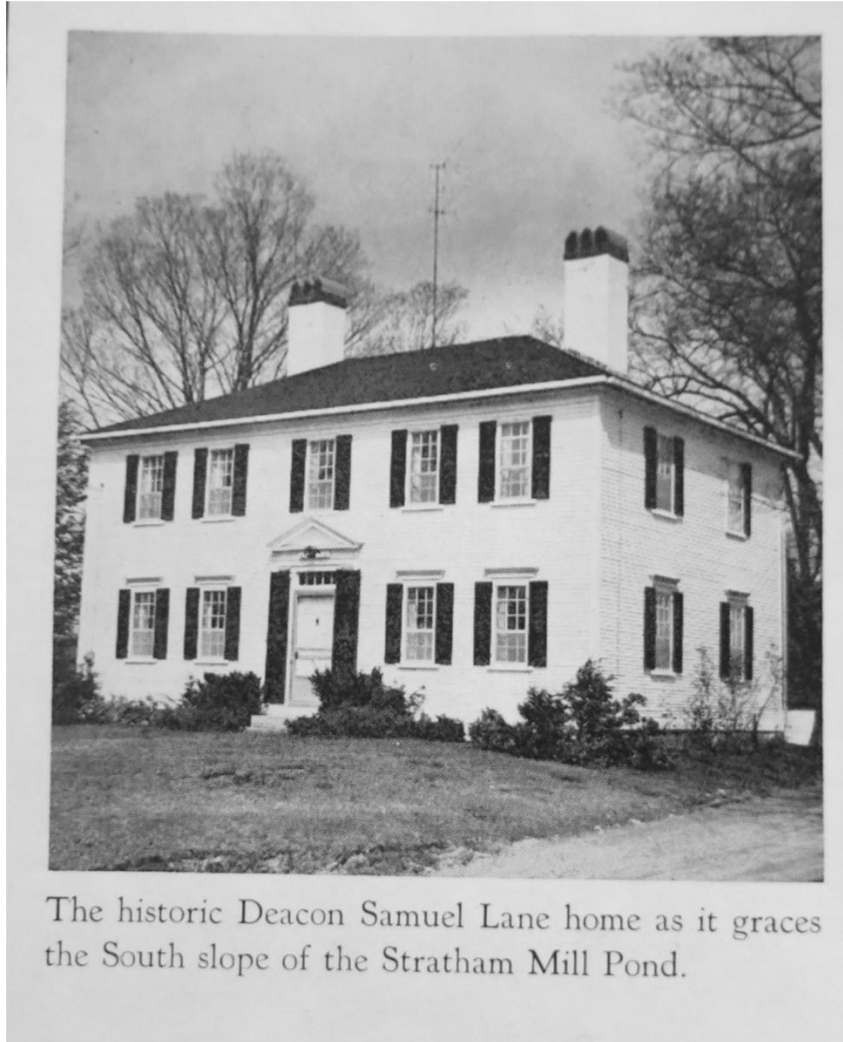
Down The King's Highway, The Old Kenniston Tavern, Stratham, N. H.

Historic Photo 5

Postcard View down Portsmouth Avenue with 245 Portsmouth Ave. in distance



Historic Photos 6 & 7
Cole Farm, 156 Portsmouth Avenue, 1940s
Bottom photo shows some of hen houses



The historic Deacon Samuel Lane home as it graces the South slope of the Stratham Mill Pond.

Historic Photo 8

1965 View of Lane Homestead, 132 Portsmouth Avenue

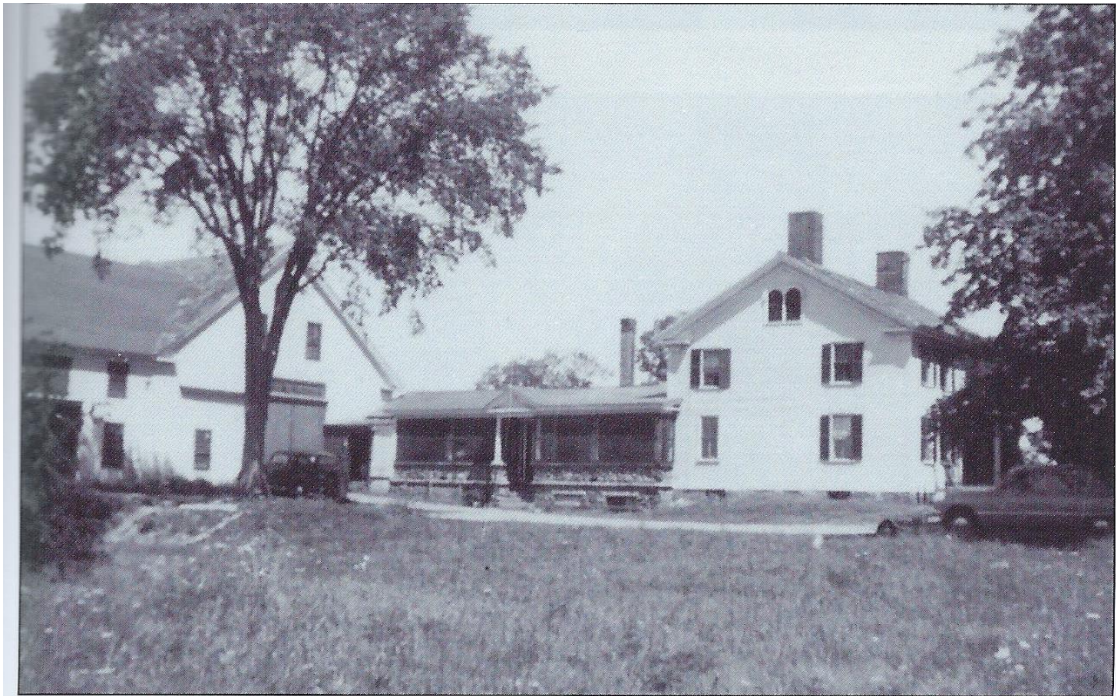


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Bartlett-Cushman House, 82 Portsmouth Avenue



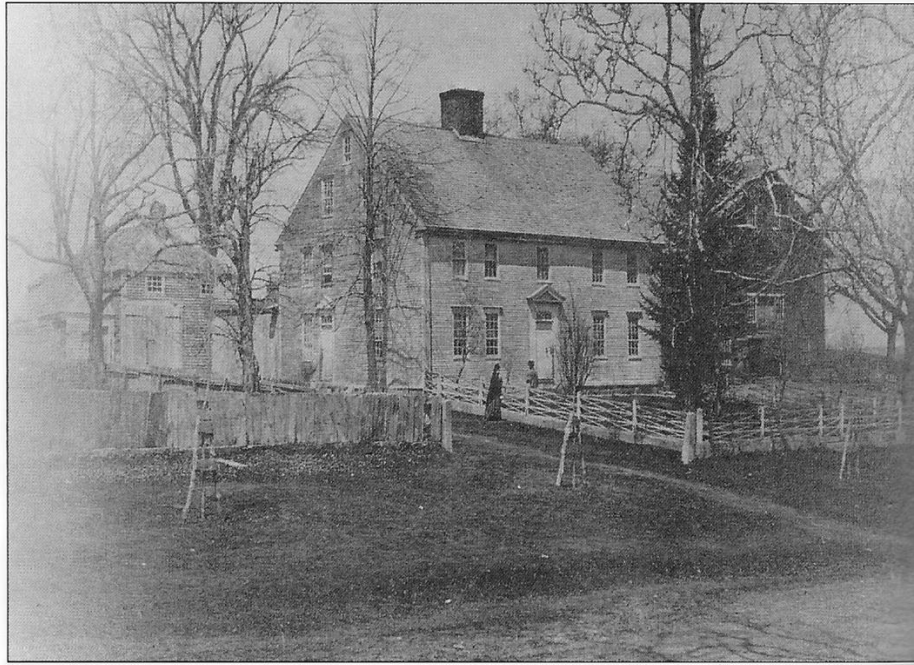
When coming out of Lovell Lane onto Portsmouth Avenue, look opposite slightly to the right. This house, with an additional story, still stands at 309 Portsmouth Avenue. It was once the home of William Roby; his son, James True Roby, added the additional story. (SHS.)

Historic Photo 10
309 Portsmouth Avenue



The Wiggin Farm at 271 Portsmouth Avenue. Note the stone piazza linking the house and the barn. As with most farms keeping dairy cows, there was a milk room between the house and the barn. (E and EW.)

Historic Photo 11
271 Portsmouth Avenue



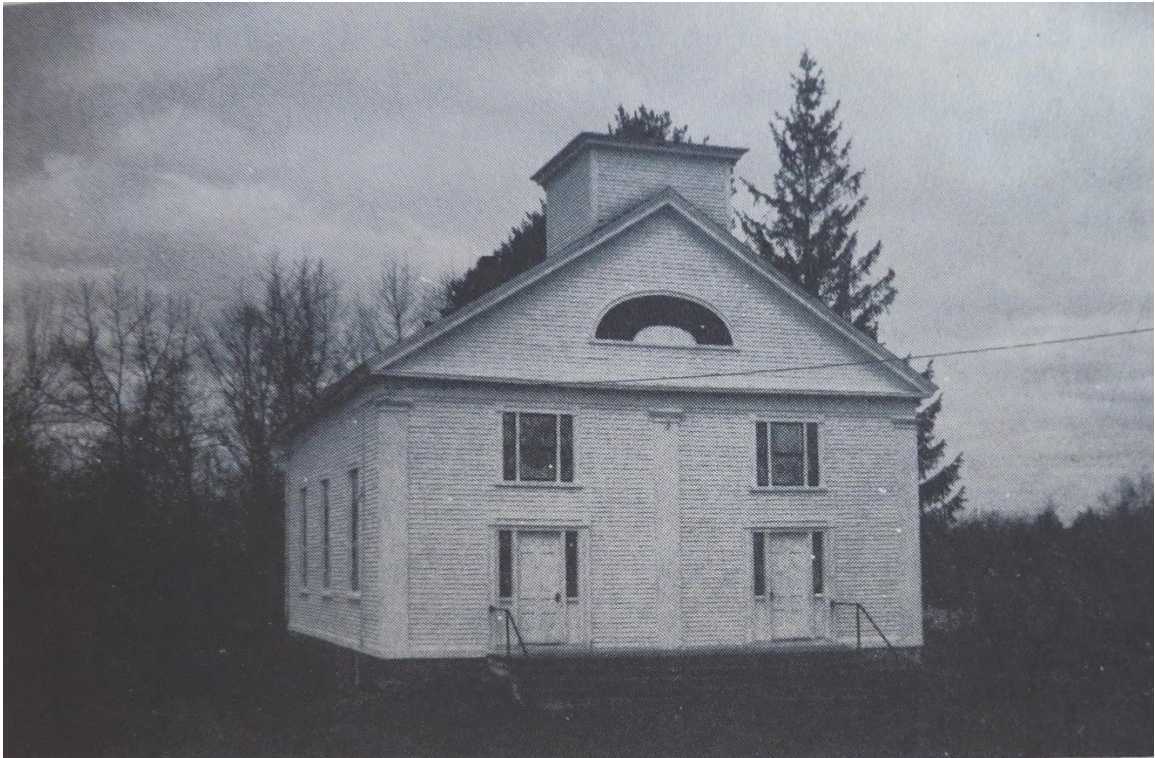
The Wingate House, at the circle, c. 1875. This was the home of Joseph C.A. Wingate, appointed consul to China in 1880. The fence and the outbuildings are long gone and the interior has been totally changed. (SHS.)

Historic Photo 12

2 Emery Lane before alterations/rebuilding



Historic Photo 13
Community Church, 6 Emery Lane, prior to additions

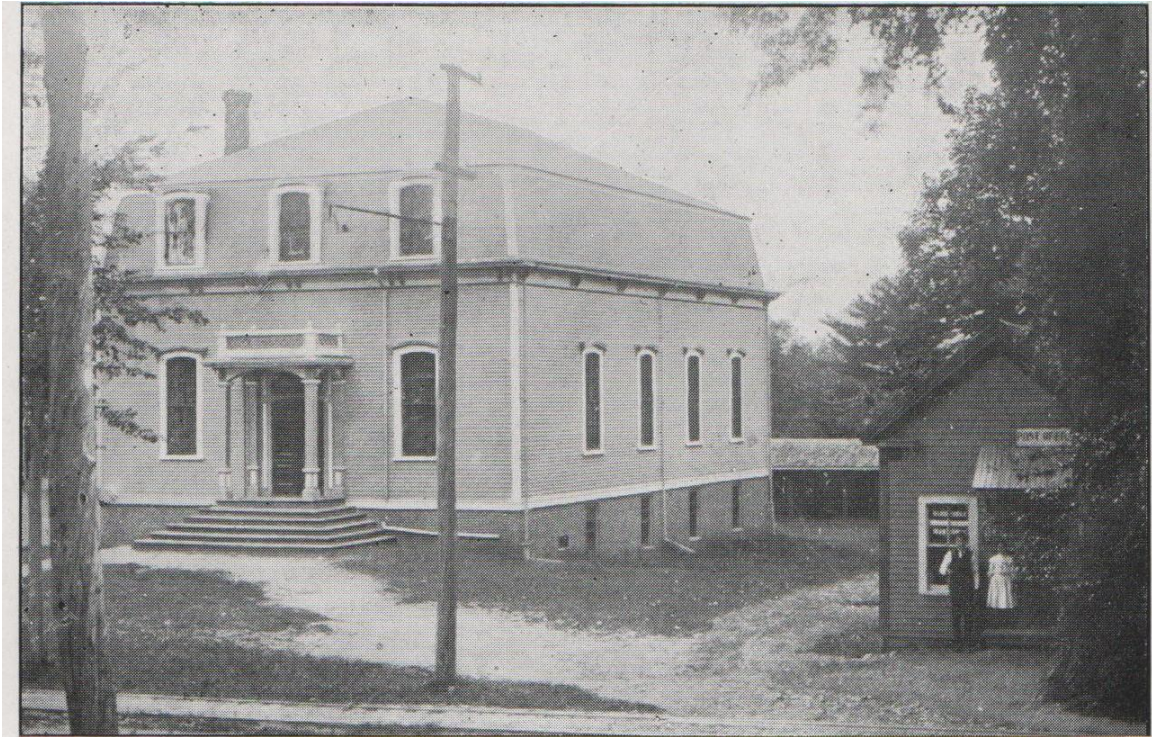


Historic Photo 14

Former Baptist Church prior to its relocation to 6 Emery Lane
(originally tower had another level)



Historic Photo 15
Christian Church, stood on site of 152 Portsmouth Avenue



Historic Photo 16

Stratham Town Hall with horsesheds to rear and Post Office to right



Historic Photo 17

Post Office and Store of A.C. Lane adjacent to Town Hall



Historic Photo 18
Stratham Volunteer Fire Department which stood behind Town Hall
(destroyed by fire 1956)



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Historic Photo 19

Postcard view of Old Town Hall and Post Office



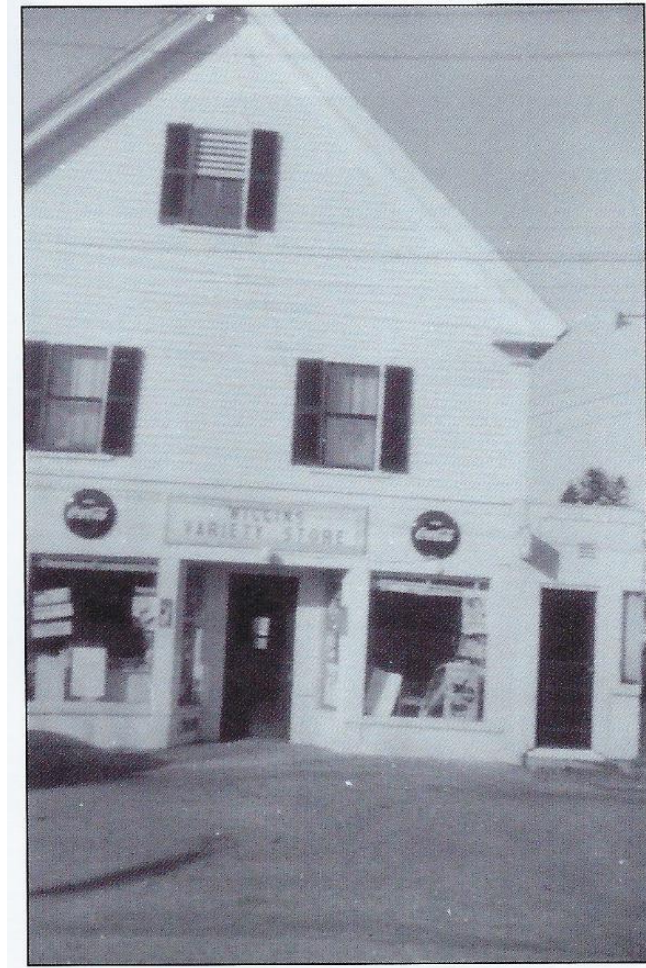
Historic Photo 20

1954 photo of Odell's Store at corner of Portsmouth Avenue and Winnicutt Road
(no longer extant – site of bank).



Historic Photo 21

Village Market c.1942 with Odell's Store visible in distance at right



Historic Photo 22

Wiggin's Variety Store, 157 Portsmouth Avenue, c.1950

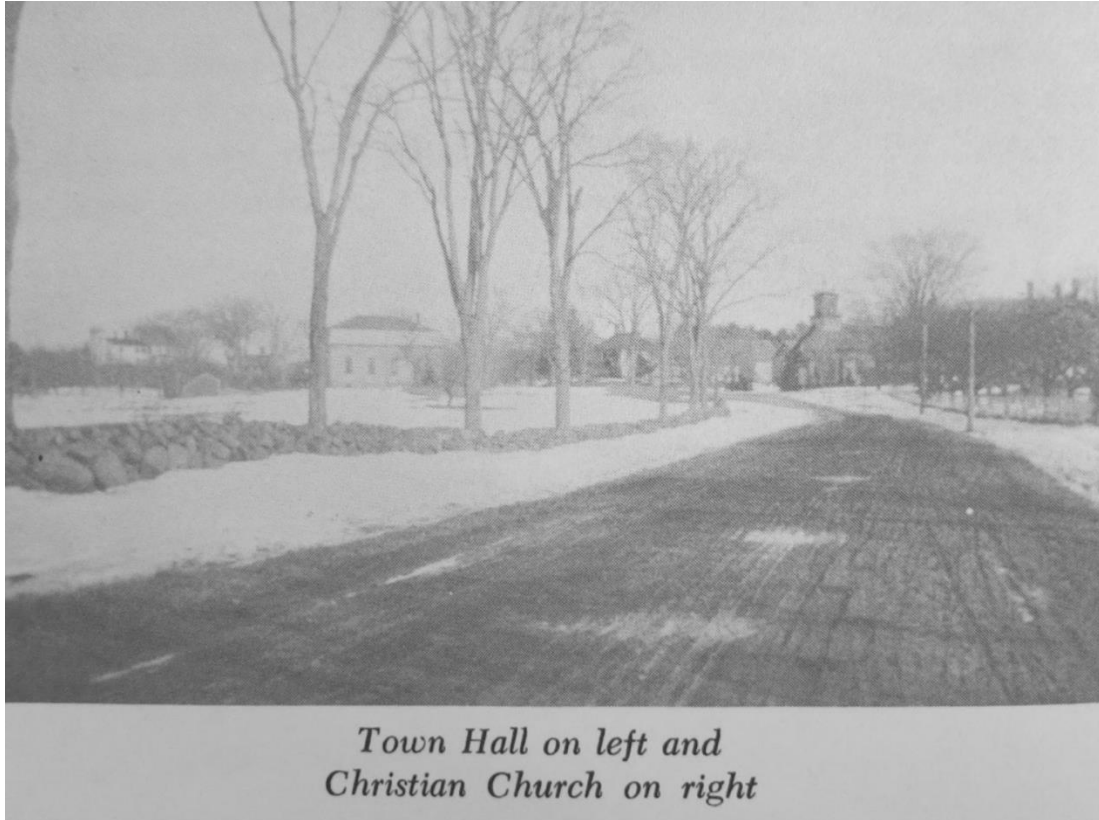
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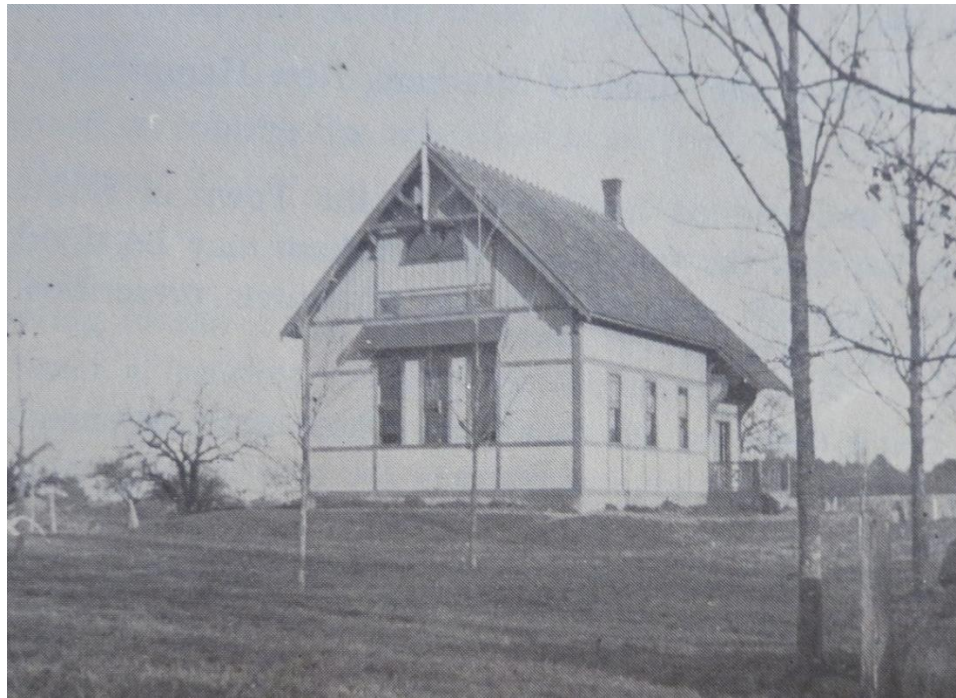
Main Road, now Portsmouth Avenue



Corner of Portsmouth Avenue and Stratham Heights Road



Historic Photo 25



Ridge School House, 78 Portsmouth Avenue



District 2 (Stratham Hill) School, 240 Portsmouth Avenue

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Residence of George H. Odell.

166 Portsmouth Avenue



Residence of George W. Dixon.

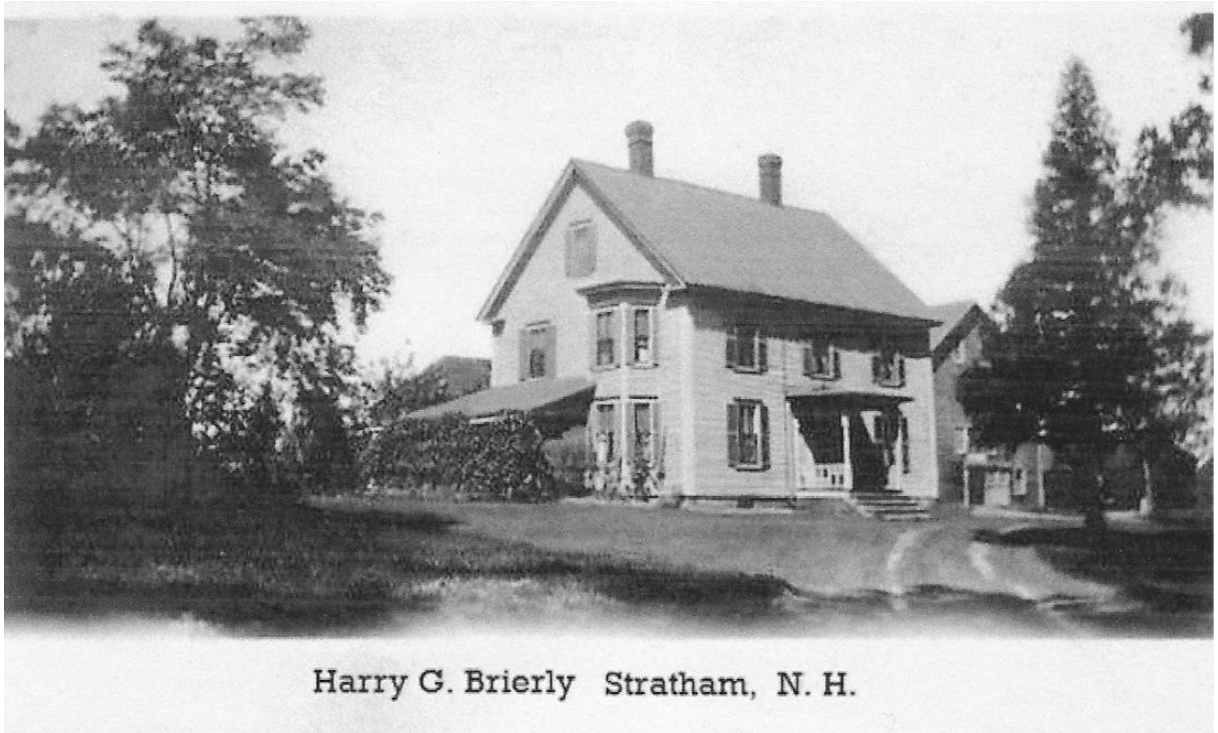
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Historic Photos 28 & 29



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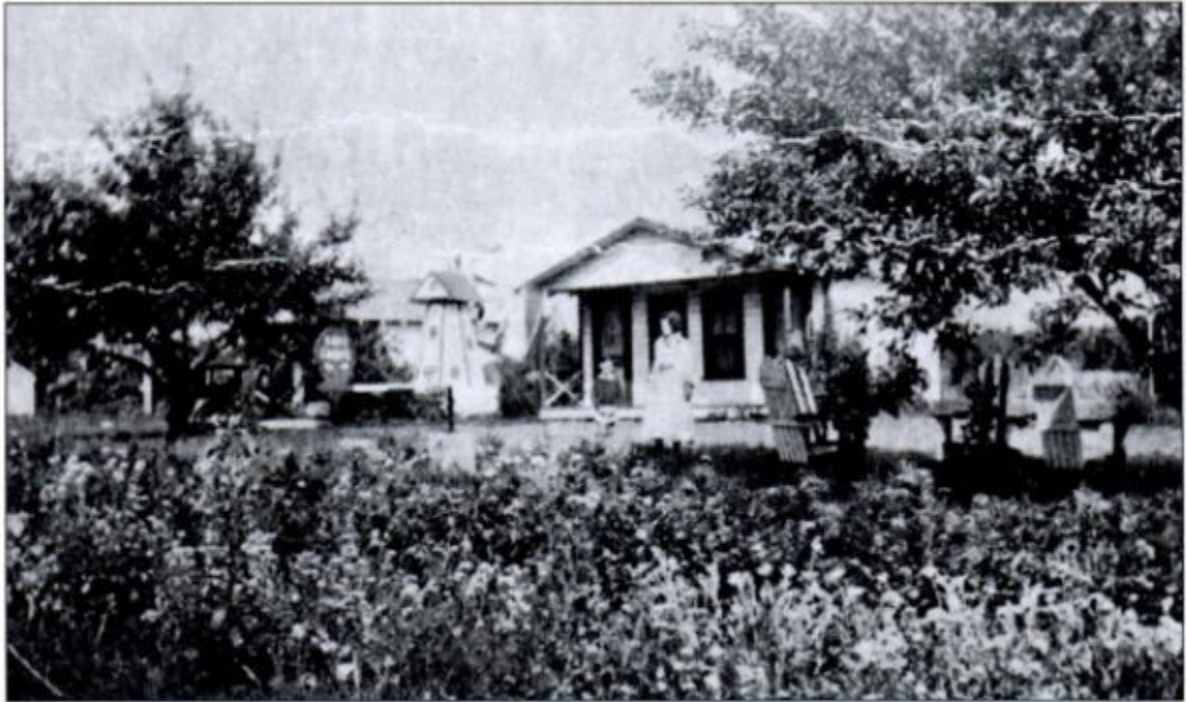
The Elms, 159 Portsmouth Avenue



Historic Photo 31

2 Emery Lane after renovations (see Historic Photo 11)

Brierly offered rooms for rent



Historic Photo 32

Roby's Cabins, 313 Portsmouth Avenue



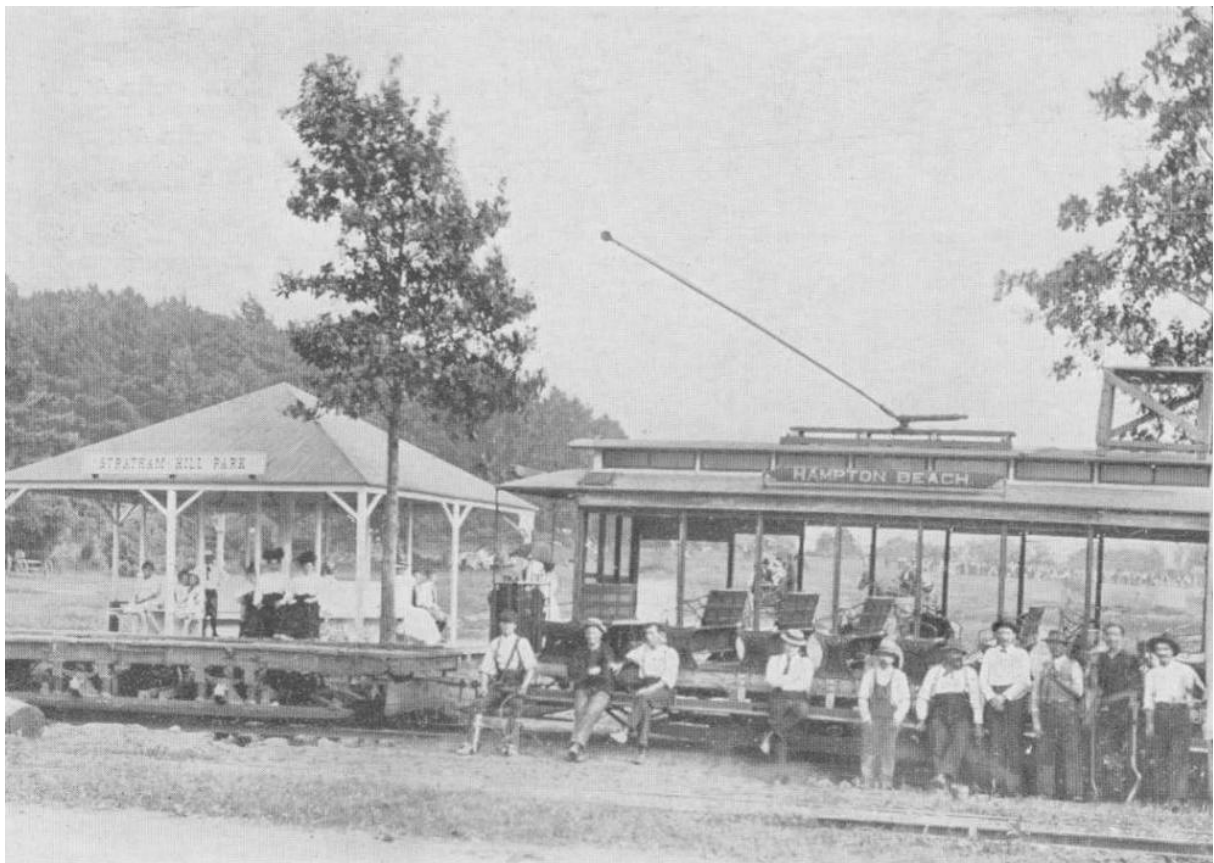
The trolley tracks on Portsmouth Avenue headed toward Portsmouth at the corner of Bunker Hill Avenue, formerly known as Rocky Hill Road. On the left is the Raeder House, now burned, at the corner of Raeder Drive. In the center is the Spencer House on Portsmouth Avenue, which also burned and on the right is the Bartlett/Cushman House on the corner of Bunker Hill Avenue. (SHS.)

Historic Photo 33



A horse and carriage adjacent to trolley tracks on Portsmouth Avenue in 1907. At that point, Emery Lane was part of Portsmouth Avenue; this view is of the Emery Lane section of Portsmouth Avenue. On the left is 12 Emery Lane (J. Fred Emery's house), the Congregational church steeple, 2 Emery Lane, and 7 Emery Lane on the right. (D and SS.)

Historic Photo 34



Historic Photo 35
Trolley stop at Stratham Hill Park
Pavilion rebuilt



Historic Photo 36

Streetcar trolley barn, site of 145 Portsmouth Avenue (burned in 1965)

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Historic Photo 37

1924-26 Exeter Directory showing Stratham businesses



Historic Photo 38

Wiggin Memorial Library, 158 Portsmouth Avenue



Historic Photos 39 & 40
Portsmouth Avenue in 1929 during paving project
Bottom: 323 Portsmouth Avenue (or 2 Laurel Lane?)



Historic Photo 41

Looking down Portsmouth Avenue

(16 Emery Lane at left; Mark Piper's farmstand now 100 Portsmouth Avenue at right)



Historic Photo 42
16 Emery Lane



Fred Emery at his farmstand opposite Mark Pipers farmstand on Emery Lane. Evidently, Emerys had run farmstands for a century by 1953. There was a sign inside which read "God helps those who help themselves but God pity those found here helping themselves." (SHS.)

Historic Photo 43
Farmstand at 16 Emery Lane



Historic Photo 44
Barn, 16 Emery Lane



A 1930 view of Portsmouth Avenue with Jackrabbit Road on the right and Elmer Wiggin's old farm at 261 Portsmouth Avenue on the left. (D and SS.)

Historic Photo 45
261 Portsmouth Avenue in distance



Historic Photo 46
LaBonte Sunoco Station

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Photo # 1 Description: 321 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_321

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # 2 Description: 200 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_200-1

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # 3 Description: 16 Emery Lane

Reference: PortsmouthAve_ Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # 4 Description: 16 Emery Lane

Reference: 3899_ Direction:

Date taken: April 2017

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Photo # 5 Description: 69 Portsmouth Ave., Barn, Scamman Farm

Reference: PortsmouthAve_69-barn Direction: Date taken: 2017

Photo # 6 Description: Lane Homestead, shoemaker's shop

Reference: PortsmouthAve_ Direction: Date taken:

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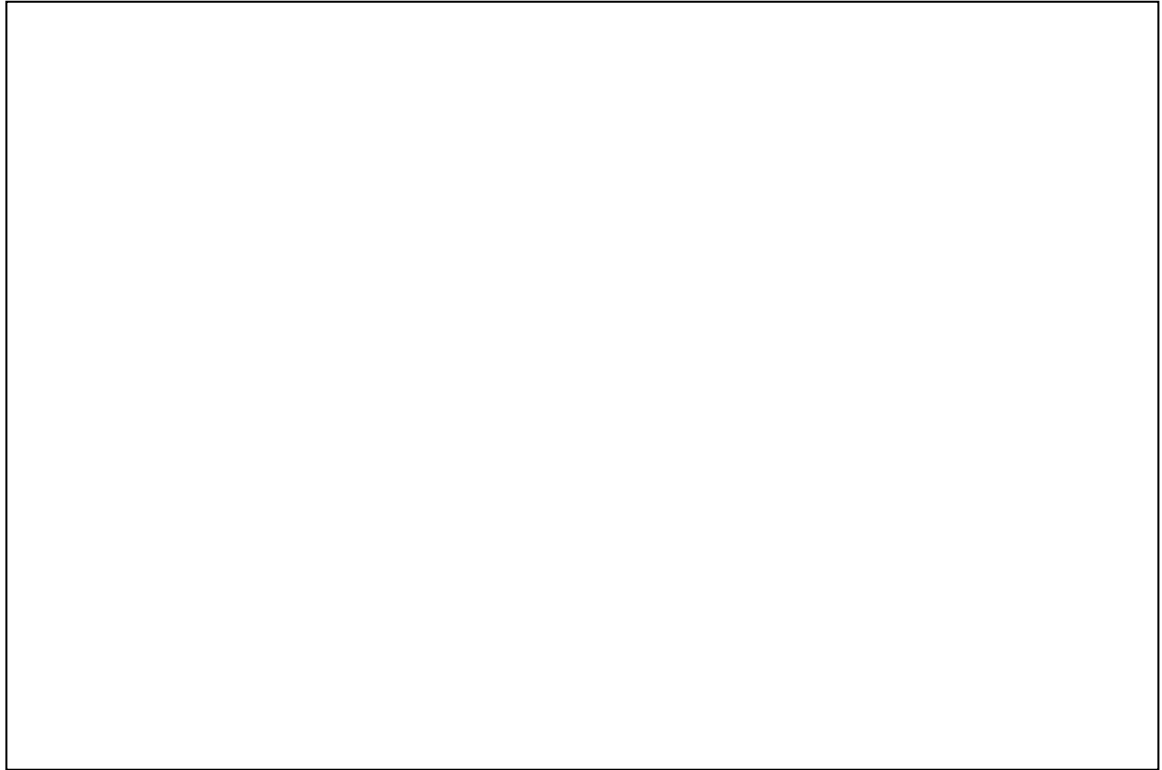


Photo # __7__ Description: Lane Homestead, corn crib

Reference: PortsmouthAve_ Direction: Date taken:



Photo # __8__ Description: Barn, 23 Portsmouth Avenue

Reference: PortsmouthAve_23

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __9__ Description: 245 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_245

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __10__ Description: 249 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_249

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __11__ Description: 249 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_249-1

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __12__ Description: 267 Portsmouth Avenue

Reference: PortsmouthAve_267

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __13__ Description: 228 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_228

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __14__ Description: 217 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_217

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __15__ Description: 156 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_156-1

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __16__ Description: 139 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_139

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __17__ Description: 100 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_100 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __18__ Description: 218 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_218 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __19__ Description: 94 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_94

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __20__ Description: 181 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_181

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __21__ Description: 338 Portsmouth Avenue

Reference: PortsmouthAve_ Direction: Date taken:



Photo # __22__ Description: 132 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_132

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __23__ Description: 129 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_129

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __24__ Description:

Reference: ChaseLn_3-1

3 Chase Lane

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # _25___ Description: 3 Chase Lane
Reference: Chase Ln_3-3 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __26___ Description: 82 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_82-1 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __27__ Description: 7 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_7 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __28__ Description: 325 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_325 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __29__ Description: 273 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_273-1

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __30__ Description: 273 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_273-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __31__ Description: 291 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_291

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __32__ Description: 291 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_291-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __33__ Description: 219 Portsmouth Avenue

Reference: PortsmouthAve_219

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __34__ Description: 154 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_154-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __35__ Description: 176 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_176

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __36__ Description: 309 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_309

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __37__ Description: 12 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_12-1 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __38__ Description: 12 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_12 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __39__ Description: 6 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_6-2 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __40__ Description: 6 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_6-3 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __41__ Description: Cemetery adjacent to Community Church
Reference: EmeryLn_4 Direction: Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __42__ Description: Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_ Direction: Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __43__ Description: 2 Laurel Lane

Reference: LaurelLn_2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __44__ Description: 323 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_323

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __45__ Description: 69 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_69

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __46__ Description: 175 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_175

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __47__ Description: 96 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_96-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __48__ Description: 271 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_271-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __49__ Description: 201 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_201 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __50__ Description: 148 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_148-1 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

AREA NAME: PORTSMOUTH AVENUE



Photo # __51__ Description: 148 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_148-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __52__ Description: 330 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_

Direction:

Date taken: TBD

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Photo # __53__ Description: 14 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_14-1 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __54__ Description: 261 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_261 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __55__ Description: 170 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_170

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __56__ Description: 210 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_210

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # 57 Description: 210 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_210-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # 58 Description: 166 Portsmouth Avenue

Reference: PortsmouthAve_166

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

AREA FORM

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Photo # __59__ Description: 2 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_2 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # _60__ Description: 2 Emery Lane
Reference: EmeryLn_2-2 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __61__ Description: Old Town Hall, 151 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_151

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __62__ Description: 240 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_240

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __63__ Description: 78 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_78

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __64__ Description: 159 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_159

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __65__ Description: 149 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_149

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __66__ Description: 158 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_158-1

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __67__ Description: 248 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_248-1

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __68__ Description: 180 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_180

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __69__ Description: 236 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_236-2

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __70__ Description: 169 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_169

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __71__ Description: 172 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_172 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __72__ Description: 98 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_98-1 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __73__ Description: 152 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_152

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __74__ Description: 355 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_355

Direction:

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Photo # __75__ Description: 353 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_353

Direction:

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Photo # __76__ Description: 178 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_178

Direction:

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Photo # 77 Description: 230 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_230

Direction:

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Photo # 78 Description: 301 & 303 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_301-303-1

Direction:

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Photo # __79__ Description: 305 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_305

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __80__ Description: 283 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_283

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __81__ Description: 287 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_287

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __82__ Description: 308 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_308

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __83__ Description: 131 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_131

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __84__ Description: 222 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_222

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __85__ Description: 270 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_270

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __86__ Description: 127 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_127

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __87__ Description: 102 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_102

Direction:

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Photo # __88__ Description: 95 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_95-1

Direction:

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Photo # 89 Description: 250 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_250

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # 90 Description: 227 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_227

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __91__ Description: 185 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_185

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __92__ Description: 232 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_232

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __93__ Description: 197 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_197

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __94__ Description: 255 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_255

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __95__ Description: 285 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_285 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __96__ Description: 307 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_307 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __97__ Description: 337 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_337

Direction:

Date taken:



Photo # __98__ Description: 270 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_270

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __99__ Description: Caretaker's Cottage, 270 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-2

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Photo # __100__ Description: Snack Bar, 270 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-3

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __101__ Description: Restrooms

Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-4 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __102__ Description: Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-5 Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __103__ Description: Horsepull Arena, Stratham Hill Park, 270 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-7 Direction: Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __104__ Description: 270 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-1 Direction: Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __105__ Description: Veterans Memorial Garden, Stratham Hill Park
Reference: PortsmouthAve_270-10 Direction: Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # _106__ Description: 157 Portsmouth Ave.
Reference: PortsmouthAve_157 Direction: Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # _107___ Description: 275 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_275

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # _108___ Description: 76 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_76

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __109__ Description: 145 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_145

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __110__ Description: 313 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_313-1

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Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __111__ Description: 36 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_36

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __112__ Description: 160 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017

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Photo # __113__ Description: 69 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_69-4

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # __114__ Description: 157 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_157-2

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Photo # _115____ Description: 118 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_118

Direction:

Date taken: Nov. 2017



Photo # _116____ Description: 137 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_137

Direction:

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Photo # __117__ Description: 104 Portsmouth Ave.

Reference: PortsmouthAve_104-1

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Reference: PortsmouthAve_

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