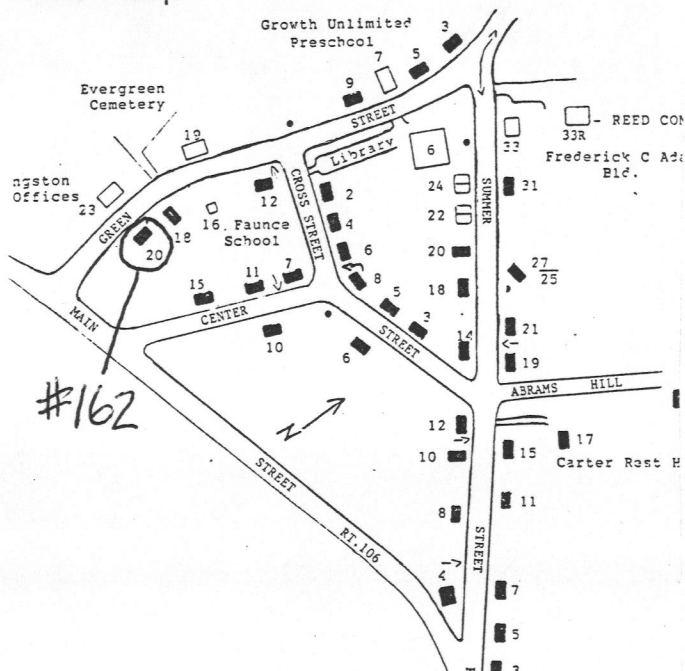




Sketch Map



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Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

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Plymouth A 162

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) TRIP

Address 20 Green Street

Historic Name _____

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c.1879

Source maps

Style/Form Italianate style

Architect/Builder _____

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite block

Wall/Trim wood clapboard

Roof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date _____

Acreage .5 acres

Setting

residential/commercial village

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 20 Green Street was built c.1879 in the Italianate style. This 3x4 bay, wood frame, 2-1/2 story, rectangular plan building sits on a granite block foundation. The building is clad with wood clapboards with a beaded edge. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney is on the western roof slope. The sidehall entrance has double wood doors with rounded arch lights. The surround is flat. A door hood supported with elaborate wood brackets is above the door. The paired windows contain 1/1 wood sash and are unified with a projecting hood supported by small brackets. The cornerboards are thin and the cornice is boxed with returns and paired brackets. The front gable contains a paired window with 1/1 round arch sash. A side porch with a shed roof protects a screen porch on the west elevation of the building.

The Italianate style began in England as part of the Picturesque movement, a reaction to the formal classical ideals in art and architecture that had been fashionable for about two hundred years. The first Italianate houses in the United States were built in the late 1830's; the style was popularized by the influential pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing published in the 1840's and the '50s. By the 1860s the style had completely overshadowed its earlier companion, the Gothic Revival. Most surviving examples date from the period 1855-80; earlier examples are rare. The decline of the Italianate style began with the financial panic of 1873 and the subsequent depression. When prosperity returned late in the decade, new housing fashions - particularly the Queen Anne style - rose quickly to dominance. Identifying features of the Italianate style include: two or three story buildings, low-pitched roof with wide overhang eaves with decorative brackets beneath; tall, narrow windows, commonly arched or curved; many examples have a square cupola or tower.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

In 1876 this building was not on the map. In 1879 Captain Charles Stetson was listed as owner of this building. To date, no information on Stetson has been uncovered. This building is an excellent example of the Italianate style in Kingston. Very few other examples continue to retain their architectural integrity.

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1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]
1903 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [KPL]



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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☒ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by Deirdre Brotherson

The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

This property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to a Historic District (Area A). This district is eligible under Criterion A (associated with events that have made a contribution to the broad pattern of our history) as a building in the civic district of Kingston and also as the area which was first settled in Kingston. This building is also eligible under Criterion C (the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction) as a contributing architectural member of this district.

This property is also eligible individually under C as an example of Italianate architecture.