



Section KIN.201  
 Property's number \_\_\_\_\_ USGS Quad Plymouth Area(s) B Form Number 201

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) KING

Address 284 Main Street

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Uses: Present residence - duplex

Original residence - duplex

Date of Construction c.1890

Source maps

Style/Form Queen Anne style

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Material:

Foundation brick

Wall/Trim vinyl siding

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures \_\_\_\_\_

Major Alterations (with dates)

Vinyl sided (date unknown)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage .5 acres

Setting

linear village

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

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BUILDING FORM

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

☒ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

**SEE CONTINUATION SHEET**

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

☒ *see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.  
*a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*If checked, you must attach*

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## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 284 Main Street was built c. 1890 as a side-by-side duplex in the Queen Anne style. This 4x3 bay, wood frame, 2-story building sits on a brick foundation. The building is clad with final siding. Originally (see 1977 photo) the building was clad with wood clapboards with a wide beltcourse of scalloped shingles. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Two brick chimneys are located at the ridge. The center entrance contains two early 20th century wood panel doors with large square glass panes in the upper portion. The fenestration is symmetrical with paired windows containing 2/2 vinyl sash. A door hood protects the entrance and is supported by brackets with drop pendants. A rear, one story, shed roof ell appears to be original to the building.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Until the later part of the 19th century the area between 278 Main Street to the intersection of Wapping Road and the Jones River had only a few houses. Through the 19th century, most of this land was owned by F.H. Holmes (residence at 13 Wapping Road). On the 1879 map, it appears that Mr. Holmes began to sub-divide the land. Mr. Holmes also has interests in the mill at Triphammer so these lots may have been developed for employees ~~or not~~. By 1879, all lots were owned by Holmes with the exception of this one which was owned by Alg. Chandler, however, no building was on this site until c.1890. A.S. Chandler is listed as owner of the building and the resident is listed as Frank C. Woodward, a mason. Eventually, all of the lots between this and the river were developed with small cottage style houses. This house has always been a two family residence. Sometime after 1977 it was covered with vinyl siding which has diminished its original architectural integrity.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY:

## MAPS:

- 1876 Town of Kingston. Boyden (w/directory). [KPL]
- 1876 Town of Kingston, Enlargement of Village. Boyden. [KPL]
- 1879 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [MHC]
- 1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]
- 1903 Atlas of Plymouth County. George E. Walker. [KPL]
- 1928 Map of Kingston with Key. Anonymous
- 1977 USGS Map
- Sanborn Insurance Company Maps:
  - Plymouth: 1896 June
    - 1901 April (1896, 1901, 1906 include Kingston Village
    - 1906 Feb. and Factories in Kingston)
  - Kingston: 1912 (6 sheets)
    - 1925 (7 sheets)
    - 1943 (7 sheets)
    - 1954 (8 sheets)

## INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued):



1977 photo - 248 Main Street

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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 B). 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 which is part of a linear village on Main Street which has evolved from a village area to a residential neighborhood (there are few commercial establishments on Main Street - they have shifted to areas near the railroad) but the architecture in this linear district continues to tell the story of the evolution of this area through the variety and high quality of the architectural styles (Criterion C: the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction - as a contributing architectural member of this district.)