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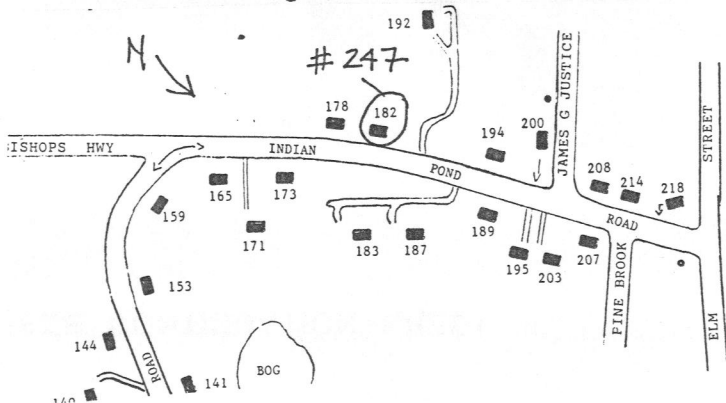
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inventoried building. Indicate



Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 182 Indian Pond Road

Historic Name Henry T. Cook House

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c.1750

Source maps

Style/Form full cape

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
small barns and sheds

Major Alterations (with dates)
c.1890 original chimney removed and rebuilt

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 2 acres

Setting
on rural road - set to face south

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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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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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 182 Indian Pond Road was built c.1750. This 5x3 bay, wood frame, 1-1/2 story building sits on a granite block foundation. The building is clad with wood shingles. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The original brick center chimney was demolished and rebuilt into paired chimneys in c.1890. The center entrance contains a 4-panel wood door with a flat surround. The windows contain 6/6 wood sash with flat surrounds. The cornerboards are wide and flat. The rear, one story ell was constructed with the same materials as the main house. The side one story ell was constructed c.1898. Various small outbuildings are extant on the property.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

Henry T. Cook had been born in this house in 1828 and died there in 1929 at the age of 101. Henry's father, according to the memoirs of his granddaughter, Helen D. Foster, had purchased the farm, as it was called then, in 1825. When Lewis S. Foster married Hattie Cook (daughter of Henry T. Cook), he purchased the place to operate as a farm. Lewis and Hattie Foster gave birth to Helen D. Foster in this house on September 24, 1900. The first thing Lewis Foster did after acquiring the house (c.1890's) was to raze the big single chimney and install two smaller ones. This made it possible to have a hall through the house and a straight stairway instead of one that went on either side of the big chimney. Across from the farm was a saw mill built by Henry T. Foster and his neighbor, John Holmes. Foster, who held an engineer's license, also worked in the mill which was not in operation during Helen Foster's childhood (early 1900's). Just before WWII Foster sold the house to Ann Lindskog of Brookline who spent weekends and summers in Kingston. Lindskog had the barn, which was once used as a cobblers shop, at the rear of the house demolished and the boards used to panel the living room and the dining area. In 1947, Lindskog sold the place to Richard D. Elwell. At the time, the house had no inside plumbing, electricity or heating system. It was Elwell who did major work on the house, remodeling some of the rooms upstairs, installing the plumbing and having utility poles installed on the road to bring in electricity. Elwell also built the garage and a small shed at the rear of the property to house his daughter's horse. In 1968 the property was sold to Gordon & Sally Swanson. The property was sold again in 1970 Ralph Goodwin who in turn sold the property to a family named Fields.

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Kingston

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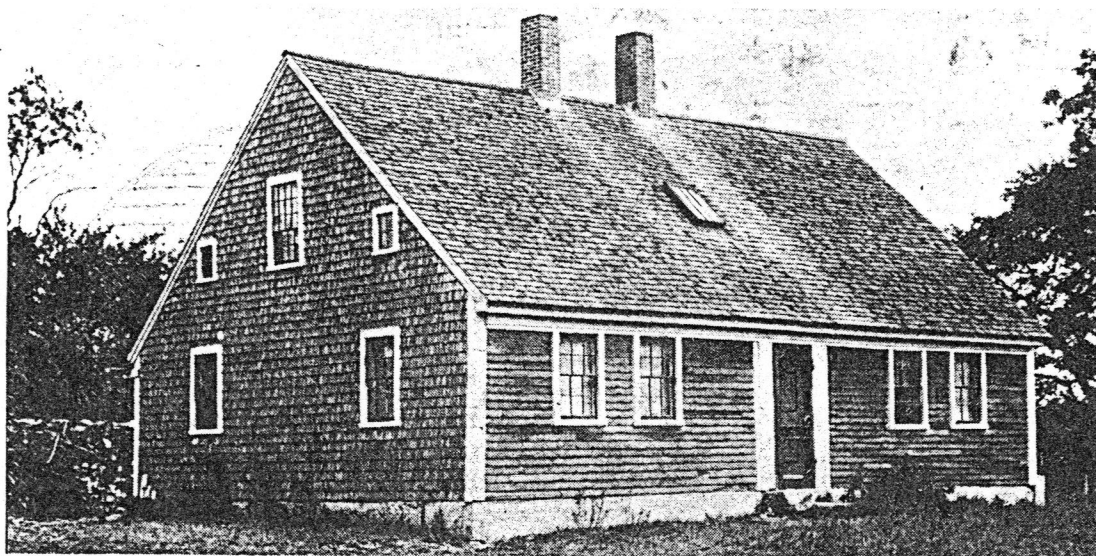
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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued):



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