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Area(s)

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Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) KIN

Address 58/60 Summer Street

Historic Name Keith's store

Uses: Present commercial

Original commercial

Date of Construction c.1848

Source maps

Style/Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder Lewis Ripley

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes

Date

Acreage .5 acres

Setting

linear village near railroad

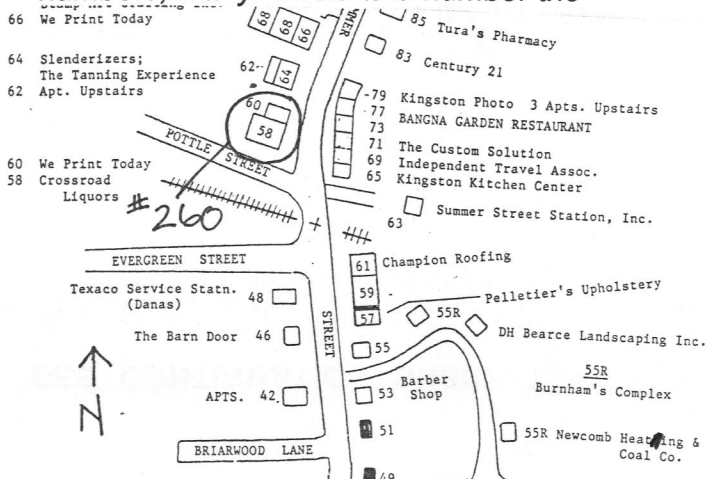
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Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the



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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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☒ 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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Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The commercial building at 58-60 Summer Street was built c. 1848 in the Greek Revival style. This rectangular, 3x5 bay, wood frame, 2-story, front gable building sits on a granite foundation. The building is clad with wood shingles on the facade and asbestos shingles on the elevations. The front gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The main entrance is located in a one story extension on the front of the building. The contemporary glass door is flanked by two large plate glass windows with a block transom above. The facade is symmetrical with windows with wood, double-hung, 6/6 sash with plain casings with a plain, molded drip cap. The side elevations have small windows with fixed sash on the first floor, the second floor has windows identical to the facade. The building is articulated with wide corner pilasters with simple molded capitals. The box cornice has a simple design with returns. The one story porch entrance on the facade appears to be original to the building. Sometime in the late 19th century the store was raised and a set of steps were added. The additional basement space was used for groceries. In 1905 the building was lowered and the one story wing on the north elevation was added to allow room for the grocery store. The one story wing is a 3x5 bay, flat roof structure. The center entrance has a contemporary glass door and is flanked with two plate glass showroom windows. A parapet tops the facade of the building.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

The store, H. K. Keith & Co., opened in September 1848 on land purchased from George and Frederic Adams for \$50. The 2-1/2 story building, built by Lewis Ripley for \$3,000. Keith, 22-years of age at the time he opened his Kingston store, had gone to work in the general store of F.W. Brett in North Duxbury at the age of 18. A year-and-a-half later he bought out Brett's business and then proceeded to open the business in the store he had built in Kingston. It was the largest general store in the county, with dry goods, groceries, grain and coal, millinery and a tailoring shop. In the early days, grain, flour and other commodities came here from New York and the South by schooners. Keith hired a building at Rocky Nook Wharf, owned by Alexander Holmes, to store his goods. Keith, along with another gentleman by the name of Ames, sent boots, and clocks to California by schooner in 1850. School books were sold at the store and the teachers had individual accounts with their bills paid by the town as shown in the old company ledgers. Keith kept the store until 1865, selling it to two employees, William Burgess and Nahum Bailey. Keith then went into the clothing business in Boston.

Five years later, in 1870, the business again changed hands and Burges and Keith was the name of the firm. This was the Lewis H. Keith's first ownership in the business. In 1890, the name of the firm changed once more when it became known as W.H. Burges & Co. Six years later, in March 1896, L.H. Keith bought out Burges, and the firm was placed under the name of L.H. Keith & Co. In 1901, again the name of the firm changed with Frank Chandler as proprietor. Groceries were the main item. In 1917, the building and business was purchased by Max Toabe from Whitman, Sparrow Co. which had taken over from L.H. Keith & Co. In 1974 Alphonso and Mary Cavicchi purchased the store. The building is now a liquor store.

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[KPL]

MAPS:

1726 Kingston. John Gray [MHC]

1795 A Plan of the Town of Kingston. John Gray. [MHC]

1820-30 Five School Districts [KPL]

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]

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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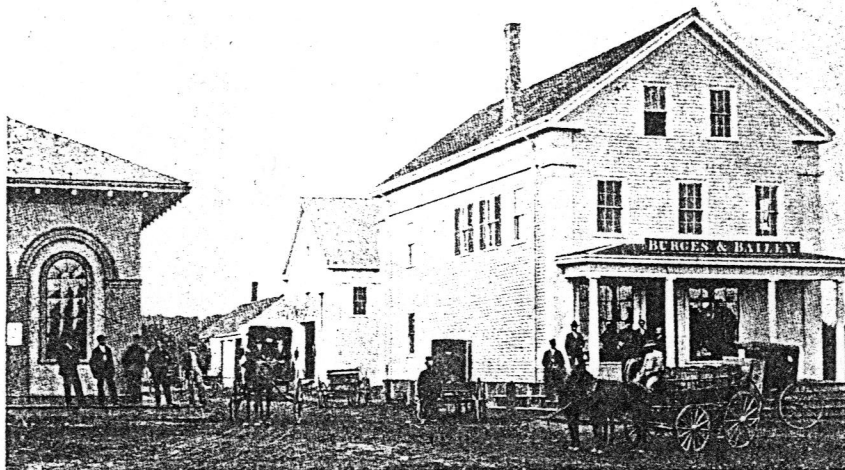
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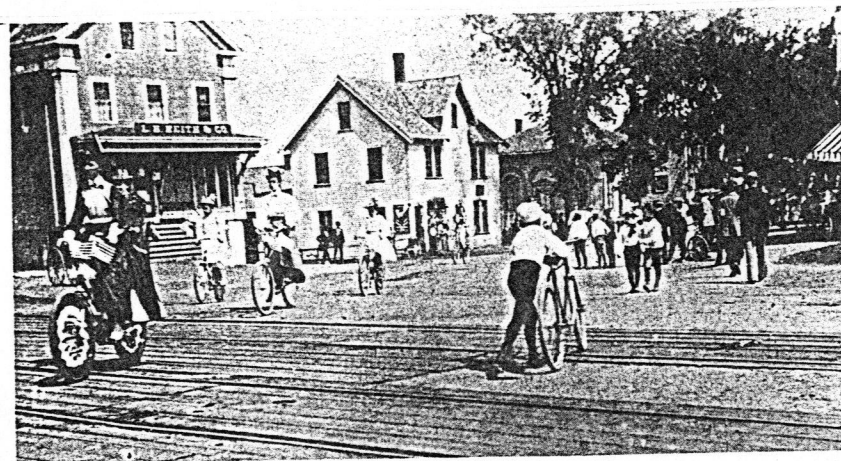
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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued):



58/60 Summer Street c. 1868 ↑



c. 1897 ↑

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible only in a historic district |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contributing to a potential historic district | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 D). This district is eligible under Criterion A for the association with the development of the Old Colony Railroad and associated commercial ventures. This property is also eligible under Criterion C for its architecture which helps illustrate the evolution of this district.