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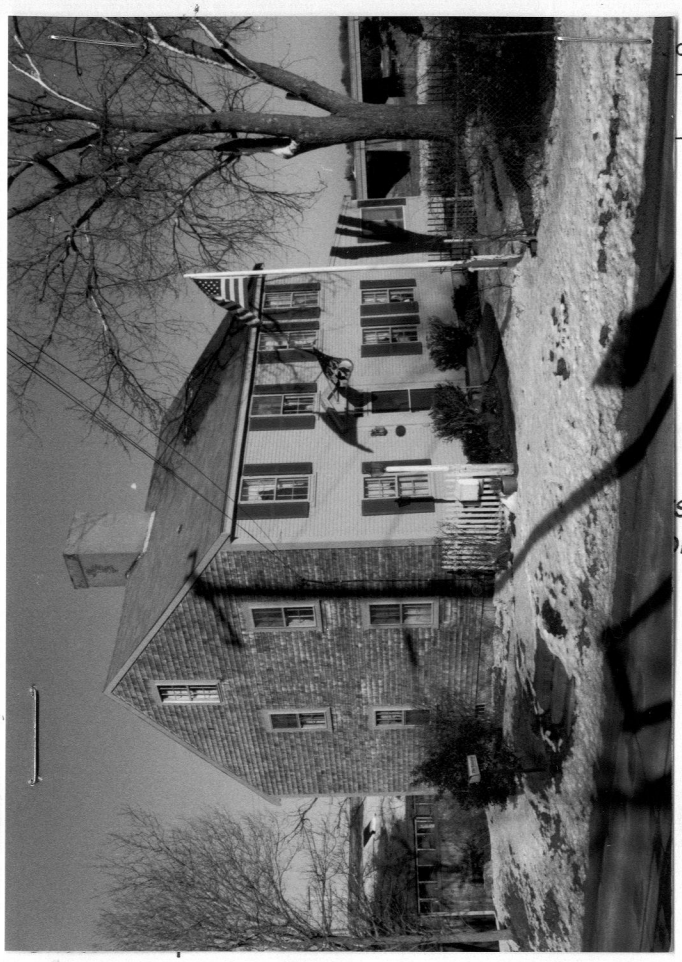


Town Kingston

Place *(neighborhood or village)* KIN

Address 51 Landing Road

Historic Name

Uses: Present residence

Original residence

Date of Construction c.1790

Source maps & local history

Style/Form Federal style

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim wood clapboards & shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations *(with dates)*

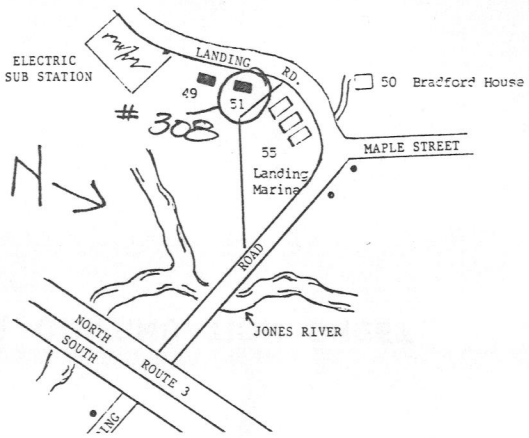
Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1 acre

Setting
linear neighborhood - road runs parallel with Jones River

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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Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date *(month/year)* May 1998

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BUILDING FORM

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 ☒ *see continuation sheet*

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Community: Kingston

Property Address: 51 Landing Road

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220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The residence at 51 Landing Road was built c. 1790 in the Federal style. This 4x2 bay, wood frame, 2 story building sits on a granite foundation. The building is clad with wood clapboards and wood shingles. The side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A large brick chimney is located near the center of the roof at the ridge. The entrance is off-center and contains a 6-panel wood door flanked by fluted pilasters and topped by a 6-light transom and pediment. The windows contain 6/6 sash with flat surrounds. The cornerboards are thin and flat.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

This residence sits adjacent to the Jones River. On John Grey's 1836 map this building is identified as part of Joseph Holmes' shipbuilding yard and lot. The property remained in the Holmes family, Edward Holmes is owner in 1876 and 1879, through the 19th century. In 1903 W. C. Hammond is listed as owner. This appears to be one of the few original buildings associated with the successful Holmes shipyard. It's significance stems from that and also is significant as an early Federal building.

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MAPS:

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1876 Town of Kingston, Enlargement of Village. Boyden. [KPL]
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1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston [KPL & MSL]
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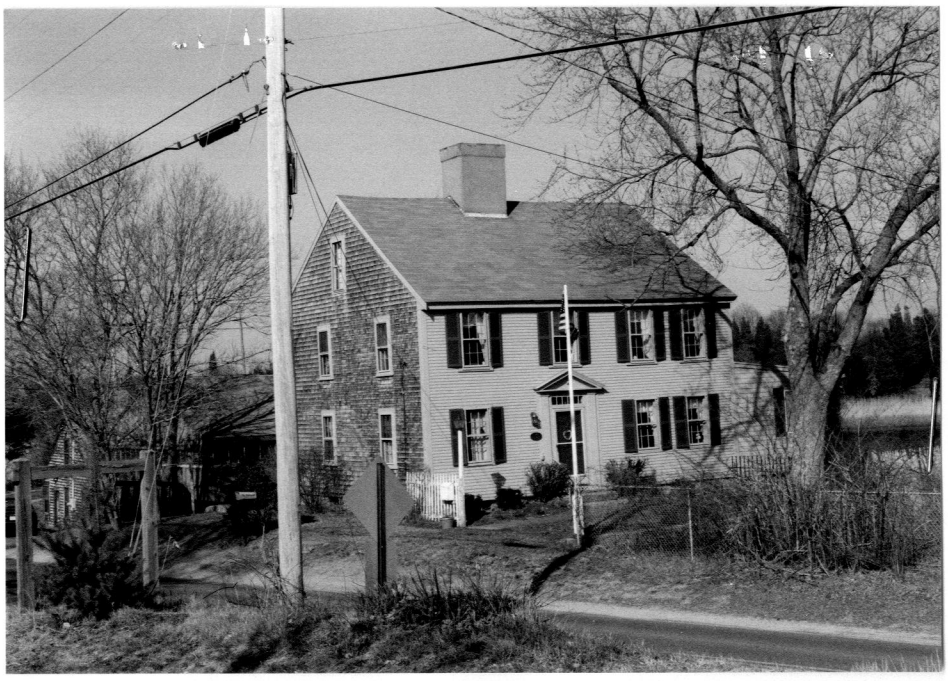

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National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

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 may be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as a building associated with the ship building business which was carried on in this area and supported so much of the commerce in Kingston during the 19th century. A district of Inv # 307 and Inv #308 may also be considered.

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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Town Kingston

Address 51 Landing Road

Name The Landing House

Present use residence

Present owner Neale & Marjorie LaPlante

Description:

Date 1785

Source Registry, town records

Style Three-quarter Federal-Colonial

Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard, shingle

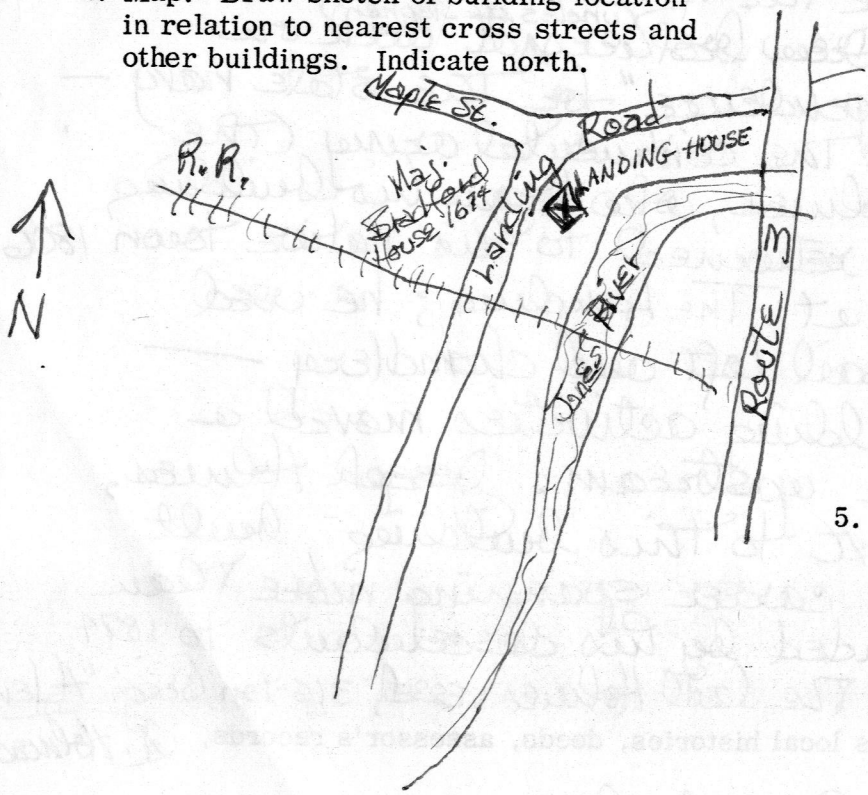
Outbuildings (describe)

Other features

Altered several times Date

Moved Date

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



5. Lot size:

One acre or less ✓ Over one acre

Approximate frontage 45'

Approximate distance of building from street 20'

6. Recorded by Vorrece Lucie Johnson

Organization JRV Historical Society

Date Dec. 18, 1978

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7. Original owner (if known) Stephen Drew, shipbuilder

Original use probably combined residential use with ship outfitting supplies

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates 1810 – purchased by Joseph Holmes, shipbuilder-merchant

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal		Conservation		Recreation	
Agricultural		Education		Religion	
Architectural		Exploration/ settlement		Science/ invention	
The Arts					
Commerce	✓	Industry	✓	Social/ humanitarian	
Communication		Military			
Community development		Political		Transportation	✓

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Drew and Holmes families were Kingston's most successful shipbuilders; the Drews had been in shipbuilding since before the Revolution and local tradition puts 5 of 6 Drew brothers (uncles of Stephen) at work on building the brig "Independence" for the state navy — Maj Seth Drew served in the continental army (the 6th brother). Joseph Holmes, who began his building on the Taunton River, returned to his native town in 1806 and began building at the Landing; he used this building as sail loft and chandlery — The Drews' shipbuilding activities moved a few hundred yards upstream. Joseph Holmes, in his shipyard next to this building, built 78 vessels during a career spanning more than half a century, extended by his descendants to 1874 and the launching of the last Holmes vessel, 316-ton brig "Helen A. Holmes"

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Holmes papers, Mystic Seaport, Conn.
Plymouth Reg. of Deeds
Kingston records
"Ships of Kingston" – Jones
Emily Drew manuscripts
Cornelius Bartlett "
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