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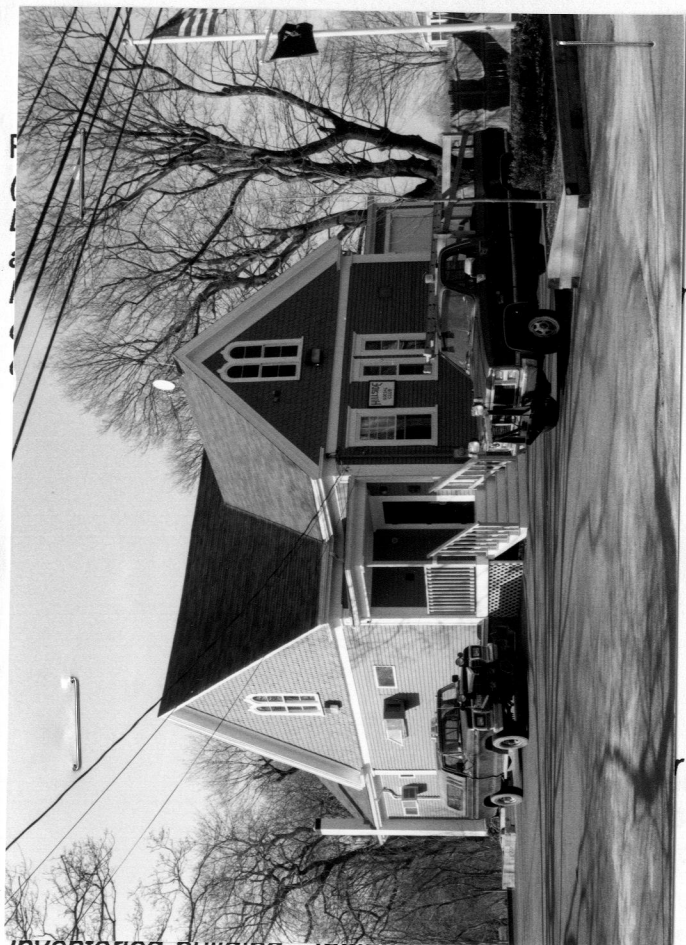
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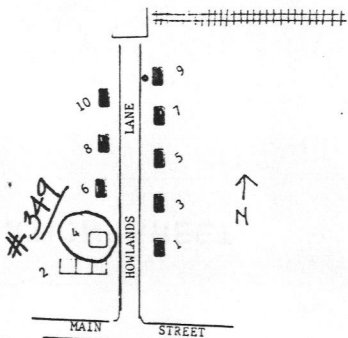
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Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month/year) May 1998

Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village) Rocky Neck

Address 4 Howland Lane

Historic Name Howland Street School

Uses: Present social club

Original school

Date of Construction c.1899

Source maps

Style/Form Queen Anne style

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

Exterior Material:

Foundation granite

Wall/Trim wood clapboards

Roof asphalt shingles

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

Major Alterations (with dates)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage 1 acre

Setting

on side street off Main Street, built in area which rapidly developed in late 19th c.

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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 ☒ *see continuation sheet*

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

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**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Howland Street school was built in 1899 in the Queen Anne style. This 3x4 bay, wood frame, 1-1/2 story building sits on a random granite stone foundation. The building is clad with wood clapboards with wood shingles in the gables. The cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The entrance contains a contemporary solid core wood door with flat surrounds. The windows contain 6/6 sash. A paired, round arch window is within each gable. On the facade, tall, thin paired windows are in the center of the building below the paired windows in the gable. The corners of the building are enhanced with pilasters. The cornice is boxed with returns. The building has undergone significant alteration in window configuration since the Social Club has been a resident.

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:**

The Howland Lane School was built c. 1899 to satisfy the increasing demand for school space during the late 19th century. The area around the school was being developed with housing to serve the mills in the area with and was populated by a significant number of immigrants. In a 1901 report by School Superintendent Hoyt H. Tucker he noted that of the town's eight schoolhouses that the Howland School is new and well equip with modern heating and sanitary appliances. A few years later in 1910, the schools in this area were overcrowded and forced to go to double sessions or half-day school. To alleviate this problem the Cobb School was built in 1912 on Main Street north of Howland Lane (INV#335). By 1936 however, a school survey committee recommended that the Howland Lane School was not fit for school purposes and should be abandoned immediately. The school continued in use while new elementary and high schools were repaired or built. The school was closed in 1950 after the completion of the construction of the new elementary school. The building now serves as the home of the Hillside Social Club.

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