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Town Kingston

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 4 Elm Street

Historic Name The Powder House

Uses: Present Storage Shed

Original Storage place for powder and ball

Date of Construction ca. 1798

Source

Style/Form Hip roof

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation

Wall/Trim Clapboard / wood

Roof Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates) The building was doubled in size at some point.

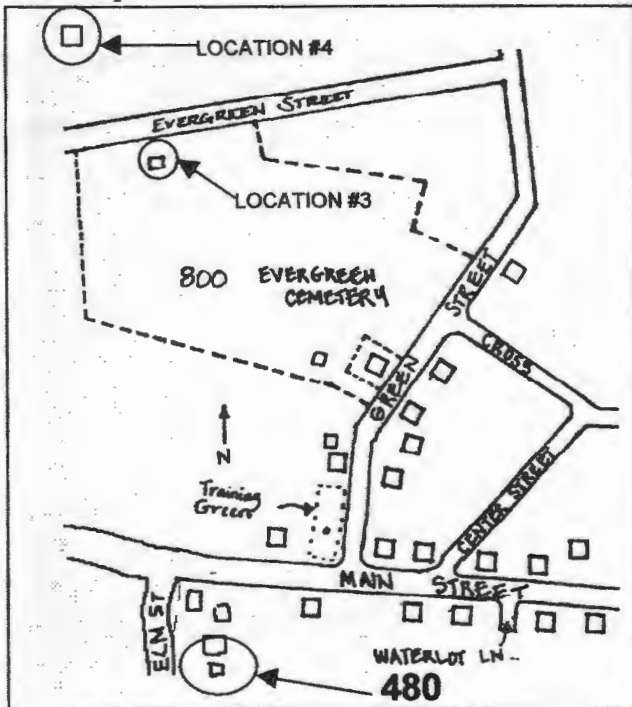
Condition Good

Moved  no  yes Date  
 From Training Green (#1) to north of Town House(#2)  
 To Evergreen Cemetery near Mirror Pond (#3)  
 2002 moved to temporary storage (#4)  
 2004 moved to 4 Elm Street (MHC #, 1844)

Acreage

Setting On lawn south of main structure

Sketch Map



Recorded by Daune & William Frey

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date (month / year) January 2005

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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.*

**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.*

"When the Revolutionary War broke out, the town's supply of powder and shot was stored in the garret or the meeting house. When the Powder House was built, it was set on or close by, the Training Green; then it was moved, so that it formed a group with the hearse house (now removed) and the store house, which alone remains.".... "The old powder house, which had succeeded the garret of the old meeting house as a storage place for powder and ball, was moved, after the Evergreen Cemetery was opened, from a position north of the Town House to one north of the Cemetery Pond where it has been enlarged and used as a tool house for the workmen."

From Emily Drew, Slide No. 18 #3

In 2001, the Trustees of the Evergreen Cemetery requested that the old Powder House either be moved or be demolished. A local homeowner gave a donation to the Trustees so that it would be preserved. In April, 2002, the Kingston Historical Commission worked with local contractors and residents to move the building across Evergreen Street to a temporary location on Town property at the Highway Department. It remained at that location until the summer of 2004 when it was moved to the residence of that local homeowner (MHC 6, c. 1844).

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**  *see continuation sheet*

Notebooks of Emily Drew [1881-1950], description of Slide No. 18 #3

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