

Historic Resource Inventory - Abel Block

Lakes Region Planning Commission - Bristol, New Hampshire

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Basic Data

Town	Bristol
County	Grafton
UTM	
USGS Quad	Bristol
Survey Number	8
Date	Before civil war
Location	24-26 Central Square
Owner	Lake Side Land Trust
Address	P.O. Box 661, Ashland, NH 03217
Map and Parcel Number	114-125
Common Name	Alias Smith and Jones Restaurant
Historic Name	Able Block
Functional Type	Commercial Block
Present Use	
Architect/Builder	
Condition	good
Integrity	original site
Date Moved	
Major Alterations and Date	"French roof" added 1878
Level/Significance	
Source	R. Musgrove/History of Bristol
Style	Second Empire
Boundary and Acreage Description	Bounded on north by Central Square, on east by Samuel Worthen, on south by Newfound River, on west by Norman R. Lamothe - 2,000 sq. ft
Comments	
Surveyor	David Ruell
Surveyed On	1982

Photographer

Photo

Map

A. Architectural Description

Architecture Style	Second Empire
Building Type	Commercial block
Number of Stories	2.5/3.5
Dimensions	50 x 36
Bays	6 x 2
Architecture Form	Rectangular plan
Foundation	Cur granite block N/brick & stone S
Structure Type	Balloon frame
Wall Sheathing	Clapboard N/asphalt shingle S & E
Wall Ornamentation	Wooden corner quoins
Roof Type	Mansard
Roof Sheathing	Asphalt shingles lower/sheet metal upper
Dormers/Cupolas	12 gables w/arched windows
Roof Details	Plain cornice between slopes
Number of Chimneys	3
Chimneys Location	Interior slopes W/S/E
Chimney Materials	Brick
Chimneys Description	Tall and plain/S only has corbeled cap
Gable End Eaves Treatment	Box cornice w/mouldings, deep frieze & numerous scroll brackets
Windows Placement	Symmetrical
Windows Shape	Rectangular
Windows Sash	2-Feb
Windows Surrounds	S basement - segmental arches/1st story S rect. Lintels/2nd story - plain trim.
Main Entry Location	2 in storefornts (which see)
Main Entry Door	
Main Entry Surround: Flanked	
Main Entry Surround: Topped	
Main Entry Framed	
Number of other entries	
Location of other entries	

Surrounds of other entries
Number of Porches/Hoods
Style/Roof Type
Location of Porches/Hoods
Porches/Hoods Supports
Porches/Hoods: Other Features
Number of Bay Windows/Towers
Bay Windows/Towers Location
Bay Windows/Towers Stories
Bay Windows/Towers Shape
Bay Windows/Towers Description
Number of Ells/Wings
Stories (from map)
Bays
Ells/Wings Description
Storefronts Configuration
Storefronts Windows
Storefronts Doors
Storefronts Signage
Storefronts Materials/Details

2 recessed entries
Plate glass & multipane
Paneled double doors w/windows

B. Site Description/Surrounding Environment

Number of related structures
Type of related structures
Description of related structures
Built Landscape Features
Natural Landscape Features

C. Significance

Architectural Importance/Integrity
Site Integrity
Historic Associations

A fine example of Second Empire style.
A very prominent building on Central Square

D. References

References
Map Data

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