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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

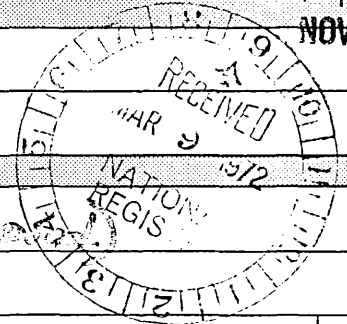
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Hampshire	
COUNTY: Rockingham	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 3472 320	DATE 3/9/72

1. NAME

COMMON:
Simeon P. Smith House

AND/OR HISTORIC:



1972

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~94 Russell Street~~ The Hill (copy)

CITY OR TOWN:
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

STATE New Hampshire	CODE 33	COUNTY: Rockingham	CODE 015
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Proposed rehabilitation

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Portsmouth Housing Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
25 Vaughan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Portsmouth	STATE: New Hampshire	CODE: 33
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Rockingham County Courthouse, Registrar of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Exeter, New Hampshire	STATE: New Hampshire	CODE: 33
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Portsmouth Preservation, Inc.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967-68
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
111 Bow Street

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Portsmouth, New Hampshire	STATE:	CODE: 33
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Russell Street lot on which this double pile Federal house, with central stair hall, was [REDACTED] sold in 1810 by Captain Joseph Stoodley, a "mariner" who had purchased the major portion of the lot with an older dwelling in 1802 from Samuel Fernald, "merchant" for \$1500. In 1810, when Stoodley sold that house and land, plus an additional ten foot section along one side, he had paid \$5.00 in taxes on a building in 1809 and \$4.00 in 1810. The old building and two lots were sold to Simeon P. Smith in June, 1810 for \$1300.

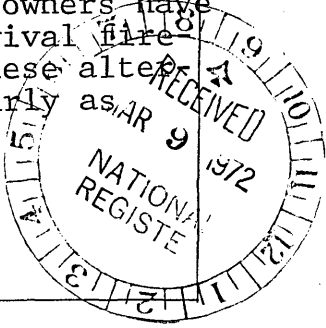
The Portsmouth City Tax Lists for 1811 list Joseph Stoodley as "gone" and lists a building tax against the name of Simeon Smith, "cooper". The building tax in 1811 was \$7.50 (the amount Smith continued to pay for many years), indicating a new building erected on the two lots between 1810 and 1811.

The house built for cooper Smith was a handsome Federal design of four rooms and a wide hallway on each of the two main floors. Two brick chimney stacks divide each pair of rooms on either side of the hall, piercing the roofline at the ridge which runs parallel to the street. The fenestration of the facade is balanced by a pair of windows with Federal window caps on the first story located on either side and above the main entrance. That doorway is enframed by pilasters and a triangular pediment over a row of window lights.

The end wall contained four windows on each story and a single attic gable window on each end, except where a later exterior entrance and stairway on the northern end has altered the original fenestration. Originally sheathed with clapboards, modern owners have covered the exterior with asbestos and replaced earlier sash with two-over-two throughout.

Within, the central hallway contains fine Federal cornice work, an interior arch before the stairway which rises in the rear half of the house, and most of the Federal trim and doorway locations throughout. The eastern half of the house retains original Federal mantels. Other finish work survives intact. North of the central hall, later owners have remodeled the dwelling with the simplest Greek Revival fire places and less elaborate detailing. Except for these alterations, the four-square Federal house survives nearly as built.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1810-1811

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

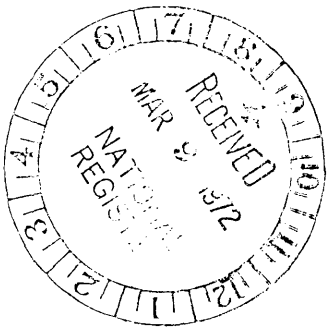
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of a handful of dated vernacular Federal houses of middle-class Portsmouth in the years just prior to the great fire of 1813 which led to the Federal re-building of commercial city center, the Simeon P. Smith house reflects the combination of current decorative detailing with a backward looking Georgian floor plan. Exterior architectural elements - the triangular pediment for example, which lacks fanlight, reflectsthe transitional position of the house in the full development of the Federal style for which the City is known.

A comparatively large house in scale, the dwelling was built to nearly the full width of the enlarged urban lot of 1810. Like most houses in the city, it faced its length directly along the street to leave a maximum amount of land behind. Surviving into the mid-twentieth century, as it has, with a major portion of its form and finish largely unaltered, the Simeon P. Smith house represents the type of housing which was available to Portsmouth craftsmen in the early decades of the nineteenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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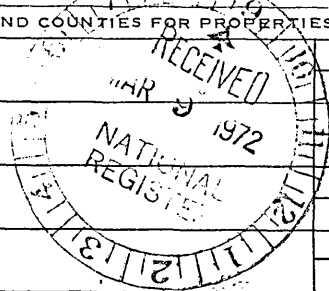
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Joan J. Goodwin

ORGANIZATION: Portsmouth Housing Authority DATE: Nov. 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 25 Vaughan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Portsmouth STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: George Gilman Title: State Liaison Officer Date: February 10, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert Yuley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/14/72

ATTEST:

William Hunt
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11-13-72

PROPOSED HISTORIC DISTRICT

VAUGHAN STREET URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (N.H.-10) PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

0 150 FT

