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PROPERTY OWNERS - HISTORIC RESOURCES OF SOUTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE CAPTAIN JONATHAN CURRIER HOUSE

Site No. 122

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Tax Map Lot 1-6

Owner: David Reicks

Hilldale Avenue

South Hampton, NH 03827

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage: 6 acres

Quadrangle name: Kingston, NH

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000 (7.5 minute series)

Verbal boundary description: Parcel designated Map 1 - parcel 6 according to the South Hampton, New Hampshire, tax maps. Bounded on the southeast and southwest by Hilldale Avenue, the northwest by parcel 1-5, northeast by parcel 4-55 and east by parcel 4-56.

Boundary justification: The 6 acres contained in the parcel associated with the Captain Jonathan Currier House are all that remain of its historic acreage. Recent subdivision has occurred on abutting parcels but is visually obscured by woods which maintain the visual integrity of the site.

UTM references:

Zone	Easting	Northing
19	3-36-610	47-48-720

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Description

The Captain Jonathan Currier House

Currierville, one of South Hampton's oldest settlement areas, is located at the western edge of Hilldale Avenue adjoining the Newton, New Hampshire, town line. The section is named for the Currier family who were among South Hampton's earliest settlers. Reference to 1856 and 1892 town maps confirms the prominence of the Currier family in the district through the number of documented sites owned by family members. Of this early agricultural community, only one dwelling survives. The Captain Jonathan Currier House (Site 112, c. 1742) is a two-story vernacular Georgian farmhouse constructed in wood and located on the north side of Hilldale Avenue at the intersection of Hilldale Avenue and Lonegoose Road.

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The Currier House

The Captain Jonathan Currier House (Site 122, c. 1742) is unusual because it preserves its vernacular Georgian form almost unchanged, is the sole surviving older house in Currierville, and retains intact its rural setting along with its traditional isolation from the town center. This isolation led to two unsuccessful petitions by its owners to be allowed to join the neighboring town so that they could attend its meetinghouse (an issue which arose early in the settlement of almost every New England town, as was correctly pointed out by the committee of the legislature in 1768). In this regard, the house is unusual in retaining integrity of form and setting, thereby preserving an important part of South Hampton history and representing an historical phenomenon common to the region as a whole.

The Currier House is an excellent example of a vernacular central chimney Georgian farmhouse of 2½ stories. Located four miles from the center of South Hampton adjacent to the Newton town line, the isolation of the house led Captain Jonathan Currier, along with nine other residents of Currierville, to petition the legislature in 1742 to become a part of Newton. This petition was repeated by the Captain's family in 1768, six years after his death, with six other residents. It was again denied because it was regarded as a problem found in almost every town. Today, only this house and the Currierville Road commemorate one of South Hampton's earliest settlements.

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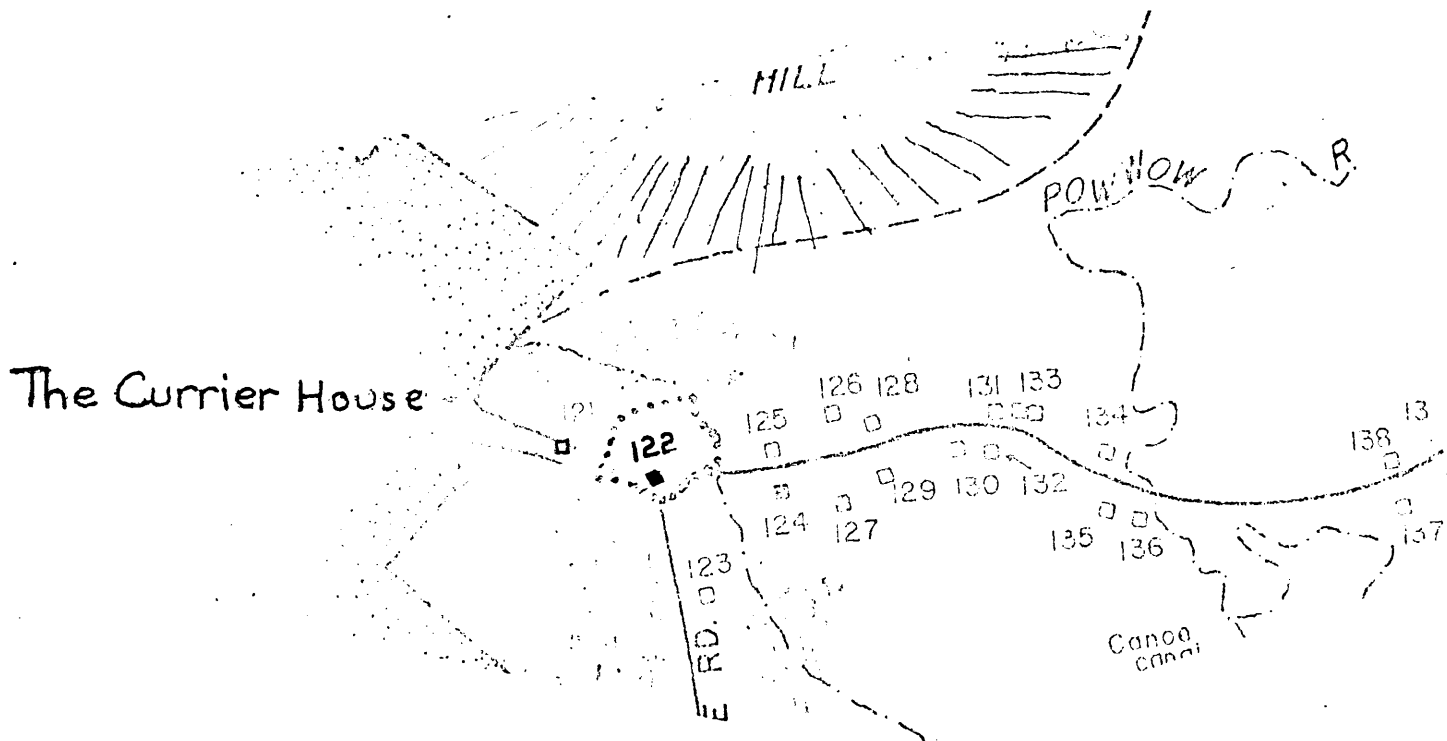
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Intrusion |
| EL | Empty Lot |
| B | bridge |

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name South Hampton Multiple Resource Area
State New Hampshire

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 1. | Town Center Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Ronnie Lee Boyd 4/11/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Smith's Corner Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 4/11/83</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Woodman Road Historic District | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Ronnie Lee Boyd 4/11/83</u> |
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| 4. | Highland Road Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 4/11/83</u> |
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| 5. | Jewell Town District | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Ronnie Lee Boyd 4/11/83</u> |
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| 6. | Currier, Capt. Jonathan, House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers 4/11/83</u> |
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