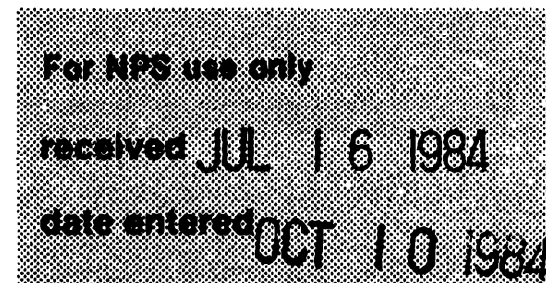


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Name: Jenckes House
Location: 1730 Old Louisquisset Pike, Lincoln
Classification: Building; Private; Occupied; Accessible--restricted;
Private Residence
Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Kahler (same address)
Condition: Good; Altered; Original site

Description:

The Jenckes House is a large, center-chimney, clapboarded house, gable-roofed, two-and-a-half-stories high, of heavy post-and-beam construction. The house is five bays wide with a center door, which has pilasters, a heavy molded cap, and a transom. The sash is 4-over-4 on the first floor, 9-over-9 on the second.

The plan of the house follows the standard five-room pattern dictated by its large brick center chimney, but there have been some modifications to the rear corner rooms. The three-run stair, set between the entry and the chimney, has a ball cap on its turned newel post, turned balusters, and acorn pendants on its angle posts. Cased corner posts are visible throughout the house, and moldings mark the cornices of several rooms. The interior is finished with wide plank floors and plain plastered ceilings--only in the first floor's northeast chamber are the ceiling beams visible. Many of the original four-panel doors are still in the house and much of the hardware (including a box lock on the door of the first floor's southeast room) is old. Fine panelled fireplaces remain the house. The large cooking hearth in the first floor's northeast room indicates that this was the original kitchen; the brick oven on the right side of the hearth has been closed, but the raised panels and molded shelf remain. The hearth in the first floor's southeast room is faced with blue and white tiles and has a handsome four-panel overmantel. In the first floor's rear center chamber, the hearth is surrounded by a heavy cyma curve molding, and raised panels surround an open cupboard above; in the second floor's rear center room there is a similar cupboard, though the panels and moldings are absent.

Two major additions have been made to the Jenckes House, both in the early twentieth century. A one-and-a-half-story, gambrel-roof addition has been made to the south side; entry to it is gained through wide doors placed where the small south rear room would have been located. A two-story, gable-roof kitchen wing is set at the northwest corner; its construction apparently incorporated the small north back room and required the slight enlargement of the original kitchen whose back wall seems to be about two feet further west than it would have been originally. Neither addition has seriously compromised the integrity of the Jenckes House--the interior adjustments are minor and both additions are set well back

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from the main facade. The house faces east toward the Old Louisquisset Turnpike; the only outbuilding on the property is a small mid-twentieth-century garage.

Period: 1700-1799

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Builder/Architect: Unknown

Specific Date: c. 1760(?)

Significance:

The Jenckes House is a fine colonial house, well preserved and representative of the many mid-eighteenth-century houses in Lincoln. In addition, the house is associated with two important Rhode Island families. It was built by a member of the Jenckes family, a large clan whose various branches were politically and economically important in several northern Rhode Island towns throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Of special note is Daniel Jenckes (1771-1865) who owned the house in the first half of the nineteenth century; a leading figure in the nearby village of Lime Rock, Jenckes was a large landowner, a charter member of the Mt. Moriah Lodge, the leading social institution of the village, and both a large shareholder and an officer in the turnpike company which built the road running in front of his house. The Jenckes House was owned in the early twentieth century by the Gilbane family, whose patriarch had emigrated from Ireland. The Gilbanes' small family company has since grown into regional and, now, national importance in the field of construction and construction management.

Acreage: less than 1 acre

UTM Reference: A 19 296860 4640880

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the Jenckes House is the line of Lincoln Assessor's Plat 43, lot 20; the line encompasses the house and its immediate setting.

Level of Significance: Local

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