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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Hampshire
COUNTY: Rockingham
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUN 9 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
* The George Rogers House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The George Rogers House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
76 Northwest Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Portsmouth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 COUNTY: Rockingham CODE: 015

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

STREET AND NUMBER:
141 Cambridge Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hampton Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Exeter

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
MAY 4 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

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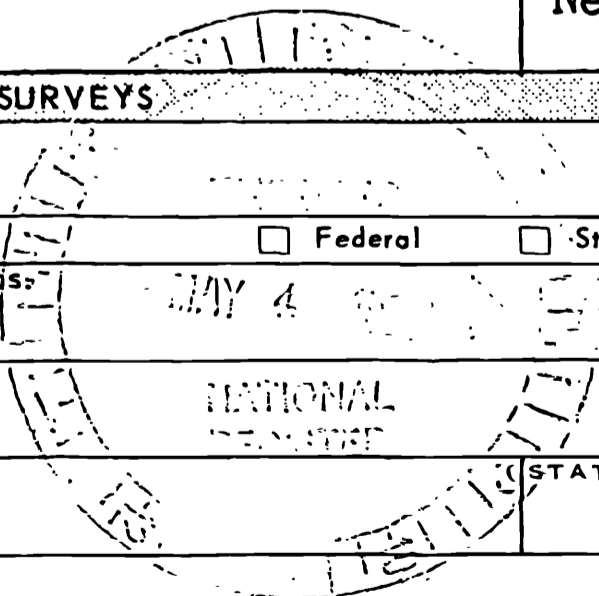
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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present Physical Appearance: The two-and-one-half-story George Rogers House is located on a 1.2 acre lot bounding three hundred feet northwesterly on Portsmouth's Northwest Street, southeasterly on the North Mill Pond (Christian Shore) and separated from it by an orchard which extends to the northeast of the house and obscures the abutting northeast property from the Rogers House. The southwest bound divides the total parcel, belonging to The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA), into two portions : that containing the Richard Jackson House, constructed prior to 1690/91, and that containing the mid-nineteenth-century Rogers House. ¹ This dividing line begins at a point on Northwest Street at a distance of 87.5 feet from SPNEA's parcel's northwest bound, and from there it runs southwest to the southeast corner of the Richard Jackson House and continues in a straight line to a point eighty feet from Northwest Street. It then assumes a southwesterly direction until it comes to a point 77.4 feet to the northeast of Jackson Hill Road, and runs southwesterly to the northeast bound of the abutting property. ²

The building closest to the George Rogers House, aside from SPNEA's Richard Jackson House, is located to the northwest, directly across northwest street. This is a two-story, green-clapboarded house with a gable facade facing the street. The view from the Rogers House's southeast facade across the orchard and the North Mill Pond includes the gravel pile and gas tanks of the Portsmouth Transportation Authority, as well as warehouses, factories, and a bridge.

Five-bays long by two-bays wide, the Rogers House is placed on a hillside so that its back northwest elevation is level with Northwest Street, while its southeast facade and southwest elevation are banked up and the southwest portion of the brick foundation and cellar, laid in common bond, is visible on these sides of the house, and is interrupted by (2/2) double-hung sash windows.

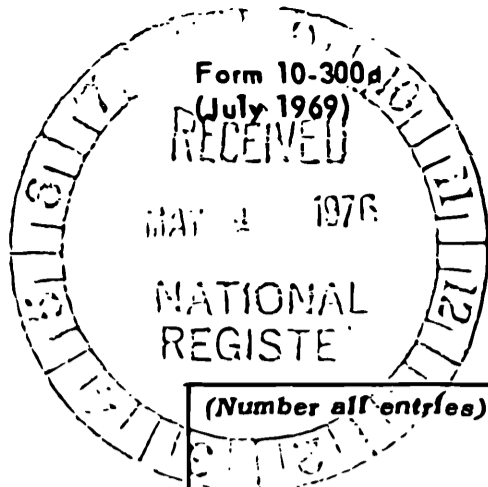
Grey clapboards cover all elevations; end boards are at all corners. The high gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles; the cornice of the facade and back elevation is boxed with sloped soffit. The rakings on the northeast and southwest gable ends have boxed plain cornices with returns and plain friezes. Two brick chimneys project from the northwest plane of the roof and are regularly placed offset right and offset left.

The wooden central entrance has two recessed panels with simple moulded rails, plain trim, and surrounds. A recessed multiple six-light transom and recessed side panels of five panes surround the door itself. The entrance is ornamented with plain Tuscan pilasters and entablature.

The fenestration of the facade and sides is regular and of (2/2) double-hung sash windows, having wooden surrounds, plain moulded trim, and lug sills. The back elevation has an irregular fenestration of two (2/2) double-hung sash windows, one of

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George Rogers House, Portsmouth, N.H.

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

Present Physical Appearance: continued

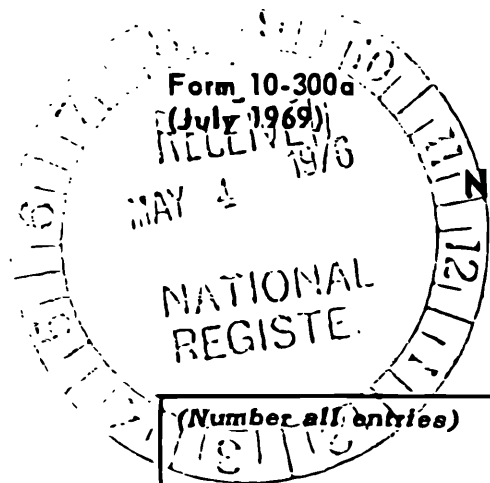
over the other in the center of the elevation, as well as a smaller (2/2) double-hung sash window to the left of the first-story window.

A one-story open white wooden porch is located offset left on the southwest elevation and projects beyond the back elevation. It is supported by four plain wooden posts and has a wooden foundation. Its flat roof is circumscribed by a boxed wooden cornice and undecorated frieze. The fenestration of this elevation is identical with the northwest elevation, except for the location of the porch entrance, offset left, with a two-panel door.

Original Physical Appearance: In February of 1839, Nathaniel Jackson, a farmer residing on Jackson's Hill at Portsmouth's Christian Shore (North Mill Pond) sold two-and-one-half acres, bounding on his own land, to George Rogers of Elliot, Maine. The triangular parcel bounded on the Piscataqua River at high water mark and along with the land, Jackson granted Rogers the privilege of constructing a brick yard there. Rogers immediately did so, for the 1839 Portsmouth Directory listed Rogers as a "brick manufacturer" located at the foot of Jackson Hill Street. The 1850 Portsmouth Directory listed Rogers as a "brick-maker" with a house on Jackson Hill Street and a list of residents of that street that year shows that only Rogers resided to the east of Nathaniel Jackson. H.F. Walling's 1850 map of Portsmouth shows three structures on Jackson Hill Road. The westernmost, probably Nathaniel Jackson's house, had a wing facing onto the street. Approximately eighty feet to the east and also bounding on the street was another building without wings. A very large semi-U shaped structure was located about three hundred feet to the east and toward the water from the latter of the two street buildings. J. Chace's 1957 Portsmouth map shows the same arrangement of buildings on the street, as well as the larger structure. The likelihood that the east building on Jackson Hill Road was the George Rogers residence is strengthened by the street listings in the Portsmouth Directories of the 1890's which are according to side of street, and show Rogers or his heirs consistently adjacent to, and east of Nathaniel Jackson. Thus, the date of construction of the George Rogers House might be placed between 1839 and 1850.

SPNEA undertook the removal of post-1920 asphalt shingles from the Rogers House as well as the repair of rotted sills in 1968, and in the process, brick nogging was exposed underneath the frame house's sheathing boards. Rogers had probably used some of the bricks he had manufactured at the Jackson Hill Street site

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

Original Physical Appearance: continued
in the construction of his own residence, which has remained substantially unaltered except for the porch addition.

¹Richard M. Candee, "Richard Jackson House, Land Title," manuscript in the SPNEA Jackson House Regular File, "History and Background" folder, states that the earliest contemporary description of the Richard Jackson House is found in 1690/91.

²Plan 76, Portsmouth City Hall Archives.

³Rockingham County Deed 293:49.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Portsmouth Directory (Portsmouth, N.H.: Joseph M. Edmunds, 1839), 65.

⁶Portsmouth Directory (Portsmouth, N.H.: Charles W. Brewster, 1851), 150. (Listings accurate as of October, 1850.)

⁷Ibid., 98.

⁸1850 Map of the City of Portsmouth, H.F. Walling, C.E., C.W. Brewster, Publisher, 1"=20 rods, Portsmouth City Archives.

⁹1857 Map of Rockingham County, J. Chace, Jr., C.E. (Philadelphia: Smith & Coffin, 1857), includes detail of Portsmouth, Rockingham County Courthouse.

¹⁰Portsmouth Directory (Boston, Mass.: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1890), 93.

Portsmouth Directory (Boston, Mass.: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1892), 83.

Portsmouth Directory (Boston, Mass.: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1895), 90.

Portsmouth Directory (Boston, Mass.: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1897) 83.

¹¹Insurance Maps of Portsmouth, New Hampshire (New York: Sanborn Map Co., 1920), Section 35. See Continuation Sheet 3

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

¹²SPNEA's Jackson House Regular File, "Supervisor of Properties 1957-1969" folder, properties report dated August 15, 1969.



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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
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) between 1839 and 1850			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p><u>Industry:</u></p> <p>When Nathaniel Jackson sold two-and-a-half acres of land at Christian Shore adjacent to his own land to George Rogers of Elliot, Maine, in February of 1839, the land came "with the privilege of building a Brick yard on the flat so far as is necessary for that purpose. Also the privilege of having what rocks is necessary off said flats for said Brick yard & for starting a cellar provided said rocks be taken away within three years." ¹ The <u>Portsmouth Directory</u> for that year, 1839, lists George Rogers as having a brick manufactory "at the foot of Jackson Hill Street" ², a listing also contained in the <u>1850 Portsmouth Directory</u>.³ The <u>1860/61 Directory</u> however, lists Rogers's occupation as "grocer" indicating the brick yard was in operation eleven years prior to the mid-century, but not more than nine after.⁴</p> <p>H.F. Wallings 1850 map of Portsmouth shows three structures on Jackson Hill Street.⁵ Assuming the westernmost building was occupied by Nathaniel Jackson, and is the current Richard Jackson House, and that the building approximately eighty feet to the east of it and next to the street was George Rogers's house, then the large semi-U shaped structure about three hundred feet to the east of Rogers, and toward the water may have been the manufactory itself. An archaeological survey could test this possibility.</p> <p>The George Rogers House, which contains brick nogging presumably manufactured by Rogers himself, and constructed as the residence of this man who had a nearby mid-nineteenth-century industry, stands as a relic of the industrial buildings and as a product of the industry.⁶</p> <p><u>Conservation:</u></p> <p>The two-and-one-half acres of land at Christian Shore which Nathaniel Jackson sold to George Rogers in 1839, and upon which Rogers built his house before 1850, had been in the Jackson family since the seventeenth-century.⁷ A group of people living "on the other side of Strawberry bank Creek" had petitioned for grants on Christian Shore, and the thirteen acres which Richard Seaward, Sr. received, he sold to his son-in-law, Richard Jackson.⁸</p> <p>See Continuation Sheet 4</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Candee, Richard M.. "Richard Jackson House, Land Title," MS in the SPNEA Jackson House Regular File, "History and Background" Folder.

1850 Map of the City of Portsmouth, H.F. Walling, C.E., C.W. Brewster, Publisher, 1"=20 rods.

1857 Map of Rockingham County, J. Chace, Jr., C.E., (Philadelphia: Smith & Coffin, 1857).

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "	43° 4' 53"	70° 46' 0"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.2

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Barbara Chapin

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: May 21, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
Codman House, Codman Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Lincoln** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: _____

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: [Signature]

Title: NH State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: July 7, 1975

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

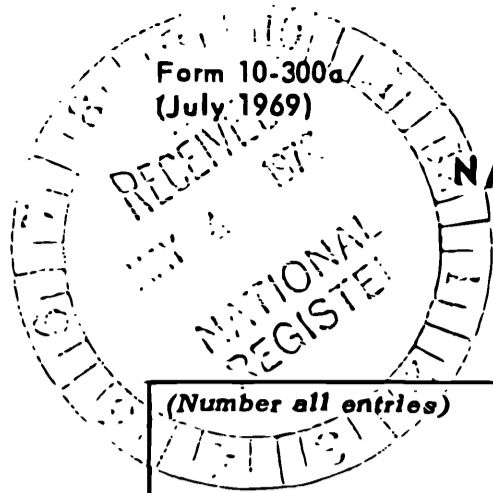
Date: 6/9/76

ATTEST: RBR for WJM
5/28/76

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5.28.76

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8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Conservation: (Continued)

The Jacksons apparently increased their holdings there so that by 1810, Nathaniel Jackson III, to whom ownership had⁹ passed, left sixty acres with the buildings thereon to his heirs. Subsequent sales, including the two-and-a-half acres sold to Rogers, as well as divisions, reduced the size of the Jackson homestead considerably. In 1924, when SPNEA acquired the Jackson homestead's Richard Jackson House, the land surrounding it was less than an acre.¹⁰ The adjacent Rogers House was in danger of being sold to a developer in 1959, so SPNEA purchased it for the purposes of using the house as resident overseers' quarters, of conserving the large orchard next to it, and of protecting the setting of the Richard Jackson House, designated a National Landmark in 1969.¹¹

¹Rockingham County Deed 293:49

²Portsmouth Directory (Portsmouth, N.H.: Joseph M. Edmunds, 1839) 65.

³Portsmouth Directory (Portsmouth, N.H.: Charles W. Brewster, 1850), 98, 150. (Listings accurate as of October, 1850.)

⁴Portsmouth Directory (Portsmouth, N.H.: Charles W. Brewster, 1860/61), 22.

⁵1850 Map of the City of Portsmouth, H.F. Walling, C.E., Charles W. Brewster, Publisher, 1"=20 rods, located at Portsmouth City Hall.

⁶The house directly across Northwest Street contains brick nogging according to its occupant. (SPNEA's Regular Jackson House File, "Supervisor of Properties '57-'69" Folder, Report dated 2/9/68.) A listing for a house on that site by 1860 suggests it may also contain Rogers's bricks, as it could have been built while the manufactory was still in operation. (Portsmouth Directory (Portsmouth, N.H.: C.W. Brewster, 1860/61), 22.)

⁷Richard M. Candee, "Richard Jackson House, Land Title,"
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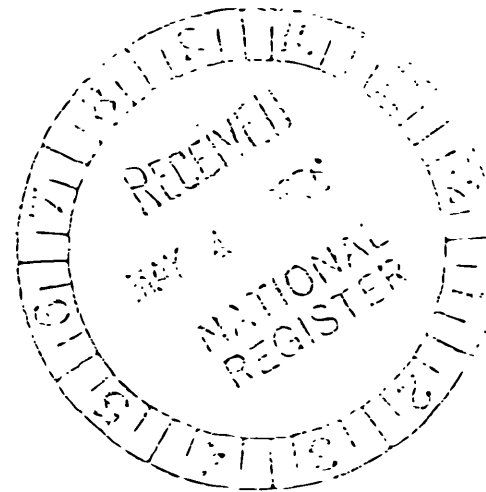
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⁸Ibid.

⁹Ibid.

¹⁰Rockingham County Deed 781:495.

¹¹SPNEA Jackson House Regular File, "1952-1959" Folder, Rosamond Thaxter to Bertram K. Little; "'59, '61-'62, '63, '69" Folder, Murray B. Nelligan to Bertram K. Little, May 26, 1969.



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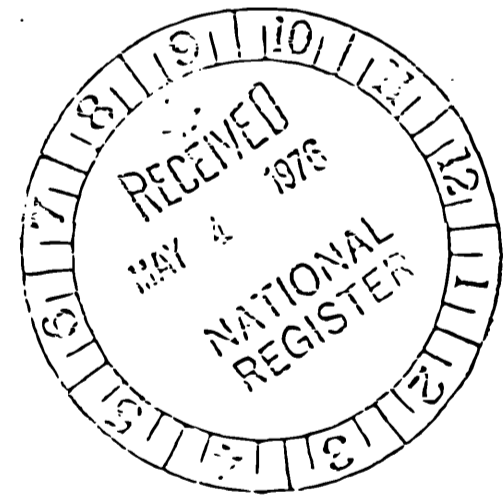
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10.2 UTM References

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