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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.

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 ware-houses, 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 ow

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George Rogers House, Portsmouth, N.H.

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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. 4 Rogers immediate+ ly 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. 7 H.F. Walling's 1850 map of Portsmouth shows three structures on Jackson Hill Road. 8 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 liklihood 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. 10 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, 11 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 Continuation Sheet 2

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George Rogers House, Portsmouth, N. H.

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

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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.

4 Ibid.

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

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

⁷<u>Ibid</u>, 98.

8 1850 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.

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

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

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



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The 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.)

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