

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This house has several notable features of the Greek Revival style. These include the wide fascia in the cornice and the heavy cornerboards and doorway which is flanked by pilasters. The entablature above the doorway is also definitely Greek Revival in nature. Several elements of this house might indicate an earlier Georgian design. The form of two stories with hipped roof in Georgian in character as are the window lintels. It is quite possible that this house dates from the late eighteenth century and was extensively remodeled by Capt. William Graves.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

In 1851 this house was owned by Captain William Graves. Graves was a merchant whose business was located at 8 Ferry Wharf. In 1869 Graves became president of the Bartlett Steam Mills located at 20 Pleasant Street. At the same time Graves was a justice of the peace and a director of the Merchant's National Bank.

Captain Graves was one of the owners of the Ship "Castillian" built by John Currier, Jr. in 1849, the Ship "Valent" built by Currier in 1853 and the Ship "Winona" built in 1862. Graves owned the house for over twenty years. The house stayed in the Graves family until very recently.

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