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NEW BEDFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING December 7, 2015

LOCATION: 22 Centre Street

APPLICANT: Dora Millikin

OVERVIEW: The property owner is seeking a modification to the Certificate of Appropriateness issued on 12.08.14 for the restoration and rehabilitation of 22 Centre Street.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The Caleb Spooner House, circa 1806, was originally located on the SW corner of North and Pleasant Street. It was moved to its current location in 1974 and its exterior was restored. The current owner is in the midst of rehabilitating both the interior and exterior of the structure and has based the scope of work according to the time period of the structure, as well as the physical evidence that has presented itself when walls have been opened.

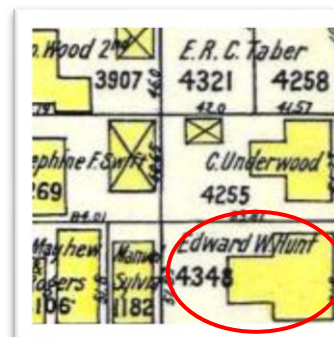
PROPOSAL: Relocate previously approved reproduction exterior door and retain a window based upon newly discovered historic evidence.

FOR BOARD MEMBER CONSIDERATION: Historic maps and physical evidence within the structure indicates that the building had a 1-1/2 story ell attached to the rear of the building. The ell was removed at the time of the building's siting on Centre Street. The proposed relocation of the previously approved door is based upon new information related to the rear ell addition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The property owner is executing a historically accurate restoration based on existing physical evidence, and the modification should be approved.



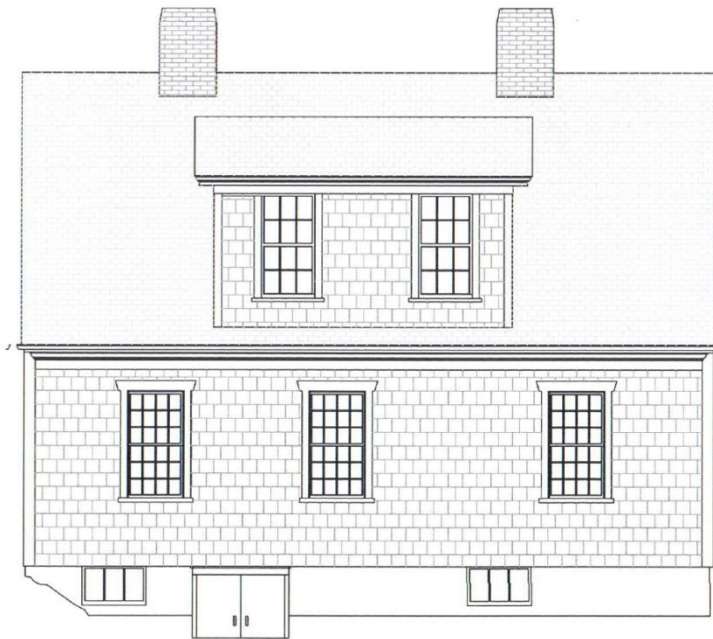
Caleb Spooner House at original location.



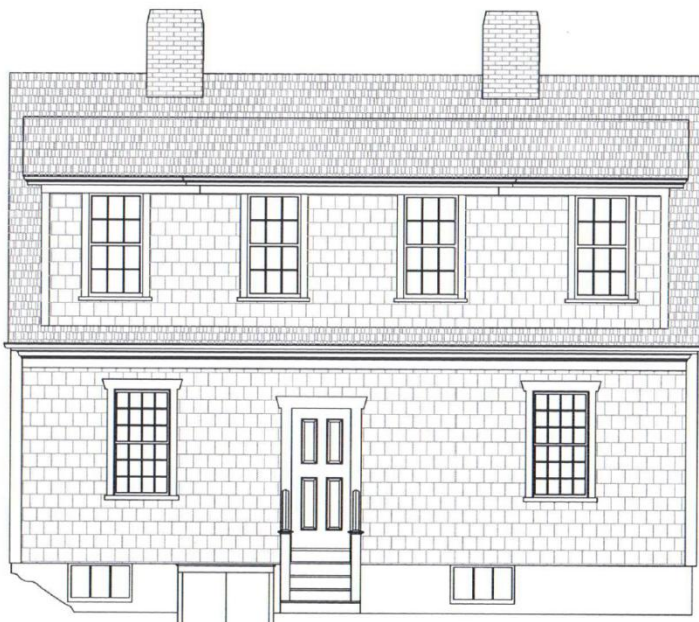
1895 Map



1876 Map



Current Facade



Approved façade by NBHC: December 2014



Proposed façade seeking modification to previously issued Certificate of Appropriateness.