

North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: **Onslow**

SSN: **ON0973**

Blockface#:

Quad: Swansboro
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Property Name: **Peter Ringware House**

Street or 911 Address: **209 Main Street West side**

Location Description:

Town/vicinity: **Swansboro**

District: **Swansboro Historic District (NR District) Contributing Building**

District Dates: NRdate: **3/16/1990** SLdate: **7/21/1988** DOEdate:

Local District: **Swansboro Local Historic District - ON0992**

☐ Recommended for SL ☒ StudyList SLDate: **9/19/1969** ☐ NR NRDate: **NR # None**
☐ DOE DOEdate:
DOE Type: Local Status: **None** Ownership: **Private**

Principal Resource Material Integrity: **High** Condition: **Good** Location Integrity: **Original**

Architectural Data: Date: **1778** Major Style Group: **Georgian-Federal**
Construction: **Timber Frame**
Ext. Material: **Weatherboard beaded** Later Covering: **None**
Height: **2-story** Roof: **Side gable** Plan: **Quaker** Form/Type (Domestic):
Arch., Builder, or Design Source: **Not specified**

Major Theme **Architecture** Sec Theme: **Exploration/Settlement**
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: **Domestic - single dwelling**

Narrative Summary:

[1990 National Register nomination] Peter Ringware House; possibly the oldest house in Onslow County, the Ringware House is a Georgian/Federal style five-bay house with engaged two-tier front and back porches, a large first floor room on one side of a center hall and a pair of rooms sharing a chimney on the other side. Most original interior and exterior hardware and woodwork survive. Early nineteenth century one-story rear kitchen and dining room, formerly semi-detached. Ringware was a captain. His house was owned by many prominent Swansboro citizens throughout the nineteenth century. Archaeological explorations undertaken in the 1960s suggested a late eighteenth century date of construction.

[2022 Survey Update] One of the two oldest extant house in Swansboro, and among the oldest in Onslow County, the Peter Ringware House, located at 209 Main Street, is a two-story, frame, quaker-plan dwelling constructed in 1778. The Georgian-style dwelling has a rectangular form composed of a side-gable main block on a raised ballast stone foundation; a two-story, engaged porch on the primary (northeast) elevation on a brick pier foundation; and a two-story, shed roof addition of the rear (southwest) elevation on a brick foundation. Most of the siding material throughout the dwelling is either plain or beaded weatherboards, which have been replaced. All roof sections are covered with prefabricated standing-seam metal with a metal ridge cap. An interior brick chimney is located at the southeast gable end of the main block, and an exterior brick chimney with paired shoulders is centered on the northwest elevation of the main block adjacent to the basement entry.

The primary elevation is four bays wide and is dominated by the full-width, two-story engaged porch. The

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porch is supported by plain square posts with a simple, square balustrade. The first floor of the porch is accessed by a set of wood steps off the southeast elevation. The six-panel, single-leaf front door, with a divided light transom, is located towards the south end of the façade. The second-story door is a replacement composed of nine divided lights over two panels. The windows on the first story of the primary elevation are the original nine-over-nine, double-hung, wood sashes accentuated by operable shutters. The windows on the second story are nine-over-six, double-hung, wood sashes. The remaining windows throughout the house are predominantly six-over-six replacement sashes. The rear elevation includes a gabled porch with wood stairs that leads to a single-leaf door composed of nine divided lights over panels and a divided light transom. The gabled roof is supported by chamfered posts spanned by a plain, square balustrade.

Outbuildings/Features

FeatureType	Construction	CircaDate	Condition	Contrib
Kitchen (detached)	Light Frame	1900	Fair	C

A detached kitchen lies roughly 25 feet southwest of the Peter Ringware House. The one-story, side-gable structure rests on a brick pier foundation and is faced with board and batten siding. The roof is clad with standing seam metal. The primary (northwest) elevation is two bays wide with a four-panel door in the southwest bay and a two-over-two, double-hung, wood-sash window in the northeast bay. Documentation in the survey file suggests that this building was previously semi-detached and dates to the early 19th century. Given its location relative to the Peter Ringware House, it is possible that it was moved within the property, but this could not be confirmed at the time of the fieldwork. Neither could its construction date be substantiated. The circa 1900 date listed above is based on the building's architectural features.

Garage	Light Frame	1990	Good
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Situated roughly 20 feet south of the Peter Ringware House, the rectangular building is clad with drop siding and capped by a gabled, standing seam metal roof. The primary (northwest) elevation is perforated by a modern, single-bay, roll-up garage door.

Actions

Year	Month	Surveyor	Action/Report
2022	03	Turco, Ellen (RGA)	Swansboro NRHD update

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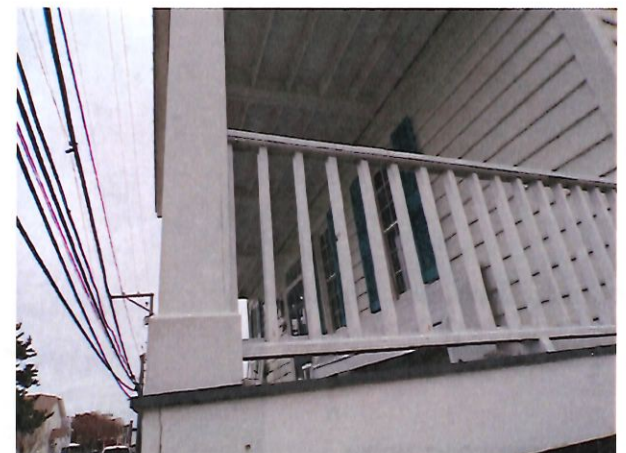
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