

FORM B - BUILDING

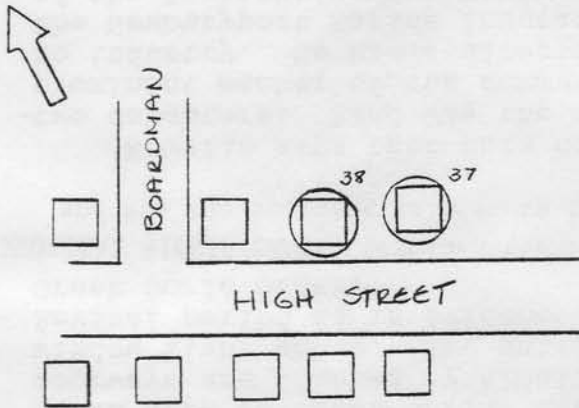
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Newburyport  
 Address 186-188 High Street  
 Historic Name Rand-Fleming House  
 Original Residence  
 Present Residence  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
                   Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Edward S. Rand

Location in relation to cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1790  
 Source Howells, "Architectural Heritage of the Merrimack"  
 Style Federal

Architect Unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboards  
 Outbuildings two carriage houses

Major alterations (with dates) additions at rear (dates unknown), doorways altered and portico added (mid-19th century.)  
 Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 30,000 sq. ft

Setting on Newburyport's main thoroughfare noted for its excellent examples of domestic architecture dating from the Colonial period through the early 20th century.

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

This Federal mansion was built as a double house and so has a six rather than a five bay facade. The building is nonetheless symmetrical with the three story hipped roof form characteristic of the Federal style. The small third story windows and the simple cornice and window lintels are also features of the Federal style. The original doors were replaced during the Greek Revival period and the present doorways are flanked by sidelights and pilasters with a large oblong window light above. The entrance portico also dates from the Greek Revival period, as is evidenced by the heavy entablature supported by the Greek Doric order.

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

Howells says that this house was built by Edward S. Rand for his two daughters. Rand was the owner of the house in 1851. He was a very prominent member of the community. His interests ranged from business to industry. He was a director for both the Newburyport Hosiery Co. and the Newburyport Marine Insurance Company. He was also an incorporator of the Institution for Savings. Rand also served as a selectman in Newburyport between 1813 and 1815. He helped to organize the Putnam Free School and was elected to the Massachusetts General Court in 1815, 1816, 1819, 1822, and 1835. In 1816 he was one of those incorporated under the title of the Merrimack River Association, the purpose of which was to build locks and canals at the falls of the Merrimack.

By 1872 the house had been sold to Charles H. Coffin, then president of the First National Bank on State Street.

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