

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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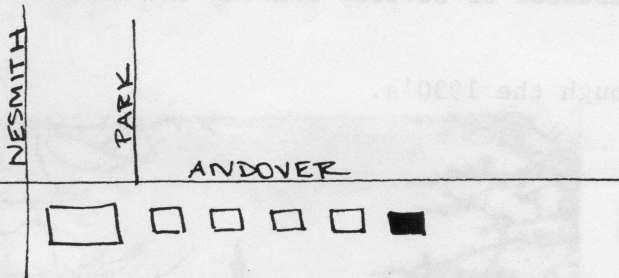


Lowell  
 ss 285 Andover Street  
 ric Name Jacob Rogers House  
 Original Residential  
 Present convent  
 ship: ☐ Private individual  
       Private organization  
       Roman Catholic Church  
 Public  
 Original owner Merrimack Manufacturing Company

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

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1895  
 Source see reverse  
 Style Colonial Revival  
 Architect  
 Exterior wall fabric brick veneer  
 Outbuildings carriage house, gazebo



Major alterations (with dates)  
 roof balustrade removed

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 1½

Setting Residential; set back on  
 spacious grounds

Recorded by Elizabeth Durfee Hengen

Organization DPD Architectural Survey

Date 1/81

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

Like other 19th century residences on Andover Street, this gracious residence takes full advantage of its site overlooking the Merrimack River and of its proximity to similarly elegant houses. Built in the Colonial Revival style popular in Belvidere in the 1890's, the house has a twin bow front, columned portico sheltering a Federal Revival entrance and three pedimented roof dormers. Its appearance has been marred in recent years due to "brick" asphalt siding.

The grounds are extensive and include a large carriage house and gazebo.

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

285 Andover Street stands on the site of the James Rand House, designed and occupied by the architect of the Lowell Jail. About 1875 the house was purchased by the Merrimack Manufacturing Company for use as an agent's residence. In 1894 the house was destroyed by fire due to faulty wiring and, the following year, the present building was constructed by the corporation.

The corporation used the new house for only a few years; by 1899 their agent was living next door at #305 and this house was sold to Jacob Rogers.

Born in Exeter, New Hampshire, Rogers (1829-1914) was from an illustrious New England family, one of whom was an early president of Harvard. With his brother John, Rogers ran a hardware store in Lowell until 1875 when he was elected president of The Railroad National Bank, a position he held for 15 years. Rogers was also treasurer of The Lowell Gas Light Company for over 30 years and director of several banking and manufacturing corporations.

The property remained in the family at least through the 1930's.

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