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Captain Asa Deming House
Rocky Hill, Connecticut

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
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CAPTAIN ASA DEMING HOUSE

Rocky Hill, Hartford County, Connecticut

Owner: Mr. William A. Berry, Danvers, Massachusetts

Date of erection: 1785

Architect and builder: Not known

Present Condition: In fair condition as originally built.

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Stone foundations
Clapboard sidewalls
Shingle roof
Brick chimney, stone foundation (2)
Interior paneling of pine

Other Existing Records: Colonial Dames Series: "Old Houses of
Connecticut"

List of Photographs:

1. Front entrance porch
2. Southeast Elevation
3. Northwest Elevation
4. Stairway (Looking West)
5. Sitting Room (West Wall)
6. Parlor (West Wall)
7. Chamber (Northeast Wall)

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The Captain Asa Deming House was built in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, in 1785. The present owner is Mr. William A. Berry of Danvers, Mass. The house is in a poor state of preservation and it is expected that it will be soon moved to Massachusetts.

The house consists of two and one-half stories, stone foundations, clapboard sidewalls, wood shingle roof, brick chimneys with stone foundations and excellent interior panelling, mostly of pine.

It is probable that the Deming family descended from Deacon John Deming, born in England. The Demings were mostly well to do, of good estates and men of weight in the community.

The Asa Deming House was one of the finest built in Stepney Parish. Asa Deming was a sea captain, bringing up the river his own cargoes in his own schooner, and it is said that the woodwork of the boat and his house were of the same finish. Mr. Deming was a riverside merchant for a great many years and from the front of his house could watch the Connecticut River.

Source of information: Colonial Dames Series: "Old Houses of Connecticut".

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