

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Strafford Rockingham Regional Council

1 Water Street, Exeter, New Hampshire

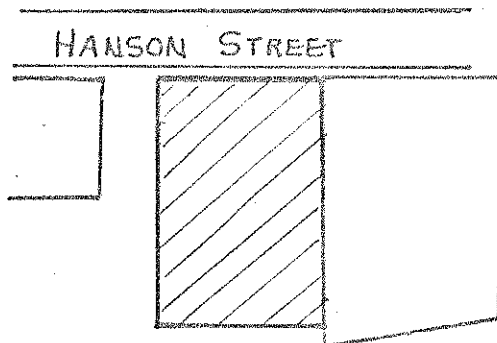
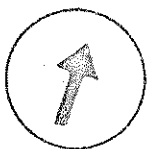
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<p>TOWN: Rochester      COUNTY: Strafford</p> <p>SURVEY NUMBER: 44</p> <p>COMMON NAME: Sanborn/McDuffee Furniture</p> <p>HISTORIC NAME: Farrington Block</p> <p>LOCATION: 19 Hanson Street</p> <p>OWNER: Robert Lacasse</p> <p>ADDRESS: 19 Hanson St., Rochester, NH</p> <p>MAP &amp; PARCEL #: 51/200      120-386</p> <p>DATE: c. 1880</p> <p>SOURCE: Inspection</p> <p>STYLE: Italianate</p>	<p>UTM: Z 19 /E 339810 /N 4796360</p> <p>USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series</p> <p>FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial</p> <p>PRESENT USE: Commercial</p> <p>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown</p> <p>CONDITION: Exc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins</p> <p>INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (When: <input type="text"/>)</p> <p>Major alterations &amp; date: storefront altered.</p> <p>LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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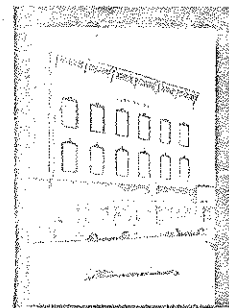
**GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System**

1. FOUNDATION: Stone ☐ Brick ☒ Concrete ☐ Concrete Block ☐ Stone or Brick
2. WALL STRUCTURE: Wood Frame ☐ Post & Beam ☐ Ballon Frame ☒ Other ☐  
     Load Bearing Masonry ☐ Stone ☐ Brick ☐ Concrete Block ☐ Other ☐  
     Metal ☐ Iron ☐ Steel ☐ Other ☐
3. WALL COVERING: Clapboard ☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Shiplap ☐ Aluminum ☐  
     Novelty ☐ Stucco ☐ Stone ☐ Brick ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Asphalt Shingles ☒ Vinyl ☐  
     Asphalt Sheeting ☐ Composite Board ☐ Other ☐ Flush Board/Facade ☐
4. ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Shingle ☐ Standing Seam Tin ☒ Slate ☐  
     Pressed Metal ☐ Sheet Metal ☐ Rolled Asphalt ☐ Other ☐
5. ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:
6. OTHER:  
     # of Stories 3 # of Bays 6 Approx. Dimensions 60' x 70'  
     Roof Style: Gable ☐ Hip ☐ Gambrel ☐ Flat ☒ Shed ☐ Mansard ☐ Jerkinhead ☐  
     Monitor ☐ Sawtooth ☐ Other ☐  
     Appendages: Porches ☐ Towers ☐ Dormers ☐ Bay Windows ☐ Ells ☐ Chimneys ☐  
     Wings ☐ Cupolas ☐ Sheds ☐ Garage ☐ Other ☐  
     Entry Location: Center ☐ Sidehall ☐ Other ☒

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Facade/South-west

Photographer: Roger Brevoort  
 Negative with: S.R.R.C.

Negative File Number: R-80-A7-18a-19

#### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Dating C. 1870 the Farrington Block illustrates Italianate commercial architecture. The roofline is highlighted by a projecting bracketed cornice supported on paired brackets. The symmetrical five bay facade features segmental-arched window surrounds with keystones on the second story and rectangular frames with rounded corners on the third story. The facade is sheathed with flush boarding, and is a lighter color than the window trim, a color scheme appropriate to the period.

#### RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

The Farrington Block is similar in size to the adjacent Masonic Temple. The two buildings are dominant features of the commercial streetscape on the south side of Hanson Street.

#### BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: (LOT SIZE) 50 X 97

#### REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee  
Atlas

MAP DATA: Bird's Eye 1884 1892 - J. Farrington Sanborn Map 1892-"clothing, upholstery, printing"

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Farrington block is perhaps the finest surviving example of Italianate commercial architecture in Rochester Square. Its notable features include the bracketed cornice and elaborate window surrounds appropriately painted to contrast with the flush board siding of the facade.

It was built by Dr. Farrington C. 1885. It was then sold to the McDuffee family and became the Hanscom/McDuffee and later the Sanborn/McDuffee furniture store, and is still in the same use as the Sanborn furniture store.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land ☐ Woodland ☐ Scattered Bldgs ☐ Moderately Built Up ☒  
Densely Built Up ☐ Residential ☐ Commercial ☒ Industrial ☐ Agricultural ☐  
Roadside Strip Development ☐ Other ☐

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/19/80