

JOHN BROWN HOUSE  
52 Power Street  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Ownership

Present Owner (Dec. 9, 1941): Rhode Island Historical  
Society  
Previous Owner: John Nicholas Brown

Date of Erection: 1786 to 1788

Architect:

Builder: John Brown

Present Condition: Good. The Historical Society does not

contemplate many changes in the structure but will occupy it with its offices and collection of antiques and documents. It is proposed to have the building open to the public daily. The basement will be used for storage, and the remainder of the house not required for offices and quarters for the personnel of the Society will be furnished as a museum to display the antiques.

Number of Stories: 3½ stories

Materials of Construction: Brick

Description: Large square brick building; hip roof with flat deck; 4 end chimneys; 3 story ell; center entrance; center hallway, 54' x 50'; wood floors

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