

Stairway in Ransom House
Castleton, Vermont

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STAIRWAY IN RANSOM HOUSE
Castleton, Rutland County, Vermont

Owner Raymond C. Ransom
South Street
Castleton, Vermont

Date of erection 1811

Architect ^{REYNOLDS}
Thomas ~~Royal~~ Duke

Builder ^{REYNOLDS}
Thomas ~~Royal~~ Duke

Present Condition This stairway is in excellent condition at present and the house in which it is located is also in excellent condition both exterior and interior.

Material of Construction Rail, balusters and newels are all made of Black Walnut wood. Treads and risers are of Birch wood. Risers are painted white and treads painted light grey at present.

ADDITIONAL DATA

The house in which this stairway is located was built by Noadiah Granger and his son in their spare time for themselves, both Granger and his son were fine carpenters. They made all the moldings and panelings by hand. Although they were fine carpenters they hired Thomas ^{REYNOLDS} ~~Royal~~ Duke to design and build the stairway. This house had a secret hide-out for slaves in the days of the underground railroad. It took a number of years to erect the house.

Approved: Catherine H. Smith
District Engineer