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Originally situated on the Boston Post Road and on the eighteenth century New London Waterfront, the house was three stories of granite with unfinished cellar, two end chimneys, a small attic, and a three story wooden annex. In 1840 a granite annex replaced the wooden one (burned in 1781), a full-front one story portico was added and balustrades along the edges of the roofs of both annex and the main house. At this time also the interiors were plastered and papered.

The house has a Georgian central plan with central first and second floor halls with rooms to each side. However, the symmetrical plan of the house is centered slightly to one side of the structure, there being three windows to one side of the front door and two to the other. The main facade has the original thirteen Portland brown stone steps and wrought iron railings and fence of unknown vintage. The front hall is in two sections with a back door directly opposite the front door, opening onto a garden. The staircase is in two flights with an upstairs hall lighted by a large double window overlooking the garden and an unbroken mahogany banister with an "S" curve newel post. In the first floor there are evidences of Georgian paneling, which has been plastered over.1

On a knoll in the center of the rear garden is a charming gazebo, from which there was a fine prospect of the town. The New London Garden Club has restored the gardens to their original form, and memorial plantings have been contributed.

This description has been taken in most part directly from the HABS Survey Form CONN-210, recorded by Philip Saunders, Jr. January, 1956.



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Captain Shaw, who came to New London about 1722, started a career sailing vessels from this port. He soon became a master and owner, and his successful ventures enabled him to establish a lucrative mercantile business. In January 1756 a ship load of dispossessed Acadians from Nova Scotia reached the port and Captain Shaw helped with rehabilitation by engaging thirty-five of them to quarry stone from his land and build his house.

When Benedict Arnold burned New London in 1781, a portion of the building was destroyed, but most of it was saved by the prompt action of the neighbors....

Members of the Shaw family owned the property until 1907, when it was purchased by the New London County Historical Society. Numerous pieces of furniture owned by the Shaws, as well as silver, china and books are on display. There is also a superb collection of letters and manuscripts. The room that was once occupied by General George Washington is maintained as a memorial.

H.F. Randolph Mason, <u>Historic Houses of Connecticut</u>. Stonington, Conn.: The Pequot Press, Inc., 1966, p. 51.

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