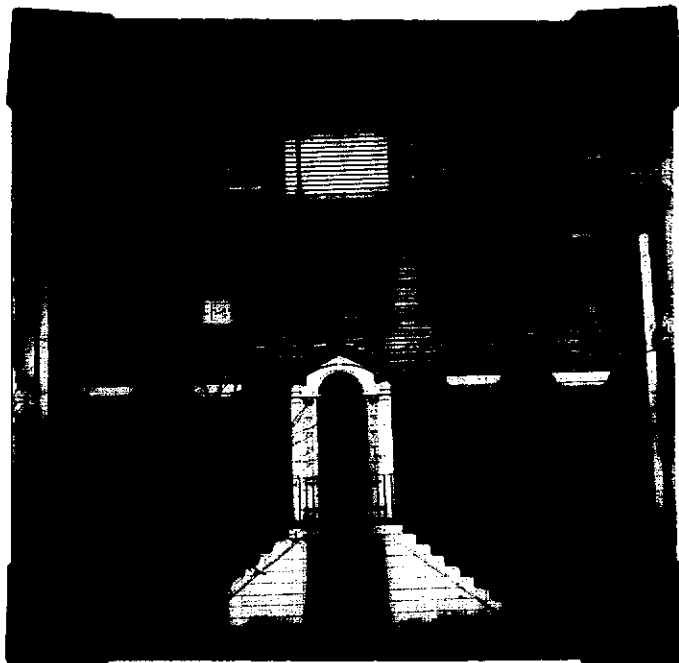


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#106 ANGELL STREET....Brick ends.

Built by William Holroyd in 1798

William Holroyd House.



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Records of

Plat 10
Lot 261

#106 ANGELL STREET...Wood..Brick Ends

The William Holroyd House

#42 in 1847

#106 in 1896

1797 For \$363, Moses Brown sells to William Holroyd, ^{attorney} one lot of land on the Hill in Providence bounded: S by Angell Street 60'; W by Samuel Eddy 120'; E by said Brown with privilege of getting to N part through said Brown's land where he proposes in some future time to open a street or way. Holroyd is to fence the whole lot except $\frac{1}{2}$ of W line adjoining Eddy and to leave to the said Brown all the fencing stuff and stones on the surface of said lot. When the lot on the E side is occupied as a house lot, the owner is to fence $\frac{1}{2}$ at that time. DB 24.386

1798 CHACE:..William Holroyd..house on Angell Street; W on Samuel Eddy. Lot of land on the N side of Angell Street 60'x120'...unfinished house 40'x34'..2 stories, ends of brick...front and back of wood...(U S Tax List.)

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~~1811~~ William Holroyd sells the above property for \$4000 to Nicholas Brown and Thomas Poynton Ives, merchants, together with the Dwelling House..35.138

1807 Fire Record *

1814 PROVIDENCE DIRECT TAX: William Holroyd N side of Angell Street..60' front and extends N 120'; W by Samuel Eddy...N and E by Moses Brown with a Dwelling House 40'x34'...wood front and rear...ends of brick 2 stories high.

1844 Nicholas Brown et al, devisees of Nicholas Brown set off to the devisees of Thomas Poynton Ives...."also one other lot of land with the Dwelling House and buildings on the N/ly side of Angell Street, being 60' on said Street and extending back 120', being the same Estate William Holroyd sold to Brown and Ives in 1811"...DB 88.293

1858 Charlotte R Goddard, Moses B and Robert H Ives set off to Robert H Ives the Holroyd Estate, so-called on the N/ly side of Angell Street..DB 152.49

1859 Robert H Ives sells for \$6000 to John Carter Brown a lot of land with house adn. buildings and is the same estate conveyed to grantor by deed of partition in 1858 (DB 152.49)...DB 154.200

1888 Trustees ; T P Goddard, M B I Goddard, George R Matteson, Sophia A Brown u/w John Carter Brown sell to John Nicholas Brown et al.."those 2 lots of land known as the Holroyd Estate and the Mason Lot...DB 347.277

1906 George W R Matteson, trustee delegates to his co-trustees William Watts Sherman and Robert H I Goddard...DB 482.45

* 1807 Fire Record - Wm Holroyd - n.s. Angell - 25th. Brick & wood & chimney. Ends of brick 40' fr. & 30' to n. Self occ.
FR. Vol 1 - #5 more.....

1814 Fire Record - Vol 4 - #1398

1821 Police " - Vol 1 - # 3...

#106 ANGELL STREET...continued

- 1908 William W Sherman et al, trustees of the estate of Sophia Augusta (Brown) Sherman sell to Eliza Gammell, wife of Robert I Gammell, a certain lot of land with Dwelling House, bounded: Beginning 49.25' W of Brown Street thence running W on Angell Street 61.23'; W by Alexis Caswell 118.58'; N by Olive Street 60.60'; E by Mary C Wheeler 119.64' ...DB 499.322
- 1920 Eliza A H Gammell, unmarried, sells the above property to Sarah W and Henry Dunnell...DB 599.260
- 1946 Sarah W Dunnell sells the above property to Robert Leeson...DB 910.469
- 1962 Robert Leeson sells to Helen W Clapp a certain lot of land with Dwelling House bounded: Beginning 49.25' W from Brown Street and running W on Angell Street 61.23'; W by Standish Realty Company 118.58'; N by Olive Street 60.60'; E by Hillel House 119.64' ...DB 1113.360

Occupants of #106 ANGELL STREET....

- 1798 to 1830 William, William jr, John and Joseph Holroyd
- 1844 to 1891 J W Smith, attorney and lawyer - #42
1887:
- 1892 Not listed
- 1894 Robert Taft - 1895 - #42
- #106 1896 to 1911 Harriet and Louise Hoppin and Mrs S Chapin
- 1912 to 1917 Charles A Kilvert
- 1918 to 1932 Henry Dunnell, broker
- 1933 to 1935 Noel Field
- 1937 to 1938 Allen Rogers
- 1939 to 1945 Vacant
- 1946 Arnold Porter
- 1947 to 1962 Robert Leeson, industrialist
- 1962..... Mrs Donald Clapp

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HABS No. RI-180

WILLIAM HOLROYD HOUSE

Address: 106 Angell Street, Providence, Providence County,
Rhode Island.
Flat 10, Lot 261.

**Present Owner
and Occupant:** Robert Leeson

Present Use: Dwelling.

**Brief Statement
of Significance:** This is a well preserved house built in 1798 with
interesting interior detail.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners:

1797 For \$363, Moses Brown sells to William Holroyd, one lot of land on the hill in Providence bounded: S by Angell St. 60'; W by Samuel Eddy 120'; E by said Brown with privilege of getting to N part through said Brown's land where he proposes in some future time to open a street or way. Holroyd is to fence the whole lot except 1/2 of W line adjoining Eddy and to leave to the said Brown all the fencing stuff and stones on the surface of said lot. When the lot on the E side is occupied as a house lot, the owner is to fence 1/2 at that time. Deed Book 24, page 386, in Providence City Hall.

1798 Henry R. Chase, Owners and Occupants of the Lots, Houses and Shops in the Town of Providence, Rhode Island in 1798 Located on Maps of the Highways of that Date (Providence, 1914) lists an unfinished house here for William Holroyd.

1798 Tax List: Holroyd William; House on Angell W on Samuel Eddy Lot of land N side of Angell 60' x 120'. Unfinished house 40' x 34'. 2 stories, ends of brick, front and back of wood.

1811 William Holroyd sells for \$4000 to Nicholas Brown and Thomas Fynton Ives, merchants, the same property together with dwelling house. Deed Book 35, page 138 in Providence City Hall.

- 1824 John, William, William, Jr., and Joseph Holroyd lived here. . Providence Directory.
- 1828 Same Holroyds still living here but not in 1830. . Providence Directory.
- 1854 Property taxed to Thomas P. Ives Hairs.
- 1879 Property taxed to John Carter Brown estate.
- 1888 Property taxed to John Nicholas Brown et al trustees.
- 1900 W. R. Matteson et al trustees.
- 1909 William W. Sherman et al trustees.
- 1920 Sarah W. Dunsall wife of Henry.
- 1947 Robert Landon taxed for property.

2. Date of erection: 1798.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

- 1. Architectural character: This is a medium sized two-and-a-half-story frame house, built in 1798, with clapboard front and back and brick end walls, with much original interior detail.
- 2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

- 1. Overall dimensions: 40' x 34' deep, five bays, two-and-a-half stories, facing south.
- 2. Foundations: Brick in front, fieldstone sides and rear.
- 3. Wall construction: Heavy timber construction with corner posts exposed on interior. Clapboards front and rear; brick end walls, common bond.

4. **Stoops:** Lot slopes up to back yard with cellar at ground level at front and with first floor at ground level at rear requiring high entrance stoop, double symmetrical flights of stairs against house, 10 and 12 steps, wood single iron rail, door to cellar underneath.
5. **Chimneys:** Four brick chimneys in brick end walls.
6. **Openings:**
 - a. **Doorways and doors:** Six-panel main entrance door, Doric frontispiece, fluted pilasters, pediment, side lights and semicircular top light. Two leaf paneled wood cellar door under entrance stoop. Six-panel rear door from central hall, top lighted, single wood frame. Kitchen door from small enclosed wood porch on east side.
 - b. **Windows and shutters:** Six over six light double hung windows, milled wood frames. Flat, splayed wood lintels on first floor, milled wood lintels on second floor continuous with cornice bed mold. Adjustable louvered shutters. Some rear windows apparently altered: Rear parlor windows now six over nine light with low sills; two rear kitchen windows connected with an additional window to form a group of three.
7. **Roof:**
 - a. **Shape, covering:** Gable, tile.
 - b. **Cornice, eaves:** milled wood cornice, returned slightly at gable ends.
 - c. **Downs:** Two gabled downs on south front, corner pilasters, six over six light windows, connected by a later shed roofed, clapboarded section.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. **Floor plans:** Central hall, four-room plan, with hall divided with front and rear stairs, two west parlors now joined as one room, dining room at the southeast, kitchen in northeast which has undergone various changes

and main ornament, molded handrail, slender turned balusters and newels, two balusters per step. Back stair, enclosed straight run, continues to third floor.

3. Staircase: 1880s style staircase, apparently not original.

4. Wall and ceiling finishes: Plaster, finished or papered.

5. Windows and doors: On first floor front door, four-pane glass door, solid, double trim, double transoms in original opening, situated on one side of porch.

6. Trim: Moulded cornice with base of casing in west parlor, solid cornice elsewhere. Moulded chair rail with band of pattern in parlor on dining room, chair rail in hall with solid decorative base. Moulded pediment in parlor, vertical fluted pilasters between (at the corner posts, fluted, etc.) have vertical fluted mold.

7. Hardware: Brass door knobs and locks throughout first floor, very original in on front door, others modern.

8. Lighting: Modern.

9. Heating: Central heat plus original fireplaces. South-side porch is covered, supported brick columns, high entablature with decorative molding and walling, molded cornice with solid fluted and base and mold. Porch roof is gabled structure, solid connected to main house. High plate glass windows, molded cornice with solid fluted and base, flat paneled windows with decorative high entablature with cornice, high entablature and walling. Moulded mantel shelf. Porch has brick walls, steps and base. Three windows, paneled on second floor, and closed, molded cornice, decorative base, solid mantel shelves, with no painted decorations.

B. Site

1. General setting: House sits on the slightly elevated one story at the front with floor at ground level at rear. On a narrow lot, garden in rear.

2. Enclosures: Wood fences at sides and rear.

3. Walks: Asphalt public sidewalks in front; brick, flagstone and gravel walks in rear.

4. Landscaping: Semiformal rear yard with low fieldstone retaining walls, lawn, trees, flowers, and shrubs, laid out in a symmetrical oval shape.