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The CONGDON FAMILY

#22 Angell Street.

Benjamin Congdon was the first Congdon in this country. He was born in 1650, married Elizabeth Albro and settled in Portsmouth, King's Town Rhode Island. They had six children, one of whom was James who was born in 1666 and died in 1757.

James was married three times. His second wife was Dorcas Westcott by whom he had three children, one of whom was Joseph who was born in 1733 (killed by lightning in 1805)

Joseph married Susannah Cross in 1751. They migrated to Providence in 1780 and lived on Ives Street. He started a hardware and iron business here in 1790. They had fifteen children, one of whom was Jonathan born in 1763.

Jonathan married Elizabeth Arnold in 1787. He continued the business of his father. Jonathan and Elizabeth had nine children, five of whom were Gilbert, Samuel, Charles, Welcome and Arnold. Their daughter Phoebe married Effingham Lawrence Capron. Phoebe and Effingham's daughter, Laura married George L Collins M D in 1848. *

1854 The property at #22 Angell Street was taxed to Lydia Congdon^{don,}, widow

1879 George L Collins Estate was taxed for the property and to the following persons in the year designated:

1893 Eliza and Laura Collins

1931 Laura Collins and was in the Congdon family until

1937 R I School of Design purchased this property

* From; Congdon Genealogy ..c.76...R I Hist Society

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Records of

Plat 10
Lot 537

#22 Angell Street...Wood

1785 Moses Brown and Nathan Waterman, executors u/w James Angell, sell for \$190 to John Grainger, taylor, a certain lot of land bounded: S by Angell Street 40'; N by Nathan Angell 40'; E by a cross Lane. (Congdon St) 100'; W 100'...Deed Book 1785

1786 John Grainger, taylor, sells for 580 gallons of good merchantable mollasses to Nathan Waterman a certain house lot together with a Dwelling House "wherein I now live" bounded: S by Angell Street 40'; W by the late James Angell 100'; N by David Howell 40'; E by a gangway 100' it being the same lot I bought of Moses Brown and Nathan Waterman executors u/w of James Angell in 1785...DB 21.427
NOTE: Nathan Waterman sets over to Jonathan Congdon all his title and interest in the above mortgaged property.

* 1798
1814 PROVIDENCE DIRECT TAX; (To pay for the War of 1812) Jonathan Congdon: The lot is 40' x 100'. S by Angell Street; E by a 40' Street; N by David Howell; S by William Almy...The House is 22' x 28'...2 stories high. (not this present house)

→ 1818 " In this year Jonathan Congdon built the house at the corner of Angell and Congdon Streets, the street being named after him. This house was built on the site of the little house where he lived after his marriage in 1787" Congdon Gen. c 76...R I Hist Soc

1824 POLICY RECORD: Jonathan Congdon..N side Angell Street..being the Dwelling House in which he resides" .. wood..39' x 34'. Addition 11' x 20'..all 2 stories high front and rear..PR 8.4423

⊕ 1836 1830 Policy Record - Vol 8 - #4423

1847 WILLS: Arnold Congdon: "I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydis, in lieu of dower in my real estate, a lot of land and Dwelling House on the corner of Angell and Congdon Streets, being the same now occupied by us and part by my beloved parents for her natural life" Upon her death the property was to go to his brother Welcome, the Welcome's children, then to Welcome's Children's children. Wills 15.406

1852 POLICY RECORD: Welcome Congdon...wood..N side Angell Street..39' x 34'..Addition 17' x 32'..all 2 stories high..Occ for a DH..PR 48.20817

* 1798 CHACE INDEX CARDS: Jonathan Congdon: S on Angell Street; N on David Howell..situated on the Hill E of the Town on a gangway funning N from Angell Street..House in bad repair...22' x 28'..2 stories..wood..Lot 26' x 40'..(not the present house)

1854 Property wastaxed to Lydia Congdon, widow (life estate) and was in the Congdon family until

1937 The R I School of Design was taxed for this property

⊕ 1836 PR Vol 16 - #7215