

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

Plat 30
Lot 573

16 ARCH STREET

Built by Samuel B. Swan in 1867

1867 Tax Ledger indicates that this property, owned by George W. Chapin, contains no dwelling as of April 1 (Tax Ledger B1.405).

On May 15 George W. Chapin sells to Samuel B. Swan for \$1000 a certain lot of land situated in the western part of the city of Providence on a plat of the Dexter Estate which plat is on record... in book of Plats No. 2 Page 31 ... being lot numbered 32 on said plat (Deed Book 177.453). It contains 3871 square feet.

Tax Ledger shows that on June 1 there is a building valued at \$3000 on the property which is now owned by Samuel B. Swan (TL B5.71).

1868 Providence Directory lists Samuel B. Swan, a clerk at Dyer, corner Dorrance, for the first time at 6 Calvin (later 16 Calvin, then 16 Arch) Street.

Tax Cards at Providence City Hall list these subsequent owners:

1890 Annie B. Swan widow

1920 Annie B. Swan Estate

1920 Harriet S. Gale wife Charles A.

1953 Harriet S. Gale Estate

1960 Samuel B. Swan

1962 Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital

1964 Alfred A. Adjahoe, Juanita G. Adjahoe, Marie P. Quearles and Edgar E. Adjahoe JT (DB 1128.295)

Note: Although the tax records do not indicate this, it seems likely that Chapin may have started building this house before he sold the property to Swan. The \$1000 paid him by Swan was more than the value of the land at that time and it would have been difficult for Swan to have built the house between May 15 and June 1.

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