

Providence Preservation Society

House History

for

57 Barnes Street

Plat 10

Lot 515

Plat Lot 32

The Alice W. Adams House

Built 1912

Jackson, Robertson, Adams, Architects

- 1836 June 28. This area was owned by the late Joanna Barnes, was surveyed and platted by B. Lockwood. It was recorded on November 14, 1837, in Plat Book 1 page 30, card 10 and entitled the Plat of the Homestead Estate of the late Joanna Barnes. The lots were 50' X 95' more or less.
- 1886 November. The area was redrawn (larger lots) by George C. Tingley, Civil Engineer and renamed the Dr. Edward H. Clarke Plat on Thayer, Keene, and Barnes Streets.
- 1895 Atlas of Providence by Everts & Richards of Philadelphia, Plat 28 shows no house on this lot.
- 1908 Atlas. Plate 6 shows no house owned on this lot owned by John Heathcote. Heathcote lived at 51 Barnes and owned the Heathcote machine builders at 46 Clifford Street, corner of Eddy. Between 1895 and 1918 maps show that some replatting took place. Lot sizes changed as houses were built.
- 1912 June 15. The property was sold to Alice W. Adams. (Tax ledgers).
- 1912 June 15. An Intention to Build was filed by Alice Adams. Certificate #1165 was issued for her to have built a new wood dwelling house, 2½ stories high. C.A. Bergstrom, builder; Jackson & Robertson, Adams, Architects. Est. cost - \$8,000.
- 1912 Directory of Providence shows Alice W. Adams lived at 82 Prospect Street with her sister Abbie and brother Benjamin B.
- 1913/14 Directories show the house was built and occupied by the Misses Alice W. Adams, Abbie W. Adams and Benjamin B. Adams. Mr. Adams was associated with the Henry W. Cook Real Estate Co.

- 1915 Alice Adams requested a permit to build a garage at the rear of her property. Certificate #1133 was issued.
- 1927 March tax ledgers show the property was passed to Benjamin B. Adams.
- 1928 July 10. Deed Book 717.25 recorded December D.B. 940.290 shows the transfer of property from the Estate of Benjamin B. Adams to Mary Adams wife of Ernest G. Adams. John Henshaw was executor of the will of Benjamin Adams. Mr. Adams acquired the premises as residuary Legatee under the will of Alice W. Adams as Abby W. Adams predeceased Alice W. Adams.

Ernest Adams was Trust Investment Officer at Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank. (Directory 1937). The Adams family occupied this dwelling from 1912 to 1949.

- 1948 July 2. The property was transferred to Anne Galagher Putnam from the Adams (D.B. 940.290) The 1949 Directory shows Hugh T. Putnam and his wife Ann living at the Barnes Street address. He was associated with Universal Winding Co.
- 1955 Aug. 1. D.B. 1039.259. Anne G. Putnam to John L. Clark and Cherry his wife sold this property described as being 326' 12" from the easterly corner of Brown Street, bounding on a 20' gangway leading to Thayer Street, comprising the whole of plat lot 32 and the easterly 25' or $\frac{1}{2}$ of plat lot 31.
- 1988 Jan. 12. Probate Record #82629. Cherry N. Clark was granted the property as surviving partner.
- 1990 July 13. D.B. 2266.130. This became the property of Thomas G. Weiss and Priscilla Read.