

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

Plat 49

Lot 306

571 BROAD STREET

Built by Israel B. Mason in 1869 - *This house now on
Dartmouth St.*

- 1866 Israel B. Mason, a pork packer at 86 Clinton Street, buys property on the northwest corner of Broad Street and Lawrence Street, now Dartmouth Avenue, from Sylvester G. Martin in a deed dated April 25, 1866; deed citation unknown (See Deed Book 568.46). In 1873 Israel Mason adds to this tract property on the north side of Lawrence Street purchased from Seth F. Winch; the property purchased from Winch is listed as lot 232 on a plan of an estate belonging to Gershom Turner, recorded in plat book 9, page 16 (Deed Book 242.331). The entire Mason tract is described in a 1917 deed as being situated "on the northwest corner of Broad Street and Dartmouth Avenue . . . , being lots numbered . . . (232), . . . (233), . . . (234), . . . (235) and . . . (236) on 'Plat of an estate belonging to Gershom Turner situated in Providence and Cranston surveyed and platted April 15, 1846 by Atwater & Schubarth', a copy of which plat being recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds . . . in Plat Book 9, page 16 and also on plat card 243 (Deed Book 568.46). *Present 571
Broad in 1866*
- 1869 Tax records show for the first time a building valued at \$8,000 on the property purchased by Mason (Tax Ledger B3.372).
- 1917 W. H. Graham Corp. buys the property from Edward H. Mason, William B. Mason, Mabel L. Merchant, and Lucy F. Rothwell, heirs at law and devisees of Israel B. Mason (Deed Book 586.46).
- 1918 W. H. Graham Co. of R. I. buys the property from W. H. Graham Corp. of Mass., subject to a mortgage of \$20,000 (Deed Book 576.320).
- 1920 W. H. Graham Corp. of Mass buys the property from W. H. Graham Co. of R. I. subject to a mortgage of \$20,000 (Deed Book 583.422).
- 1962 Andrew J. Bell, Jr. and wife Marjorie D. acquire the property (Tax Assessor's Index to Plat 49/Lot 306).
- 1965 Andrew J. Bell, Jr. buys the property from wife Marjorie D. (Deed Book 1130.74).
- 1974 Bell Funeral Home, Inc., buys the property from Andrew J. Bell, Jr. (Deed Book 1181.54).

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Research undertaken by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission reveals that the first house built by Israel B. Mason in 1869 was moved around the corner, and that the present building was built in 1888.

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