

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

37 Cooke Street

Plat 13
Lot 256

built 1909

by Charles H. Merriman, Jr.

- 1906 July 26. Recorded in Deed Book 482.183 Associates Realty granted to the Providence Terminal Co. the rights to locate, layout, construct, maintain and operate a railroad by a tunnel through a portion of land commencing at the northeasterly corner of Hope Street and George Street.
- 1908 Atlas of Providence published by L. J. Richards & Co. shows this land belonged to Associates Realty. The structure at #37 Cooke Street had not been built.
- 1909 January 2. Providence Tax Records show this became the property of Charles H. Merriman.
- Directories indicate Charles L. Merriman Sr. lived at #26 Cooke Street. Charles H. Merriman, Jr., lived at #8 Prospect Street.
- 1910 Directory lists Charles H. Merriman, Jr., clerk at Board of Trade Building, moved to the corner of George and Cooke Streets.
- 1922 March 1. Tax Assessors records show the property was transferred to Harold T. Merriman. Prior to this time Harold T. Merriman was residing at 158 Governor St. Transactions in this vicinity which involved railroad tunnel maintenance were made subject to all rights and easements to maintain and improve and operate the tunnel located under a certain portion of Cooke Street 57' above the mean high water level. These rights and easements were acquired by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co. and recorded in Deed Book 607.313. For more extensive details concerning said tunnel see Deed Book 482.183 recorded on July 26, 1906, or the Certificate of Condemnation (#53) filed by the Providence Terminal Co. with the Superior Court Clerk on Feb. 8, 1906 entitled, "Plat on eight sheets showing the location of the R.R. of the Providence Terminal Company authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, Jan. Session, 1904".
- Directories of 1922 also indicate that Charles H. Merriman, Jr., treasurer of Manville Co., moved to 26 Cooke Street.
- Harold T. Merriman (wool business) was now listed as a resident of 37 Cooke Street. Isaac B., Isaac, Jr., and Marie Merriman were also listed as living at 37 Cooke St.