

Rebuilt by George S Hopkins 1855

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

Flat 9
Lot 184

#17 HALSEY STREET...Wood

#13
#19 in 1855

#17 in 1870

13-15 in 1895

1841 Halsey Street opened.

1841 PARTITION: Thomas L Halsey Estate; To Mary Anne Wright (later Head) is conveyed Lots # 3, 13, 26, 35, as delineated in "Map of Halsey Street and adjoining Lands" belonging to the heirs of T L Halsey. Platted in 1840 by Benoni Lockwood..Plat Book #2..page 5...DB 81.107

1854 John Carter Brown and Thomas Burgess as trustees are authorized to sell and convey any or all of the VACANT lots of land situated in Providence on or near Prospect, Halsey, Pratt and other streets, the property of Mary Ann Wright. As trustees, the said Brown and Burgess sell to Albyn V Dike a certain parcel of land being LOT #6 on the Map of Halsey Street bounded: N by Halsey Street 50'; W by Lots #5 and #2; S by Lot #11; E by Lot #7... being the same set off to said Mary A Wright in the division of the Estate of said Thomas L Halsey, deceased...DB 135.340 (see Map)

1854 Albyn V Dike quit claims to George S Hopkins a certain parcel of land and is the N/ly portion of Lot #6 on aforementioned Flat and is a portion of Lot #6 conveyed to grantor from Charles D Head and wife and J C Brown and Thomas Burgess as trustees...Bounded: N by Halsey Street 50'; E by Lot #7 100'; W by Lot #5 100'...DB 135.342

1855 *Strut remains under of*
George S Hopkins lived here for the first time...Providence Directory

1856 George S Hopkins sells for \$2000 to Caleb Farnum a certain lot of land with all buildings and improvements thereon standing on the S/ly side of Halsey Street and is the N/ly portion of Lot #6 being the same conveyed to grantor in 1854 by Albyn V Dike...DB 144.558

1854 Duty Evan sells for \$125 to George S Hopkins a STRIP of land taken from the E/ly part of Lot #5 on Plat of House Lots on Halsey Street to be used as a gangway for the benefit of Lots #2,3,5,6 on the aforementioned plat...DB 135.435 *bounded 100' long*

1856 Caleb Farnum and/or family lived here and until 1906..Providence Directory

1898 *1897 116 Brevet*
WILL: Caleb Farnum;..His Estate in trust for three children equally... Henry had already received more than his 1/3 of the Estate, so Florine and Asa N each received 1/2. Florine was married and later divorced...Asa N and wife Hester had son Caleb H Farnum...Wills 43.65 Daniel P Williams exec. X

1902 Daniel P Williams conveys to Hester Farnum Florine's 1/2 share of the Estate in recompense for the care, support and services rendered by the said Hester in the distressing illness of the said Florine ...DB 449.285

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#17 HALSEY STREET continued.....

- 1904 Caleb H Farnum dies, naming his Mother Hester Farnum as administrator
 1906 Hester Farnum dies, naming Albert P Williams as trustee. Wills 92.144
 pr. 1907 Mrs Isabelle E Fisher lived here and also in 1909...Providence Directory
- 1909 Albert P Williams, trustee of Hester Farnum sells to David Tiersten that lot of land with all buildings and improvements thereon on the S/ly side of Halsey street bounded: N by Halsey Street 50'; E by Durfee 100'; S by Mary E B Greene 50'; W by a 10' gangway...DB 506.239
- 1909 David Tierstein sells th above property to Caleb W Shippee..DB 506.241
- 1909 Caleb W Shippee sells the above property to Todd-Mellor subject to a mortgage of \$3000...DB 504.446
- 1909 Todd-Mellor sell to Bernard Marcovitz, tailor, and Clara M his wife, 1 certain lot of land a short distance from Benefit Street on Halsey Street... being the same premises conveyed to said Todd-Mellor and Company by Caleb W Shippee...DB 504.447
- pr. 1911 Bernard Marcovitz lived here...Prov Directory
- 1910 Bernard Marcovitz and wife sell the above property to Joseph Cohen..DB 513.486
- pr. 1913 ~~pr.~~ Joseph Cohen et al lived here and until 1927...Prov Directory
- 1926 Joseph Cohen sells the property to Phillip McGurn...DB 684.430
- pr. 1927 Phillip McGurn, policeman, and/or family lived here and until 1943..Prov Dir
- 1953 Administrators of the Estate of Phillip McGurn sell the property to the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ Inc...DB ~~3088.209~~ 988.121
- pr. 1943 Mrs Julia Smith et al lived here and until 1954...Prov Directory
- pr. 1954 Vacant..also in 1955...Prov Directory
- pr. 1956 Occupied by Holy Temply Church of God in Christ and until 1960...Prov Dir
- 1959 Holy Temple Church of God in Christ Inc, sells to Standard Realty Co that lot of land with all buildings and improvements bounded: S by Halsey Street 50'; N by George Ajootian 100'; E by William E Oliver 50'; W by a 10' gangway 100'...with gangway privileges...DB 1088.209
- 1959 Standard Realty Company sells to Beatrice O Chace the above property...DB 1117.655
- pr. 1960 Vacant.....

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#17 HALSEY STREET

Partial.....

Thomas Lloyd Halsey Estate

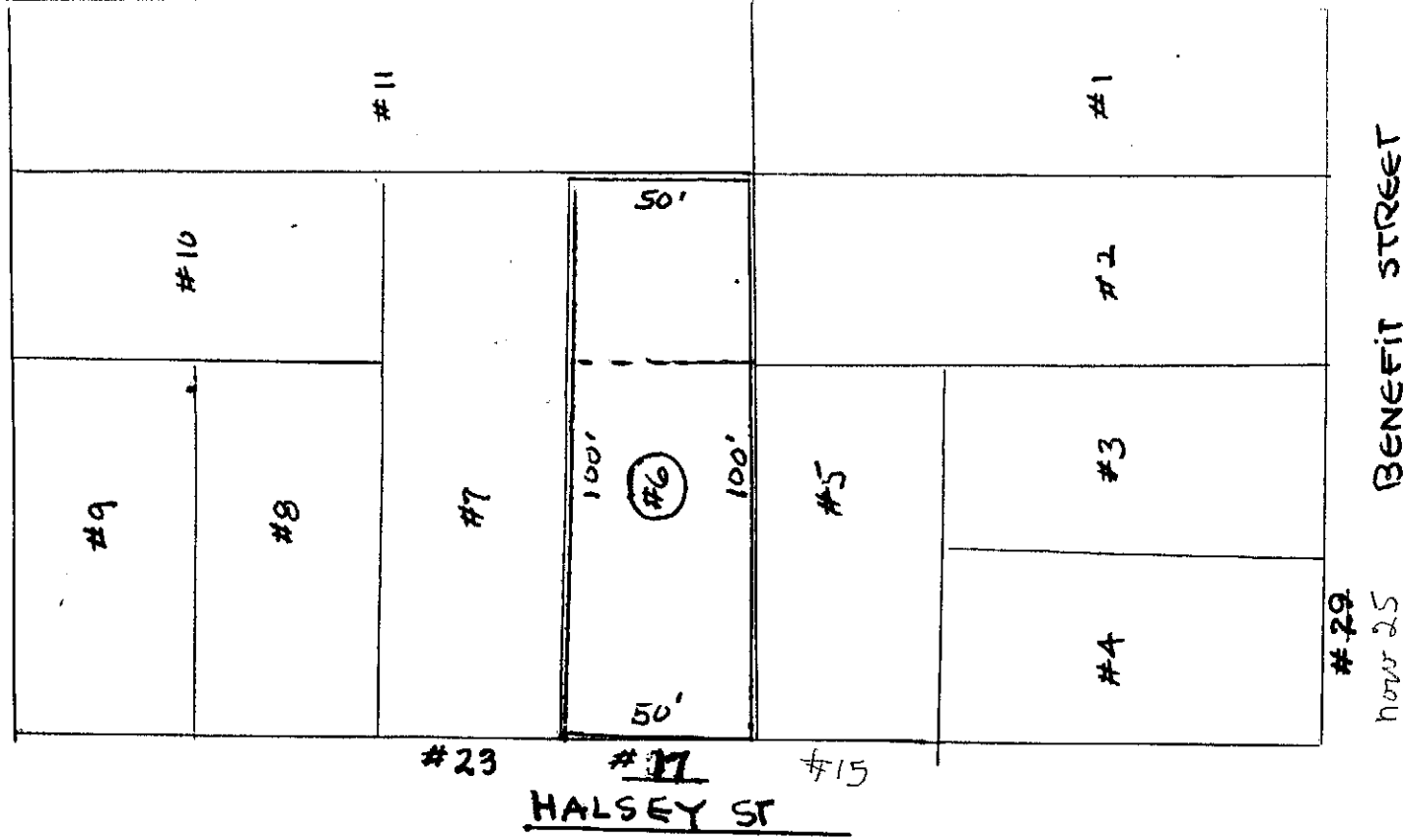
1840

Platted by M B Lockwood

"Map of Halsey Street and
Adjacent Lands"

Plat Card #50

PRATT ST.



NUMBER SEVENTEEN HALSEY STREET
 GEORGE S. HOPKINS HOUSE (1854)
 OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Grace III
 OCCUPIED BY: Owners
 FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS BY:

17 Halsey Street, on lot #8 of the map of the Thomas Lloyd Halsey estate made in 1840, stands on part of John Greene's original home lot, acquired from Samuel Whipple by Thomas Halsey in 1789. Lot #8 was set off to Mary Ann Wright, one of Halsey's heirs, in 1841 and sold to George S. Hopkins, a spindle manufacturer, in 1854. The Providence Directory shows that by 1855 Hopkins had built the house and was living in it, but he sold to Caleb Farnum the following year. Farnum was the owner of C. Farnum and Company, Saddlery, Hardware, Harness Makers' Supplies and Leather; of his company, a book dated 1882 listing Providence businesses and manufacturers says: "We have laid the bare facts of this business before our readers, and while cordially commending the house, we do so with the assurance that business transactions entered into with it will not only prove pleasant, but permanently profitable." The property remained in the Farnum family until 1909, after which it changed hands frequently. It was acquired by Burnside Corporation in 1959 and has been restored by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm G. Grace III.

Like Number 23 next east, Number 17 is a two-story wooden house set end to the street. Still essentially Greek Revival in style, the corner pilasters are handled in the Greek Revival manner, but the cornice which continues across the gable end to simulate a Greek Revival Pediment is trimmed with the brackets that became popular in the mid-nineteenth century. The doorway also has a Victorian bracket supported canopy, and the door itself is framed by Victorian round-headed side lights and glazed over door lunette.

NUMBER SEVENTEEN MALDEN STREET

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The interior, built on the side hall base, in the entry hall, a curving staircase with turned balusters and the heavy newel post in common use by 1850. The arrangement of the room has been somewhat altered. On the left, a handsome modern library and living room have been made from the original double parlors. In the dining room, the wall panel painted on silk by a Japanese artist was designed for the room. The sunny modern kitchen all overlooks the private yard and the common court.