

Records of

Plat 9  
Lot 158

#26 HALSEY STREET...wood

#14 in 1847

#18 in 1870

#26 in 1895

Moved to this site in 1846...Altered and enlarged in 1882 and 1883

- 1846 Frances M Cross sells for \$825 to Celinda E Helme, wife of William C Helme a certain lot of land, being Lot #28 on the 1840 map by M B Lockwood of the Thomas L Halsey Estate bounded: S by Halsey Street 50'; W by Ruth W Helme 135½'; N by Ezekiel Burr; E by Lot #127 owned by Harriet H Creighton 132½' (see map)...Deed Book 99.207
- 1846 POLICY RECORD: William C Helme...N side of Halsey Street...wood..22' x 32'...1½ stories high front and rear. Addition 7' sq. Another 13' x 16'...part 2 and part 1 story high. Occupied for a DWELLING HOUSE PR Vol 34...#14166
- 1854 TAX LEDGER: (no records prior) Building valued at \$1800...A 1.386
- 1876 Celinda C Helme, widow, sells to John Heathcote, machine builder, that lot of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, on the N/ly side of Halsey Street, being Lot #28 on the map of Halsey Street plat-  
ted in 1840, bounded: S by Halsey Street 50'; W by Lot #29 131½'; N by Joseph Margolis; E by Lot #27, being the same lot conveyed to me by Frances M Cross in 1846...Deed Book 254.477
- 1877 John Heathcote and/or family lived here and until 1915.Prov Dir.
- 1882 TAX LEDGER: Addition to building...value \$3000..D 4.454
- 1883 TAX LEDGER: Addition to building...value \$4000..D 4.454
- 1919 Sarah T Heathcote quit claims to Max M Pullman that lot of land on the N side of Halsey Street with all buildings and improvements there-  
on standing, bounded: S by Halsey Street; W by Ellen R Barnes; E by J Yarashafsky...Deed Book 587.112
- 1933 Property taxed to The General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America.
- 1934 Max Brouder taxed for property
- 1947 Property taxed to Delves Estate
- 1965 Leroy V Marcotte, administrator of the estate of Mannie Delves sells the above property to Roger A and Jacqueline Brassard...DB 1131.380
- 1968 R Brassard sells "the larger part of lot #28 to Alfred W and Deborah G Senft...with all buildings and improvements thereon"...DB 1147.127

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Resume Based on Documentation.

In 1789, Samuel Whipple sold for 1,000 L Lawful Silver Money, a certain tract of land comprising c 20 acres to Thomas Lloyd Halsey bounded S by John Jenckes; W by Benefit Street; N by the School House Lot, Jonathan Arnold, and Ezekiel Burr. This property included the now site of #26 Halsey Street.

In the Direct Tax of 1814, levied to pay for the War of 1812, Thomas L Halsey included the above property in the listing of his estate comprising  $68\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Among the listed buildings on his estate was "1 small dwelling house...32' x 21'...2 stories high". Frances M Cross, a devisee of Thomas L Halsey, sells in 1846 to William C Helme, Lot #28 on the T L Halsey Flat, for \$825, undoubtedly without a building as this was the standard price for these lots. Later in 1846, William C Helme was living in a house on this site as he insured his house having the above measurements. It was valued at \$1800.

Helme sold the property to John Heathcote in 1876. The new owner in 1882 revamped and added to the structure, raising its value to \$3,000, and a year later another addition raising its value to \$4,000.

In the restoration of this building by Roger Brassard in 1967-8 the original building was discovered, having been raised to form the second and third floors of the present structure. The construction was of this earlier period, the foundation measurements the same, the position of the original chimney was indicated, and part of the original roof, with shingles still intact was uncovered. Quite possibly the "1 small dwelling house 32' x 22'" taxed in 1814 to Thomas L

W.W.O.C.

Halsey to pay for the War of 1812.

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