

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

130 Morris Avenue

(Lydia F. Carpenter House-Built 1905)

Plat 8
Lot 331

1885 June: The Plat entitled, "The Beacon Hill Plat of Choice Villa Lots" was surveyed and platted by C. E. Paine. It was recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds on Plat Card #558 and in Plat Book 17, page 17.

November 2. Tax Ledgers Series D 5.328, D I.1691 and ledger 6.109 and 1.215 Series E show that this land was owned jointly by William B. Kimball and Stephen H. Arnold. Directories list Arnold as a merchant with a business at 48 Custom House St., and a home at 26 Benevolent.

1895 February 1. Tax Ledger 6.108 Series E. William B. Kimball transferred his $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in this property to James M. Kimball. No building stood on this land belonging to Kimball and Arnold. This transaction is also recorded in Deed Book 392.130.

1896 April 3. Recorded at the office of the Providence Recorder of Deeds in Deed Book 403.39 at 10:45 a.m.. Stephen H. Arnold transferred to James A. Kimball 17 lots on Plat 8 described as Nos. 3, 4, 11, 12, 17, 18, 24, 26, 28, 35, 36, 45, 46, 60, 62, 72, 73, and all of those portions of the streets on said plat to the center lines thereof adjoining and lying in front of these lots, but to be kept open as streets, as drawn upon the Plat Map recorded at City Hall.

April 3. Recorded in Deed Book 403.40 at 10:46 a.m. James M. Kimball transferred to Stephen H. Arnold lots 5, 6, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27, 33, 34, 39, 40, 47, 48, 53, 56.

1905 July 21. Deed Book 472.366 James C. Kimball and William B. Kimball, trustees under the will of James M. Kimball, sold to Stephen H. Arnold lots 3 and 4 on said plat. This land is described as bounding easterly on Morris Ave. (formerly called Olney St.) upon which it measures 100' holding that width extending back 100'.

September 14. Deed Book 477.50 Stephen H. Arnold conveyed to Lydia F. Carpenter land described as beginning at a point on the westerly line of Morris Ave., at the northeast corner of land belonging to John Palmer Barstow, bounding westerly on Barstow land 100'; running northerly 55', turning a right angle and running easterly 100' to Morris Ave., thence bounding easterly on Morris Avenue 55' to the point and place of beginning.

October 17. City water service was connected to this property.

City House Directory for 1906 does not list Lydia F. Carpenter or Edward E. Austin. Directories for 1907 through 1913 show the house was owned by Mrs. Carpenter, occupied by Mrs. Carpenter and Edward Austin. Vital Statistics show that Edward E. Austin married Lillian Carpenter on June 24, 1895. (Marriage Book 18.33) Lillian Carpenter Austin was the daughter of Lydia F. Carpenter.

1913 January 2. Deed Book 534.149 Lydia F. Carpenter conveyed this property to Lillian M. Austin, wife of Edward E. Austin. Apparently, Lillian Austin was Mrs. Carpenter's daughter.

City Directories from 1914 through 1950 show the property was occupied by the Austin family. Edward Austin, son of Charles and Emma Austin, died February 8, 1950. From 1950 through 1957 directories show Lillian Austin occupied the house. This research reveals the fact that the property remained in the same family from 1905 when it was built, right through to 1957.

1957 September 12. Deed Book 1069.194 Lillian M. Austin, widow, sold the property to Frederick G. Sherman and Barbara T. Sherman, his wife. The land is described as beginning in the westerly line of Morris Avenue at the southeast corner of said parcel and at the northeast corner of land belonging to Philip C. Gifford, bounding southerly on Gifford land 100' to land of T. Everett Stanett, thence northerly bounding westerly on last mentioned land 55' to land of Ralph Lawson, Jr., thence easterly bounding on Lawson land 100' to Morris Avenue, bounding on Morris Avenue 55' to the point and place of beginning. The land comprises the northerly 40' in width by the entire depth of plat lot #4 and the southerly 15' in width by the entire depth of lot #5 on said plat.

Directories for 1959 and 1960 show Frederick G. Sherman, resident at this address, to be a Professor at Brown University.

1960 July 1. Deed Book 1102.1178 Frederick G. Sherman and his wife Barbara conveyed the property to Harold Schlosberg, also a Professor at Brown University. Directories list Harold and Eleanor residents from 1961 to 1964. 1964 to 1968 shows only Eleanor T. Schlosberg.

1967 June 15. Deed Book 1142.1017 Eleanor T. Schlosberg sold the property to Richard T. Taub and his wife Doris L., as Joint Tenants. Richard P. Taub is also listed as a Professor at Brown University.

1969 August 15. Deed Book 1154.112 This property was conveyed to its present owners, James Lee Bonoff and Helen J. Bonoff, as Joint Tenants.

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