

## PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

BUILT BY JOHN O. POTTER IN 1840

Plat 17  
Lot 249

Records of

#155 POWER STREET.....WOOD

- 1757 John Brown of Newport, merchant, sells for 4,000 £ in good bills of Public Credit to Nicholas Cook of Providence a certain piece of land commonly called and known as Young Orchard containing 21 acres more or less. Bounded: N by land of Joseph Whipple, S, W, and E by highways, together with all singular ways and waters to the same belonging, and all the estate, right and title whatsoever of me, the said John Brown, of, in, and to the same.....DB15.160
- 1783 Jesse Cooke, son of Nathaniel marries Rosanna Sheldon.... Vital Statistics
- 1785 Joseph Cook et al, heirs of Nicholas Cook, give quit claim deed to Jesse Cooke being lot #5 and containing 7 acres in the Young Orchard (so-called) "and covenant to said Jesse that they shall hold the same as a perfect estate of inheritance in fee simple."....DB 19.511
- 1807 Joseph S. Cooke, son of Jesse and Rosanna Cooke, marries Mary Welch.
- 1814 PROVIDENCE DIRECT TAX: Joseph S Cooke...."also 1 unimproved lot of ground near the residence of James Fenner (part of what was formerly called Young Orchard) and containing about 7 acres".
- 1840 Joseph S Cooke sells for \$725 to John O. Potter, jeweler, a lot of land situated in the S/Ely part of Providence (in the Young Orchard so-called) on a continuation of Power Street. Bounded: N by Power Street 50'; W by A.B.Dike and G. Simmons 180'; S by Williams Street 50'; E by S. Gerald and Lydia Brown 180'. It is agreed by the grantee and his assignees that no barn or ~~other~~ building <sup>other</sup> than a dwelling house shall be erected on the lot hereby conveyed within 20' of said Williams Street...DB76.232
- 1841 Policy Record: John O. Potter....S side Power Street....Wood.. 25' front and 37' front to rear. Addition 22' X 17'.....all 2 stories high occupied for a dwelling house...Vol. 21.... #8960. R. I. Historical Society.
- 1841 John O. Potter, jeweller, listed here for first time.... Providence Directory (The Potter family lived here until 1951).

RECORDS OF #155 Power Street....continued

- 1863 John O. Potter, through Thomas Davis, sells for \$3100 to Zachariah Chaffee, the highest bidder, a lot of land with dwelling house and other buildings and improvements, "being part of the same conveyed to me by Joseph S. Cooke".. DB 162.434
- 1863 Zachariah Chafee, sells for \$3250 to Dorcas D. Potter, wife of James R. Potter, a certain lot of land with dwelling house, being the same conveyed to me by Thomas Davis, as attorney, by deed of even date herewith. Bounded: N by Power Street; W by Mason Lyon; S by Edwin Stayner; E by Allen Brown.....DB164.59
- 1891 WILL: James R. Potter: "I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dorcas D. Potter all my estate both real and personal.. with full power to change any investments of my property from time to time except my homestead estate where I now live on the S side of Power Street...upon the decease of my said wife I give and bequeath whatever remains of my estate to my two daughters, Cecelia R and Grace M. Potter."... Wills 34.216
- 1926 Cecelia (Potter) Gardiner, widow, sells to Grace M. Potter her one undivided  $\frac{1}{2}$  part of land and buildings bounded: N by Power Street 51.25' (beginning 227.54' E of Hope Street); E by William Hussey 91.525'; S by Ann Masterson and Florence Stevens 78.625'; W by Florence Palmer 120'....DB 684.285
- 1951 Conservator's Deed: Industrial Trust Company, conservator of Estate of Grace M. Potter, sells to Charles M. Thompson and wife, Almeda F. Thompson, the above property, and is the same conveyed to Grace Potter by Cecilla P. Gardner...DB 987.369
- 1951 Charles M. Thompson lived here...Providence Directory
- 1952 Charles M. Thompson and wife, Almeda J. Thompson sell to Leslie Allen Jones and Elizabeth H. Jones, his wife, that certain parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated on the S/ly side of Power Street. Bounded N by Power Street 51.25'; E by Thomas F. Hussey 120'; S by Jose DeSilva and K. Masterson 78.625'; W by Lloyd W. Cornell.. DB 995.385
- 1952 Leslie Allen Jones lived here...Providence Directory