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#220 SOUTH MAIN STREET....Brick

Site of Hacker's Hall

"Passenger service between Providence and Newport was instituted about 1764 by regular sailings of a packet from Hacker's Wharf, located near the foot of the present Planet Street. Joshua Hacker, its proprietor, formerly of Salem, built a house on the E side of the Towne Street (now South Main) opposite his wharf, which he later converted into a place of entertainment known as Hacker's Hall. Balls and parties were held there by the elite of the town, invitations to which were printed on playing cards. Among the distinguished guests entertained at the hall were Washington, Varnum, Gates, and Rochambeau." from CIVIL & ARCHITECTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF PROVIDENCE by John Hutchins Cady..p 37

..."before making his adieux in 1782 Rochambeau "gave a very splendid ball at Hacker's Hall to the ladies and gentlemen of the town"..Ibid p 54

Joseph Peck, son of Winchester, settled in Providence R I where he became engaged in trade, and where he lived and died. He married Sarah Hacker daughter of Joshua Hacker of Newport R I. During the great fire of 1801 his store, and much property was burned. He afterwards erected upon the same ground the BRICK building now standing on the E side of South Main Street between Plant and Power Street.. from "Descendants of Joseph Peck" p 148 RIHS

Seth Adams, Jr., commercial merchant, was born in Taunton Mass in 1800.
He married:

1st: Harriet E, daughter of Arthur Fenner.

ISSUE:

Seth

2nd: Sarah Bigelow

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Elizabeth m Wilkins Updike

George W m Sophia Harrison

Hannah m Edward L Davis

John M Robie Hathaway

Francis G...

Harriet m Charles H Henshaw

Charles...

Susan m Reginald H Howe

Abigail m Marie Dodge

Seth Adams sr, merchant, was born in 1773 and died in 1849. He married in Taunton Mass Susan Simmons of Freetown, Mass

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Records of

Flat 16
Lot 252

#110 in 1824
#110 in 1830
#136 in 1855

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- 1759 Joseph Whipple sells for 600 L Old Tenor Bills of the Colony to Joshua Hacker a certain lot of land bounded: W by the Main Street 30'; N by grantor 100'; E by grantor 19'; S by Nicholas Power and William Field 100'...Deed Book 14.501
- 1760 Joseph Whipple merchant, sells for 1800 L Old Tenor to Joshua Hacker boatman, a certain lot of land bounded: W by the Main Street 90'; N by William Earle 100'; E by grantor and S by Joshua Hacker..DB 17.170
- 1795 Martha Hacker et al sell to Joseph Peck a certain lot of land in the S/ly part of Providence, in the actual ---- and possession of the said Joseph Peck, whereon the late Mansion House of the said Joshua Hacker now stands, and all or any other Houses or Buildings now thereon standing...DB 25.43
- 1798 CHACE INDEX CARDS (R I Hist Soc): Joseph Peck...W on Water (Main) 39' N on William Earle 93'...A LOT. Also W on Water; S on Nicholas Power;...1 Dwelling House 24' x 45'..2 stories. 30' x 20' 1 story with room adjoining back 40' x 22'..1 story..All wood.
- 1801 In the fire this year a total of 16 buildings, 10 stores and 11 out-houses were burned "including the houses of Captain Joseph Peck (formerly Hacker's Hall)"...from Providence GAZETTE , JAN. 24. 1801
- 1805 FIRE RECORD: ^{New story on site of Hacker's Hall} Joseph Peck.. E side Water Street..Brick..2 stories high..40' square..completely finished..garret and roof finished. Vol 11..#131
- 1814 FIRE RECORD: Joseph Peck..self-occupied and Benjamin Bosworth, for the purpose of living in said Joseph's house...Brick...44' in front and 45' front to rear..3 stories in height in front and 2 in rear. Also an addition used as a stairway of about 12' x 8' built of wood up to the roof of the House...Vol 4..#1450
- 1816 Joseph Peck, gentleman, sells for \$6000 to Seth Adams, trader, a certain lot of land with the Brick Dwelling House and all other buildings and improvements on the said lot standing..in the S/ly part of Providence bounded: W by Main Street 89'; N by the heirs of William Earle 75'; E by William Nightingale and Welcome Arnold 112'; S by heirs of Nicholas Power...being the same where I now reside DB 40.4
- 1820 - see page 2 * 1824 Seth Adams here and/or family
- 1849 WILL: Seth Adams..."...to my son Seth Adams jr...Also the Mansion House and real estate whereon I now live, called the Peck Estate situated on the E/ly side of South Main Street". CODICIL: "I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Adams, 4 rooms in the second story or chambers of the brick house I now live in being #136 South Main Street for her own use...viz: The two rooms fronting on the street being the N/W and S/W front rooms and the N/E room over my kitchen, and a small room lying between the N/E and N/W rooms being all the rooms on the second floor except the S/E corner. Front and back stairs privileges, well privileges, 2nd story of porch in

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in rear if still standing and the necessary privileges in the back yard....WILLS 16.81

- *1820 FIRE RECORD: Seth Adams.. E side South Main Street.. Dwelling House with shop in front occupied by Joseph Peck.. 3 stories.. Brick.. 40' square with 8' x 12' addition.. 2 stories high.. also building in rear 15' x 50'.. brick and stone stable... woodhouse, store room 2 stories front and 1 rear... Vol 6 #2118
- 1907 Jonathan Parkhurst, trustee for Susan Howe et al u/w of her Father Seth Adams discharges his trust... DB 450. 498 to 502
- 1921 Frederick J Warnock to I Bohl and H Ladd Walford sells a certain lot of land with all buildings and improvements bounded: W by South Main Street 94.28'; N by Bridget Burns 75.08'; E by Charles H Page 102.24'; S by Providence Boys Club 82.63'. Being one of the lots set off in Partition Suit #5127: Daniel B Updike vs A Bigelow Adams to Jonathan G Parkhurst, trustee for Reginald H Howe and Susan A Howe... Plat Book 27, page 1.. Plat Card #872... DB 609.43
- 1938 Property taxed to G Frederick Bohl and H Ladd Walford Estate and to the following persons in the year designated:
 - 1942 Investors Realty Inc
 - 1942 Anthony C Paolino
 - 1946 Morris Zuckerberg
 - 1949 " " and Annie Z
 - 1954 John & Annie " " " Zuckerberg
 - 1959 Pamden Realty Inc
 - 1963 ~~Mrs~~ Nyles Standish - Chapman