

SERIL DODGE HOUSE

Address: 10 Thomas Street, Providence, Providence County,  
Rhode Island.

An Addendum to  
Dodge-Brown House  
10 Thomas Street  
Providence, Rhode Island  
in HABS Catalog (1941)

Present Owner  
and Occupant: Providence Art Club

Present Use: Gallery and club house

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This frame house is a typical example of the  
smaller buildings of the period, with unusually  
fine detail in the stairway and the mantels.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: The following chain of  
title is extracted from George Leland Miner, Angell's  
Lane, The History of a Little Street in Providence  
(Providence: Akerman-Standard Press, 1948), p. 103:

1786 Moses Brown buys 80' Angell lot.

1789 Seril Dodge buys west half from Moses Brown, on  
which Dodge "has built a dwelling house in which  
he now lives."

1791 Seril Dodge sells to Moses & Nicholas Brown junior  
executors, and guardians of Hope Brown. Hope and  
stepmother Avis move in.

1792 Hope marries Thomas Poynton Ives in Dodge House  
parlor.

- 1842 Heirs of Hope Ives to Ann Brown Francis (m. Marshall Woods 1838).
- 1844 Nicholas Brown Junior wills to two granddaughters.
- 1897 Owned by Marshall Woods and wife.
- 1901 John Carter Brown Woods.
- 1906 Providence Terminal Co.
- 1906 N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co.
- 1906 Sidney F. Adams buys and raises house a story.
- 1918 Margaret I. Adams
- 1919 Purchased by Providence Art Club for \$15,000.

2. Date of erection: Between 1786 and 1789.

3. Sources of information: John Hutchins Cady, The Civic and Architectural Development of Providence 1636-1950 (Providence, Rhode Island: The Book Shop, 1957), pp. 64, 66.

Antoinette Forrester Downing, Early Homes of Rhode Island (Richmond, Virginia: Garrett and Massie, 1937), pp. 166, 302-304.

HABS Inventory prepared by John Hutchins Cady, June 18, 1956.

George LeLand Miner, Angell's Lane. The History of a Little Street in Providence (Providence: Akerman-Standard Press, 1948).

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Mrs. Avis Brown, widow of the prominent merchant Nicholas Brown, moved into this house in 1791. In a famous wedding in Providence history, her daughter Hope Brown married Thomas Ives in the southwest sitting room of this house in 1792.

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