

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

387 Wayland Avenue

Plat 86

Lot 234

Sarah F. Wilbur House
built 1914

- 1866 The parcel of land located in Providence on the Plat entitled "Laurel Hill Estate" was recorded with the city Recorder of Deeds on July 21 in Plat Book 7 on page 5, and on plat card 184. This was amended to the report of S.B. Cushing, A.B. Dike, and J.F. Toby, Commissioners. At the time the area was recorded this lot was owned by Francis E. Hoppin and contained 27,954 square feet. (see sketch from Plat Card)
- 1873 June 3. Recorded in Deed Book 433.336 George Burnham executed a mortgage to Jarvis F. Burrows of Vernon, Vermont. For the purpose of securing the payment of a negotiable promissory note payable from George H. Burnham to Jarvis F. Burrows within one year of this date.
- 1974 October 4. Deed Book 433.336 Jarvis F. Burrows transferred to Nellie H. Parker of Pelham, N.H. the deed of mortgage and the note secured by right and title.
- 1880 September 1. A. Stanley Batchelder and Nellie H. Batchelder (formerly Nellie H. Parker) conveyed to James H. Armington of Brooklyn, N.Y. the right, title and deed of mortgage to said property as recorded in Providence Mortgage Books 99.528, 99.563 and 66. 193. Whereas default was made in the payment of said note, James H. Armington advertised the premises for sale at public auction in the Manufacturers and Farmers Journal. A public auction was held on October 2, 1899 with George H. Burnham of Providence as the auctioneer. The highest bidder was Elizabeth Armington at \$1200. The property conveyed to her is listed as three undivided lots of land laid out as G. H. & I. on Laurel Hill Estate Plat. The transaction was signed and recorded by George H. Burnham and James H. Armington on August 14, 1900.
- 1906 May 15. Recorded in Deed Book 475.360 at 3:51 p.m. Elizabeth Moulton (formerly Elizabeth Armington) and Edward S. Moulton, her husband, conveyed to Job Wilbur an undivided one-half interest in a certain lot or parcel beginning at the southwest corner of Wayland and President Avenues being a portion of lot I on Laurel Hill Estates Plat. This land is further described as extending easterly bounded southerly by President Avenue 93.08', extending northerly bounded easterly by other land of this grantor 102.34' to land of Eliza H. Hoppin Estate; extending westerly bounded northerly by this estate 93.08' to Wayland Ave.; thence extending southerly bounded westerly by Wayland Ave. 102.17' to point and place of beginning.

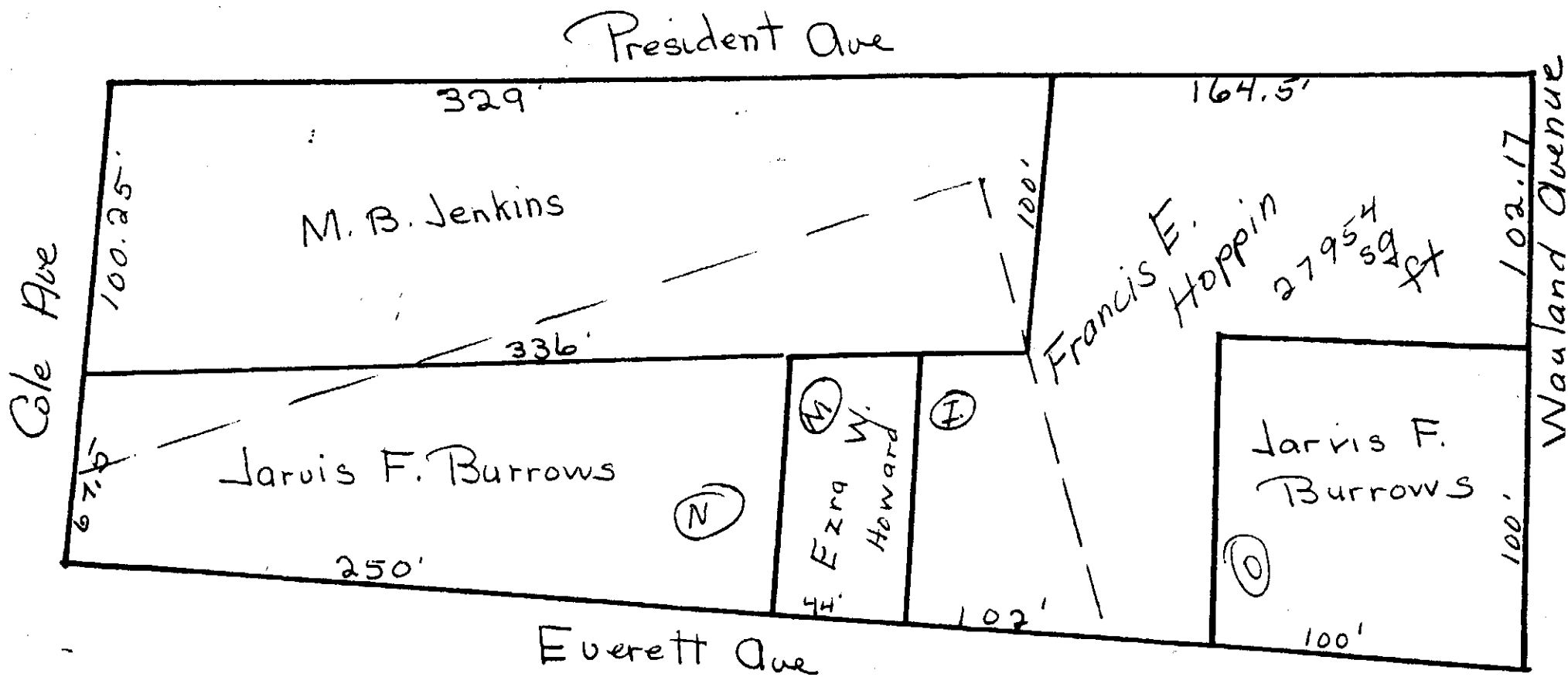
- 1906 May 17. Recorded in Deed Book 475.361 at 10:06 a.m. Job Wilbur conveyed to Elizabeth Molton a portion of Lot I begining on President Avenue 93.08' easterly from the intersection of President and Wayland Avenues, then extending back at particular angles to Everett Avenue. This transaction does not include land which became assessors lot 234.
- 1908 October 9. Probate Docket #11813 Sarah F. Wilbur was appointed executrix under the will of Job Wilbur, her husband. Job Wilbur was President of W.H. Rice Co., bankers and brokers. The home address is listed as 131 Niagra Street in the Providence City Directory.
- The 1908 Providence Atlas show no homes built on this block.
- House Directories for 1909 through 1914 show no listing for 387 Wayland Avenue.
- 1915 Providence Directory published by Sampson & Murdock Co. lists Sarah F. Wilbur as the first resident at this address.
- 1923 February 1. Recorded in Deed Book 636.143 Florence Wilbur and Bertha Wilbur conveyed to George H. Wilson and his wife Emma F. Wilson that certain lot or parcel with all buildings and improvements located on the north-east corner of Wayland and President Avenues bounding on Wayland Avenue 96.91' to Grienough land; thence bounding north 90.93' to land now or formerly of Lizzie Martin, et al, bounding on Martin property 92.39' to President Avenue 87.80' to the point and place of begining.
- 1932 February 16. Recorded at the Providence office of the Recorder of Deeds in Deed Book 756.256 Emma F. Wilson, wife of George H., granted to George H. Wilson all her right, title, interest and quit claim to the property. This instrument was executed in the state of California, County of Los Angeles, Pasedena, on February 9.
- 1935 June 14. Deed Book 786.282 Under the will of George H. Wilson, late of Providence, R.I., the Hospital Trust Co., by authority confered by said will conveyed this property to Henry Mc Cusker and his wife Alice. This deed was signed by R.I.H.T. Co., Vice-President P.H. Gardner and Assistant Trust Officer E.L. Anderson.
- 1952 September 12. Deed Book 1000.266 Henry McCusker and hsi wife Alice S. convey to James M. Scott and his wife Marjorie B. this property described as measuring 96.91' X 90.93' X 87.80'. These are the same measurements which were recorded in 1923.

- 1962 August 28. Deed Book 1115.658 Marjorie B. Goode, formerly Marjorie B. Scott, conveyed this property to J. Kenneth Beezer and Patricia A. Beezer.
- 1966 July 29. Deed Book 1138.496 J. Kenneth Beezer and Patricia A. conveyed said property to John H. Barrall and Elizabeth C. Barrall.

Research in City Directories and Providence House Directories show the following residents of 387 Wayland Ave.

- 1914-24 Sarah Wilbur, widow
Bertha Wilbur
Florence Wilbur
- 1825-32 George H. Wilson, Treasurer of U.S. Bobbin & Shuttle Co.
located at 51 Eddy Street
- 1933-35 Vacant
- 1936-52 Henry McCusker (Alice), Physician, office located on
Waterman Street, Providence
- 1953-62 James M. Scott (marjorie B.)
- 1963-66 J. Kenneth Beezer (Patricia), Physician
- 1967-present John H. Barrall (Elizabeth), Physician

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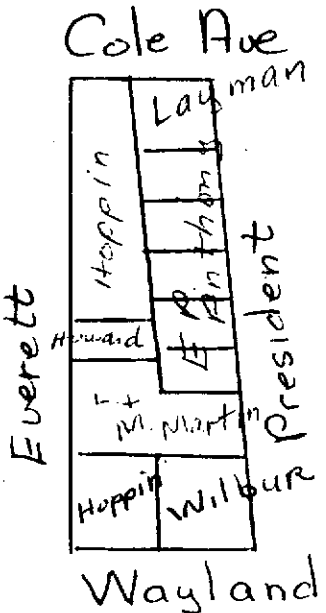
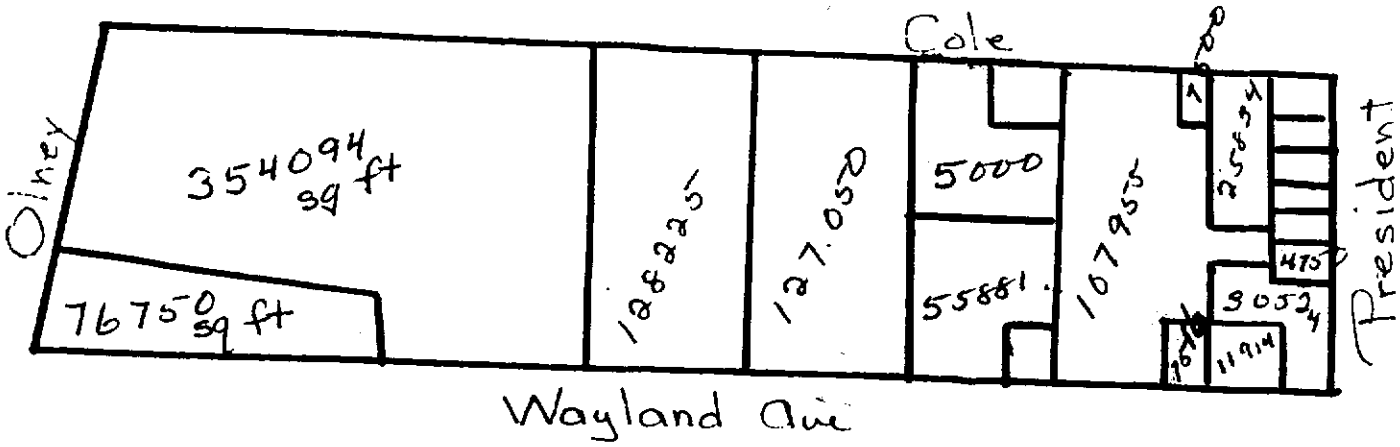


Everett Ave
 Plat of the Laurel Hill Estate
 Recorded July 21, 1866

annexed to the report of
 S. B. Cushing,
 A. B. Dike and
 J. F. Tobey

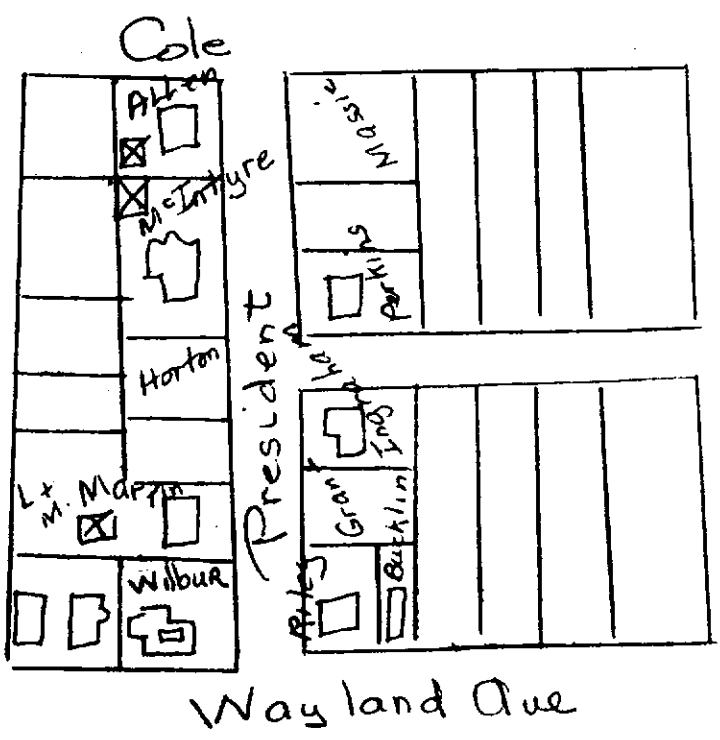
Plat Card 184

1895 Atlas
Plates 32 + 33



Sketch from 1908 Atlas
Plates 6 + 9

1918 Atlas
Plate 21



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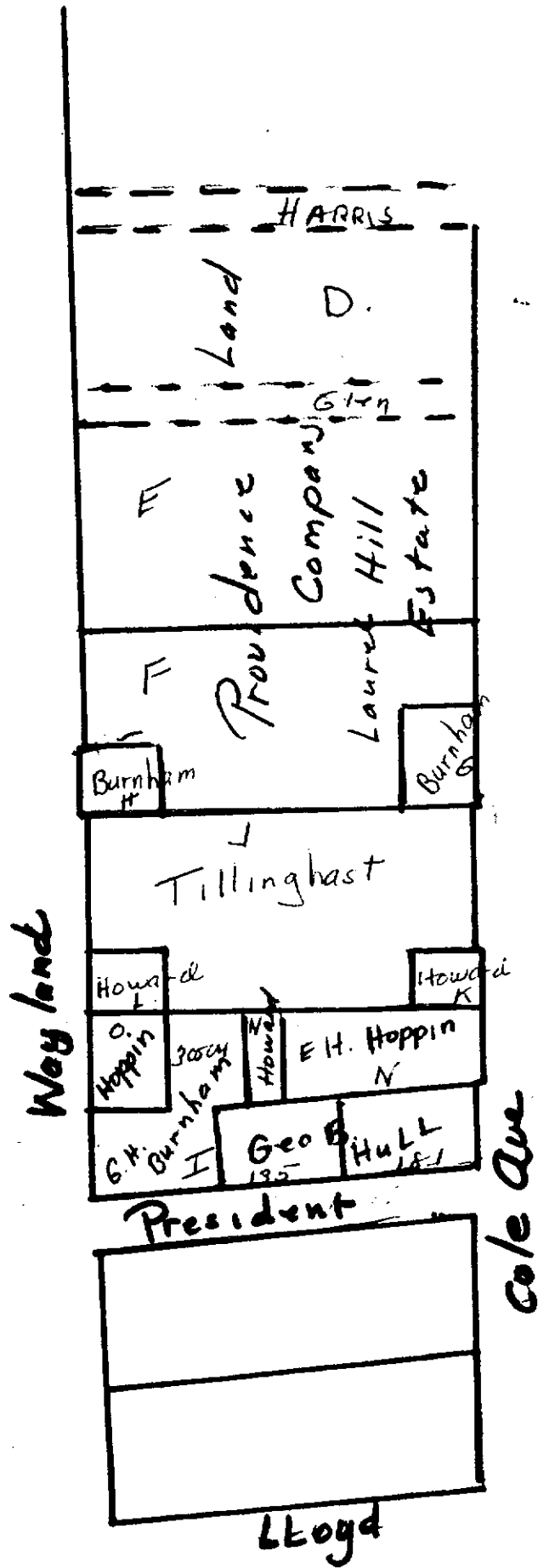
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Wd I

1875

Plate J

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Laurel

Moses Brown
Farm Plat
1882 Atlas
Plate 4

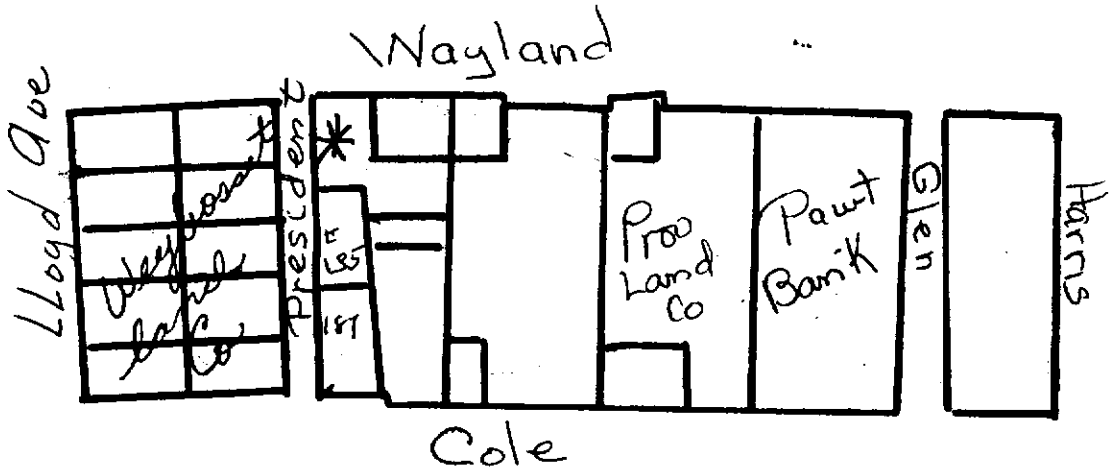
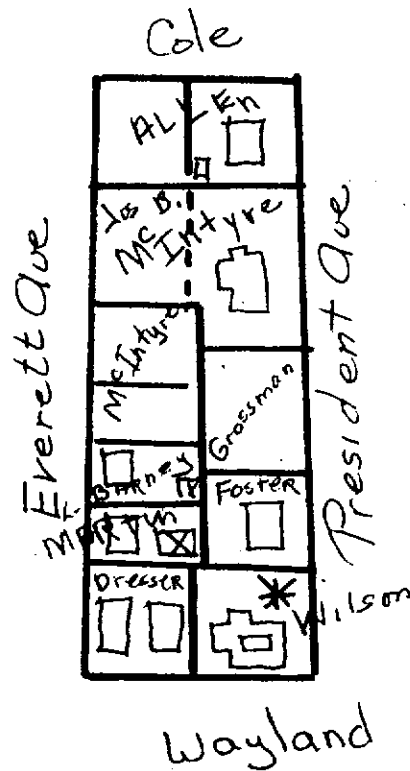


Plate 21
Pres. - Wayland Ave
1926 Atlas



D. Barralls
331-3651

Add to 387 Wayland

April 9.

Joan,

The owner of 387 Wayland Ave called Ellen + said his marker should say 1912 because he found a news paper account of the sinking of the Titanic on the wall of the house. (Titanic sunk Ap. 14, 1912)

I have no objection to changing the date on this house, but I sure need your opinion about it.

We know this house was completed + the widow moved in 1914 by the asteric next to her name on the house directory.

1906	Job Wilbur bought the land		
	his Real Estat Tax was	31,260	Personal Tax 55,000
1907	" "	31,260	" 65,000
1908	Job Died his estate was taxed:		
	Real	31,260	" 65,000
1909	"	31,260	" 65,000
1910	"	33,300	" 65,000
1911	"	33,300	" 65,000
1912	"	31,180	" 65,000
1913	"	"	" "
1914	"	43,380	" "
1915	"	31,500	and Sarah, widow was taxed on 10,000 for the first time.

These Taxes are not necessarily conclusive if the person owned other property.
1912 Directory lists Sarah still at 131 Niagra
1913 Does not list her in Prov. at all + this # Wayland is not on the House Directory.