Providence Preservation Society

Records of

1390 WESTMINSTER STREET

Built by Silas B. Brown in 1863

1861 Tax Ledger A3.274 shows that on October 21 James G. Cooke owns this property; it contains no building. It is transferred to Silas Brown on December 15, 1862.

1862 On November 20 James G. Cooke of Foster sells to Silas B. Brown of Providence for $3750 ... one lot of land situate in said Providence being lot Number 5 on a plat of the Dexter Donation land recorded in book of plats Number 2 page 7 ... . Being the same lot conveyed by William O. Cooke to (me) by deed recorded in book 158 page 376 (On 4/22/1861 he purchased 6 lots for $10000.) (Deed Book 162,271).

Tax Ledger A1.69 shows that as of December 15 Silas Brown owns 7537 square feet of land worth $1507 with a house valued at $10000. It is more likely that he built the house in 1863.

1864 Providence Directory shows Silas B. Brown, an ambrotypist doing business at 101 Westminster Street, living at 328 High Street for the first time. This address later becomes 744 High, then 1390 Westminster.

Tax Ledgers show these subsequent owners:

1885 William H. Earle
1892 Citizens Savings Bank
1893 Clarence L. Watson, Mass.

Tax Records at Providence City Hall show these owners:

1916 Simon B. Lapham
1924 Bernardo Scola and wife Luisa
1944 Bernardo Scola and wife Luisa, Joint Tenants
1953 Anthony Coletti and wife Mary, JT

Barbara Levine
September 1980