

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

#12-14 BENEFIT STREET

Plat 3
Lot 203

Built 1889-1893...By Stephen R Miller

- 1864 PARTITION of the Estate of Nathan H Miller: To Christopher R Drowne 4/9 of the Estate on Benefit Street Bounded: E on Benefit Street 37.55'; S by said Drowne 44.95'; W by Sarah Noyes; N by Stephen R Miller et al See being the residue of Nathan Miller's Estate on Benefit St. DB 167.406 Map
- 1887 Newell N Taft and Jane H Taft sell to Stephen R Miller all that certain lot of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, bounded: E by Benefit Street 24'; S by heirs of Nathan Miller 39'; N by Robert and James O'Hara...which estate was conveyed to the late Ann Smith, and inherited by this grantor, Jane H Taft as the sole heir-at-law of her late Mother, the same Ann Smith...Deed Book 344.143 (see map)
- 1887 TAX LEDGER: Stephen R Miller...Plat 3...Lot 203...Value of Land \$2122 Value of Building...\$1000...TL D6.346
- 1887 Stephen R Miller listed at #12 Benefit Street...(not the present building)...Providence Directory...(there was no #14 listed)
- 1889 TAX LEDGER: Stephen R Miller...Plat 3 Lot 204...Value of Land \$1817; Value of Building \$50...TL E 7.218...BUILDING OFF
- 1889 Lot 204...Plat 3 MERGED with Lot ²⁰³ #...Plat 3
- 1889 MORTGAGE: To Frank H Cranston for \$5000 the property conveyed to me ^{S.R. Miller} by Newell N Taft and Jane H Taft (DB 344.143) and also that portion of the Nathan Miller Estate NOT set off to Christopher R Drowne. (see map) Deed Book 133.185
- 1889 MORTGAGE: To Frank H Cranston for \$2500 the above property (subject to a prior mortgage...Mortgage Book 136.107
- 1897 The above 2 mortgages executed by Stephen R Miller in 1889 #133.185 and #136.107 respectively, and the conditions of said mortgages having been broken, the property is to be sold at auction...DB 413.416
- 1897 Frank H Cranston unmarried, ^{the highest bidder at public auction} quit claims for \$8000 to the City Savings Bank that parcel of land with all buildings thereon. Said parcel is near the junction of North Main Street and Benefit Street...Bounded: E by Benefit Street 69.09'; S by Christopher Drowne and Henry J Steere; W by North Main Street 82.05'; N by Robert and James O'Hara. Comprising the parcel conveyed to Stephen R Miller by deed of Newell N Taft and wife (DB 344.143) and also a portion of the Nathan H Miller homestead, so-called which was ~~set off~~ NOT set off to Christopher R Drowne (db 167.406) being the same premises that Stephen R Miller by mortgage conveyed to the grantor by deed of even date herewith....413.437

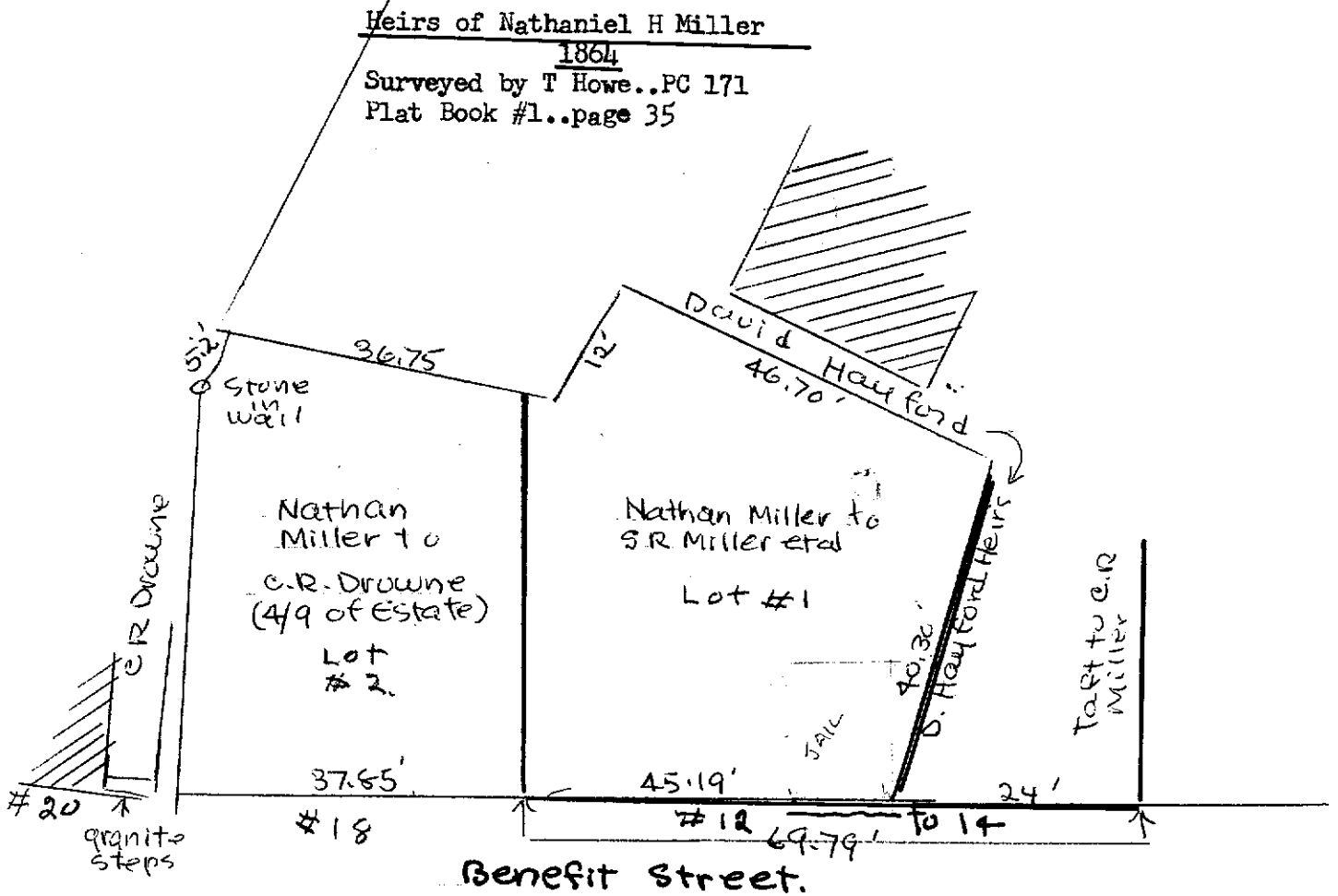
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#12-14 BENEFIT STREET...continued

1908 Benjamin Hyman sells to Bessie F Rosen and Harris Gorman that certain piece of land with all buildings and improvements thereon. Said lot is near the junction of Benefit and North Mains Streets. Bounded: E by Benefit Street 69.38'; S by Charles Drowne and Henry J Steere 82.5'; W by North Main Street 82.5'; N by Robert and James O'Hare. ...being the same property as DB 413.437 Subject to taxes.

This property changed ownership many times and was taxed to the following persons in the years designated:

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| 1919 Harris Gorman | 1934 Bertha Kenney |
| 1928 Joseph Masello | 1937 Joseph Rustigian |
| 1929 Morris Colin | 1939 George Malian & wife Anna |
| 1929 Pearl Berkowitz | 1962 Anna Malian |
| 1931 Joseph L Cain | 1968 Providence Redevelopment Agency (DB 1147.289) |



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