

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

The KNOWLES BLOCK...Wood..N end Brick

#149 - 151 - 153 - 155 BENEFIT STREET

#155 BENEFIT STREET

Plat 10  
Lot 590

- 1780 Benjamin Cushing sells to Jonathan Marsh for 295 Spanish milled dollars a certain lot of land bounded: W on Benefit Street 40'; N by David Wilkinson 130'; E by Benj. Cushing 40'; S by the Highway over the Hill.. it is meant and intended that the said lot extends E/ward from the Back or Benefit Street as David Wilkinson's lot does extend which is 130' ...DB 20.564
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- 1862 Frances M Cross sells to Edward P Knowles a certain lot of land bounded: N by grantee 120'; E by Orin Read 40'; S by S Court Street 120'; W by Benefit Street 40', and is the same set off to me by my father Thomas L Halsey in 1850 (DB 117.353) and conveyed to my said Father by Jonathan Marsh in 1780...DB 163.307
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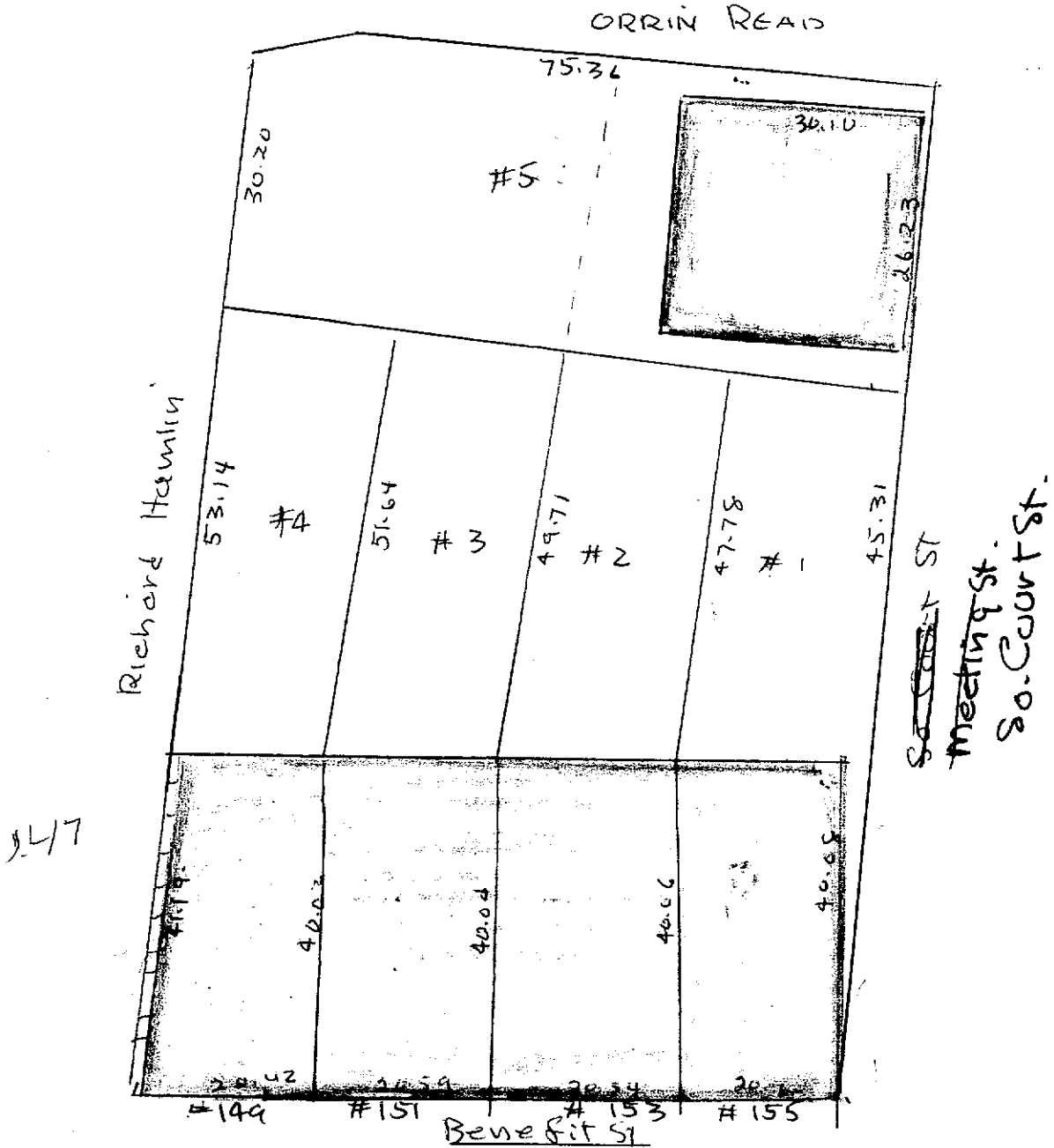
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- 1921 The N part of this property now becomes Lot 596 (formerly Lot 590) as Thomas Crowder sells to Benjamin and Minnie Jeffries that lot of land with all buildings on Benefit Street near S Court Street and is lot #2 on plat entitled "Map of Lots of Edward P Knowles" surveyed and drawn by William S Haines in 1862..Plat Card #172...Being part of the premises conveyed to said Thomas Crowder from C H McKenna in 1919. Also being part of the Estate inherited by Fannie K Burwell as sole heir of Joseph B Knowles....DB 614.161
- 1926 Property taxed to Bluma Yaroshefsky and to the following persons in the year designated:
- 1927 Minnie Jeffries and Rose Long
- 1928 Bluma Brown
- 1931 Thomas Crowder
- 1947 Jane H Crowder wid of Thomas Crowder and Crowder jr
- 1949 William Zender and wife Josefa
- 1954 Agnes F Kelly
- 1957 Louis W Marnelli

The "KNOWLES BLOCK"

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Lots belonging to

EDWARD P KNOWLES

Surveyed and drawn September 1862  
by William S Haines

Recorded 1864

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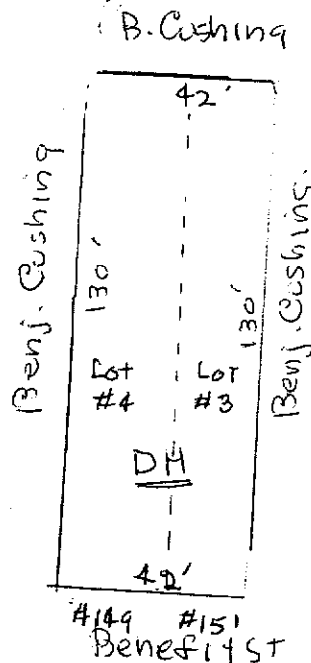
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Flat 10  
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- 1798 DavidWilkinson (after several mortgages) sells the above property to Agron Peck, merchant...DB 25.380
- 1820 WILLS: Aaron Peck:... " I give and bequeath to my daughter Amey Knowles  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all the rest and residue of my Estate..and to my three grandchild- ren William, Josephine, and Ann Peck the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  and residue of my Estate!..Wills 13.118
- 1859 Sarah Knowles et al quit claim to Edward P Knowles..."also that certain lot of land with a DWELLING HOUSE and improvements...being the same our greta-grandfather Aaron Peck devised to our grandmother Amey Knowles in 1820"...DB 154.260~~1882~~
- 1862 See 1862 - #151 Benefit St
- 1882 Edward P Knowles sells for \$5000 to Andrew J Smith a certain lot of land on Benefit Street opposite North Court Street and W by Benefit Street; S by-----Knowles; E by A Smith...being Lot #4 on Map survey- ed and platted in 1862 by William Haines...with all the buildings and improvements...said building being the N end tenement of Knowles Block known as #149 Benefit Street...DB 316.60
- 1907 Property taxed to A J Smith Realty Company and in
- 1918 Taxed to George J Clark
- 1921 Property taxed to W<sup>K</sup> Ziegler and in
- 1950 Taxed to # 6 Gesehfa Zander

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- 1835 Anne B Hunt, John B Hunt (blacksmith) quit claim to Edward P Knowles all right and title to a certain lot of land with a Dwelling House thereon standing bounded: W by Benefit Street 45'; N by Edward Carrington 110'; E by Carrington and Halsey 45'; S by T L Halsey 110'. The Estate hereby conveyed is all the Real Estate devised to me the grantor by my honored grandfather Aaron Peck, dec. in his last Will and Testament and the 1/3 part of which was devised to my brother William E Peck, now deceased, and which I am heir-at-law to. The Estate hereby conveyed was assigned to Rachel W Peck as her dower in said Aaron's estate during her natural life, when the grantee is to have possession of the premises hereby conveyed to him. Said Will was recorded in said Providence in 1822 (Wills 13.118)...DB 68.162
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- 1888 Joseph Knowles quit claims to Stephen M Knowles that certain house or tenement known as #151 in the Knowles Block bounded W by Benefit Street; N by #149 Benefit Street; S by #153 Benefit Street and ~~15/156~~ sd Stephen is to have the use and occupancy of said house and lot with all rights and privileges are hereby reserved to be enjoyed by my honored Father Edward P Knowles for and during his natural life and then possession of the said estate with all its rights and privileges to be taken possessive of by sd Stephen M Knowles...DB339.444
- 1909 Property taxed to Stephen M heirs, changed hands <sup>manufacture</sup> several times and in  
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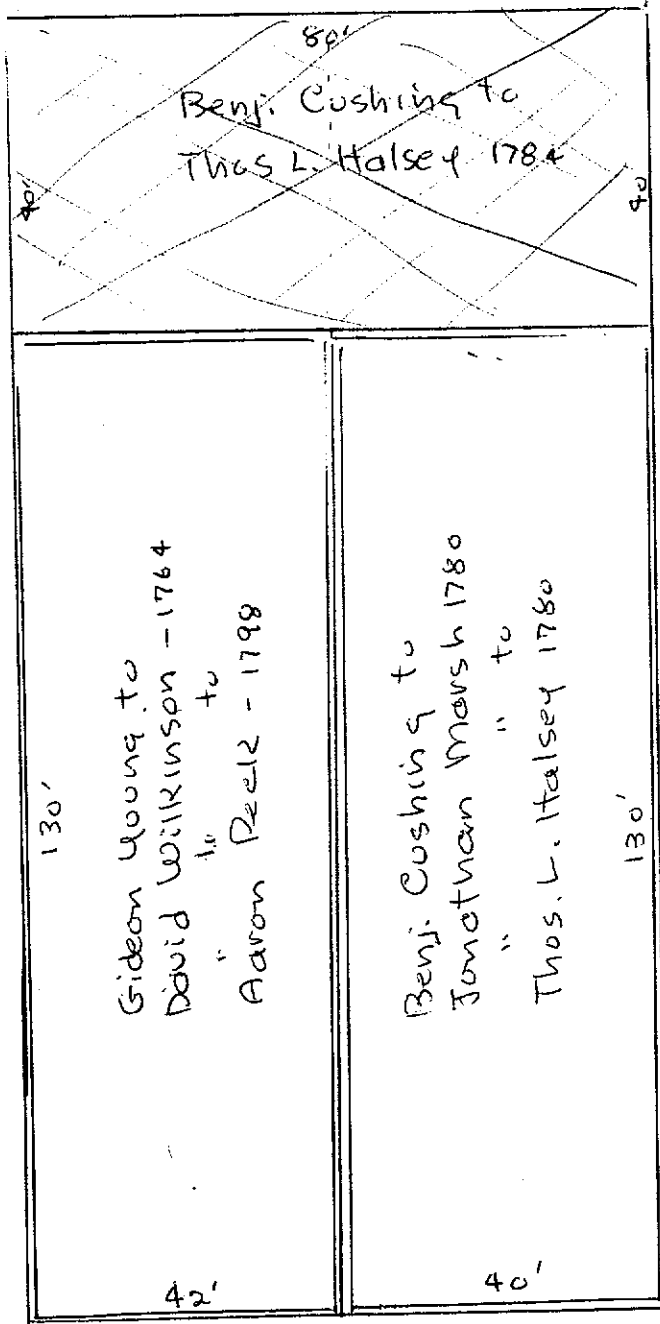
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- 1942 WILL: Thomas Crowder..." I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Jane H Crowder, and to my son Thomas Crowder jr inequal shares my house and land with all appurtenances thereto belonging numbered #155 Benefit Street in Providence and to them their heirs and assigns forever"..Wills 48353
- 1948 WILL: Jane H Crowder...." I give devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate to my sister Laura Hunt Scantleberry...Wills 59998
- 1958 Property taxed to Laura H Scantleberry.

the KNOWLES BLOCK PROPERTY



Highway over the Hill.

Benefit St