

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Built 1864-1867  
By Christopher  
R. Drowne

Records of

#18 BENEFIT STREET

Plat 3  
Lot 486

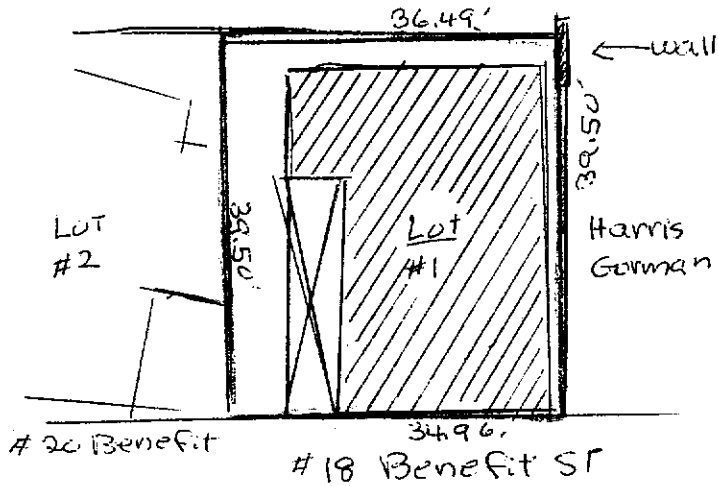
- 1864 In the division of the Estate of Nathan Miller, this property was set off to Christopher R Drowne.
- 1864 TAX LEDGER: Christopher R Drowne...Plat 3...Lot 486...Value of land \$681, Value of Building NONE...TLA 1.256
- 1864 TAX LEDGER: same as above
- 1867 TAX LEDGER: Christopher R Drowne...Plat 3...Lot 486...Value of Land \$726, Value of Buildings \$2300...TL B2.113
- 1871 TAX LEDGER: Christopher R Drowne...Plat 3...Lot 486...Value of Land \$1816 Value of Building \$2300...TL B2.113
- 1881 TAX LEDGER: Christopher R Drowne...Plat 3...Lot 486...Value of Land \$2300 Value of Building \$2300...TL B3.299
- 1905 Christopher R Drowne Estate was taxed for this property.
- 1912 Louise R D Rounds et al, trustees u/w Christopher R Drowne, sell those 2 lots or tracts of land to Herman Rand, with all buildings and improvements thereon bounded: ~~W~~by Lot #1 being bounded by Benefit Street 37.85'; N by Bessie Rosen and Harris Gorman: W by Abraham Norman: S 5 1/2" to a stone, then S 44.95' by Benjamin Hyman...DB 526.147
- 1912 Herman Rand sells to Abraham Norman that certain parcel of land with all buildings and improvements, being the whole of the first lot (#1) described in the aforesaid deed, excepting a strip 1' wide, and 44.91' from the the S/ly side of same...DB 531.52
- 1923 Abraham Norman sells the above property (DB 531.52) among others to Max Hyman...DB 645.271...( see map)
- 1926 Max Hyman sells to Frank Stein that certain parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, described and designated as Lot #1 on "Plat of Land in Providence R I belonging to Max Hyman" by Frank E Waterman Company in February 1923....Plat Book 35.71 and Plat Card #1079. Deed Book 688.271
- 1927 Frank Stein sells the above property to Philip Jagolinzer...DB 697.344
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- 1938 Property was taxed to Henry R Schwartz
- 1944 Henry R Schwartz and Etoile A Schwartz his wife, sell to Raymond P Young Sr and Mary I Young, his wife, that certain lot of land with all buildings and improvements, bounded: E by Benefit Street 34.96'; ~~S by~~ ~~Abraham Norman~~ ~~Plat~~ ~~Book~~ ~~35.71~~ ~~Card~~ ~~1079~~; W 36.44'; N by George Malian 39.50'; W by Carl Carlson..DB 870.3.3 S by Eugene Brusso 39.50' more...

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(partial) "Plat of Land in Providence R I  
belonging to Max Hyman"

Book of Plats 35..p 71

by  
Frank E Waterman  
1923



Mary A Gowdey  
researcher  
February 1975

also called  
SHORT LANE

BENEFIT ST

Summer Lane and Winter Lane

Where the junction of North Main and Benefit Streets is now there was once a great ravine. Olney St. ran down the eastern bank of this ravine and then ascended the western bank to North Main St. In the winter huge amounts of snow and ice collected in the ravine and made it impossible for heavy carts and loaded wagons to make the ascent or the descent. Therefore, a lane was opened along the upper edge or crest of the ravine and ran southward to North Main St. One historian says that "as this by gangway was used mainly in the winter, it bore the name of 'winter lane'". . . . The east line of North Main St. from Burr's Lane northward for a short distance is part of the old east line of Winter Lane which once was a gangway 15 feet wide. As for Summer Lane, it was a foot narrower and was located a little south of the Benefit, North Main St. junction. It ran from Daniel Cahoon's house up to Benefit St. Some-times it was called Short Alley, but mostly it was called Summer Lane.

Summer lane or short alley now runs between #20 and #22 Benefit St