

Built by heirs of Thomas Howard  
in 1835

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Records of

Plat 12  
Lot 128

#306 - 308 - 310 BENEFIT STREET...Wood

#156 -158-160 in 1844  
" " " in 1835

#242-244-246 in 1847

#306-308-310 in 1866

1775 Amey Mawney, grants to Stephen Harris, merchant, and Hannah his wife "for the natural affection and love I bear my daughter, Hannah, and to improve her station in life"..a certain Water Street (Now South Main) Lot of land bounded: W by Water Street 50'; N by Mary Young 140'; E by Back Street 50'; S by several lots owned by Woodbury Morris heirs, George Corlis, Josiah Gifford, Timothy Brown, Isaac Bowen..."being the same lot or Peice of Land among other Lands set off unto me of my Honoured Father's Estate, Dr Robert Gibbs, together with a Brick Store ~~in~~ 1770....Deed Book...19.269 (see map) ^

1798 CHACE NOTES: Stephen Harris...Water Street E to Benefit Street. N by Mary Young (wife of Archibald) S on Woodbury Morris. A part of Dr Robb Gibbs Estate. He had 3 daughters: Mary married Archibald Young and married Burroughs and had a son...Amey married John Mawney..their daughter Hannah married Stephen Harris in 1775...Elizabeth non compos. (see map.)

1814 DIRECT TAX: Stephen Harris...Lot S of widow Burrough's Homestead.. front on Main Street 50' back E to Benefit Street holding its width. 5 small houses thereon..2 of them on lease.

1824 No buildings listed here...Prov Directory <sup>on Benefit St</sup>

1827 DIVISION of the Estate of Stephen Harris..."and we have set unto George Harris the E/ly part of the Mawney Lot so-called on the W/ly side of Benefit Street, being lot #3 on said plat, together with the DWELLING HOUSE and other improvements."...DB 54.255 (not this house)

1828 George Harris sells the above property to Thomas Howard..."being the Lot #3 of land Stephen died siezed...DB 55.150

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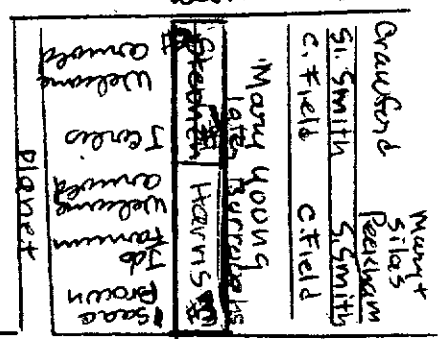
1835 Joshua Spooner #150 N Draper #160 RW Snow Jan Cowley #152  
1946 Owned by Commercial Realty Company

1958 Property taxed to Clyde H Adams, the present owner

1839 PR 19.8126

1866 #306 Eben Wade  
308 Joshua Spooner  
310 Lucian Draper

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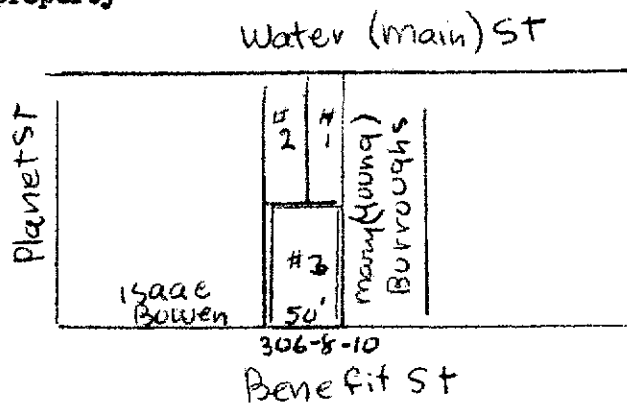
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*noted cabinet - nice*
- 1828 George Harris sells the above property to Thomas Howard A. "being Lot #3 on Land Stephen Harris died seized"...Deed Book 55.150
- 1833 Thomas Howard died in this year leaving several heirs...the property was in the Howard family until 1946.
- 1835 Peter W Snow, American Consul lived here at #156 Benefit St)  
1835 Joshua Spooner, dry goods jobber, lived at #158 # " } Prov  
1835 Lucian Draper (Draper & Spooner)lived at #160 Benefit St ) Dir.
- 1839 POLICY RECORD: Ezra Howard et al.. W side Benefit Street...Block Buildings...wood..basement of brick and stone. 65' in front and 60' in rear...36½' front to rear. 2 stories high in front and 3 stories in rear..occupied for a DWELLING HOUSE...PR 19.8126
- 1946 Property taxed to the Commercial Realty Company
- 1958 Clyde H Adams taxed for the property



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RECORDS OF 309 BENEFIT STREET

Plat 12  
Lot 369

HOUSE BUILT 1867 BY WILLIAM R. HUSTON

# 287 Benefit in 1888  
# 309 " in 1890

- 1819 Wait Smith, widow  
1. To my daughter Martha Howell all my Real Estate  
2. To my grandson John Brown Howell the lot where the house of Eveleth and Harding now stands 50' front and 150' back towards Benefit Street.  
3. To my grandson Charles Field Howell the house wherein I now live and the lot on which it stands which lot extends S of the last described land. W 13/13
- 1867 Martha B. Lippitt for \$8,997 sells a certain lot of land to Susan Elizabeth Huston, wife William R. Bounded being #3 on map of portion of the Lippitt Estate in 1867 by C.E. Paine in Book of Plats #6 p. 55½ this portion devised to grantor by Wait Smith and conveyed from Martha Howell, Wait Smith's daughter, Benjamin Corvell and wife, Horace A Wilcox and wife, Maria N. Howell, John B. Howell and Robert S. Burroughs and wife. 178/291
- 1869 Wm. R. Huston, carpenter, listed here 1st x until 1889 - Prov. Dir.
- 1871 Stephen Waterman sells for \$3,865.66 to Susan E. Huston, wife, William R. Huston a certain lot of land being the southeasterly part of the land conveyed to me by said Martha B. Lippitt (183/141). Bounded west by Benefit St. 22'; North, 102'; South by grantee, 88'; East by Martha Lippitt, 20'....DB 197/105.
- 1888 William and Frank L. Huston sell to Gardiner C. Sims a certain lot of land on the N.E. corner of Benefit and Charles Field Street being the land as deeded by 2 deeds to Susan E. Huston - 1 from Martha B. Lippitt (178/291) and the other from Stephen Waterman. (197/105) 349/55
- 1889 Gardiner C. Sims here for 1st x and until 1914 - Prov. Dir.

THE PROPERTY WAS TAXED TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

- 1890 Laura B. Sims wf. Gardiner C.  
1914 Alexander Gilbert and Irving H. Drabble  
1921 Irving H. Drabble  
1936 Irving H. Drabble and Lillian A.C. Drabble jt.  
1952 Lillian A. C. Drabble

William R. Huston House Built 1867. Huston paid careful attention to the building of the house. He is supposed to have designed the stairway himself. It is unusual. Architect is not known. Bought by Irving Drabble in 1921 and remodelled somewhat on the interior as a funeral parlor.

Now occupied by Kenneth Sherman who has removed (1961) the caps of the dormer window and simplified the detail of the central dormer.