

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
RECORDS OF 309 BENEFIT STREET

Plat 12  
Lot 369

HOUSE BUILT 1867 BY WILLIAM R. HUSTON

#287 Benefit in 1880  
#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.