

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

Flat 9
Lot 171

#27 ^W 1866

31-#33 BENEFIT STREET...Wood

- 1841 INDENTURE: Partition of the heirs of Thomas L Halsey in 5 parts: T Frances M Cross (nee Halsey) the party of the 4th part Lot #2, 7, 14, 18, and 28. Lot #2 bounded: W by Benefit Street 50'; E by Lot #6 50'; N by Lot #3, 152½'; S by Lot #1 152½'...DB 81.107
- 1850 Frances M Cross sells for \$2050 to Duty Evans a certain lot of land on the E/ly side of Benefit Street being Lot #2 on the "Map of Halsey Street and Adjoining Lands" belonging to heirs of the Late Thomas L Halsey, platted in 1840 by M. B Lockwood.... Plat Book #2, page 5... DB 122.84
- 1885 Gilbert F Evans and Walter F Angell executors u/w Duty Evans sell for \$7600 at public auction to Allen Green, the highest bidder..."a tract of land with buildings and improvements thereon being Lot #2 on the "Map of Halsey Street and Adjoining Lands"....DB 333.184
- 1888 WILL: Allen Greene..."to my two sons Lewis A and Forrest Greene..."my house situated on Benefit Street #32 and #33 thereon, with that portion the the lot to the same belonging, having a front on Benefit Street of 50' and holding that width extending back 130'"...Wills 32.331
....they to lease or let such tenement thereof as my daughter Emma R Smith wife of Samuel N Smith shall choose to occupy, free of rent."
- 1903 Forrest Greene, trustee u/w Allen Green transfers trust to the R I Hospital Trust Company...DB 475
- 1906 Allen Greene quit claims to Mary E B Greene "my property which descended to grantor as sole heir- in-law of Lewis Greene"...DB 480.342

This property changed hands several times and in

- 1960 Pamden Realty Company sells to Beatrice O Chace a certain lot of land with all buildings and improvements bounded W by Benefit Street 50.15'; N by B Clements and William E Oliver 130'; E by William E Oliver 50'; S by Albert T Bennet 130'....DB 1102.157

#33

From the PROVIDENCE DIRECTORY

- 1857 to 1883 ... Duty Evans, iron and steel
- 1886 Allen Greene, carriage maker
- 1894 to 1895..Gustav Floeckher

#33

• #33½ (first listing) William Reynolds

- 1897 Mary Greene, widow
to Catherine O'Reilly, teacher more....
- 1900

#33 BENEFIT STREET.....continued

#33 BENEFIT STREET

1905 Vacant

1911 East Side Maternity Home

1925 Samuel Slatoff, cutler

1925

#33 $\frac{1}{2}$ Samuel Slatoff Samuel Wallace
(first listing since 1896)

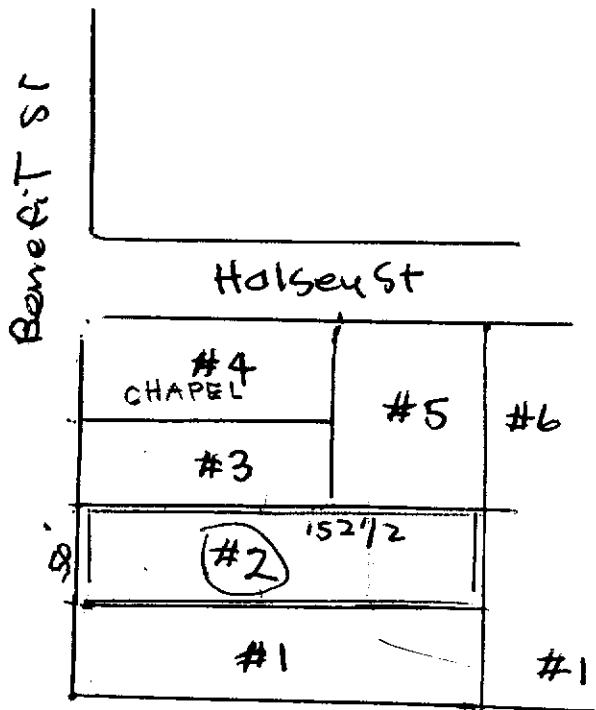
1930 Samuel Slatoff, cutlery

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#33 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wallace Shea et al

PARTIAL

"Map of Halsey Street and Adjoining Lands" belonging to the heirs of the Late Thomas L Halsey...platted in 1840 by Benoni Lockwood Plat Book #2, page 5



NUMBERS THIRTY-ONE AND THIRTY-THREE BENEFIT STREET
THE DUTY EVANS HOUSE (Built Between 1850 and 1857)
OWNERS: Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Bainbridge
OCCUPANTS: (31) Mrs. John E. Von Bretton
(33) Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Bainbridge

In the 1841 division of Thomas Lloyd Halsey's estate, Halsey's daughter, Frances M. Cross, inherited the lot (#2) this house stands on. In 1850, she sold it to Duty Evans who, according to the Providence Directory, was living in the house in 1857. Evans, a merchant in iron and steel, was co-owner for a brief time of the lot at 11 Halsey Street, with Allen Greene, his neighbor next north on Benefit Street.

The two Benefit Street houses, probably built about the same time and both occupied by 1857, are very much alike and made a handsome pair of the box-like symmetrical Italianate houses appearing on Providence Street in the 1850's. They are pattern versions of such mansions as Tully Bowen's house at 389 Benefit Street, built in 1851 by Thomas A. Tafft, whose work reflected the mid-century conservative and academic Italianate style of buildings like Sir Charles Barry's London Clubs.

Number 31-33 remained in Evans' possession until 1885, when Allen Greene bought it after 1888. Greene's two sons, Lewis and Forrest, lived in it as a double house, and it remained in Greene ownership until 1911. By 1961, when it was purchased by Burnside Corporation for restoration as part of Benefit Square, it had been covered with asphalt siding. Like 29-31, it has been restored as a double house.