

The premises hereby conveyed includes one undivided half part of all of said lot on said Assessors Plat and all of the land covered by a deed made by Martha W. Ashton and others to Louisa A. Ashton November 17 AD 1846 ... (Deed Book 322.22).

Tax Records at Providence City Hall list these owners:

- 1895 Tillie Walter wife Alexander A.
John T. Farrell
- 1898 John T. Farrell
- 1902 Frank J. Alexander, Denver, Col.
- 1903 Edward W. Williams, Denver, Col.
- 1904 John O'Connor
- 1913 John A. Flanagan, Fall River
- 1914 Eva Park, Fall River
- 1918 John A. Flanagan
- 1929 Hannah Flanagan widow John A. for life
- 1930 Eva Perkins
- 1940 Warren F. Perkins and Wife Eva P., Joint Tenants
- 1954 Warren F. Perkins
- 1965 Donald F. Perkins and wife Carol W. JT (DB 1131.298)
- 1969 Donald W. Nelson D. Rec.
- 1977 Milton P. Hannah (DB 1196.709)

Barbara Levine
April 1980

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

Plat 16

372 BENEFIT STREET

Lot 219

Built by Louisa A. Ashton after November 1846
and before August 1854

1846 On November 17 Martha W. Ashton et al sell to Louisa A. Ashton for \$2000 a certain lot of land on the westerly side of Benefit Street commencing on the southeast corner on Benefit Street on land of the late William Jenkins dec'd running westerly ... 100 feet to land of Roger W. Potter thence northeasterly ... 38 feet and 4 inches thence easterly on land of the heirs of William Ashton 59 feet thence southerly 5 feet, thence easterly to Benefit Street thence southerly 58 feet ... to the first mentioned bound being the south part of the homestead estate belonging to the late William Ashton deceased (Deed Book 102.201).

1854 Tax Index book for Plat 16 shows that this property is owned by Laura Ashton and that Harriet F. Ashton is the owner in 1864.

Tax Ledger A1.163 shows that on August 1, 1854 Harriet F. Ashton owns a building valued at \$2500 on 3907 square feet of land valued at \$3907.

1857 Ledger A1.64 shows 5854 square feet of land.

H. F. Walling map of the City of Providence shows a house on this lot and on the original family lot but the two houses seem to be connected by a structure which runs across the front of both. Since Louisa is a milliner who has her business at her residence, this may be her shop.

This is the first year that 302 Benefit Street appears in the Providence Directory for Louisa A. Ashton, millinery. She and William Ashton live at 300.

1864 Property taxed to Harriet F. Ashton

1873 $\frac{1}{2}$ to William H. Ashton and $\frac{1}{2}$ to Caroline F. Oxx of Bristol

1883 Edward A. Ashton acquires a lot of land with a dwelling house built by Louisa A. Ashton ... situate on the westerly side of Benefit Street and designated as lot number 219 on the Assessor's Plat ... being a part of the Ashton Estate ... and being premises that I (Caroline F. Oxx) inherited as sole heir at law of William H. Ashton now deceased.

372 Benefit Street, Providenced

#302 in 1848

Former Owners:

1816 William Ashton
1846 Martha W. Ashton, Caroline F. Ashton, Harriet F. Ashton, William H. Ashton (Heirs of William)
1846 Louisa A. Ashton (purchased)
1854 Tax book lists Louisa A. Ashton as owner the building was valued at \$2,500.
1864 Harriet F. Ashton
1873 William W. Ashton
1873 Caroline F. Oxx (Bristol)
1883 Edward A. Ashton
1885 Caroline F. Oxx (Bristol)
1890 Edward A. Ashton.
1895 Tillie Walter, wife of Alexander A.
1898 John T. Farrell
1902 Alexander
1903 Williams (Denver, Colo.)
1904 John O'Connor
1904 Flanagan
1914 Eva Park
1918 Flanagan
1930 Eva Perkins
1940 Eva and Warren Perkins
1965 Donald W. and Carol W. Nelson

PD
1893
1895

1890 Caroline (Ashton) Oxx PD.
1867 Who Ashton here at # 372 + Louisa at ¹⁶374 (2 family)

Description of property 1846 (Deed Book 102, pg 201) when Louisa A. Ashton purchased it from the Heirs of William Ashton.

"Beginning on the Southeast corner of Benefit Street of land of the late William Jenkins dec'd., running Westerly on said Jenkins land 100' to land of Roger Potter, thence Northerly on said Potter land 38.4', thence East on land of the heirs of William Ashton 59', thence Southerly 5', thence Easterly to Benefit Street, thence Southerly on said street to the first mentioned bound, being the South part of the Homestead Estate belonging to the late William Ashton, dec'd.