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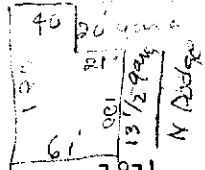
Plat 10
Lot 140

#31 in 1824
1844
#37 in 1824 to 1866

#61 BENEFIT STREET....wood

#61 in 1866

- 1798 CHACE NOTES: Charles Keene, blacksmith heirs..W on Benefit Street
N by heirs of Joseph Jenckes; S by T & Halsey and Melzar Packard.
- 1813 Thomas Rhodes and wife Lydia (Keene) Rhodes sell for \$835 to ^{Mawney} Jastram
Mawney a certain lot of land bounded W by Benefit Street 61'; N by
D L Barnes 120'; E by James Burr 40' thence S by a 13½' gangway 20';
E by a gangway 21'; S by a 13½' gangway which separates it from land
of Nehemiah Dodge 100'...Deed Book 37.172...See Map for #69-71 Benefit St
- 1814 DIRECT TAX: Mawney Jastram...~~self-occupied dwelling house...~~
~~wood...~~ E side Benefit Street 50'; N by
Joanna Barnes; S on gangway..E by James Brown and T L Halsey 1
100' deep.
- 1819 MAP RECORD: Mawney Jastram..self-occupied...wood..40' in front..
36' front to rear...2 stories high front and rear..with addition
Vol 5..#1830
- 1823 Mawney Jastram, gentleman, sells the above property for \$4000 to
Ebenezer Kelly, gentleman, with all buildings and with gangway privi-
leges...DB 46.271
- 1824 Ebenezer Kelly ^{and/or family until 1866} ~~and Mrs Goddard~~ lived here...Prov Directory
- 1830 Ebenezer Kelly, sells for \$4500 to Abby Eliza Kelly wife of Wilbur
this same property...DB 59.189 ~~see map~~
- 1830 ~~PROPERTY RECORD: William Kelly..Wilbur Kelly lived here at #37..P Dir~~
- 1847 ~~Wilbur Kelly died.~~
- 1836 Nehemiah Dodge QC to Wilbur Kelly a certain lot of land with barn
and gangway privileges bounded: W by said Kelly's Homestead Lot; N
by Barnes to with 25' of T L Halsey's land; E 60'; S 27' on gangway
20' on gangway thence W/ly to said Kelly's land (the gangway sepa-
rating said land from grantor's land . It is the same land conveyed
to me by Comfort Tiffany et al in 1835...PD 70.64 ^{see map other}
^{next page #1}
- 1864 Abby Eliza Kelly, widow of Wilbur, sells for \$10,000 to Bailey Evans
a certain lot of land with a DWELLING HOUSE and other improvements
(with gangway privileges) bounded:W by Benefit Street 61'; N by heirs
of D L Barnes 153'; E by grantee 61'; S by a gangway separating it
from land of grantee 150'. A portion of said Estate was conveyed



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#61 BENEFIT STREET....continued

to said Abby Eliza Kelly by deed from Ebenezer Kelly in 1830 (59.189) and the remainder was conveyed to my late husband Wilbur Kelly from Nehemiah Dodge in 1836 (70.64) and devised to me u/w of my late said husband. (ABBY HAS LIFE TENANCY) See map below #2

~~Abby Eliza Kelly died...~~

~~The Kelly family had lived here for 2 years.~~

MTG 1874 Bailey Evans sells the property to Henry Webb..the property changed hands several times and was taxed to the following persons in the year designated:

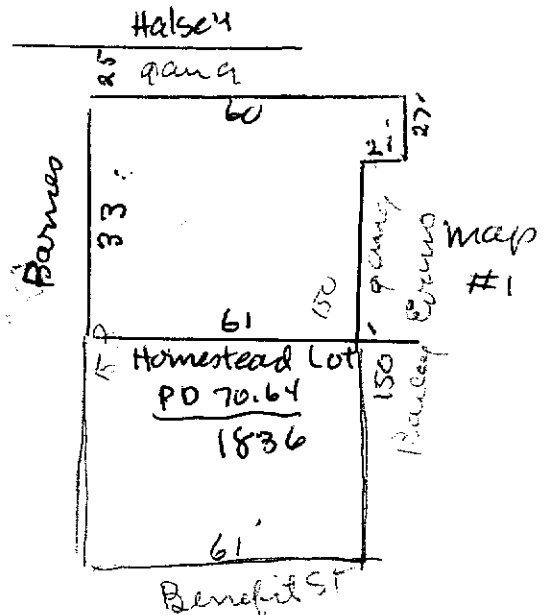
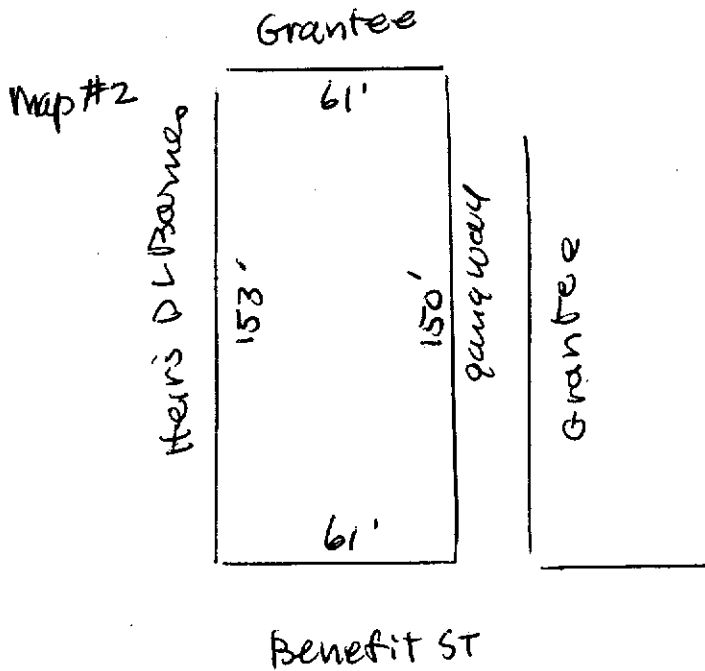
1888 Walter S Munroe

1906 Esther Max

1911 Pincus Siegel

1956 NOTE: Charles Salumia called Mrs Downing to describe the house.. says he nowns it..3-car garage, 10 trees..large lot of land..5 a-partments..4 fireplaces.

1958 Property owned by Nathaniel Thayer



See...
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ALBUM

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HABS No. RI-147

MANNEY JASTRAM HOUSE

Address: 61 Benefit Street, Providence, Providence County,
Rhode Island.

Plat 10, lot 140, this lot was 37 Benefit Street
in 1824; 28 or 37 Benefit Street in 1847; 61
Benefit Street since 1866.

Present Owner: Nathaniel S. Thayer, 14 Congdon Street, Providence
6, Rhode Island.

Present Occupant: Various renters.

Present Use: Apartment house.

Brief Statement
of Significance: This is a large wooden house built before 1819
with interesting original exterior detail.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners:

- 1798 Land belonged to heirs of Charles Keene, black-
smith, who married "Hunt." Henry R. Chase, Owners and
Occupants of the Lots, Houses and Shops in the Town of
Providence, Rhode Island in 1798 Located on Maps of the
Highways of that Date (Providence, 1914): Charles Keene,
blacksmith, heirs. W on Benefit; N heirs of Joseph
Jencks; S by Thos. L. Halsey and Messrs Packard. Taxed
\$250.
- 1814 Mas. tax descriptions in the Rhode Island
Historical Society, Providence, for the 1814
Providence direct tax to the federal government: One
lot bounded N by J. Barnes, S on a gangway W by James
Brown and T. L. Halsey 100' back, 50' front.
- 1819 Fire Record. Manney Jastram: self-occupied.
Wood 40' in front and 36' front to rear. 2 stories
front and 2 stories rear, with addition in rear. (Sold
to Ebenezer Kelly in 1823). ..Mas fire insurance records
of the Providence Mutual Insurance Co. at the Rhode
Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I., Vol. 5,
policy #1830.

- 1823 House bought by Ebenezer Kelly from Mawney Jastram. Mawney Jastram sells property to Ebenezer Kelly bounded: N/ly bounding W/ly on Benefit Street; bounded N/ly on land of heirs of David L. Barnes; E/ly on land of James Burr and S/ly on gangway dividing said lot from Nehemiah Dodge, together with buildings and improvements for \$4000... Deed Book 46, page 271, in Providence City Hall.
- 1824 Ebenezer Kelly and Mrs. Goddard lived here... Providence Directory.
- 1830 Ebenezer Kelly to Abby Eliza Kelly..bounds only are given, not description..Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee. Deed Book 59, page 189, in Providence City Hall.
- 1836 Nehemiah Dodge sells land adjoining said Kelly's homestead, to him...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee. Deed Book 70, page 119, in Providence City Hall.
- 1844 Wilbur Kelly, lived here...Providence Directory.
- 1846 Wilbur Kelly died, leaving widow, Abby Eliza Kelly ...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee.
- 1847 Ebenezer Kelly lived here...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee.
- 1864 Abby Eliza Kelly, widow of Wilbur, sells to Bailey W. Evans, retains possession during natural life...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee. Deed Book 246, page 221, in Providence City Hall.
- 1866 Abby Kelly, widow (sic), lives here...Providence Directory
- 1874 Bailey W. Evans sells to Henry Webb...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee. Deed Book 247, page 361, in Providence City Hall.
- 1888 Henry Webb sells property to Walter S. Manro... Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee. Deed Book 349, page 123, in Providence City Hall.

- 1906 Walter S. Munro sells to Esther Max...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee.
- 1911 Esther Max sells to Pincus Siegel...Title searches in Providence City Hall by the Rhode Island Title Guarantee.
- 1956 NOTE: Charles Saluzia telephoned Mrs. Antoinette Downing to describe house, says he now owns it: 3-car garage, 10 trees, large lot of land, 5 apartments, 4 fireplaces.
- 1958 Nathaniel S. Thayer, owner.
2. Date of erection: Built between 1798 and 1819, probably after 1814.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: Large wooden house with interesting exterior detail. Exterior apparently largely original; interiors extensively remodeled.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 40' (5 bays) x 36', main front block, 2 stories high; rear wing partly 2 stories, partly one story high; small one-story wing on south side; house faces west.
2. Foundations: Regular ashlar in front, brick in rear.
3. Wall construction: Probably frame, covered with clapboards, wooden quoins at the corners.
4. Porches: One story high entrance porch with paired fluted Doric columns at the front corners, and pilasters at the wall; molded cornice with both drilled ovolo, and fret bed molds; curved lattice balustrade; porch, nine steps above the sidewalk, granite steps.

5. Chimneys: Three brick chimneys.
 6. Openings:
 - a. Doors: Door not original, in pilastered frame with side lights and elliptical fan light.
 - b. Windows: Two over two light double-hung windows, which are not original.
 7. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Hip roof with low monitor on main block, gable roofs on rear wing, rolled roof covering.
 - b. Cornice: Molded cornice with a drilled ovolo bed mold.
 - c. Dormers: Two gabled dormers on front side of house with pediments.
- C. Technical Description of Interior
1. Floor plans: Originally a central-hall plan, two rooms deep, now divided into several apartments.
 2. Stairways: Open-string, L-shape stairs with scrolled step ends; molded handrail, slender, rectangular balusters, turned newels.
 3. Flooring: Patterned hardwood flooring - not original.
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster. Ceiling in original south parlor is divided by dark oak beams, which are not original.
 5. Trim: Dark oak trim - not original.
 6. Hardware: Not original.
 7. Lighting: Electric.
 8. Heating: Radiators. Elaborate paneled mantel of dark-colored oak in the south parlor - not original.
- D. Site
1. General setting and orientation: Faces west, up nine steps from the sidewalk. Stone wall at sidewalk, cut slabs of granite, about 2' high, continuing along driveway.
 2. Walks, driveways, etc.: Granite steps to front door. Brick walks in front at the street and in the rear. Gravel on concrete drives.
 3. Landscaping: Rear yard used for parking.