

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

158 BOWEN STREET

Plat #10 Lot #395

Built for Stephen A. Cooke in 1888

Edward I. Nickerson, architect

(House number was originally 88, and was changed to 158 in 1895.)

1882 The Atlas of the City of Providence shows no structure at this date on the lot in question.

1887 Deed Book 341 Page 97, February 10
"I, Henry C. Dorr, of the City and County of New York, State of New York, (bachelor) hereinafter called the grantor, for the sum of \$10 truly paid by Stephen A. Cooke Jr. of Providence, hereinafter called the grantee, do give, grant, bargain, sell, aliene, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the grantee a certain lot of land situated on the Northerly side of Bowen Street..."

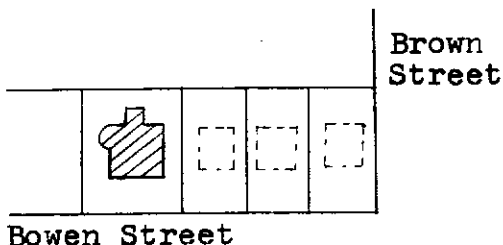
No mention of a structure in this deed.

1888 May 28 Notice of Intention to Build
City Engineer's Office
Sir: The undersigned hereby gives notice of intention to build a 2½ story wood and brick building to be located on the northerly of Bowen Street between Prospect and Brown on estate owned by Stephen A. Cooke Jr. Said building is to be used for 1 tenement and is to be built by D.B. Murphy and John Davidson; and hereby request that the line and grade of said street for said building be defined accurately if can be.

signed,
Stephen A. Cooke Jr.
Edward I. Nickerson, arch.

1888 Providence Water Department records indicate that water service was connected to 158 Bowen Street on June 2, 1888.

1895 The Atlas of the City of Providence shows a house on the house lot in question. (tinted red to indicate brick)



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Providence City Directory Listings for Stephen A. Cooke:
1883-1888 60 Bowen Street
1889-1894 88 Bowen Street
1895- 158 Bowen Street

Providence Tax Records List of Property Owners:

1887 Stephen A. Cooke Jr.
1906 Stella M.B. Harris, wf Frederick A. W.
1913 John B. Branch
1924 Claude B. Branch & Beatrice B. Spicer
1950 Beatrice B. Spicer wf, Edward S.
1980 F. Gordan Simmering & wf Deborah M.