

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

RECORDS OF

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LOT 544

#40 BOWEN STREET..WOOD..BRICK ENDS

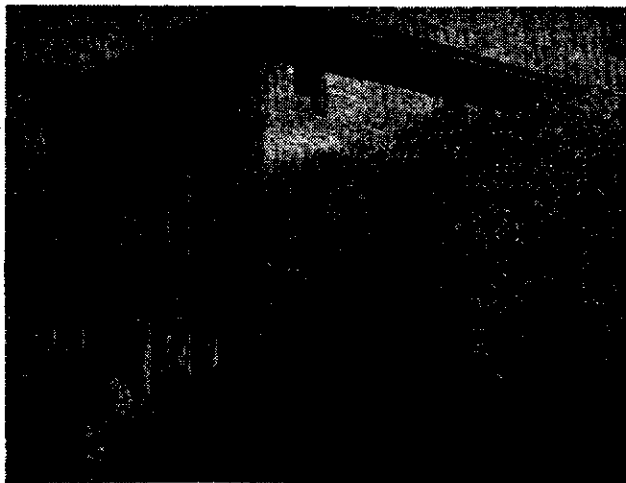
#12 IN 1857

#24 IN ~~1856~~  
1870

#40 IN 1895

- 1786 BOWEN STREET WAS ESTABLISHED, PASSING THROUGH THE BOWEN ESTATE ON LAND PURCHASED BY PHILIP AND ZACHARIAH ALLEN, THE AUTHORS OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...RI HS..SCRAP BOOK #15 P 17
- 1817 JOSEPH BOWEN, HEIR OF SAMUEL BOWEN SELLS TO WHEELER MARTIN "ALL MY ESTATE IN TOWN OF PROVIDENCE, CONSISTING OF TWO LOTS...."THE OTHER LOT #2 (THIS ONE) BOUNDED: E ON LOTS BELONGING TO NATHANIEL SMITH HEIRS 82'; N BY HOWLAND STREET 46'; S BY BOWEN STREET 47½'; AN W BY HUBBARD LOT 93'."... DEEDS 41/80
- 1817 WHEELER MARTIN SELLS TO SAMUEL <sup>Richmond</sup> RICHARD "THE SAME TWO LOTS I BOUGHT OF JOSEPH BOWEN"... 41/81
- 1855 SAMUEL RICHMOND'S WIDOW AND SONS LEWIS AND SAMUEL RICHMOND SELL ~~FOR \$448~~ LOT #2 OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY... 140.297 TO JOHN KENDRICK
- 1855 JOHN KENDRICK SELLS LOT #2 FOR \$448 TO JESSE HOWARD...143.79  
1856 - Police Record: Jesse Howard - wood - 1 side brick \*
- 1857 JESSE HOWARD LIVED HERE AND UNTIL HE DIED IN 1881...PROV DIR HE WAS TREASURER OF THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK.
- 1865 JESSE HOWARD MADE A WILL LEAVING "TO MARY HOWARD, MY WIFE THE DWELLING HOUSE WHERE I NOW RESIDE" ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BOWEN STREET TO HER AND HER HEIRS FOREVER...WILLS
- 1884 MARY HOWARD DIED INTESTATE...THE PROPERTY WAS OWNED BY THE HOWARD FAMILY UNTIL 1893.
- 1892 CAPRON, SEWALL, ACCOUNTANT LIVED HERE AND UNTIL 1896...PROV DIR
- 1893 PROPERTY WAS TAXED TO ARTHUR W CLAFLIN, TRUSTEE
- 1894 PROPERTY WAS TAXED TO HOWARD W<sup>P</sup> PRESTON AND UNTIL 1908
- 1908 PROPERTY WAS TAXED TO ANNIE LUBER WIFE OF SAMUEL AND WAS IN POSSESSION OF THE LUBERS UNTIL 1957
- 1957 SADIE ROSENTHAL, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE LUBER ESTATE SELLS THIS PROPERTY TO THE AUDUBON SOCIETY...1067/128

\* 34'x 36' - 3 stories high - Add. 14'x 17' - 2 stories high with a  
tunnel roof. Floors laid in mortar. Occ for a D.H  
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### AUDUBON HOUSE

The above photograph is a "before" view of our new headquarters at 40 Bowen Street, Providence, the purchase of which was completed in mid-July. Renovation work should be underway about the time this reaches you.

This acquisition is a big undertaking for us, but one which we are confident will broaden the Audubon Society's effectiveness in many ways.

Not only will it provide a much needed expansion of office space and a gathering place for a wide variety of meetings, courses, and discussion groups, and bring our Hathaway Library and collections into use, but we want it to provide new opportunities for members to come to know one another and to become personally acquainted with the Society's resources and activities. This we plan to do by instituting a regular series of monthly evening meetings and afternoon teas.

In anticipation of all this we will welcome your assistance in renovating Audubon House attractively. The problems of financing this expansion are of course pressing ones. We are counting on the generosity of our members and friends in helping underwrite phases of this project which may be of special personal interest, either through the gift of furnishings or the contribution of funds.

Although the house itself (circa 1857) and our needs and means dictate a functional approach, we hope to furnish the Reception Room in period. To assist us in listing offers of furnishings our House Committee will appreciate a notice of your offering on a postcard giving your name, address, telephone; the item, its dimensions, colors, and condition. Please mail this card to Mrs. Paul W. Fletcher, 232 Pleasant Street, Rumford, R. I., and a member of the Committee will call on you to pass on the suitability of the item in bringing together a harmonious grouping.

The following is a list of items we would welcome assistance in acquiring for Audubon House:

#### HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS (pre-1860 preferred)

Carpet, rugs, stair carpet, Victorian wall paper; two sets of 3-pair draperies nearly 8 feet long, two sets of 3 cornices and hold backs for draperies; gas type chandelier, wired; ceiling rosettes for chandeliers; hanging light for hall (hexagonal or round); wall fixture lights (gas type); occasional chairs, tables, sofa, mirrors (incl. full-length), lamps, book cases, fire irons, framed Audubon folio prints.

#### OFFICE AND PROGRAMMING EQUIPMENT

Modern metal desks (2), 4-drawer files, adding machine, desk (3x5) file cabinets, book ends, record player (3-speed), tape recorder, bridge tables, folding chairs, beaded screen, movie projector, slide projector, photographic enlarger and other dark-room equipment.

#### KITCHEN EQUIPMENT (Hospitality needs)

Modern sink, small refrigerator, small stove, kitchen table, coffee maker, coffee urn, tea set, china, flat silver, glassware, punch bowl and cups, misc. utensils.

#### CLEANING AND GARDENING TOOLS

Vacuum cleaner, floor waxer, brushes, mops, dust-cloths, lawn mower, shovel, rake, hoe, weeders.

#### OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS

Refencing, new lawn, shrubs and trees, garden bench, bird bath or fountain.

#### BUILDING MATERIALS AND SERVICES

One folding wall, street sign and plaque, outdoor flood-lighting, high fence gate, a new front door, hot water system, radiators and enclosures, wiring, switches, modern plumbing, roof edging, gutters and downspouts, 6" clapboarding for housefront, paint.

#### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

It is pleasant to signal a new spurt of interest in Life Membership contributions. During this summer Mrs. Buell Buckingham, President William B. Dean, and Miss A. E. Mauran joined the ranks of the Society's Life Members, and several others made initial contributions toward Life Membership which, as you will recall, may now be made in as many as four installments.

We are equally pleased to report a continuing growth in the numbers of Sustaining, Contributing and Supporting Members.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Warner is at the Audubon Office (still in The Arcade) from 9:00 to 12:45 Monday through Friday. These are our office hours at present, although Mr. Clement is often at the office afternoons also. September 10-12, however, the Audubon Office will be closed while Mr. Clement attends the American Ornithologist's Union meetings at Cape May, New Jersey, and Mrs. Warner is away.

#### SCREEN TOURS

Save Sunday, October 6th (3 p.m.) for the season's first Screen Tour lecture which brings Cornell's famed Dr. A. A. Allen.

#### FIELD NOTES

Did you know that the Cardinal nested in Westerly this summer? This is the first time in Rhode Island. More details in October Bulletin.

The very dry summer was good for the production of ground nesting birds like Bob-white, etc., but cut into the productivity of all second broods simply because insect populations which serve as food for most young birds were reduced as the drought continued.

Mr. Rudolph Wallisch reports finding five new-born Gray Squirrels in the nest in Providence on August 13th, reasonably good evidence of a second brood in this species.

#40 BOWEN STREET...WOOD

BOWEN STREET WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1786. IT WENT THROUGH THE BOWEN ESTATE ON LAND THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY PHILLIP AND ZACHARIAH ALLEN. IN 1817 JOSEPH BOWEN SOLD LAND, INCLUDING THE LOT THIS HOUSE STANDS ON, TO WHEELER MARTIN WHO SOLD THE SAME PROPERTY TO SAMUEL RICHMOND IN THE SAME YEAR.

IN 1855 JESSE HOWARD, WHO WAS TREASURER OF THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK BOUGHT THE LAND AND BY 1856 HE HAD BUILT THE HOUSE. THE HOWARD FAMILY OWNED THE PROPERTY UNTIL 1893.

AFTER 1893 IT WAS OWNED BY HOWARD W<sup>P</sup> PRESTON AND FROM 1908 UNTIL 1957 IT BELONGED TO SAMUEL LUBER WHO SOLD IT TO THE AUDUBON SOCIETY.

THE HOUSE IS A SOLID EARLY VICTORIAN EXAMPLE OF THE "PATTERN" OF BUILDINGS BEING PUT UP DURING THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. THE SQUARE CENTRAL HALL PLAN IS TYPICAL OF EARLY COLONIAL HOUSE PLANS. THE DESIGN IS DERIVED FROM THE SIMPLE VILLAS OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE.

This information is given  
to the Howard family  
by request