

RECORDS OF 129 CYPRESS STREET

Providence, R.I.

Built ca. 1887-88, Willard R. Holmes

Plat 6

Lot 138

The 1882 Atlas does not show a structure, nor give a street number to the lot. The Providence Directory does not list a 129 Cypress Street, nor any address at this location, through 1887. A probate record of 1882, that of Asa Pike, indicates that the lot was not numbered. (Probate Docket Number A13589) A deed of 1887 lists "that lot of land with all buildings..." (Deed Book 339:236). The Providence Directory of 1887 does not list a 129 Cypress Street. The 1888 Providence Directory does list a 129 Cypress. It would appear that the house was not there in 1887 for the Directory listing, but there were buildings of some sort on the property. As Willard R. Holmes bought the land in September, he could have started the house in late 1887 or 1888.

1882 Asa Pike died on December 29, 1882, in Providence. He left his estate "real, personal, and mixed" to his heirs: Charles F. Pike (son); William H. Pike (son); Mary Ann Lyon (daughter); Mary Anna Durfee (granddaughter); and Philip B. Durfee (grandson). Mary Anna and Philip B. Durfee inherited 1/4th each, undivided, of Asa Pike's estate. This included the land that became 129 Cypress Street. (Probate Docket Number A13589)

1887 On September 15, 1887, Philip B. Durfee, Celia M. Durfee (wife of Philip), and Mary Anna Durfee deeded the property to Willard R. Holmes, for a consideration of \$10.00. The property is described as "that land with all buildings and other improvements therein situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley.....bounding easterly on land of said grantors and bounding westerly by Camp Street." There was a restriction that " no portion of the walls of any building that may be erected on the premises, excepting bay windows, piazzas, and porches, shall be placed within 10 feet of the southerly line of Cypress Street, and that no building except a dwelling house, barn, and outbuildings shall be erected on said premises; and further that no buildings erected on said premises shall be used for any purpose but a dwelling house, barn, and appurtenances to the same." The deed was recorded on September 16, 1887. (Deed Book 339:236)

The Providence Directory lists the following information that is relevent to the history of 129 Cypress Street:

1887	Cypress, from opp. 810 Main Street to Olney, Ward 1
0	0 N. Main
0	0 Knowles
0	0 Camp
0	0 Ivy
0	0 East Avenue
0	0 Olney

1888 Willard R. Holmes (Troy & Holmes), 129 Cypress, cor. Camp

1894 On March 27, 1894 Willard R. Holmes, of Providence, deeded to Joseph L. Holmes and Charles E. Holmes, both of Providence, "2/3 (2 equal of 3rds)" of the property at 129 Cypress Street, for a consideration of \$100.00. The land is described as "that lot of land with all buildings and other improvements therein situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets..... northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley.....bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia M. Durfee and Mary Anna Durfee and bounding westerly by Camp Street." The same building restrictions remain in affect, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, of Septmeber 15, 1887, recorded in Deed Book 339:236. The deed from Willard R. Holmes to Joseph L. and Charles E. Holmes was recorded on April 10, 1894. (Deed Book 389:80)

1898 On September 1, 1897, Joseph L. and Charles E. Holmes deeded 1/3 interest in the property to Cynthia A. Holmes, wife of Willard R. Holmes. The consideration paid was \$100.00. Again the property is described as "situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley.....bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia Durfee and Mary Anna Durfee and bounding westerly by Camp Street." The building restrictions remain, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236. This 1898 deed was recorded July 22, 1898. (Deed Book 418:209)

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1889-1890	Willard R. Holmes (Toye & Holmes), Cypress cor. Camp
1891	Willard R. Holmes, 129 Cypress Street
1892-1902	Holmes, Chas. E., accountant, b. Holmes, Joseph L., traveling salesman, b. Holmes, Willard R., marbleworker. h.
1903	Holmes, Willard R. DIED 8/15/02 Holmes, Chas. E. Holmes, Joseph L.
1904-1912	Holmes, Chas E. Holmes, Joseph L. Holmes, Cynthia, widow of Willard R.

1919 Cynthia Holmes died on October 13, 1915, while at 171 Elm Grove. She, Charles, and Joseph were all living at this address, as of 1913.

The property at 129 Cypress Street was sold Septmeber 30, 1919, by Charles E. and Joseph L. Holmes to Samuel and Anna S. Backman (Samuel's wife), of Providence. The consideration paid was \$10.00, subject to the balance due on a mortgage note held by People's Saving Bank of \$290.00 and the taxes payable in October, 1919. The property is again described as "situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley.....bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia Durfee and Mary Anna Durfee and bounding westerly by Camp Street." The building restrictions remain, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236. Charles E. and Joseph L. Holmes were unmarried at the time of this sale. (Deed Book 590:79)

- 1923 The property was sold by Samuel and Anna S. Backman to Simeone Palmiere and his wife, Almerinda on April 26, 1923. This conveyance was made subject to a mortgage on record, for \$6,000, to Citizen's Savings Bank. This was reduced to \$5700, the payment assumed by the grantees, as part consideration for the conveyance. The property is "situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley .....bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia Durfee and Mary Anna Durfee and bounding westerly by Camp Street."The building restrictions, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236, remain. (Deed Book 638:287)
- 1930 Simeone and Almerinda Palmieri conveyed the property to Silvio and Gilda Palmieri, on February 8, 1930. While Simeone and Almerinda quitclaim their rights, the deed was "subject to a life estate which is to remain in the grantors, and encumbrances of record." The property is "situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley.....bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia Durfee and Mary Anna Durfee and bounding westerly by Camp Street." The building restrictions, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236, remain. The deed was recorded April 11, 1930. (Deed Book 739:22)
- 1941 On January 4, 1941 Silvio Palmieri and Gilda Santaniello conveyed the property to Simeone and Almerinda Palmieri. Again, the property is described as "situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets.....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley.....bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia Durfee and Mary Anna Durfee and bounding westerly by Camp Street." The deed remained "subject to a encumbrances of record." The building

restrictions, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236, remain. Eva Elizabeth Palmieri, wife of Silvio, and James Santaniello, husband of Gilda, quitclaim their rights. The deed was recorded on January 9, 1941. (Deed Book 832:432)

1948 On June 17, 1948, Simone and Almerinda Palmieri conveyed the property to John Palmieri and his wife, Eva P. Palmieri. The property is "situated on the southeasterly corner of Camp and Cypress Streets .....northerly on said Cypress Street 72 feet and holding that width extends southerly about 88 feet to land of Margaret Stelley..... bounding easterly on land of Philip B. and Celia Durfee and another, and bounding westerly by Camp Street." The building restrictions, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236, remain. (Deed Book 938:454)

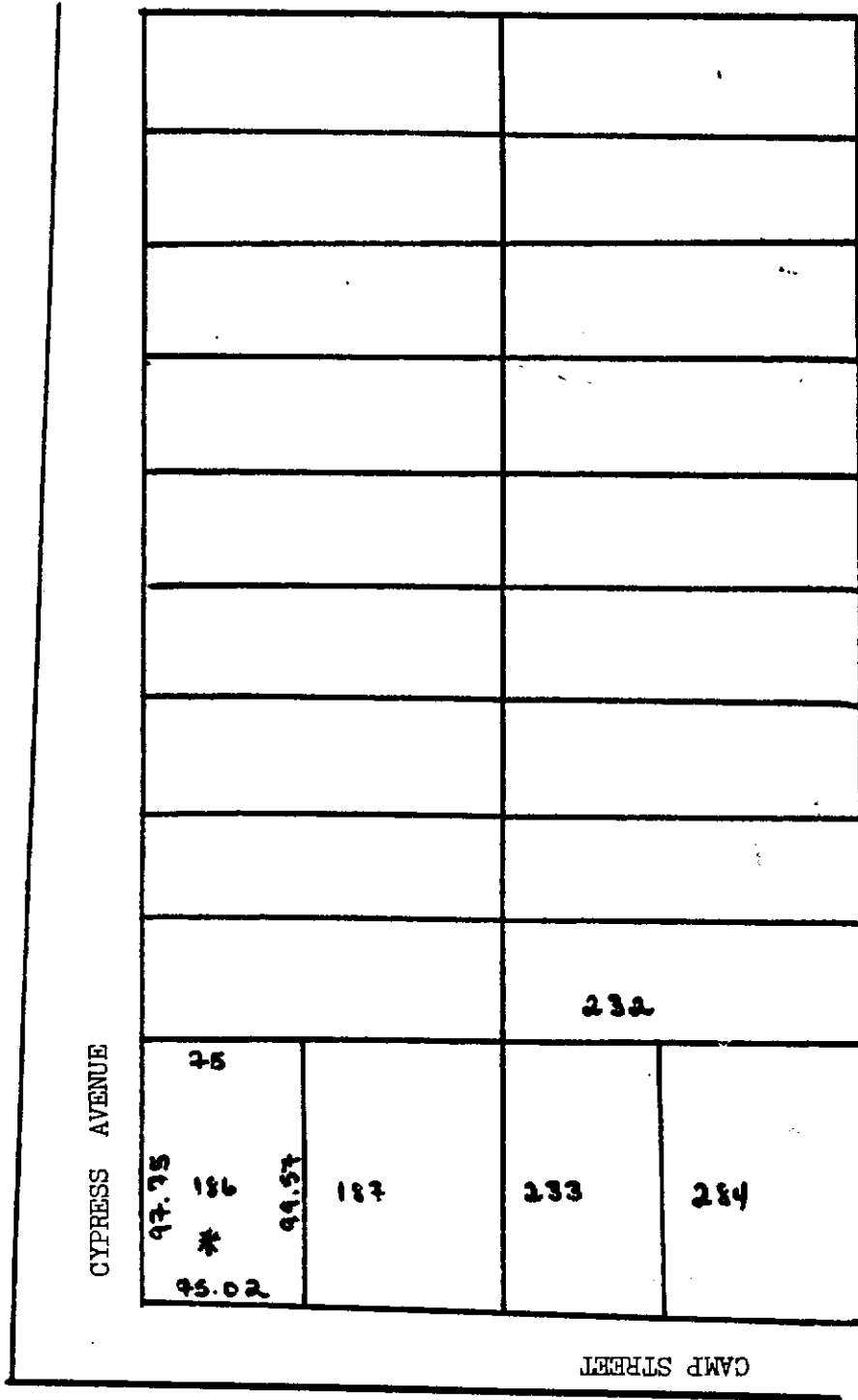
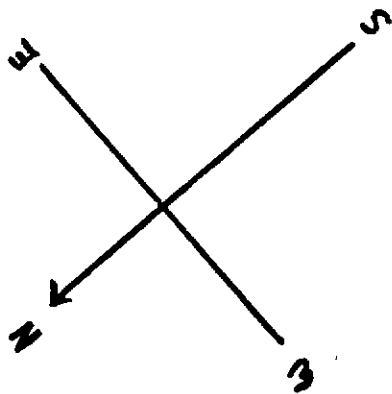
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1923	Backman, Samuel
1924	Palmerie, Simon, h. Palmerie, John, steamfitter, res.
1925-1926	Palmerie, John Palmerie, Simon
1927	Palmerie, Emma M., phone operator, h. Palmerie, Simon, h., laborer
* 1928	Palmieri, Emma. M. Palmieri, Simon Santaniello, James Santaniello, Vincenzo
1929	Palmieri, Emma M. Palmieri, Silvio (Eva E.) Palmieri, Simon
1930	Palmieri, Emma M. Palmieri, Simon
1930	Palmieri, Emma M. Palmieri, Simon
1931	Palmieri, Emma M. Palmieri, Simon (Almerinda)
1941	Palmieri, John (Eva) Palmieri, Simon
1948	Palmieri, John Palmieri, Simon (Almerinda)
1959	Palmieri, John (Eva)

\*"Palmerie" spelling changes to "Palmieri".

- 1960 On November 10, 1960, John and Eva Palmieri deeded the property to Camp Reality & Co., Inc. The property is described as "beginning at the point of intersection of the southerly line of Cypress Street with the easterly one of Camp Street and running easterly bounding northerly on Cypress 72 feet to land now or lately of Solomon J. Field; thence turning and running southerly bounding easterly on said Field land a distance of 88 feet to land now or formerly of Harriet F. Jillson; thence turning and running westerly bounding southerly on said Jillson land a distance of 72 feet more or less to said Camp Street; thence turning and running northerly bounding westerly on Camp Street a distance of 88 feet to Cypress." The building restrictions, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236, remain. The deed was recorded on November 21, 1960. (Deed Book 1104:1105-57)
- 1981 On March 10, 1981, Camp Reality & Co., Inc. sold the property to Michael Dobrinda and his wife, Debra., et. ux., of Dorchester, Massachusetts. The description is "beginning at the point of intersection of the southerly line of Cypress Street with the easterly one of Camp Street and running easterly bounding northerly on Cypress 72 feet to land now or lately of Solomon J. Field; thence turning and running southerly bounding easterly on said Field land a distance of 88 feet to land now or formerly of Harriet F. Jillson; thence turning and running westerly bounding southerly on said Jillson land a distance of 72 feet more or less to said Camp Street; thence turning and running northerly bounding westerly on Camp Street a distance of 88 feet to Camp Street." The building restrictions, by deed to Willard R. Holmes, September 15, 1887, Deed Book 339:236, remain. The deed was recorded on March 17, 1981.

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PLAT OF COLLAGE & VILLA LOTS ON THE EAST TURNPIKE  
 BELONGING TO THE HIERS OF GOVERNOR JAMES FENNER  
 SURVEYED & PLOTTED JUNE 20, 1848, BY ATWATER SCHUBERT HAINES