

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

Plat 24
Lot 56

20 DEXTER STREET

Built by Nicholas A. Fenner in 1854-57

- 1844 Nicholas A. Fenner, Superintendent at New England Butt Factory, buys property from the City of Providence described as being "bounded Westerly on Dexter Street, Northwardly on a gangway twenty feet wide, which separates it from Nos. 11, 12 & 13, Easterly on a gangway twenty feet wide, which separates it from No. 56 and southwardly on Lot number nineteen" (Deed Book 90.904).
- 1854 Tax records show that Nicholas A. Fenner was taxed for a building on this property valued at \$1,500 (Tax Ledger A3.245).
- 1858 A newly constructed building stands on this property; Fenner is taxed for a building valued at \$6,500 (Tax Ledger A3.245).
- 1867 Augustus E. Alden buys property from Nicholas Fenner for \$12,500 (Deed Book 177.472).
- 1868 John and Ann M. C. Alden buy an undivided half share of the property from Augustus E. Alden (Deed Book 182.153).
- 1870 John and Ann Alden buy the rest of the property from Augustus E. Alden (Deed Book 191.135).
- 1881 John and Ann Alden assume a \$7,500 mortgage bond on the property; the mortgage is held by Thomas P. J. Goddard, George W. R. Matteson, Moses P. J. Goddard and Sophia Augusta Brown, trustees under the will of John Carter Brown (Real Estate Mortgage Book 99.485).
- 1888 Harold Brown of Newport acquires deed of mortgage on the Aldens' property from Thomas P. J. Goddard, George W. R. Matteson, Moses B. A. Goddard and Sophia Augusta Brown (Real Estate Mortgage Book 134.481).
- 1894 Edward D. Alden of Stoneham, Mass., buys the property from Augustus E. Alden, devisee under the will of John and Ann Alden (Deed Book 392.262).
- 1901 Elias F. and Winifred Taber buy the property for \$5,100 at a public auction from Sophia Augusta Brown and George W. R. Matteson, executors of the will of Harold Brown, who held a mortgage on the property; Edward Alden defaulted in payment of a mortgage bond of \$7,500 (Deed Book 439.359).

- 1913 Winifred M. Taber, wife of Elias F. Taber, buys an undivided half share of the property from her husband (Deed Book 539.105).
- 1949 Putnam Realty Corp. buys the property from Frank T. Taber and Joseph A. Taber, heirs at law of Winifred M. Taber (Deed Book 951.467).
- 1951 Samuel Bronstein and wife Ida buy the property from Putnam Realty Corp. (Deed Book 979.10).
- 1961 Alvin Smiley and wife Wilma I. of Rehoboth, Mass., buy the property from Samuel and Ida Bronstein (Deed Book 1110.410).
- 1964 Bruce L. Rogers and wife Joyce G. buy the property from Alvin and Wilma I. Smiley (Deed Book 1127.537).
- 1965 Bruce Realty Corp. buys the property from Bruce and Joyce Rogers of Cranston (Deed Book 1134.833).
- 1974 Ronald B. Fawcett and wife Edna M. buy the property from Bruce Realty Corp. (Deed Book 1183.446).

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