

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

RECORDS OF

155 ELMWOOD AVENUE

Plat 44
Lot 423

Built by Aldridge B. Gardiner in 1886-87

- 1867 Aldridge B. Gardiner of J. W. Richardson and Co., a jewelry manufacturing firm at 19 Snow St., buys a tract of land in Cranston (now part of Providence) from Leander A. Davis; the property is described as "One certain Tract or parcel of Land situated in that part of the Town of Cranston called Elmwood near the Northerly line which divides said Town from the City of Providence containing . . . (25,925) Square feet and comprising Six lots marked and numbered as Nos. . . . (46), . . . (47), . . . (48), . . . (49), . . . (50) and . . . (51) on the Plat of an Estate belonging to Gershom Turner situated in Providence and Cranston surveyed and platted April 15th 1846 by Atwater and Schubarth . . . Said Tract or parcel of Land hereby conveyed fronts East on Greenwich Street and Northerly on Cromwell Street . . ." (Deed Book 232.479).
- 1869 Gardiner's Elmwood Avenue property (then referred to as Greenwich Street) is incorporated into the city of Providence. For the first time Gardiner is taxed for the property by the city of Providence. Tax records show no building standing on the property (Tax Ledger C2.373).
- 1886 Tax records for February show no building standing on the property (Tax Ledger D4.105).
- 1886 In June Gardiner is taxed for an unfinished building, valued at \$4,000, in the process of being constructed on the property (Tax Ledger D4.105).
- 1887 In April Gardiner is taxed for a newly completed building, now worth \$7,500 (Tax Ledger D4.105).

In the twentieth century the property is acquired by the following people:

- 1906 F. T. Pearce and C. M. Lee, trustees under the will of Aldridge B. Gardiner
- 1914 R. I. Hospital Trust Co., trustee under the will of Aldridge B. Gardiner
- 1923 George D. Richmond
- 1923 Carter Realty Company

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1933 R. I. Hospital Trust Co., trustee under the will of
Aldridge B. Gardiner

1934 Anna E. Pearce

1939 John T. and Rosa M. Ciccone

1955 Rosa M. Ciccone, widow of John Ciccone

1974 Allied Investments

Susan V. Donaldson
March, 1977