

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

Plat 44, Lot 387

260 ELMWOOD AVENUE

Built by Stone, Carpenter and Willson, c. 1893

1885 December 15 The Superior Court divides the Eagle Nursery Plat, acting in Equity Case 2404: William D. Davis vs. Walter S. Burges. William D. Davis is awarded land that includes what is now 260 Elmwood Avenue. (DB 462, p. 9)

1893 The Providence Directory lists 260 Elmwood Avenue as an address for the first time. The resident is Jeffrey Davis, son of William.

1895 The Providence County Atlas shows a cross-shaped frame building at 260 Elmwood Avenue; the house is near the corner of Princeton and Elmwood Avenues.

The Providence Directory lists Jeffrey as resident and as President of the Quidneck Manufacturing Company.

1903 William D. Davis dies. His will, published in 1904, leaves thirteen lots of the Eagle Nursery Plat to his son Jeffrey. The lot that is 260 Elmwood Avenue is part of this land. The lots are left to Jeffrey with all buildings on the lots; no specific mention is made of the house at 260 Elmwood Avenue. (Probate: Will 8339)

Providence Tax Records list these owners after William D. Davis:

1904 Jeffrey Davis and Abby P.C. Davis  
1911 Christopher M. Lee and wife Laura C. Lee  
1913 Laura C. Lee and Christopher M. Lee  
1934 Anna E. Pearse and Gaylord G. Ehrhard  
1934 Elmer R. Gardiner  
1935 Joseph E. Gardiner and wife Ellen R. Gardiner  
1936 Ina M. Page  
1940 Kay O. Page and wife Ina M. Page  
1974 Carl R. Olausen and wife Elizabeth C. Olausen

Anne McAuliffe-O'Donnell  
December 1981