

Records for  
244 Irving Avenue

Plat 41

Lot 186

Built 1903

for Mabel & Emily B. Ellis

F. Ellis Jackson, architect

- 1862 The plat entitled Blackstone Park was surveyed and platted by C.E. Paine. It was recorded at the Providence Recorder of land evidences in Plat Book 2, page 20½ and on plat card 64 lot 186 contained 22,640 sq. ft.
- 1884 May 15. Tax assessor cards show this lot was owned by John R. Godfrey of Warwick and Catherine Greene of East Greenwich.
- 1902 Nov. 18. Recorded at 2:03 p.m. D.B. 450\_253,254. Joseph Madison, Executor under the will of Catherine Greene, late of East Greenwich for the sum of \$100.00 and other valuable considerations paid by Mabel Ellis and Emily B. Ellis, both single women of Winthrop, Maine granted to said women, one undivided ½ interest in lot 186 plat 41 located at the North Westerly corner of Irving and Grotto Avenues.
- Nov. 17. D.B. 450\_255. Recorded at 2:04 p.m. Charles S., George W., and William H. Godfrey all of Warwick, R.I. conveyed their individual undivided ½ interest in said lot to M. and E.B. Ellis.
- 1903 Feb. 9. Building permit #46 was issued to the Misses Emily B. and Mabel Ellis, lot owners, to have built a 1½ story dwelling. Hilton & Jackson - architects. E. Turgeon - builder. Est. cost - \$6,500.

- 1903 Sept. 10. D.B. 460.290. Mabel Ellis and Emily B. Ellis and Edward M. and Amy Harris in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 paid by the city of Providence released and claimed to Providence Grotto Avenue 50 feet in width extending from Irving Avenue n. to the northerly line of Channing Avenue as Grotto Ave. is shown on the map entitled Streets, Avenues and Paths at Blackstone Park surveyed and platted June 1863 by C.E. Paine, recorded on Plat Card 63. "Said Grotto Avenue is to be used as a highway and for no other purpose whatsoever."
- 1904 Jan. 28. Building permit #58 was issued to the Misses M. and E.B. Ellis to build a house on Grotto Ave. to be located just north of their Irving Avenue house on the north portion of lot 186. This 2½ story 2 tenement dwelling permit lists Hilton & Jackson as architects, E. Turgeon as builder. Est. cost \$11,000.
- Directories show this house was rented out.
- 1916 Aug. 31. Permit #388 was granted to E.B. Ellis to have the Cooperative Sheet MSGR. Co. make repairs at 244 Irving Ave.
- 1930 Feb. 18. Recorded in Deed Book 729.487 at 4:45 p.m. Emily B. and Mabel Ellis transferred this lot, contained 22,450 sq. ft. to Gladys M. Mickle of Warren, R.I. This lot is further described as bounding 127.88' on Grotto Ave.  
bounding N. 150'  
bounding W. 100'  
bounding S. 100.83'
- The stone bound was set in the N.W. line of Irving Ave.
- 1930 Feb. 18. D.B. 729.488 at 4:46 p.m. Mickle conveyed back to E.B. and M. Ellis 9.810 sq. ft. described as follows:  
bounding 43.6' on Grotto Ave.  
Running W. 150'  
Running S. 15.72'  
Running S/E bounding S/W 100.83' to Irving Ave.  
Turning & running 100.2' to the pt. and place of beginning.
- 1930 Feb. 18. D.B. 729.489 at 4:47 p.m. Gladys M. Mickle of Warren Quitclaimed to E.B. Ellis and Grace Ellis Huber that 12,642 sq. ft. described as being approximately 84.28' X 150 X 150.

Transactions such as the three previously sighted usually indicate a division of the large lot into two separate lots.

- 1933 Nov. Tax Cards show Frederick Ellis Jackson acquired the property.
- 1937 July 19. Building Permit #1612 was granted to F. Ellis Jackson to Extend a dormer, shingle outside wall and make interior alterations. Frank N. Gustafsin was listed as builder.
- 1943 May 6. Permit #286 was granted to F. Ellis Jackson to have F.N. Gustafsin add a bay window.
- 1948 July 26. Permit #1070 was granted to erect a one car masonry garage. Architect - Jackson, Robertson and Adams. Builder - Gustafsin and Son.
- 1950 April. A. Watson Cocroft and C. Richard Steedman acquired the property. (Will Book 10:370. assessors.)
- 1978 June 16. D.B. 1205.946. A. Watson Cocroft and C. Richard Steedman trustees under the will of F. Ellis Jackson, with the consent of Marianne Olcott Jackson, widow of F. Ellis Jackson, conveyed the property to Donna U. Custer.

Directories indicate the following:

1903. Emily B. and Mabel Ellis were living at 139 Governor; no 244 Irving Ave. listed.

At 244 Irving Ave:

- 1904-20 Miss E.B. Ellis
- 1921 Donald D. Dietz
- 1926-32 Wyman Pendleton, Jeweler; Mary W. Pendleton
- 1935-37 244 Irving Ave. is listed as vacant. F.E. Jackson lived at #22 Cushing St.
- 1940 Carl Sawyer, a physician moved into 244 Irving. His office was at 182 Waterman.
- 1943 Raymond Burton an agent with New York Life Insurance Co. moved into the house. Jackson, owner and an

architect with Jackson, Robertson & Adams architectural firm Remained living at #22 Cushing St.

1944-50 F. Ellis Jackson and Marianne O. Jackson listed as occupants at 244 Irving.

1950 F.E. Jackson died on Feb. 9, at 70 years of age.  
(Cert. #358)

Marianne Jackson remained at this address until 1978.

1979 to Present

Mrs. Donna U. Custer, social worker at R.I. Family Services. Students listed at various times between 1979 and 1988;

James F. Custer  
Sarah C. Custer