PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

156 Meeting Street
(formerly 80)

Built by William B. Bullock in 1856

1810 Patience Page, executrix u/w Ambrose Page, sells for $150 to Henry Soule a certain lot of land in the Town of Providence, being Lot #15 of the Plat of a piece of land belonging to the heirs of Ambrose Page, surveyed and platted by Daniel Anthony in 1810, bounded S by Meeting Street (formerly Gaol Lane) and N by the heirs of Benjamin Cushing (see map) (Deed Book 33,219).

1831 Henry Soule sells for $300 to Joel Blaisdell the above property "being the same conveyed to me by Patience Page in 1810" (Deed Book 61,4).

1832 Joel Blaisdell and Peter Pratt insure for $1500 a house built of wood, 31 feet square, 2 stories high in front, with a wood house adjoining of 15 feet square, one story high (Policy Records Volume 9 #4794).

1855 Property is sold by Blaisdell's heirs to William P. Bullock, together with a 2-story house and all buildings and improvements thereon situated. This estate was owned by Joel Blaisdell for some time prior to his decease and in which Nathaniel Searle, Esq. now resides (Deed Book 140,109).

According to Providence Directory listing, Searle lived on Meeting Street from 1841 until 1855-56; no street number is listed in Directory until 1847, when number is given as 80.

William P. Bullock is taxed for land valued at $1422 and a building valued at $3200 (Tax Ledger A1,152).

1856 William P. Bullock insures for $4000 a wood dwelling house, 33 feet by 56 feet or thereabouts, all 2 stories high (Policy Records Volume 61 #26931).

(The change in both the dimensions of the house and its evaluation indicate that a new building was erected in 1856.)

1864 The Commissioners, appointed by the Court, set off and assign to Harriet B. Waterman 1/7th part of the estate on the northerly side of Meeting Street with improvements thereon, called the Blaisdell Estate as described in said declaration (Deed Book 170,380).

1881 Heirs of Harriet B. Waterman are taxed for land valued at $2959 and a building valued at $4500 (Tax Ledger D9,252).
This property was owned by the Waterman family until 1943.

Subsequent owners are as follows:

1943 Harry Fisher and Samuel H. Berger
1948 Louis Berger and wife, Frances
1953 Brown University
1965 Diocese of Rhode Island
1974 Robert Montecalvo
1975 Mrs. P. Stanley Stephens

Platted and surveyed by Daniel Anthony in 1796

Recorded 1810
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