

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of

Plat 46
Lot 280

263 PUBLIC STREET

Built by David Sprague between 1839 and 1840

- 1839 David Sprague, a Cranston resident (occupation unknown), buys property in Cranston from James Chambers; the property is described as "One certain Lot of Land with all the improvements thereon situate [sic] in said Town of Cranston being Lot number 3 . . . on a plat of House Lots laid out and platted by Benoni Lockwood and bounding Southerly on a Public Street on which it measures Fifty feet and holding that width extends Northerly to a Fifty feet street called Rhodes Street, laid out between the Land of George W. Rhodes and the Land of Mrs. D. Aborn" (Deed Book 204.411).
- 1840 A house now stands on the property; according to an article in the Providence Journal, dated February 9, 1930, Amey A. Vinton, daughter of David Sprague and one of the succeeding owners of the property, was born in the house in 1840.
- 1855 Edward R. Mitchell buys the property from David Sprague (Deed Book 215.514).
- 1858 Cynthia Maria Sprague buys the property from Edward R. Mitchell (Deed Book 220.419).
- 1869 Amey A. Scott, daughter of David Sprague and wife of Benjamin Scott, is taxed for the property by the City of Providence for the first time; her property was transferred into the City of Providence from the Town of Cranston in 1868 (Tax Ledger B4.404).
- 1873 Amey A. Scott marries William S. Vinton.

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

- 1926 Amey A. and A. Ethel Vinton
- 1932 A. Ethel Vinton
- 1933 Timothy and Catherine Murphy
- 1934 Julia A. and Elizabeth M. Degan
- 1959 Sarah F. Smith
- 1960 Arthur R. and Laurette R. Burdick
- 1961 Mary A. Sexton

1965 E. Wiswell Mudge

1967 Frederick and Marguerite Thomas

2000 Demolished by City of Providence
July, 2000

Susan Donaldson
March, 1977