

20 Stimson Avenue

Plat 11
Assessors lot 20
Recorded lot 3

William C. Benedict House

Built 1885

- 1875 Atlas of Providence. Published by G.M. Hopkins, Civil Engineer shows this land was owned by Beckwith. See copy attached.
- 1883 July. The plat of land entitled the Truman Beckwith Plat-Hope St. was surveyed and drawn by George C. Tingley, Civil Engineer. It was legally recorded in Providence Plat Book 16 p.6, card 448.
- 1883 December 1. Tax ledger 2:440 series D shows this land belonged to Frederic Condit.
- 1884 June. An agreement for land purchase was made between Frederic Condit and William C. Benedict. This agreement is indicated in a later deed transacted between the two.
- 1884 July 11. William C. Benedict filed with intention to build a 2½ story on the North Side of Stimson Avenue near Hope Street. Certificate #2641-341 was issued see copy attached.
On that same date the city engineer registered a request for street line and curb set in preparation for this building. See copy attached.
- 1885 July 15. The agreement was made May 18 and recorded on July 15 in Deed Book 331 page 333 at 3:55 p.m. Frederic Condit conveyed to William C. Benedict 2222 square feet of recorded lot #3.
- 1885 July 15. This agreement was made June 1884 and recorded July 15, 1885 in Deed Book 331:335. Frederic Condit conveyed to William C. Benedict 5581½ square feet of recorded lot #3 also described as the Westerly portion of said lot. Condit lived at 3 Belle St. Benedict had an oil business at 31 South Water St. and lived at the Stimson Ave. address.
- 1895 Atlas of Providence. Published by Everts and Richards, Civil Engineer, show the house. See attached.

- 1916 April 29. Deed Book 541:499. Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank under the will of W.C. Benedict, conveyed the property to the Oxford Land Company. Edwin F. Cary occupied the dwelling. Cary in the Real Estate business with offices in the Turks Head building (1920 directory) the Oxford land is listed at this same address. Other businesses listed to him were United Land Co., Eaton Reality, Standard Investment, Dorilton Corp., Nightengale Co. and Riverside Drive Corp.
- 1926 February 1. Deed Book 677.245 the Oxford Land Co. conveyed the property to George A. Matteson and Rowena C., his wife. Matteson was a physician with an office at 454 Angell St.
- 1939 November. Deed Book 729.190. The Mattesons conveyed the property to Walter R. Lucas and Katherine W., his wife. Lucas was associated with the George H. McFadden and Bros. agency at 4 Steeple St. he lived at 419 Brook St. Before moving to 20 Stimson. He was a cotton broker.
- 1952 December. Deed Book 1002:234 Katherine W. Lucas, widow of Walter R. sold the property to Irving F. Slocum and Florence J. Slocum. He was listed as a mechanical engineer.
- 1954 December. Deed Book 1027.270. The property was sold to Sevellon Brown. Mr. Brown is listed as editor of the Providence Journal.
- 1955 Recorded in Deed Book 1038.242. The property was transferred to Barry Brown, who was associated with the Providence Journal.
- 1960 December. Deed Book 1102.183. John E.D. Irving and Louise R., his wife, purchased the property. He was sales manager of the Dupont Corp.
- 1963 December. Deed Book 1122:258. The property was transferred to the Dupont Co.
- Also recorded in December 1963 in Deed Book 1123:104 the property was transferred to Robert G. Potter Jr. and Edith W., his wife. Potter is listed as research associate at Brown University.
- 1977 June 10. Recorded in Deed Book 1199:104. The Potters conveyed the property to Livingston T. Merchant Jr. and Jennifer W. Merchant, his wife. He is shown as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, George Street.
- 1980 August 15. Deed Book 1222:260. The property was conveyed to David S. and Rosemond W. Wadsworth. He is listed as consultant, she as choir director, Temple Beth El.