

Providence Preservation Society

Records of

33 Stimson Avenue
(William P. Goodwin House, Built 1896)

The following is a research of Documents leading to the present parcel known as 33 Stimson Avenue, comprised of Assessors lot 26, Plat lot 11, and a portion of lot 10 on plat 11.

- 1882 February. Stimson plat surveyed and platted by George C. Tingley. Recorded with the City of Providence in Plat Book 15 on page 44 and on Plat Card #433.
- 1885 October 30. Deed Book 331.531 states that Emily S. Diman, a widow, conveys to William P. Goodwin property located at the southeasterly corner of Diman Place and Stimson Avenue being a portion of Lot #10. Said lot running easterly bounding northerly on said Stimson Ave. 95.46 feet to other land of this grantor being lot #11, thence running southerly bounding easterly on said lot #11 40 feet thence running westerly on a line parallel to the southerly line of Stimson Ave. 40 feet southerly therefrom bounding southerly on the remaining portion of lot #10, thence running northerly bounding westerly on Diman Place 40 feet to the place of beginning, total parcel containing 3825.84 square feet.
- 1886 August 6. Deed Book 338.70 Emily S. Diman conveys to William P. Goodwin property on the easterly side of Diman Place, bounding northerly on other land of this grantor 95 925/1000 feet, bounding westerly on Diman Place 10 feet and continuing by estimate 958 785/1000 square feet of land. Said lot being a portion of lot #10.
- 1886 April 21. Providence Water Department records show that water was connected to the property on this date.
- 1891 December 10. Deed Book 370.322. At this time Emily Diman conveyed to William P. Goodwin a lot or strip of land situated on the easterly side of Diman Place described as being located at the southwesterly corner of land of this grantee at a point in the easterly line of Diman Place 50 feet southerly from a stone bound at the southeast corner of Diman Place and Stimson Avenue and thence running southerly bounding westerly on Diman Place 10 feet to land conveyed by this grantor to William C. Benedict, thence easterly bounding southerly on Benedict land 96.02 feet to land of Arthur L. Kelly, thence northerly bounding easterly on Kelly land about 10 feet to the southeasterly corner of said land of this grantee, thence westerly bounding northerly on land of this grantee 95.93 feet to the place of beginning and containing 960 square feet of land.
- 1896 Directory of Providence Houses show this property to be occupied initially on this date by William P. Goodwin, Insurance Executive.
- 1922 July 1. Deed Book 622.322 Sarah J. Goodwin, trustee under the will of William P. Goodwin, deceased, conveys to Ruth Taft Wolf, a parcel

at the southeasterly corner of Diman Place bounding westerly on Diman 60 feet and holding that width extending easterly to and bounding easterly on land now or lately of Lotta P. Howe, bounding northerly on Stimson Avenue 95.46 feet and southerly on land now or lately of Lotta P. Howe 96.02 feet. Said parcel comprises 60 feet of lot #10 on Stimson Plat.

Providence City House Directories 1898-1922 state this property was owned and occupied by William P. Goodwin, banker.

1930 October 8. Deed Book 743.290 Lydia G. Knowles conveys to Ruth Taft Wolf property on the easterly side of Diman Place beginning at a granite bound 60 feet southerly from the southerly corner of Stimson Ave. and Diman Place. Said parcel containing 1200 square feet.

1963 October 22. Deed Book 1122.568 Ruth Taft Wolf conveys to Maurice A. Wolf and Ruth Taft Wolf as joint tenants not as tenants in common, said property on Stimson Plat.

Providence House Directories show the property was occupied by Maurice A. Wolf from 1923 to 1964. From 1965 to 1972 it was occupied by Ruth T. Hobbs.

1972 June 19. Deed Book 1168.320 William Taft Wolf of Chappaqua, N.Y. and Ruth Taft Hobbs of Providence, as co-executors of the will of Ruth Taft Wolf convey to Thomas Bisbee and Ann G. Bisbee said parcels on Stimson Plat. For the years 1972 to 1977 directories show the house was occupied by Thomas Bisbee.

1977 July 29. Deed Book 1200.420 Thomas Bisbee and Ann G. Bisbee, his wife, convey said property to Edward J. Bertozzi and Judith C. Bertozzi, his wife.

City directories for the years 1978 to 1982 show the property to be occupied by the Bertozzi family.

1983 July 26. Deed Book 1246.893 Edward J. Bartozzi, Jr. and his wife Judith C. convey to David Silverman of Pawtucket that certain lot or parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon situated, called parcels one and two situated at the southwesterly corner of Stimson Avenue and Diman Place, bounding westerly on Diman Place 60' holding that width extending easterly bounding northerly on Stimson Avenue 95.46' and southerly on land now or lately of Lotta Howe 96.02'. Said parcel comprises the northerly 60' of lot #10 on the Plat entitled "The John J. Stimson Estate" surveyed and drawn by George C. Tingley, Civil Engineer, February 1882 and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in said City of Providence in Plat Book 15 at page 44 and on Plat Card 433.

Also conveyed at this time described as beginning at a granite bound situated on the easterly side on Diman Place 60' southerly from the southeasterly corner of Stimson Avenue and Diman Place, thence easterly at an interior angle of 90' 32" bounded northerly by land now or formerly of Ruth Taft Wolf and being parcel one hereinabove described, 48' to a granite bound, thence southerly at an interior angle 89' 28" bounded easterly by land belonging to Lydia Knowles 25' to a granite

bound, thence westerly at an interior angle of 90' 12" bounded southerly by other land now or formerly belonging to said Lydia C. Knowles 48' to a granite bound and said Diman Place, thence northerly bounding westerly on said Diman Place 25' to the point or place of begining containing 1200 square feet of land.

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HISTORIC BUILDING DATA SHEET
RHODE ISLAND STATEWIDE SURVEY

FILE NO. _____ PLAT 11, LOT 26 LUS 11
ADDRESS 33 Stimson Av
OWNER _____



PRESENT USE:
1 fam 2 fam _____ multi _____
pub _____ comm _____ indus _____
reli _____ agr _____ mixed _____
other _____

NEIGHBORHOOD LAND USE:
res comm _____ indus _____
pub _____ agr _____ woods _____
other _____

PERIOD/STYLE: P C F GR EV LV ET MT LT

DESCRIPTION: Stories: 2 1/2
Roof: gable (flank _____ end _____ cross
gambrel (flank _____ end _____ cross _____) hip _____
monitor _____ mansard _____ flat _____
other _____

Sills: clapboard _____ brick _____ stone _____
shingle modern comp _____
other _____

Foundation: height _____ stone _____ brick _____
other _____

Alterations: good _____ poor _____ none _____
Rare bldg. _____ Typical of its area _____

COMMENTS: over

2 1/2' STAIRS 36' HIGH
SE CORNER
USED AS 1-TENEMENT DWLG
CONTRACTORS MURPHY BROS
\$7400

NEGATIVE NO. SP-1 (27)

KNOWN AS _____

ARCHITECT J. B. Goodwin

DATE & SOURCES 1886-7

ORIGINAL USE _____

ORIGINAL OWNER William P Goodwin

HISTORY & SOURCES:

tax records
William P Goodwin 1 D 85
[DB 331/531]
338/70
18 87 Directory

Wm P Goodwin secretary
Merchants Insurance Corp
house at 57 Stimson

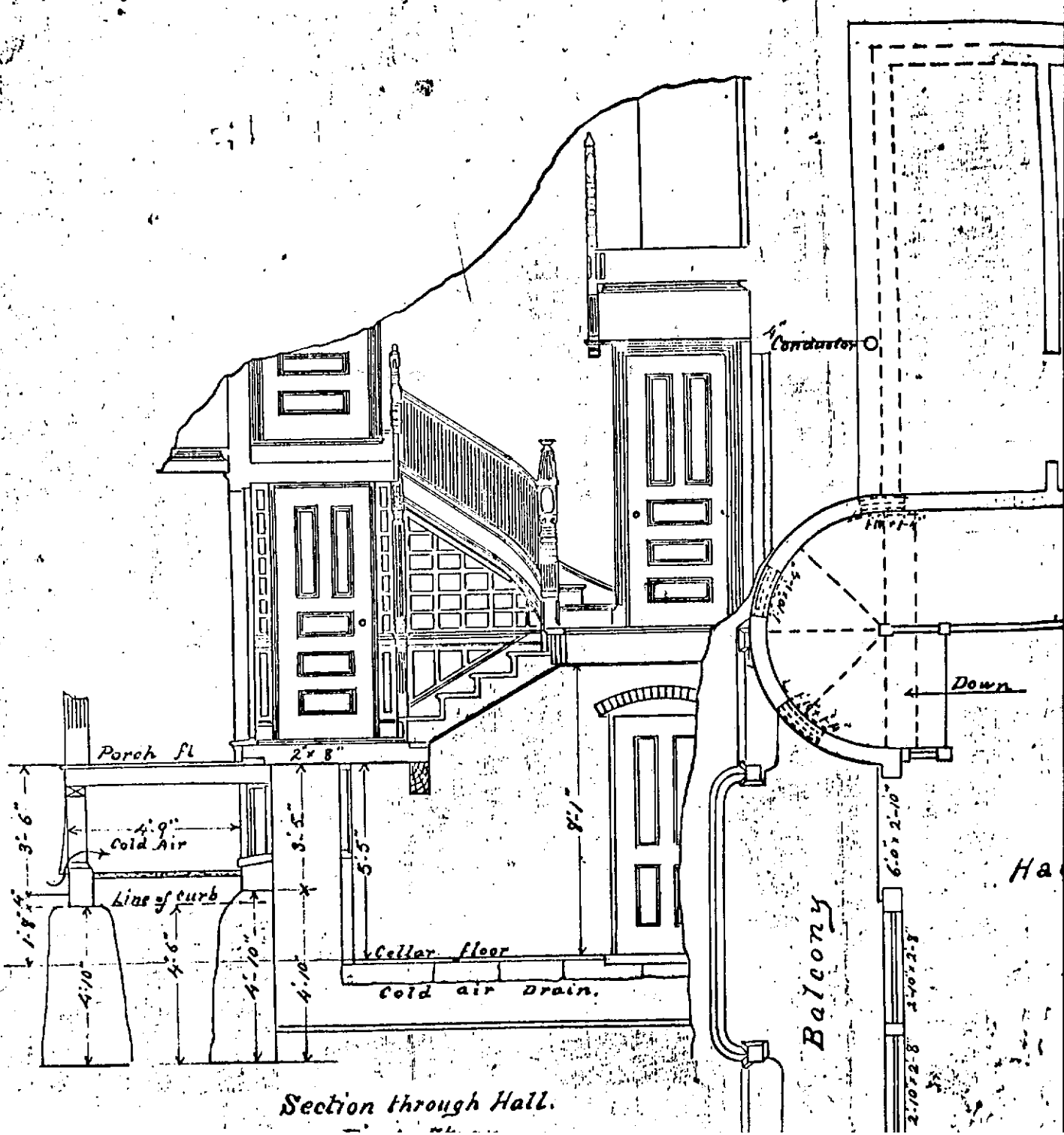
DETAINED TO BE SOLD 25 May 1966

EVALUATION:							
Physical Condition							
structure	(5)	3	2	0			
grounds		2	(1)	0			
neighborhood		(3)	2	0			
Architectural value		38	30	(20)	10	0	2
Importance to neighborhood		(14)	10	5	0		A
Historical value		38	30	20	(10)	0	1
Total Score							

SURVEYOR _____ AV Checked
SUPERVISOR _____ HV Checked

DATE: _____

— PLANS OF HOUSE —
 — FOR —
 — WM P. GOODWIN —
 — AT COR. of DIM —



Section through Hall.

POLYWOOD

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Stimson Avenue Historic District		

2. LOCATION

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Rhode Island	Providence	Providence

STREET AND NUMBER Both sides of Stimson Avenue and of Diman Place; the north side of Angell Street from Stimson Avenue to Hope Street; the east side of Hope Street from Angell Street to Stimson Avenue.

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
		R.I. Historical Preservation Commission, 52 Power St., Prov., R.I.

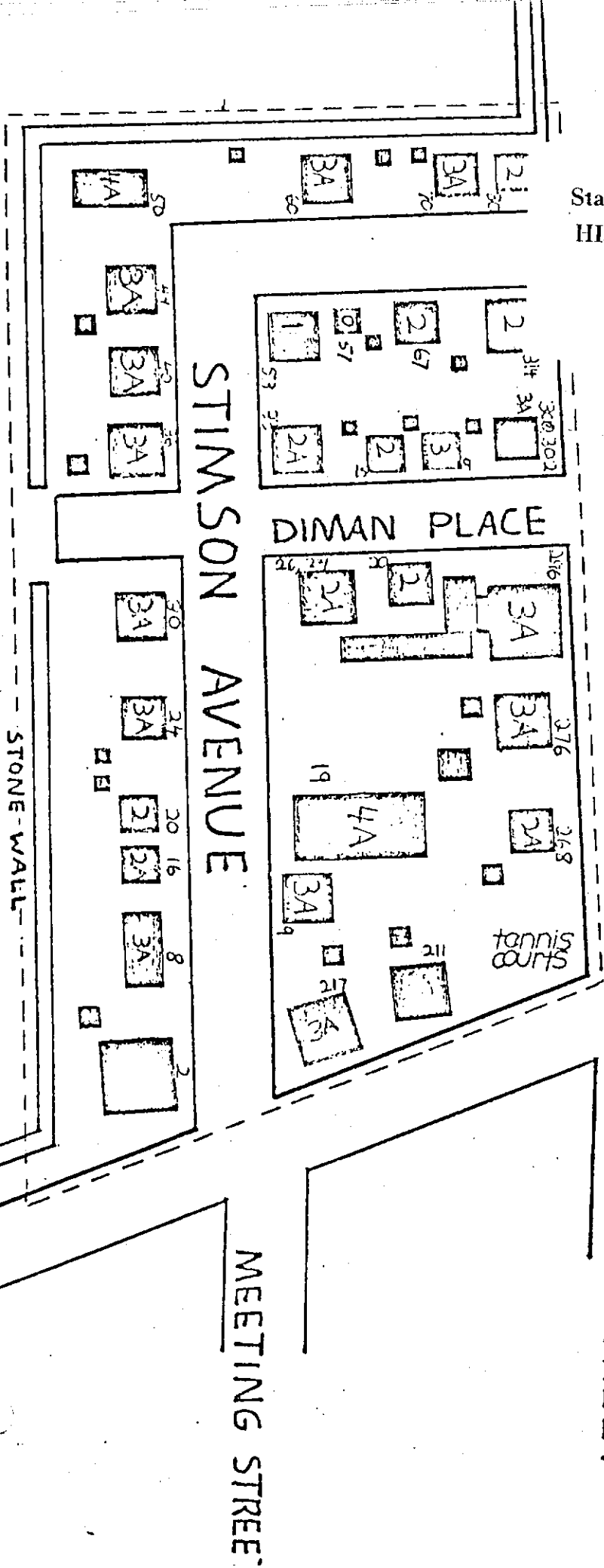
4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Detail of the plans for the William P. Goodwin House, 33 Stimson Avenue.



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
 Old State House - 150 Benefit Street
 Providence, Rhode Island 02903



COOKE STREET

Approximately Bounded
 BY: Angell Street,
 Hope Street,
 AND STIMSON AVE.

HOPE STREET

STIMSON AVENUE
 HISTORIC DISTRICT

KEY

- 1795-1805
- 1805-1850
- 1850-1870
- 1870-1885
- 1885-1905
- 1905-

33 Stimson Avenue

Addendum:

March 26, 1886 Intention to build filed. Architect,
J.B. Goodwin; builder, Murphy Brothers.
"2½ story building, 36 feet high to be
used as a one tenement dwelling."
Estimated cost, \$7,400.

The house is listed as number 57 in 1887. The number
changed in 1893.