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Providence Preservation Society

Records for

40 Stimson Avenue

Plat 11
lot 22

Edward Clark House

Built 1891

- 1837 April. The first platting of this section of Providence was made by James Scott at the request of John James Stimson. This platting was recorded at the office of land evidences in Providence town hall, located at market square. (plat card 433)
- Stimson Avenue was named for J.J. Stimson, a wealthy wine and grocery merchant who had purchased the Dexter Farm. The Farm House is located at the corner of Angell Street and Diman Place.
- 1858 October. The original 1837 platting of this section abutting the Dexter Asylum was redrawn by Niles B. Schwbarth, Civil Engineer.
- 1861 Stimson Avenue was cut through from the Angel Street end. It was finished to Hope Street by 1885.
- 1882 The John Jones Stimson Estate was replatted, drawn and recorded by George Tingley. Civil Engineer in plat book 15 p. 44 card 433. (3,958 acres)
- 1882 Atlas of Providence shows the house had not yet been built. See copy attached.
- 1883 December 1. Tax Ledger 5.45 Series D shows that Charles A. Hopkins and Sarah his wife purchased lots 21 and 22.
- 1887 Grace S. and John A. Cross purchased these lots by two deeds:
1888 338:411- lot 21 and 344:217- lot 22. In 1887 the lot measurements were adjusted to allow the square footage to vary from 12,495 to 9,344 to 6,284 and to 5031.
- 1891 February 16. Deed Book 363:204 and Tax Ledger E 2:511. Edward S. Clark purchased assessors lot 22 from Grace and John Cross. City directories indicate Clark was not living in Providence.
- 1891 Prior to 1923 building permits were not required. Owners sometimes filed an "intent to build". July 25 E.S. Clark filed an intention to build a one family two story dwelling of wood and brick on the North side of Stimson Avenue near

Dimon Place in the "Outer district". Henry W. Goff is listed as builder-contractor. Est. Cost \$8,000.

1892 Providence documents show Stimson Avenue had not yet been renumbered. Cross was at #56 and Clark lived at #58.

1893 Stimson Avenue was renumbered. #56 became #36, #58 became #40. Edward S. Clark was Secretary at Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.

The national register of Historic Places describes this house as a 2½ story dwelling, faced in brick and shingles, carrying a cross gabled slate roof; gabled entrance, with bargeboards; varying treatment of window paning (casement/hung); shingle style.

1895 Atlas of Providence- see enclosed.

1896 April 1. Tax Ledger E 2 5:11 shows the lot contained 5,031 square feet. The land was valued at 70 per sq. ft. The house was valued at 6,000.

1913 April. It became the property of Theo Taft Clark, widow of Edward S. Clark. She lived in the house until 1944.

1944 Tax cards show that the property belonged to Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. as trustees under the will of Theo T. Clark. It was lived in by Alice T. Clark. She was a nurse with the Providence District Nursing Association at 157 Waterman Street.

1964 July 21. Deed Book 1126.662 R.I. Hospital Trust Co. T.T. Clark sold the property to Harry Cross who owned and occupied #44 Stimson Avenue. Cross rented the property to Richard Hopcraft who was associated with Hopcraft associates, Dorothy Hopcraft Secretary to the President of Brown University and Nancy E. Buyer at Harvey's ltd.

1966 September 16. Deed Book 1139.144 The property was transferred to the Davidson Corporation. The 1967 directory shows it was occupied by Charles P. O'Donnell, Vice President Providence Grireure.

1968 April 11. Deed Book 1146.1108 The property was purchased by Walker Mason Jr. and Constance S. his wife, owner occupied.

1986 September 12. Deed Book 1439.219 The property was purchased by Daniel and Robin Halpen-Ruder, owner occupied.