From Central Bridge to Paterson Park:
The evolution of a neighborhood through
Maps, Streets and Houses.

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1849 Map - No Gano Street
Providence
1882
1792 Moses Brown Toll Bridge
1807 2nd “Central Bridge”
1815 3rd Bridge (Hurricane?)
1872–1st Red Bridge
1896–2nd Red Bridge
1969–Henderson Bridge

Central Bridge 1882
Seekonk River, Looking North From Fort Hill
CENTRAL BRIDGE, OR RED BRIDGE.

(LENGTH 399 FEET. CONSTRUCTED 1872.)
1872
1st Red Bridge
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Lower Seekonk River RR Bridge, 1938 Hurricane.
Second Red Bridge, 1950?
Moses Brown Farm Plat, 1872
“Grand Avenue” Created
(Now Paterson St.)
Blackstone Park
Created in 1866?
1886 Horace Cleveland planned the laid out of Blackstone Boulevard and it was constructed in 1894. The park in the center was planned and suggested by the Olmstead Brothers.
Grand Ave changed to “Patterson Street”
Gano St.

Water Logged Lots

1875
Mary D. and Mathew W. Armington House 1862
90 Oriole Ave.

Houses
Early House Plan “Types”

Betsey Williams Cottage, 1773

15 Arnold St, 1790
Two Chimneys

Four Chimneys

5 Bay Center Hall Plans

90 Oriole St, 1862
Charles R Richards House, 1884
603 Angell St.

Elizabeth Straker House, 1888
110 Melrose St.

5 Bays

3 Bays
Narrower Lot

Greek Revival
The Problem of the Roof

Mansard Roof

French Empire Style
Nesbit Street French Empire (1870's)
William D. Nesbit House, 1887
3 Nesbit St
Parkis Ave Houses-1880's

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1895-1895 Period of Invention
New Rules?
No Rules!
George Wilkinson House, 1890
193 Ontario St.
Edward Nickerson, Architect

Israel Mason House, 1888
571 Broad St.
Stone, Carpenter and Wilson
Adelaide Ave.

The “Calming” of the Victorians
Transitional House
Amey E. and Edward M. Harris House, 1896
39 Oriole Ave.
Ella S. and John F. Allen House, 1897
40 Oriole Ave.
Frederick Field, Architect
Clara D. and John H. Hambly House, 1899
44 Oriole Ave.
Fred. E. Field Architect
Hambly House, 1898
44 Oriole Ave.
44 Oriole Ave.
Joseph Birch House, 1885
49 Princeton Ave.
Edward Nickerson, Architect?
40 and 44 Oriole Ave.
Frederick Field, Architect
Frederick E. Field House
102 Melrose St. 1890

Hambly House, 1898
Providence Home for the Aged, Broad Street
1891-95 (Algonquin House)

Columbia Bicycle Bldg 1897
15 Snow Street

Fred Field’s Office
#5 Custom House Street
Double Houses, 21-23 an 25-27 Adelaide Ave, 1891
Eleazer B. Homer
1864-1929

B.S. Architecture
MIT 1885
Thesis Project: Theater
Eleazer B. Homer
1864-1929

Paris- Garnier Opera House, opened 1875
Charles Garnier, Architect
Eleazer B. Homer
1864-1929

“Director” of RISD
1901-1907

Studying Architecture at RISD, Waterman Bldg, 1905?
Eleazer B. Homer
1864-1929

ELEAZER B. HOMER HOUSE (1911)
270 Blackstone Boulevard

Hall House (1915)
The Lincoln School
Eleazer B. Homer
1864-1929

The American Architect, 1915
Thanks to Ruth Macaulay at the Lincoln School
Frederick E. Field House - 1890
102 Melrose St.

Frederick E. Field
1861-1931

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“The Flaneur”
Charles Baudelaire “The Painter of Modern Life,” 1863
Gustave Caillebotte “Jour de pluie à Paris” 1877
Festival of Historic Houses

June 15 and 16