

PROVIDENCE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Records of
#64 ANGELL STREET... WOOD
Built 1796
Plat 10, Lot 255

#64 1896
#30 1847
#28 1870 1895

1792 Moses Brown for \$99 to George Benson, merchant, “a lot of land lying eward of the Baptist Meeting House, beginning 40’ east of lane to be laid open between grantor’s land and lot of Knight and Phoebe Dexter. Bounded N, E, W by Moses Brown and S by Angell’s Street, Benson to have the fence on the lot and privilege of passage at rear through gate”... 23/302.

1797 William Holroyd to George Benson for \$500 being same lot sold to Holroyd in 1792 by Moses Brown bounded: S by Angell Street 50’, W by 40’ lane to Brown 140’, N by Moses Brown, E by George Benson 140’ together with fencing stuff on said lot with right to pass by gate on Moses land at back of lot... 24/297.

1814 George Benson... 1 Dwelling House... Wood... 2 stories high. 43’ front 38’ back. Projection 10’ x 12’... 2 stories high. Lot 88’ front and 140’ back. Barn wood... 24’ x 16.’ One lot adjoining W/ly 40’ front and 140’ back... Providence Direct Tax 1814.

1826 Policy record- S. Angell- h.s. Angell- wood- 45 fn x 35 fn ton. 25 ft hi in fn pn. With a hipped roof. Add 10 x 12’ -1 1/s street hi. Occ for a D. H.

1826 Estate devised by will by Seth Wheaton to daughter Abby Watson... Wills 13... p406 and 23.427.

1827 Seth Wheaton died.

1828 Matthew Watson lived here and/or family until 182...

1833 PR Vol. 10- #5035

1840 PR Vol. 20- #8332

1847 PR Vol. 36- #15069

1854 PR Vol. 54- #23635

1874 Robert Watson, Mary Allen, Peleg Hall and Sarah Hall to W Seabury Simmons Property on SW corner of Angell and Angell Court N by Marshall Woods; E by Rufus Waterman; S by Angell Street; W by Angell Street... 246.223.

1875 W. S. Simmons here. PD to 1882.

1882 W. Seabury Simmons sells property to William Grosvenor Jr. for \$30,000 lot of land on NE corner of Angell Street and Angell Court bounded: S by Angell Street 128', W on Angell Court 140', N by Marshall Woods and wife 128', E by William Grosvenor 140', being same as 246.223... 314.351. Property occupied by the Grosvenor family until 1950.

1883 William Grosvenor and/or family until 1950.

1950 Property taxed to Caroline G. Congdon.

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See H. MASON'S ALBUM #1

RECORDS OF #64 ANGELL STREET...WOOD BUILT 1797 E

#64 1896 #30 in 1847 #28 in 1895 alt 1870

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*1814

1826 GEORGE BENSON TO SETH WHEATON FOR \$7000 LOT TOGETHER WITH BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS. BOUNDED S BY ANGELL STREET 128'; W BY GANGWAY 140'; N 128'; E 140'. BEING PREMISES CONVEYED TO GRANTOR BY TWO DEEDS FROM MOSES BROWN IN 1792 AND WILLIAM HOLROYD IN 1792, Policy Record - Seth Wheaton 52.102

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