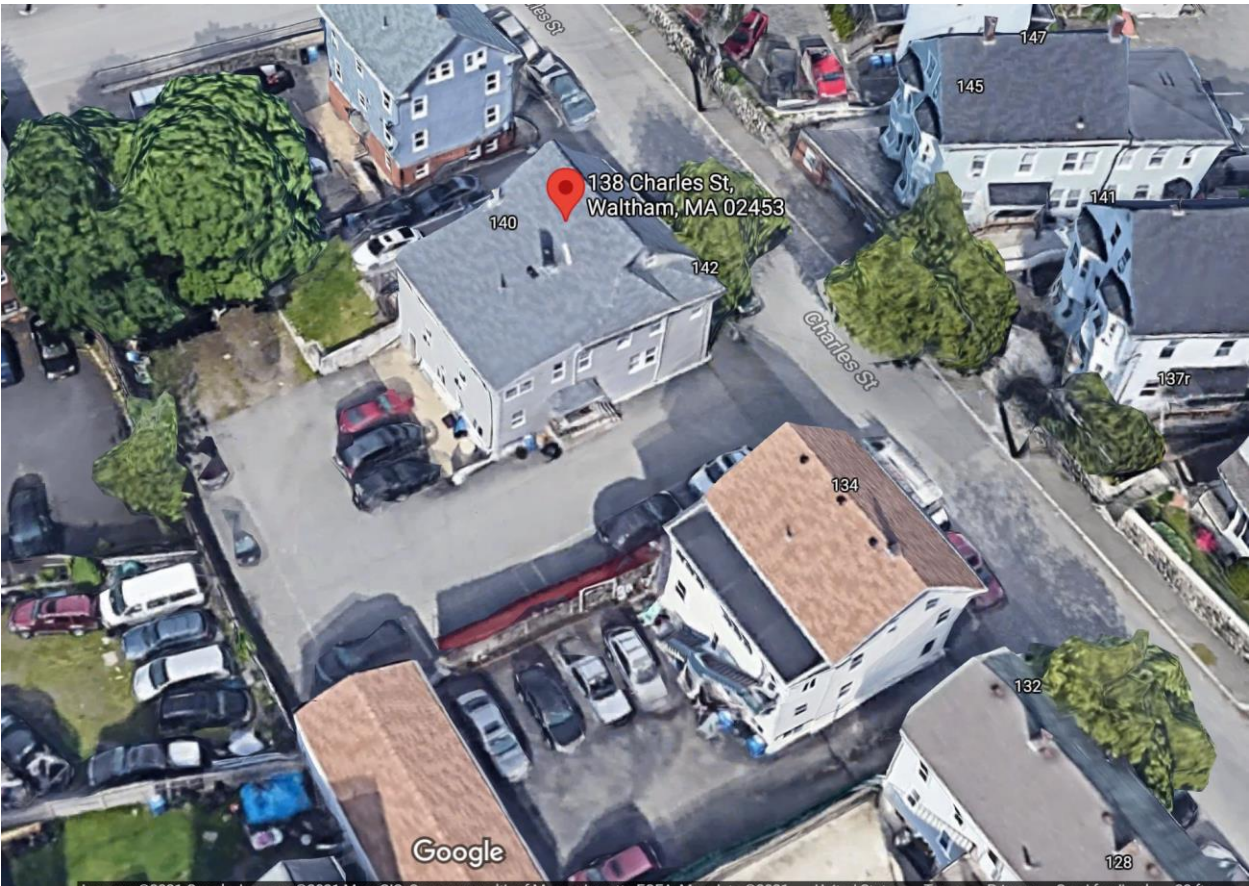
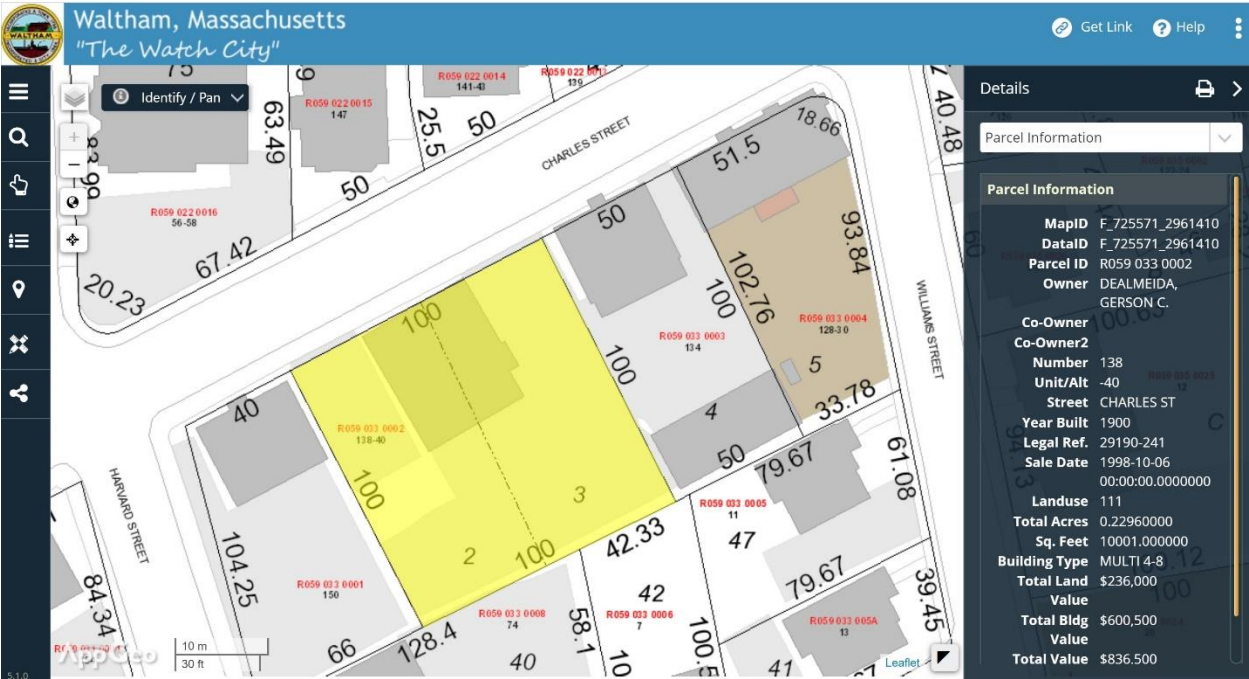


# 138-140 Charles Street



Google satellite view



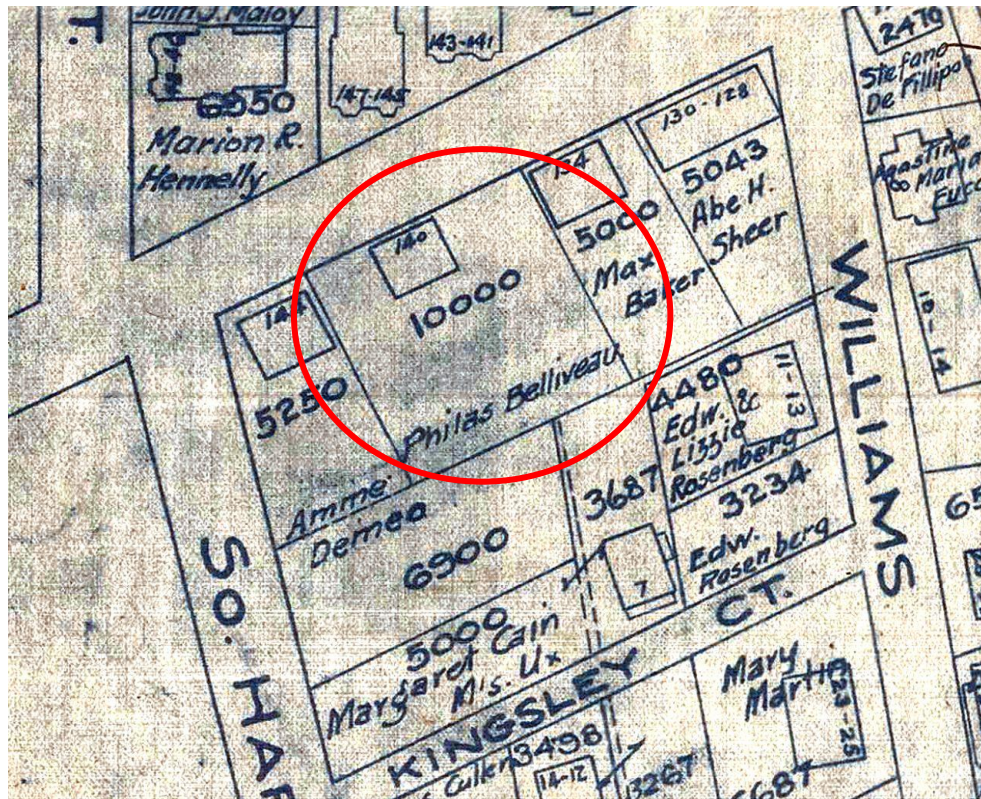


Google street view from west side

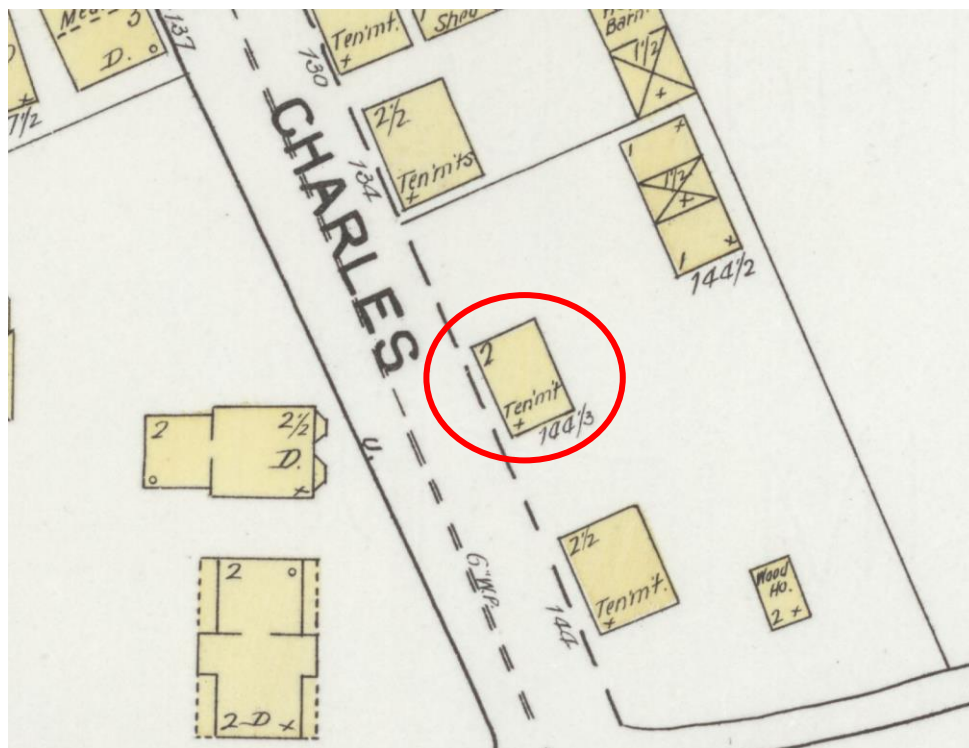


Google street view from east side





1918 atlas



1892 Sanborn





1886 map



1875 map

## Timeline

- 1855 Deed, W. A. Blaisdell et al of Concord to Francis McGuire of Waltham [MLR 717/51] Lot 2, 5,000 sf
- 1855 Deed, Wm. A. Blaisdell et al of Concord to Francis McGuire of Waltham [MLR 723/111] Lot 3, 5,000 sf
- 1860 Census, Francis McGuire, laborer, lives near Patrick Noonan & Alfred Joyce
- 1867 Marriage, Michael Newell & Margaret Hines
- 1867 Deed, Francis McGuire of Lawrence to Michael Newell [MLR 1019/512] Lots 2 & 3, no mention of buildings
- 1870 Census, Michael Newell, jobbing laborer, value of house \$2,500
- 1874 Directory, Michael Newell, laborer, h. 92 Charles
- 1877 Directory, Michael Newell, laborer, house Charles, near Water
- 1880 Census, Michael & Margaret Newell, laborer, Charles Street; Mary & Peter Nilan, laborer
- 1886 Directory, Michael Newell, laborer, Charles, near Williams
- 1887 Death, Margaret (Hines) Newell, Mar. 28, pneumonia
- 1887 Death, Michael Newell, Apr. 12, pneumonia
- 1889 Deed, Martin Newell to Bridget Newell, 1/3 interest [MLR 1922/282]
- 1889 Deed, Martin Connolly, guardian of Patrick Newell's children, to Bridget Newell [MLR 1940/93]
- 1890 Deed, Bridget Newell & Mary Thompson to Michael Driscoll [MLR 1974/450]
- 1895 Directory, Michael Driscoll, watchman, U.S.W. Co., 140 Charles St
- 1896 Deed, Michael Driscoll of South Boston to John Glynn [MLR 2497/134-135] [MLR 2513/192]
- 1900 Annual listing, John J. Regan & John J. Murphy, both Fitchburg Railroad employees
- 1909 Deed, John Glynn to Philias M. Belliveau et al [MLR 3490/256]
- 1920 Census, Philias M. Belliveau, grocery store keeper, 140 Charles
- 1936 Deed, Philias M. Belliveau to Michaelangelo Scichilone et ux [MLR 6068/47]
- 1940 Census, Michaelangelo Scichilone, laborer, city street dept., 140 Charles St.
- 1942 WWII draft registration, Michaelangelo Scichilone, 140 Charles St.
- 1952 Directory, William Yorston, Mario Petricone, Domenic Tirone, 140 Charles
- 1952 Deed, Michaelangelo Scichilone et ux to Domenic Tirone [MLR 7880/523]
- 1955 Directory, Domenic Tirone & Mario Petricone (son-in-law of Michaelangelo Scichilone)
- 1956 Deed, Domenic Tirone to John B. Mandile [MLR 8699/39]
- 1957 Annual listing, Mario Petricone
- 1960 Directory, John B. Mandile, emp Keystone Camera & Andre J. Caissie, 142 Charles
- 1968 Deed, John B. Mandile to Gerald & Agnes Caissie [MLR 11597/196]
- 1988 Deed, Gerald & Agnes Caissie to Gerald Caissie [MLR 19687/48]
- 1992 Deed, Gerald Caissie to Howard Hathaway [MLR 21857/536]
- 1998 Deed, Howard Hathaway to Gerson C. Dealmeida [MLR 29190/241]
- 2021 Deed, Gerson C. Dealmeida to Carl Attardo [MLR 78408/569]

## Summary

The house at 138-140 Charles Street (formerly 140 Charles Street) is included in the National Register of Historic Places Charles Street Workers' Housing Historic District, which was designated in 1986. See National Register information below. Before 1854, Charles Street and Felton Street extended only as far as Williams Street. Development of the Charles Street area west of Williams Street began with a subdivision plan by William A. Blaisdell of Concord, filed in 1854.

The house at 140 Charles Street was likely built ca. 1855-56 by Francis McGuire, an Irish immigrant laborer. In 1855, William Blaisdell sold the following lots:

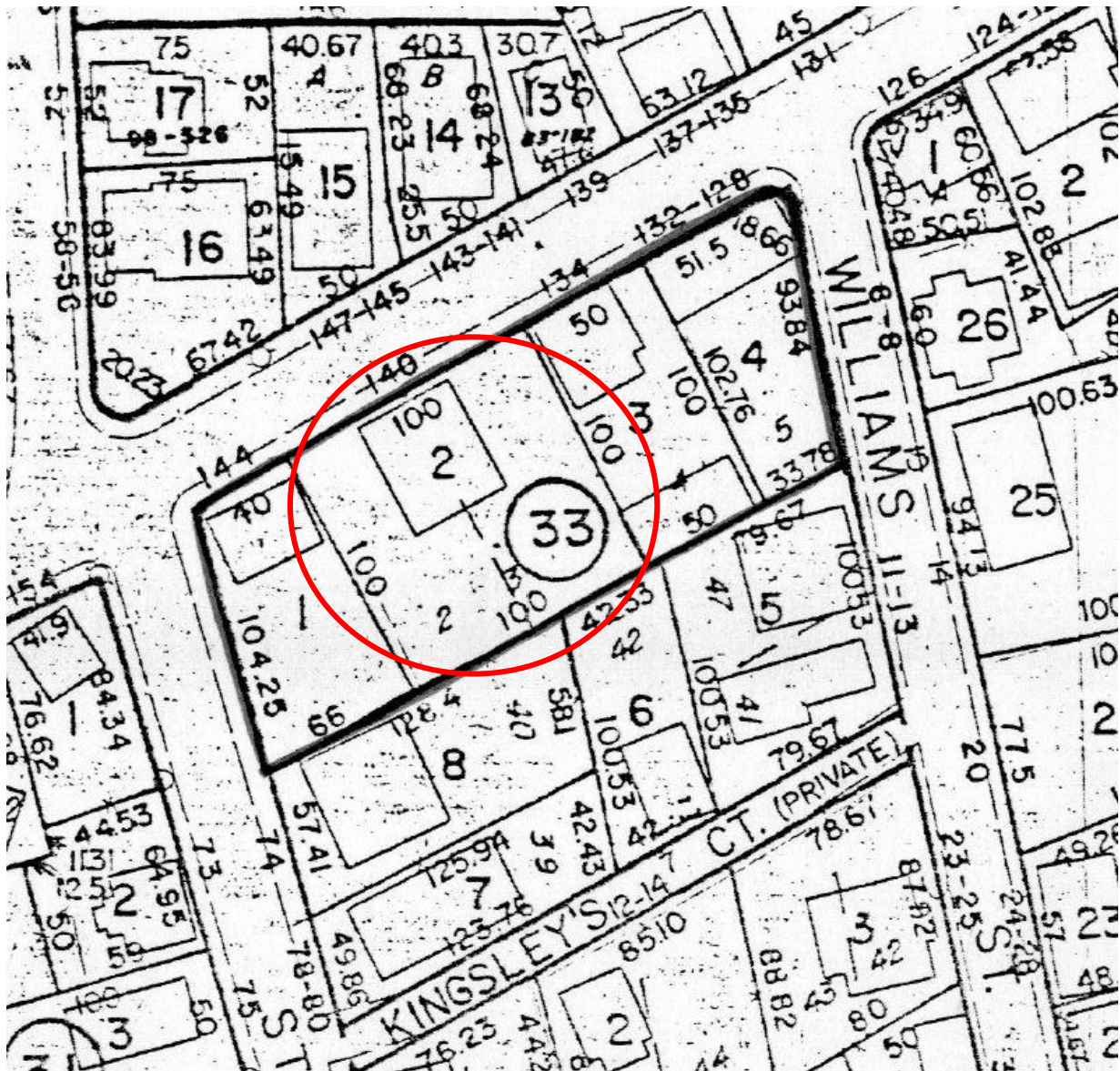
- 1) One lot, #1, of 5,300 sf, to George N. Black [144 Charles St.]
- 2) Two lots, #2 and #3, of 5,000 square feet each, to Francis McGuire. [140 Charles St.]
- 3) One lot, #4, of 5,000 sf, to Patrick Noonan [134 Charles St.]
- 4) One lot, # 5, of 5,043 sf, plus the large area in back of Charles Street, to Alfred Joyce [128-132 Charles St.] [MLR 926/382]

George Black died in 1858. McGuire, Noonan and Joyce can be found in the 1860 census, and were living near each other. All four houses were likely built soon after the 1855 lot sales by William Blaisdell. Alfred Joyce's land was sold to Catherine Richardson et al in 1864, who then flipped the land to Edward Campbell, as mentioned in the National Register report.

In 1867, Francis McGuire of Lawrence sold the house and land at 140 Charles Street, consisting of 10,000 sf., to Michael Newell of Waltham. Michael Newell was an immigrant from Galway, Ireland who worked as a jobbing or day laborer all of his life until his death in 1887. His wife, Margaret, had died 15 days earlier; both died of pneumonia. Their heirs sold the house and property, which eventually went to John Glynn, who rented out the property. In 1909, Glynn sold the house and land to Philius Belliveau, a French Acadian immigrant from New Brunswick. Belliveau lived in the house, and also operated a grocery store there for 26 years, and sold the property to Michaelangelo Scichilone, an Italian immigrant from Aragona, Sicily. Scichilone worked for the city street department. During WWI, he had fought in the U. S. Army, 11th Field Artillery, 6th Division. In 1952, Scichilone sold the house and land to Domenic Tirone. Also living in the house was the son-in-law of Scichilone, Mario Petricone. Tirone sold the house and land to John B. Mandile in 1956. In the city directories, the house was numbered 142 at this point. Mandile sold the property to Gerald and Agnes Caissie. Gerald Caissie was also a French Acadian immigrant from New Brunswick, and he worked in the Wellesley forestry department.

The people who lived at 140 Charles Street were ordinary working people who were immigrants from Ireland, Italy and Acadia. Their exemplar houses and lives are representative of the history of the Charles Street-Felton Street area.





National Register Charles Street Workers' Housing District

#### **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Charles Street Workers Housing Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is significant as a nearly intact reflection of Waltham's industrial heritage and the type of housing which housed its workers at its peak in the mid-late 19th century. It also illustrates the development of Waltham's neighborhoods during that period and is associated with the most important ethnic group of the time. Finally, the four houses are significant as well-preserved examples of vernacular workers housing. The district meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.**

The Charles Street Workers' Housing Historic District is a small one block area defined by Charles Street (N), Williams Street (E) and Harvard Street (W). It stands amidst a mid-19th century residential neighborhood, but is differentiated from its surroundings by the similarities and well-preserved nature of its four component houses. All are unpretentious workers' houses that rise 2½ stories to gable roofs with twin stove chimneys. They are clad with wood shingles, and all but # 140 are trimmed with wide fascias recalling Greek Revival style friezes. #128-132, at the corner of Williams Street, is a double house with a symmetrical eight bay facade centered on two entries whose hip roof porches display turned posts and balustrades. Windows are simply framed and contain 2/2 sash. The adjacent house at #134 Charles Street is an identical single family house with a symmetrical five bay facade centered on its entry. The next house at #140 Charles Street retains the boxy, gable roof form of its neighbors, but lacks the fascia/frieze and has a recessed entry. The final house at the corner of Harvard Street (#144) returns to the previous details but has been altered with a new porch and 1/1 sash.

#### **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community.**

The Charles Street Workers' Housing Historic District developed c1865 after Edward Campbell purchased a large lot of land from Catherine Williams and Charles Richardson. It was part of a gradual westward expansion along Charles Street, as residences were constructed to house workers of the nearby industries. The area centered on Harvard Street appears to have developed as an Irish enclave as is reflected in some of the surrounding street names such as Noonan Street and Duddy Avenue. The histories of #128-32 and #134 are representative. They were owned by Edward Campbell and Patrick Noonan, both who were listed in Waltham Directories as laborers. On October 15, 1864, Edward Campbell paid Catherine Williams and Charles Richardson \$1,075.00 for a large tract of land. It appears that the houses in the district were built the following year. #128-132 Charles Street remained in the Campbell family until Peter Campbell, bicycle inspector sold the house to real estate tycoon Peter Kinsley on August 4, 1900 for \$4,600.00. #134 Charles Street remained in the Noonan family until at least the 1890s. According to an 1875 atlas, #140 Charles Street was owned by an M. Newell and #144 Charles Street was owned by a T. Leach.





Northborough – On May 22, 2020, Gerald Caissie, 90, of Northborough, MA, passed away from complications with COVID-19. Born to Jude and Celina (Gallant) Caissie in Rogersville, New Brunswick, Canada in 1930, Gerald was one of 8 children. He was married over 65 years to the love of his life, Agnes (Deveau) Caissie, with whom he had three daughters. He met Agnes at a dance in 1952, and they married in 1954. They could often be seen holding hands and never seemed to run out of things to talk about. They exemplified a true team and set an example of true love and commitment. Gerald was an honest, hardworking man who worked as a lumberjack and on his farm.

In 1960, following Gerald's brother André to Waltham, MA, Gerald and Agnes became a staple in the French-Canadian community, opening their home to many making their way to the United States. A play at the French-

Canadian Club later recounted how passing through one of the Caissie brothers' houses was a rite of passage for immigrants to Waltham. Gerald worked for the Town of Wellesley in the forestry department for 29 years. His passion for working in the outdoors continued long into retirement. Even well into his 70's, Gerald could be found climbing trees with his chain saw in hand and little more than Agnes holding the rope.

A loving and devoted father and husband, Gerald loved to spend time with his growing family. You could often find Gerald engaged in a game of cards (usually playing 200 with Gerry bidding too high, reminding everyone to play fast!), or sharing a cup of tea with stories and laughter. Gerald had a special warmth in his smile that was felt by everyone he shared it with. Quick to give a helping hand, always with a sparkle in his eyes, Gerry had a generous and forgiving heart. Gerald and Agnes were dear friends to many and split their time between Florida, New Brunswick and the homes of their daughters, building friendships and community everywhere they went.

Gerald will be missed by many: his wife Agnes (Deveau) Caissie; three daughters and their husbands, Marielle (Joe) Vigliotte, Claudine (Rick) Araujo, Anna (Remi) Doiron; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his siblings Edgar Caissie, Marie Thebeau, Zita Despres, and Emile Caissie. He is survived by his loving brothers André and Alfred, his sister Lucie Richard, and many nieces, nephews and friends. The family is saddened to not be able to give Gerald the traditional services he deserves due to the COVID-19 restrictions. A memorial Mass and remembrance celebration will be held at a later date. The family appreciates the wonderful care that Gerald received from the thoughtful staff at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center and Whitney Place Assisted Living over the past year.