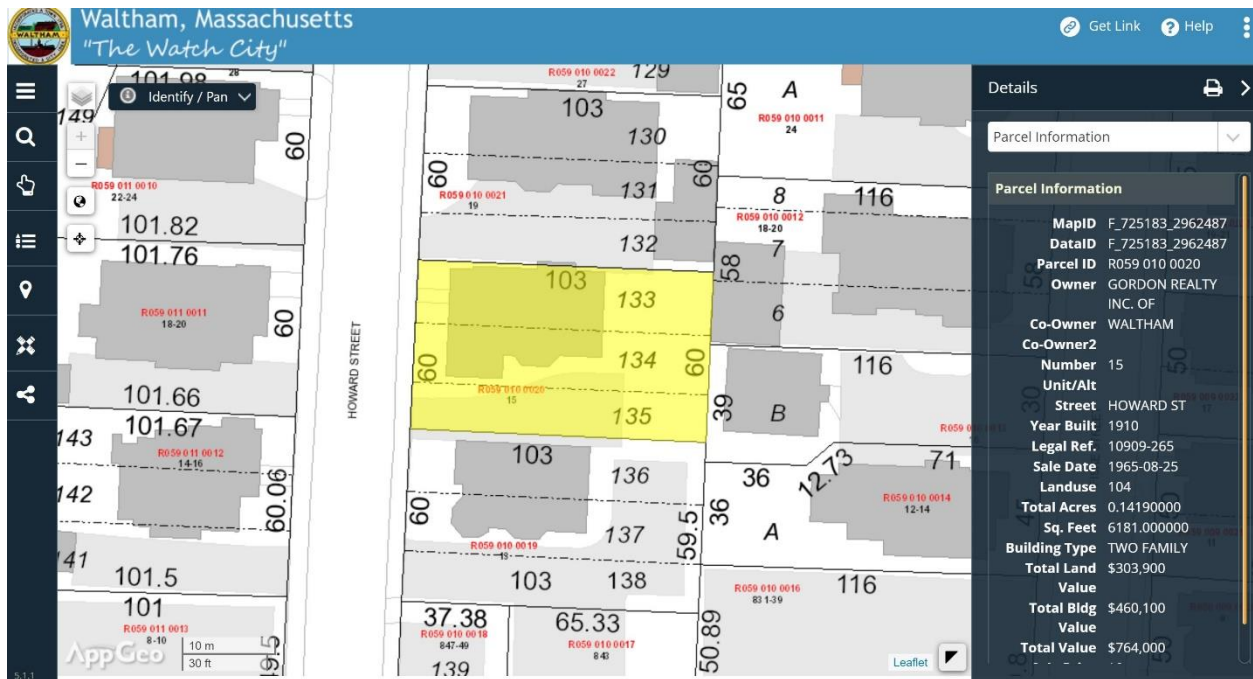
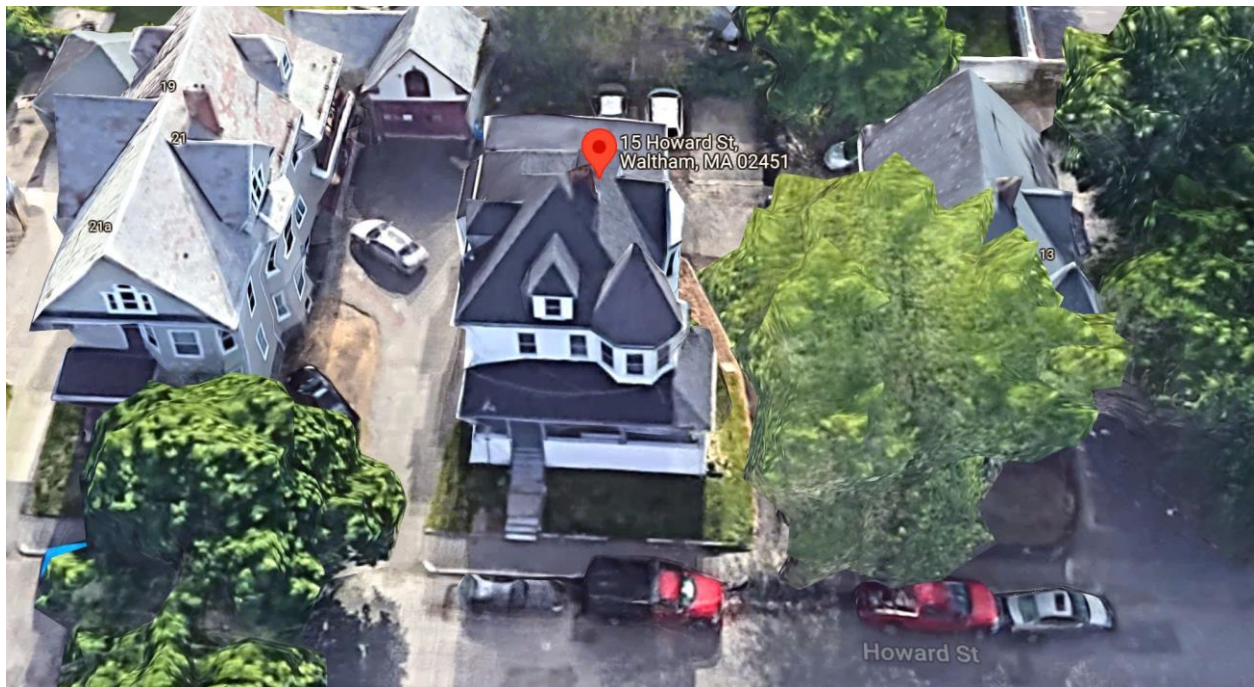
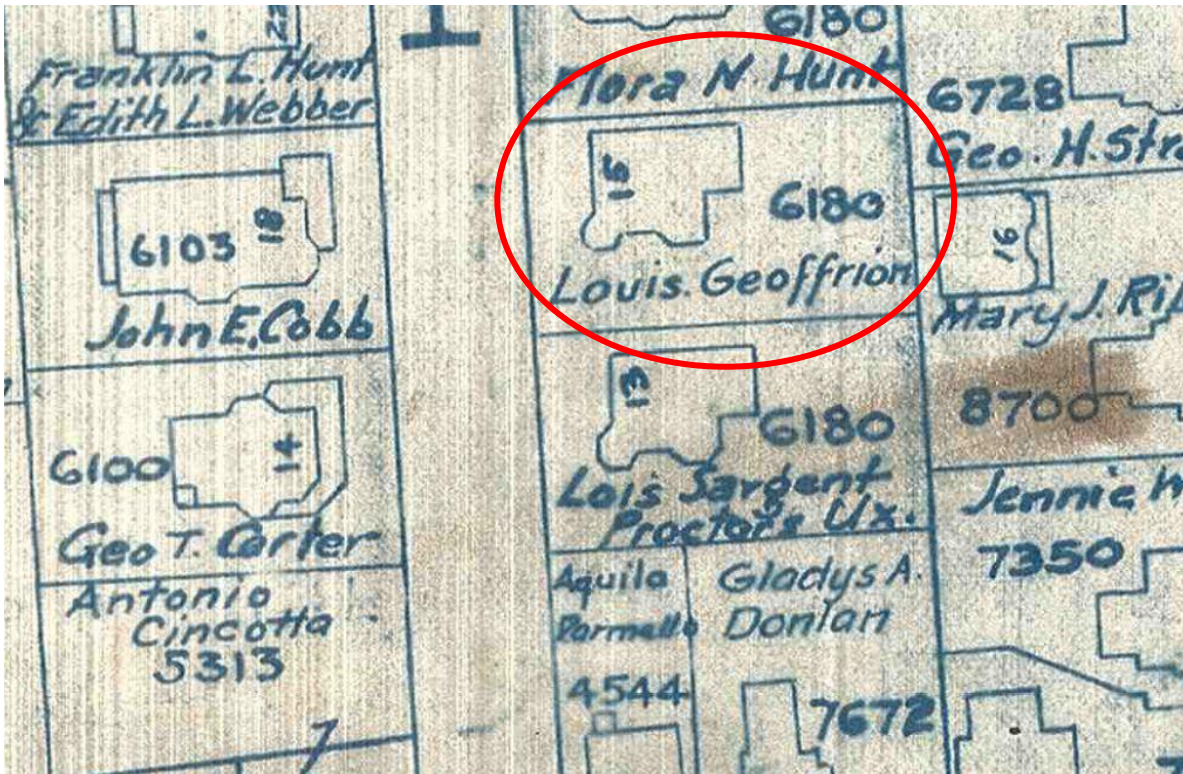


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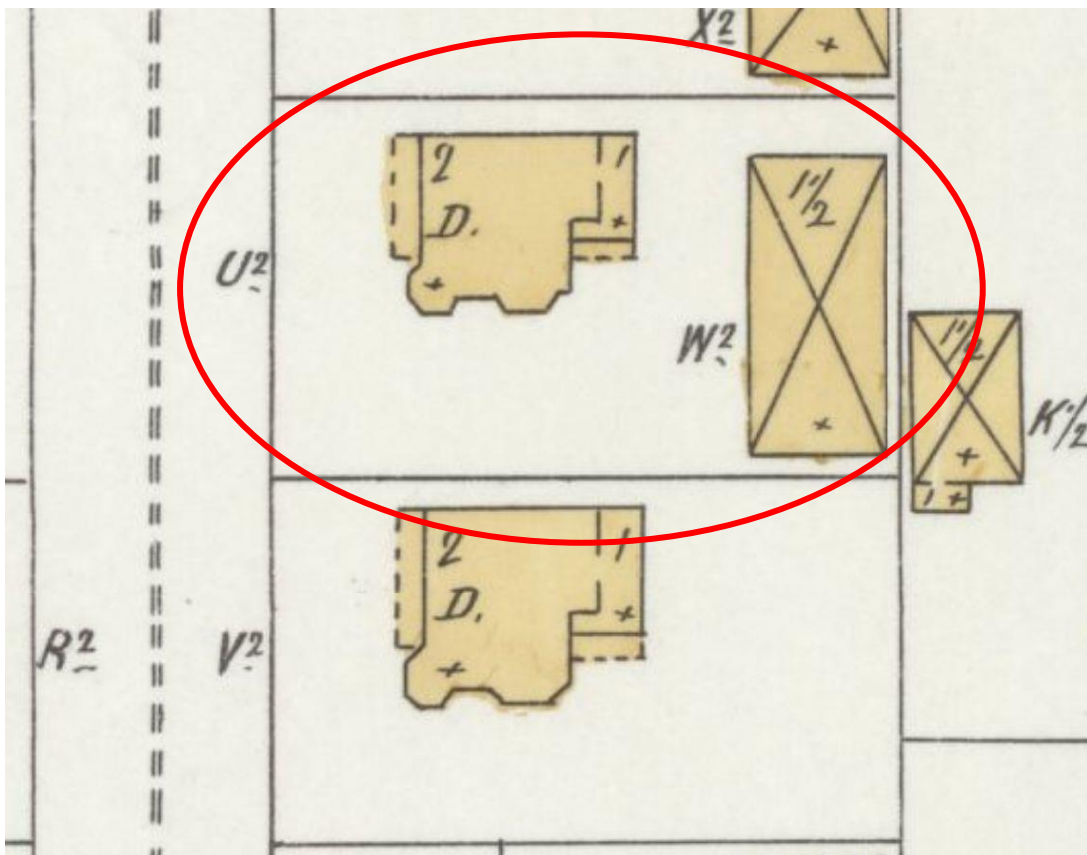


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1918 map



1897 Sanborn map



## Timeline

- 1893 Deed, George W. Carey et al to Ella M. Bacon, wife of Albert Bacon [MLR 2174/473]
- 1903 Directory, Albert H. Bacon, (Bacon & Sargent) provisions, 875 Main, h. 15 Howard
- 1910 Census, Albert & Ella Bacon, own income, 15 Howard
- 1916 Death, Albert H. Bacon in NH; residence in Waltham
- 1917 Deed, Ella M. Bacon to Louis J. Geoffrion [MLR 4155/315]
- 1920 Census, Louis J. Geoffrion, building contractor, 15 Howard St.
- 1922 Building card, addition rear
- 1934 Directory, Louis J. Geoffrion, building contractor, 15 Howard St.
- 1939 Death, Louis J. Geoffrion
- 1940 Census, Marcelline Geoffrion, 15 Howard St.; Annie Hagerty, widow, 15R Howard St.
- 1940 Annual listing, Leroy Powers, Boston Maid Dress Co.; 15 Howard St.; James Hagerty, Parke Snow, 15A Howard St.
- 1941 Deed, Albert O. Geoffrion (son of Louis J.) to Hugh J. & Katherine Clasby [MLR 6469/340]
- 1945 Directory, Hugh J. Clasby (Catherine), inspector, Watertown Arsenal, h. 15 Howard
- 1947 Deed, Hugh J. & Katherine Clasby to Delia Finn [MLR 7147/537]
- 1952 Directory, Mrs. Delia Finn, widow of John, (The Blarney Stone Café, 841 Main), 15 Howard; Henry J. Christie (Anita), chauffeur, 15 Howard
- 1962 Deed, Delia Finn to Gordon Realty of Waltham [MLR 10062/574]
- 1971 Directory, Irene Murphy, housekeeper, 15 Howard
- 1982 Directory, Stephen Dooley, 15 Howard; Paul Nolan, 15 Howard
- 2003 Building card, demolition of barn

## Summary

The houses at 13 and 15 Howard Street were likely built in 1893 by Louis J. Geoffrion and Arthur L. Cole, who were carpenters and builders. Daniel Carey was a wealthy farmer who lived at the corner of Main Street and Bacon Street. He filed a subdivision plan with ~2,000 sf lots in the year before his 1892 death. His son, George W. Carey inherited the property, and began laying out the street in 1893. Both houses were built at the same time, and considering their identical design, were probably built by the same builder. Descendants of Louis J. Geoffrion claim that he had built his home at 15 Howard Street. Since Geoffrion was in the construction business in 1893, this assertion is likely true. The 1941 newspaper photo of the house shows a four-car garage with a cupola in the rear, and this was probably a carriage house and barn in 1893. The garage/carriage house was demolished in 2003.

The first residents were Albert and Ella Bacon, Albert being the partner of Proctor J. Sargent in their meat and provision store on Main Street, next to the Prospect House. Proctor J. Sargent lived next door at 13 Howard Street. After Albert's death, his wife sold the house in 1917 to the original builder, Louis J. Geoffrion. He added the section in the rear in 1922. Louis J. Geoffrion died in 1939, and his son, Albert, sold the house to Hugh J. and Katherine Clasby in 1941. Clasby was an inspector at the Watertown Arsenal in 1945. They sold the house in 1947 to a widow, Delia Finn, a waitress at the Blarney Stone Café, which was a predecessor pub to the Mad Raven on Main Street. Delia Finn sold the house to Gordon Realty of Waltham in 1962. The house became rental property after 1962.

Geoffrion Emalie M. Miss, dressmaker, 173 Felton, bds. do.  
 Geoffrion Felix, stone mason, h. 173 Felton  
 Geoffrion Felix J., waiter, 3 Common, bds. 173 Felton  
 Geoffrion Louis J. (Geoffrion & Cole) carpenter and  
 builder, 101 Brown, h. Emery, n. Bacon  
 Geoffrion Theophilus J., clerk, 675 Main, bds. 173 Felton  
**GEOFFRION & COLE** (Louis J. Geoffrion and  
 Arthur L. Cole), carpenters and builders, 101 Brown  
 (see page 606)

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**GEOFFRION & COLE,**  
**CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.**  
*Jobbing Done at Short Notice.*  
**101 Brown Street, Cor. of Moody,**  
**WALTHAM, MASS.**

1893 Directory



15 Howard Street in 1941

From the website: <https://www.geni.com/people/Louis-Geoffrion/6000000002883849964>

Louis J. Geoffrion was born on 27 July 1863 in Wotton, (Wolfe), Québec, Canada. He was baptized as Joseph Louis on 27 July 1863 at Saint-Hippolyte, Wotton, (Wolfe), Québec. His godparents were Joseph Geoffrion, his grandfather, and Angélique Gendron, his grandmother. He came to live in Waltham in 1883... Louis J. Geoffrion married Julie Gremore, daughter of Joseph Gremore and Julie Dusseault, on 17 Sep 1885 at Saint Joseph's Church, Warwick, (Kent), Rhode Island, U.S.A.. The marriage occurred in a village of West Warwick called Natick and located near Cranston, Rhode Island. Louis was probably employed by the A. & W. Sprague Mill in Natick. Louis J. Geoffrion worked in a watch factory in 1888 at Waltham, (Middlesex), Massachusetts, U.S.A.

In 1894, Louis supplied the plan for the altar for the first chapel of the newly created French parish of Saint Joseph's which was installed in Lafayette Hall which was on the third floor of Félix Geoffrion's house at 11 Noonan Street. Zoél F. Léger and Jeremie Gagnon then erected it. The first high Mass was celebrated on November 11, 1894. Louis sang in the church choir which was led by the pastor, Father Pierre Grenier.

By 1895 carpentry was a well-established trade among the French-speaking immigrants in Waltham. Émmanuel and Louis Geoffrion were both carpenters. Carpenters in Waltham in 1910 included Félix and Louis J. Geoffrion. He was a building contractor for 47 years until his retirement. He became a quality home builder in Waltham and the town of Weston just west of Waltham. In Weston he built some quite large homes that had a movie theater room in them. He built his own home in Waltham on 15 Howard Street. The house and barn are still standing.

He was associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, St-Jean-Baptiste Society and the French Historical Society of Boston. He died on 23 Jun 1939 at the Baker Memorial building of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, (Suffolk), Massachusetts, U.S.A., at age 75. He had been in poor health for the previous six months. He was buried on Tuesday, on 27 Jun 1939 at a 9:00 a.m. Solemn High mass of requiem at Saint Joseph's Church in Waltham. Interment was in the family plot in Calvary Cemetery on High Street in Waltham.



Louis J. Geoffrion