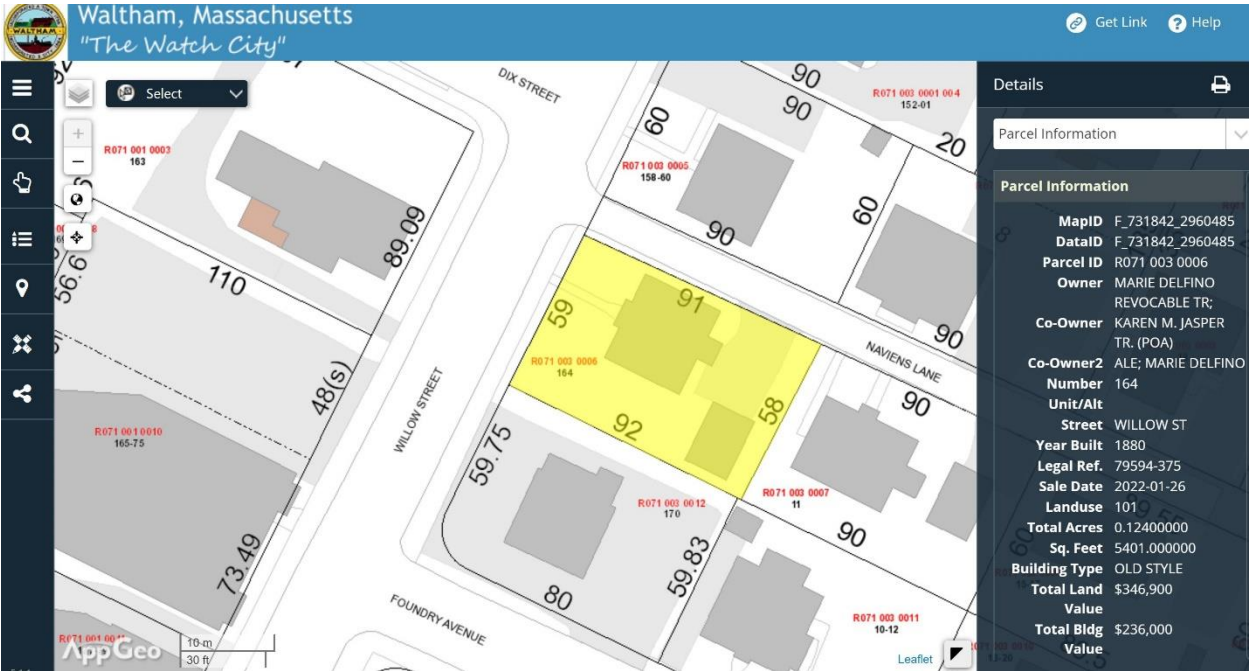
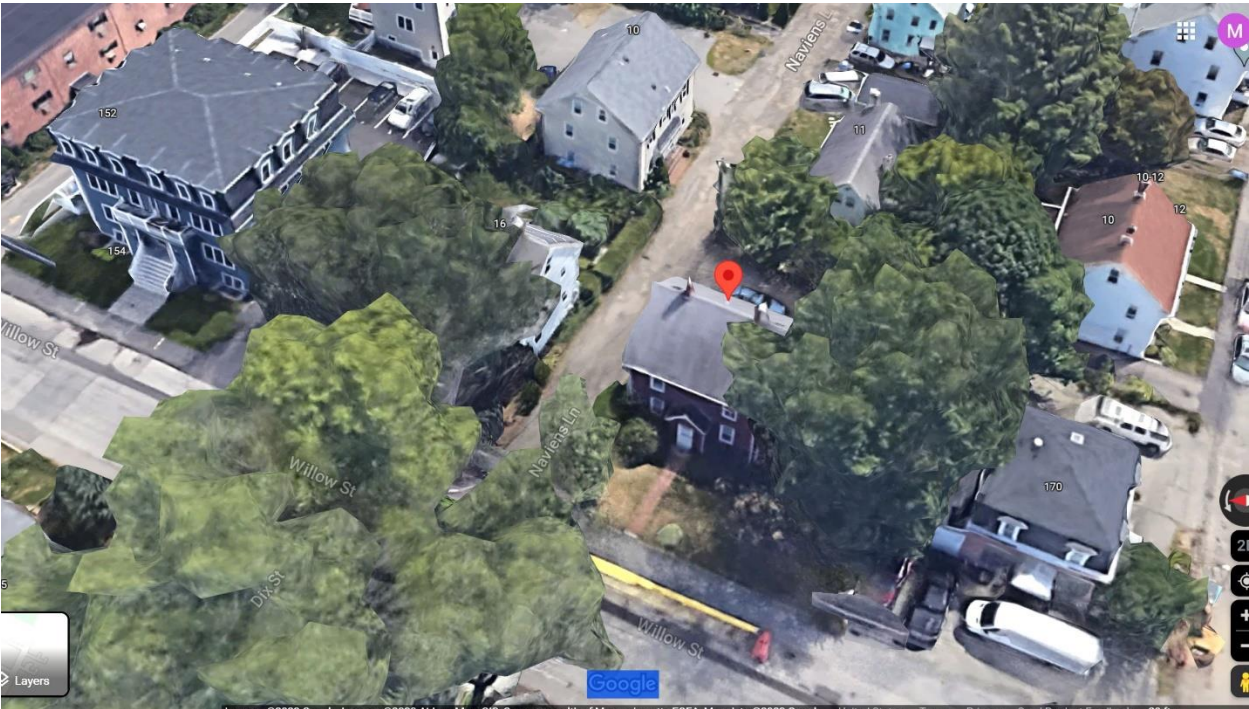


164 Willow Street



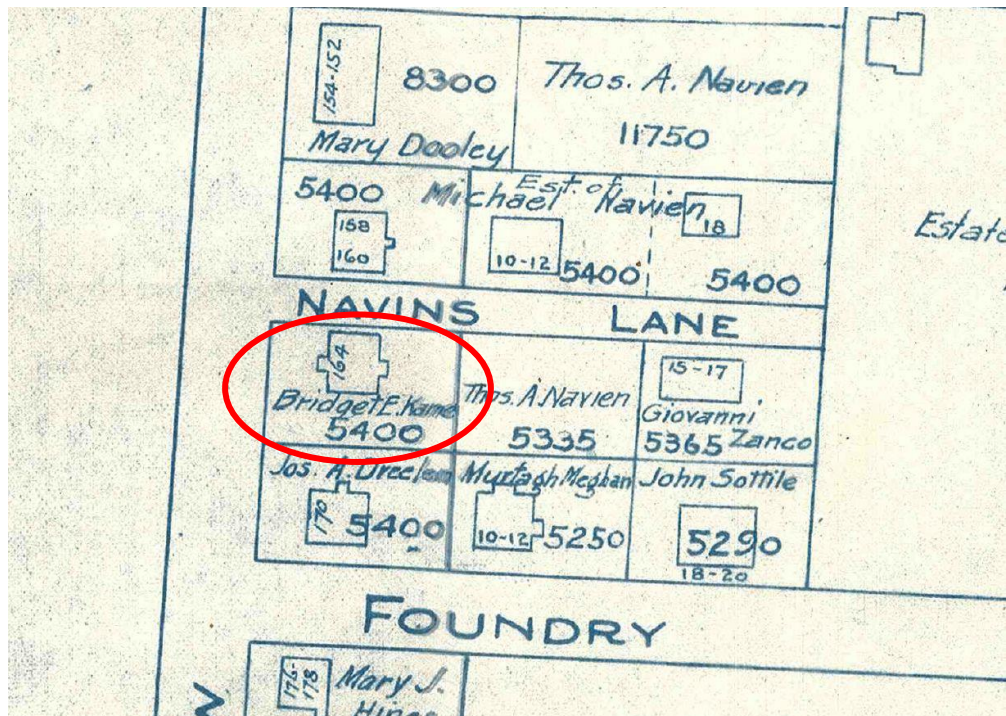
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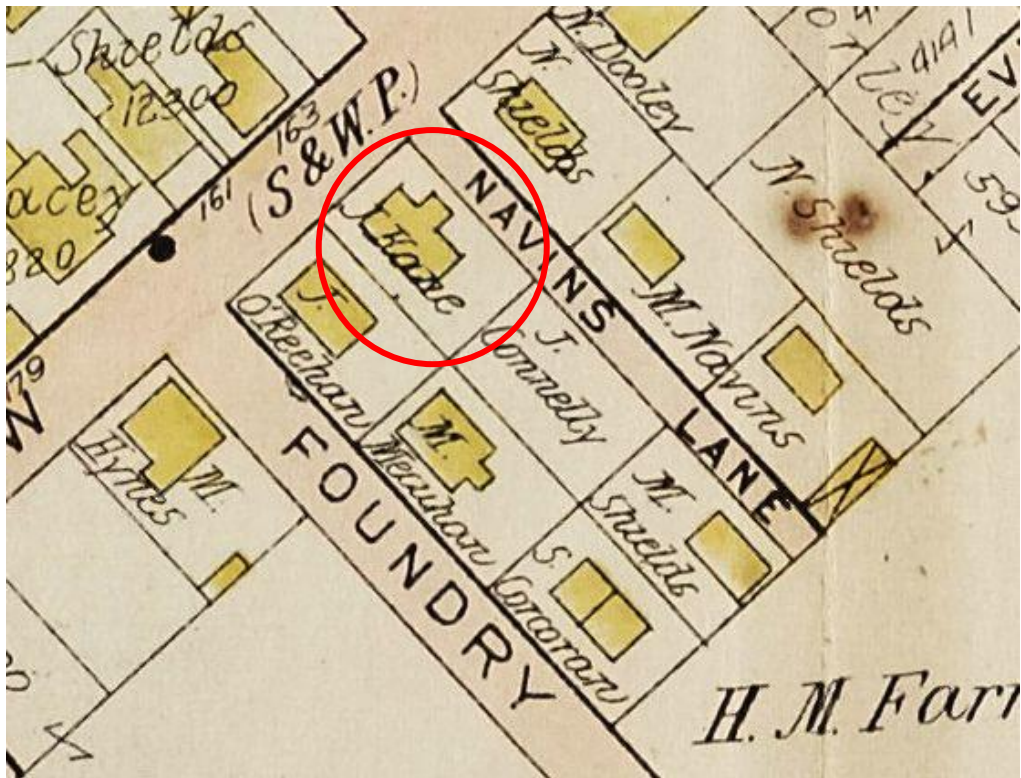
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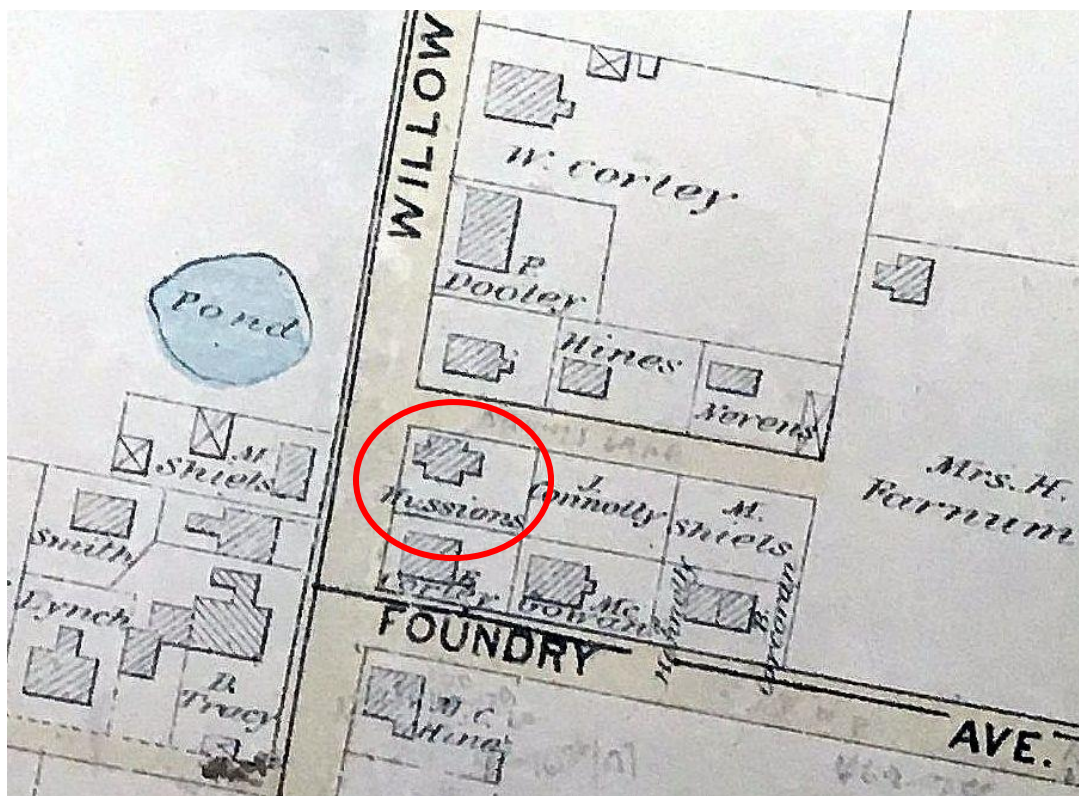
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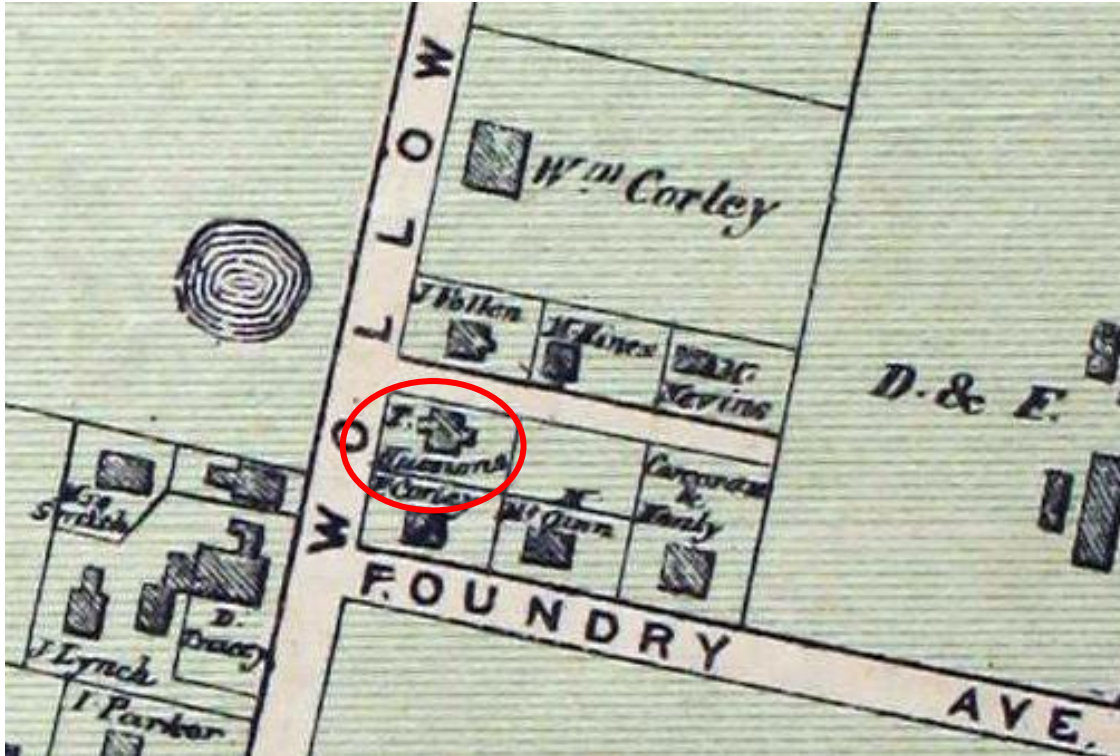
1918 map



1900 map



1886 map



1875 map



1867 map – no houses on east side of Willow Street, except for Harrington

Timeline

- 1862 Deed, Luther Clark et al, executors of will of John H. Wilkins of Boston, to William & Fannie Corley [MLR 885/364]
- 1870 Subdivision plan, William Corley, Willow Street
- 1870 Deed, William & Fannie Corley to Thomas Hession [MLR 1115/364] no buildings mentioned
- 1871 Directory, Thomas Hession, works in bleachery, boards 1 River St.
- 1873 Deed, Thomas Hession to Dennis Hession [MLR 1264/620] buildings mentioned
- 1873 Deed, Dennis Hession to Hannah Hession (wife of Thomas Hession) [MLR 1264/621]
- 1874 Marriage, Bridget Hession, daughter of Thomas Hession, & John Kane. Witnesses Dennis Hession & Hannah Rooney
- 1874 Directory, Thomas Hession, in the Bleachery, h. Willow n. Foundry
- 1877 Directory, John Kane, laborer, house Willow, near River
- 1880 Census, John (Bridget) Kane, in bleachery, Willow
- 1886 Directory, Edward Kane, laborer, house rear Willow, n. Foundry Ave.
- 1900 Census, John (Bridget) Kane, laborer, bleachery, 164 Willow, owns
- 1909 Death, Thomas Hussion, 164 Willow
- 1920 Census, Bridget Kane, housekeeper, 164 Willow, owns
- 1927 Directory, Bridget E. Kane, widow of John, 164 Willow
- 1936 Deed, Bridget E. Kane Estate to Mary E. Kane [MLR 6056/191]
- 1936 Deed, Mary E. Kane to Rose Delfino [MLR 6056/192]
- 1940 Directory, Benjamin Delfino, contr., 164 Willow, house ditto
- 1950 Directory, Benjamin (Rose) Delfino, farmer, 164 Willow
- 1960 Directory, Benjamin Delfino, machinist, Raytheon; Marie Delfino, operator, Raytheon; 164 Willow
- 1971 Directory, Marie Delfino, assembler Unitrode, 164 Willow
- 1986 Deed, Frank Delfino et al to Marie Delfino [MLR 16995/312]
- 2022 Deed, Marie Delfino to Marie Delfino Revocable Trust, Karen Jasper Trustee [MLR 79594/375]

Summary

A subdivision plan for the area on the east side of Willow Street near Navins Lane and Foundry Avenue was filed by William Corley in 1870. Thomas Hession, an Irish immigrant laborer at Waltham Bleachery and Dye, purchased lot #4 in the subdivision on Willow Street, corner of Navins Lane, in 1870. The deed did not mention any buildings. Hession lived at #1 River Street in 1871. When he sold the property to his son, Dennis, who then flipped it to Hannah Hession, the wife of Thomas, in 1873, the deed mentioned buildings on the lot. Therefore, the house at 164 Willow Street was very likely built in 1872-1873.

From 1870 – 2023, the property was owned by just two families and their descendants, the Hessions and the Delfinos. It was always an owner-occupied, single-family house. In 1936, Mary Kane, the daughter of Bridget (Hession) Kane and granddaughter of Thomas Hession, sold the house and land to Rose Delfino, the wife of Benjamin Delfino. Members of both families were ordinary working-class citizens who were employed at farming, local businesses, such as the Bleachery and Raytheon, or were self-employed.