

46 Chestnut Street

Waltham, Massachusetts
"The Watch City"

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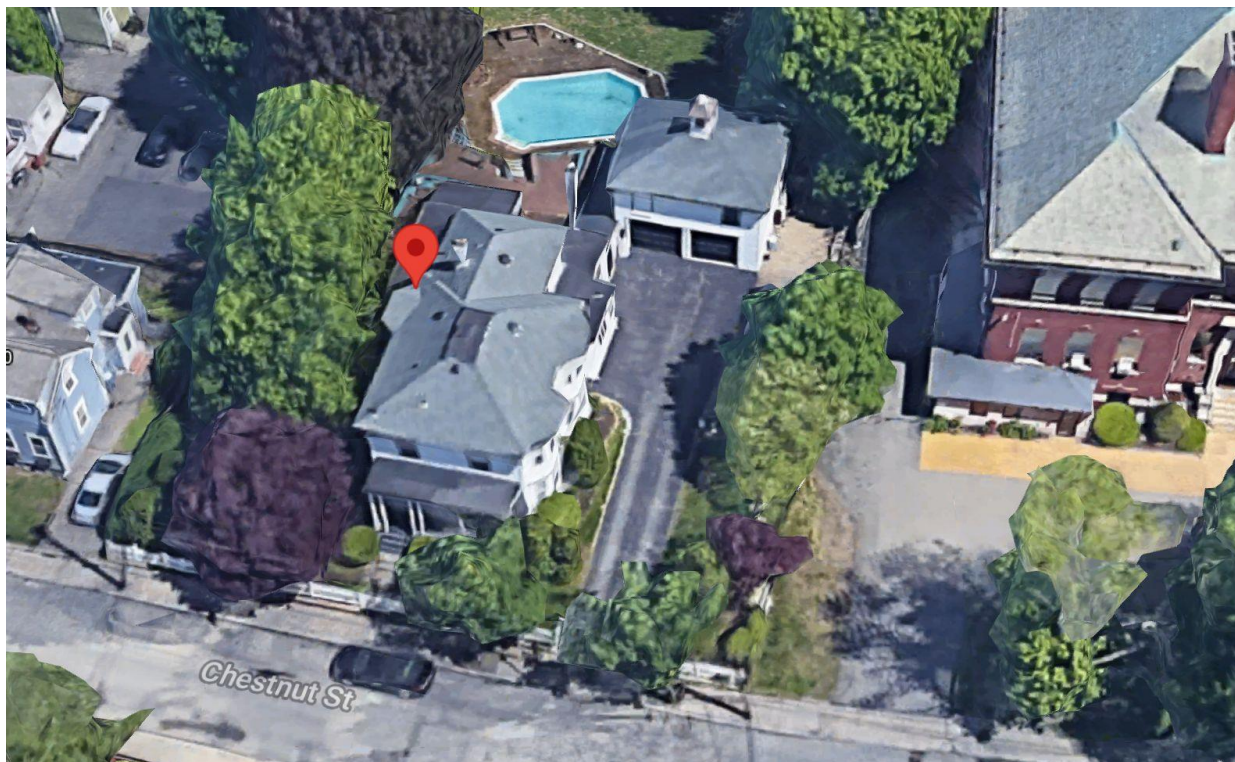
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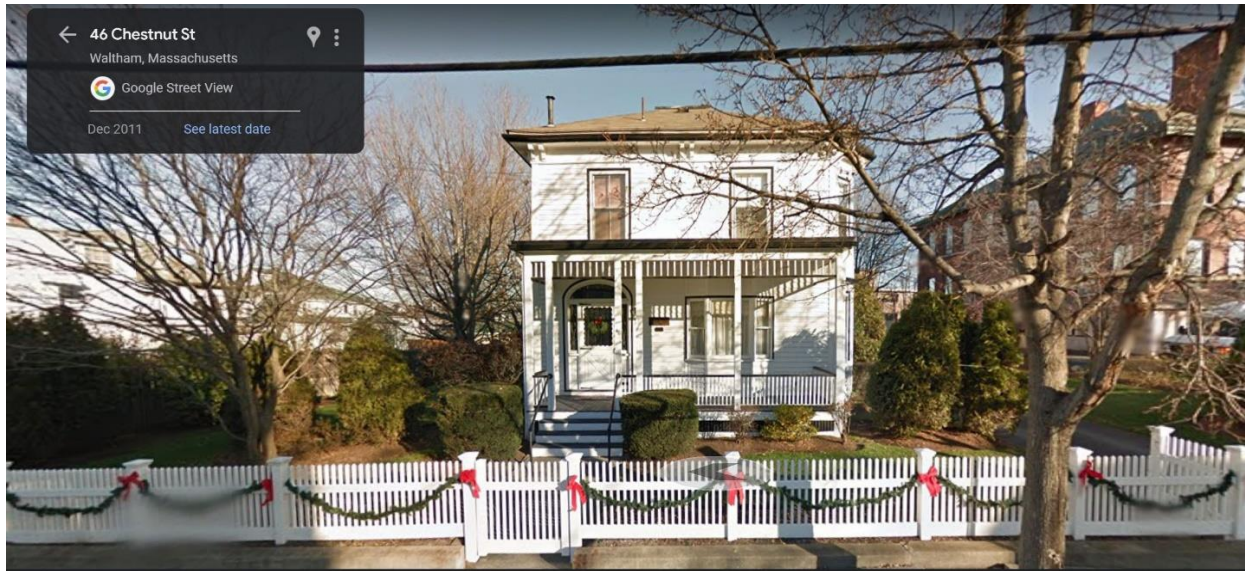
Parcel Information

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Parcel ID	R069 016 0017
Owner	NIX, JOHN E. &
Co-Owner	MARGARET M. H&UX, T.E.
Co-Owner2	
Number	46
Unit/Alt	
Street	CHESTNUT ST
Year Built	1920
Legal Ref.	13560-046
Sale Date	1978-10-12
Landuse	101
Total Acres	0.40290000
Sq. Feet	17550.000000
Building Type	OLD STYLE
Total Land Value	\$437,500
Total Bldg Value	\$306,100
Total Value	\$759,600

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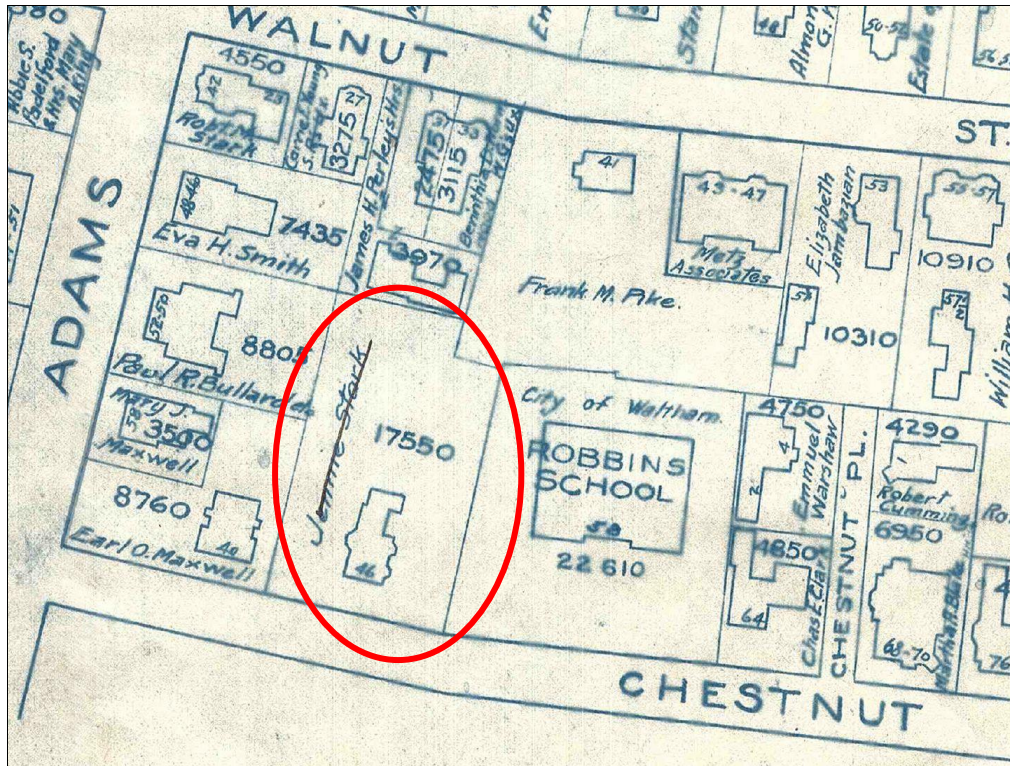
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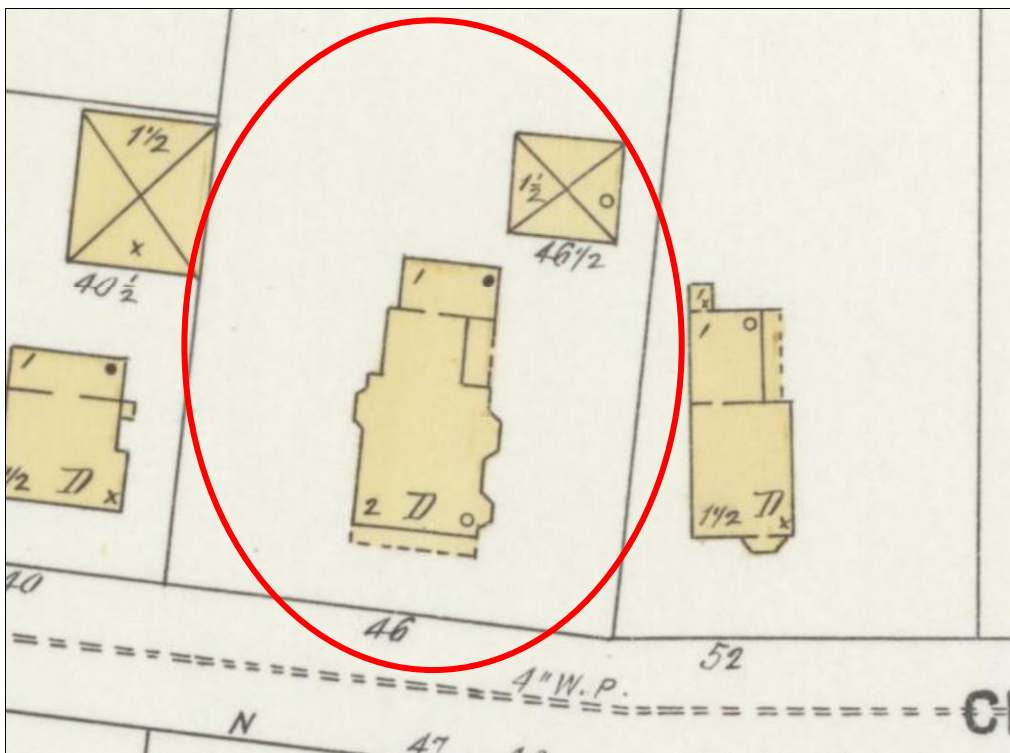
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Google street view 2007



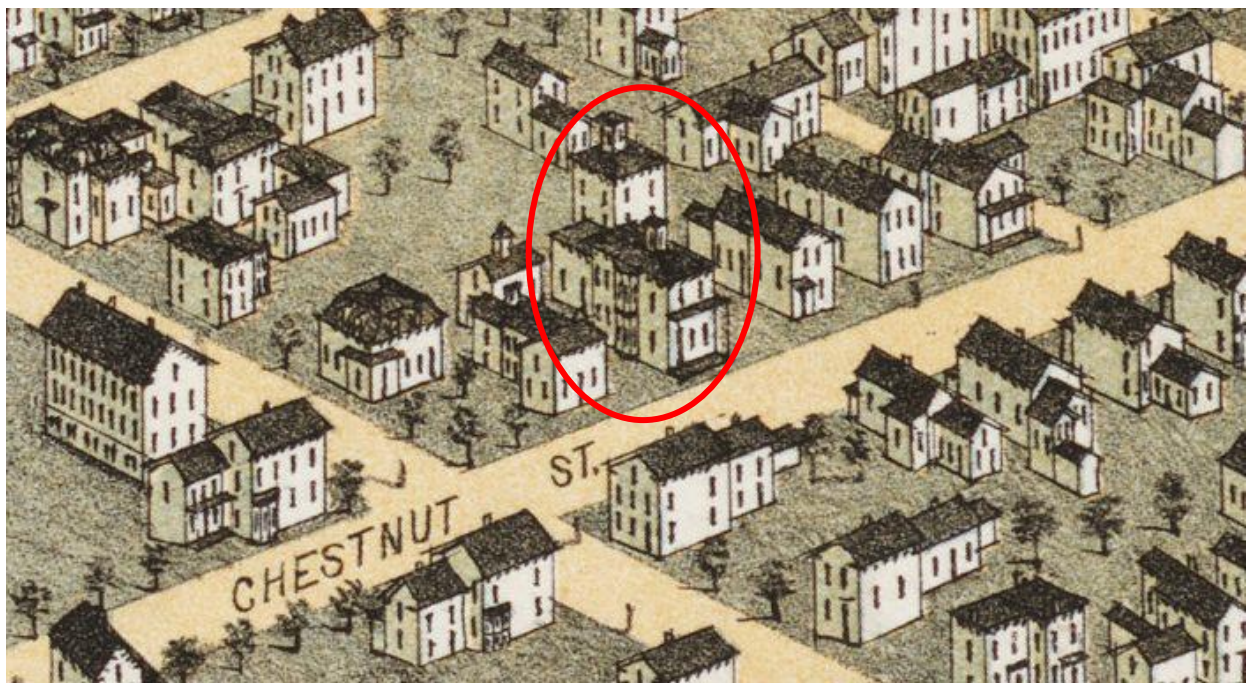
1918 atlas



1897 Sanborn map



1886 map



1877 bird-eye-view



1875 map

Timeline

- 1869 Deed, American Watch Co. to A. R. Carter [MLR 1083/177]
- 1870 Census, Russell Carter, Superintendent of Roads
- 1871 Directory, Asaph R. Carter, superintendent of streets (Waltham), h. Chestnut, near Adams
- 1877 Directory, Asaph R. Carter, superintendent of roads (Newton), h. Chestnut, near Adams
- 1880 Census, Asaph R. & Elizabeth Carter, Chestnut Street
- 1884 Death, Asaph R. Carter
- 1890 Directory, Elizabeth Carter, widow of Asaph R. Carter; Mrs. E. C. Bullard (niece of Elizabeth (Viles) Carter), 46 Chestnut
- 1896 Death, Elizabeth (Viles) Carter
Probate, will of Elizabeth Carter and Elizabeth A. Viles to Elvira C. Bullard (daughter of George Viles, brother of Elizabeth (Viles) Carter)
- 1897 Directory, Mrs. Elvira C. Bullard, 46 Chestnut St.
- 1900 Census, Lewis Franklin, 46 Chestnut, salesman, boots & shoes, rents
- 1910 Census, Harriet Worcester, 46 Chestnut, rents
- 1910 Census, John & Jennie Stark, 220 Moody St., manufacturer
- 1914 Deed, Elvira C. Bullard to John Stark [MLR 3925/550]
- 1915 Directory, John Stark, treasurer, John Stark Tool Co. & Waltham Clock Co., 46 Chestnut St.
- 1915 Deed, John Stark to Jennie Stark [MLR 4024/309] 1918 Death, John Stark
- 1920 Census, Jennie Stark, widow, 46 Chestnut St.; John Burgess, brother, foreman, watch factory
- 1930 Directory, Jennie Stark, widow of John, 46 Chestnut
- 1938 Death, Jennie Stark
- 1940 Census, John A. Burgess, foreman, watch factory, 46 Chestnut St.
- 1943 Death, John A. Burgess
- 1950 Directory, Thomas (Marcella) Neelon, retired, 46 Chestnut
- 1952 Deed, Jennie Downs et al [heirs of Jennie Stark & John A. Burgess] to Emerson W. Nix and Myrtle Nix [MLR 7965/332] Probate of Jennie Stark will

1959 Deed, Emerson W. Nix and Myrtle Nix to Emerson W. Nix Family Trust [MLR 9344/83]
1962 Directory, Emerson W. (Myrtle) Nix, 46 Chestnut St.
1966 Deed, Emerson W. Nix Family Trust to Emerson W. Nix and Margaret Nix [MLR 11357/454]
1977 Death, Emerson W. Nix
1978 Deed, Myrtle Nix to John and Margaret Nix [MLR 13560/46]
1998 Directory, John E. [Margaret] Nix, 46 Chestnut
2003 Death, John E. Nix
2023 Death, Margaret Nix

Summary

The house and carriage house at 46 Chestnut Street was built in 1870 by Mr. Fewkes of Newton for Asaph Russell Carter. Carter was the superintendent of streets in Waltham and Newton in the 1870s, but had retired by 1880. He died in 1884, leaving the house to his wife, Elizabeth (Viles) Carter. In the 1890s, Elizabeth lived with her niece, Elvira C. Bullard. Elizabeth died in 1896, and through the probate of her estate, the ownership went to her niece, Elvira C. Bullard. The house was rented out between 1897 and 1914, when in that year Elvira Bullard sold the house and property to John Stark.

John Stark, Jr. had been born in Scotland and came to the United States as a child. His father was involved in the establishment of a machine shop for the manufacture of lathes. When his father died in 1887, the company, renamed Stark Tool Company, continued under the leadership of John Stark, Jr., who built a new building on Moody Street in 1891. This building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is located at 414-424 Moody Street. John Stark, Jr. died in 1918, and his widow Jennie continued living at 46 Chestnut Street until her death in 1938. Her brother, John A. Burgess continued to live in the house until his death in 1943. The house was sold by the heirs of the Stark estate to Emerson and Myrtle Nix in 1952. In 1978, Myrtle Nix sold the house to her son and daughter-in-law, John and Margaret Nix. Margaret Nix died in January 2023. The house is historically significant based upon its age, architecture and importance of its prior resident, John Stark.



John Stark Junior, son of John Stark Senior

Wikipedia: The **Stark Building** is a historic commercial building in [Waltham, Massachusetts](#). The three-story brick building was built in 1891 by John Stark, Jr., the owner of a successful manufacturer of watchmaking tools. It is one of Waltham's few surviving and well-preserved Queen Anne commercial buildings, having only received significant alteration to its storefronts.^[2] The building was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1989.^[1]

The Stark Building is located on the east side of Moody Street, between Cushing and Chestnut Streets. Moody Street is a major north-south artery, and the principal commercial area on the city's south side. The building is three stories tall, built of brick with brownstone trim. Piers separate either individual or tripled windows, and there are decorative terra cotta panels set between the levels above and below the windows.^[2]

The building was built in 1891 by John Stark, Jr., the son of a Scottish immigrant who established a business manufacturing lathes specialized for the production of watches. The younger Stark took over his father's business, and expanded into real estate with the construction of this building in front of his father's shop. It is one of the few large buildings on Moody Street to survive from the 19th century. Stark was also a partner in the Waltham Clock Company, which was eventually absorbed by the [Waltham Watch Company](#).^[2]

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Stark August machinist h 21 Bellevue
" Francis engineer B & M h 15 Norumbega ter
" John laborer h 10 Calvary
" John treas Stark Tool Co and Waltham Clock Co
218½ Moody h 46 Chestnut
" Merrick F bds 15 Norumbega ter

STARK ROBERT M lawyer 621 Main rms J and K b
50 Pleasant See page 13
STARK TOOL CO John Stark treas mfrs precision
bench lathes and watchmakers' tools 218½ Moody
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1915 directory



1915 directory advertisement



John Stark Building 2017

Obituary, Margaret M. "Peggy" Nix

Of Waltham, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning January 12th, 2023 in the comfort of her home at the age of 91. Born on July 3, 1931 in Belmont; daughter of the late Thomas D. Barrows and Margaret (Lawless) Barrows. Peggy was raised and educated in Waltham where she spent the majority of her life. She and her husband, John, also enjoyed spending many winters in Florida visiting with family members and friends.

Family was the most important aspect of her life; she cherished the time spent with her family for every special occasion, especially hosting an annual July 4th Celebration and gathering for holidays and family birthdays. Peggy was a graduate of Saint Charles High School in Waltham with the Class of 1950. Prior to raising her family, she worked at the former Woolworth's Store on Moody Street in Waltham, as a switchboard operator for New England Telephone, and a phone operator for the Boston Frozen Food

Company. She also loved to help others and volunteered at several organizations, including Springwell (delivering meals on wheels and helping with money management), the Waltham Museum, Bristol Lodge and the gift shops at the Waltham Hospital and the Broward General Hospital. In addition, she was a longtime member and volunteer for the Waltham Historical Society and a member of the Friends of the Waltham Public Library. Peggy was the past Treasurer for the Waltham/Watertown AARP local chapter #3809. She had a love for animals especially cats and fostered many for the Cat Connection over the years.

Peggy was predeceased by her beloved husband of 47 years John E. Nix, her son Thomas E. Nix and her siblings Mary T. Geoffrion (Paul) of Newton, Thomas D. Barrows, Jr, George Barrows and William Barrows (Margaret) all of Florida. Peggy is survived by her devoted & loving children John E. Nix Jr. (Diane) of Salem, NH; Patricia A. Debnam (Otis) of Waltham; Ronald H. Nix (Elizabeth) of Natick; Mary E. Good of Waltham; Judith E. Callahan (Michael) of Taunton; Priscilla J. Campana (Stephen) of Stow; and Margaret A. McCarthy (Scott) of Halifax; her 16 cherished grandchildren; her 3 adoring great-grandchildren and has a fourth great-grandchild due in May; her two sisters-in-law Marilyn Barrows and Mary Barrows both of Florida; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; a life-long friend Kaye MacLellan and long-time friend Pat Jones.

Those who wish to pay their respects to Peggy and her family can do so in the Mary Catherine Chapel of Brasco & Sons Memorial, 773 Moody Street, Waltham on Saturday morning January 28th from 9:00 - 11:00 am. For those who wish to pay their final respects, but are unable to attend, please be sure to sign the guestbook at www.BrascoFuneralhome.com. Visitors are encouraged to use the complimentary valet parking attendants. Family and friends are welcome to gather and celebrate Peggy's life and remember the love and friendship she shared with others at a Memorial Service in the Mary Catherine Chapel on Saturday morning January 28th at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Mount Feake Cemetery, in Waltham. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Peggy's memory to the American Red Cross, 180 Rustcraft Rd, Dedham, MA 02026 or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741.