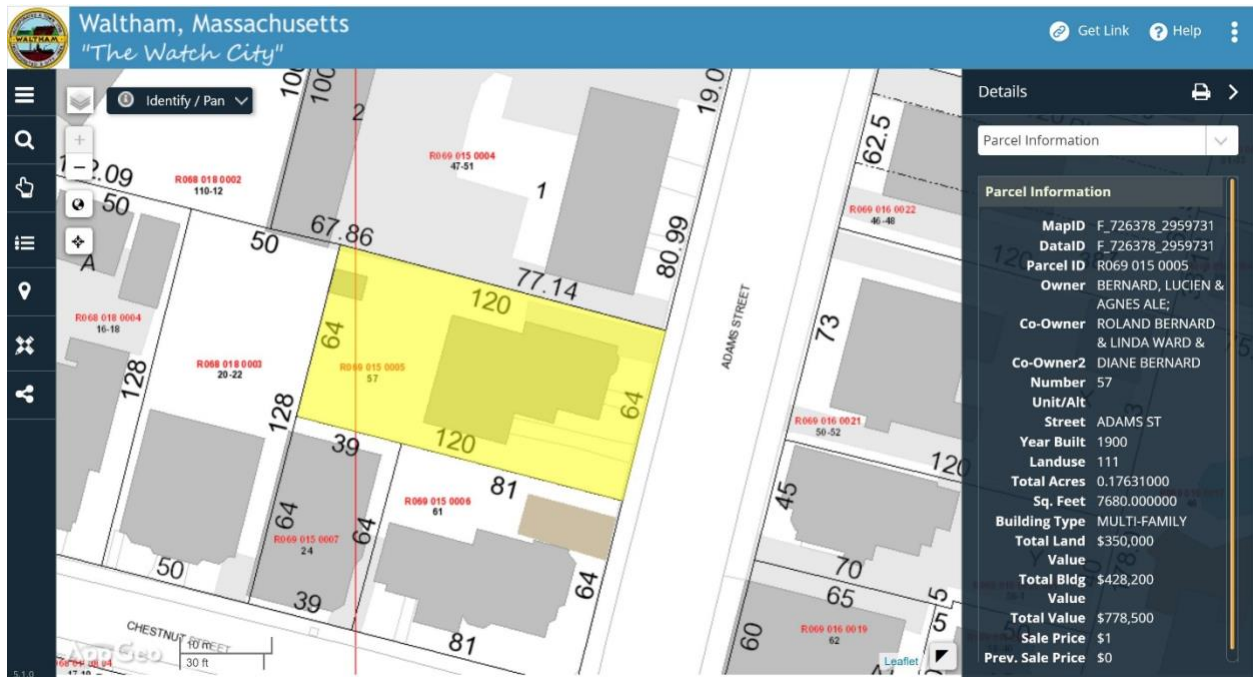
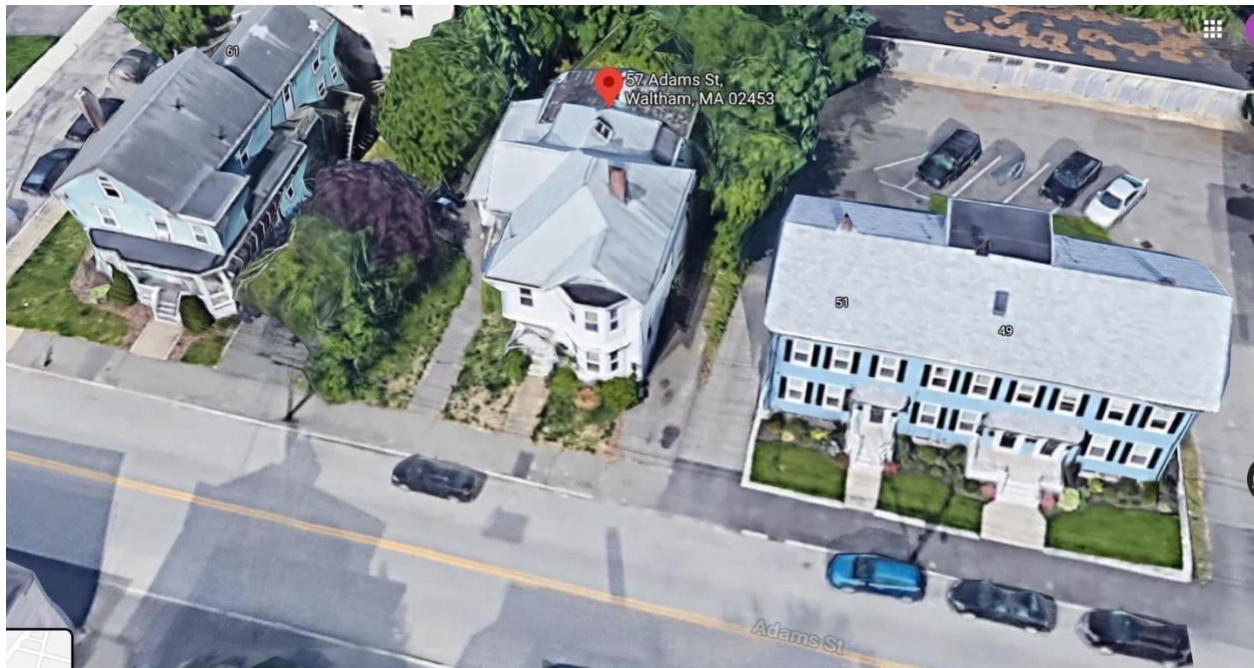


57 Adams Street



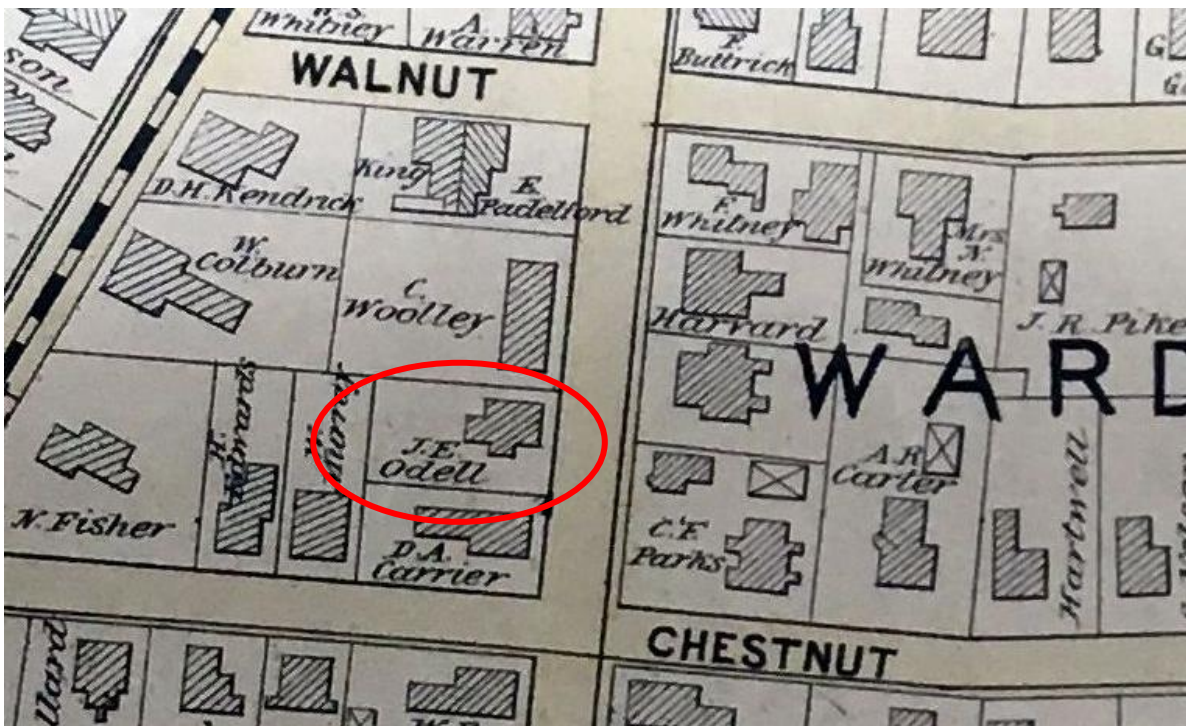
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1900 map



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Timeline

- 1870 Deed, American Watch Co. of Waltham to Maria Mansfield [MLR 1115/514] no buildings
- 1877 Directory, John Odell, works American Watch Co., Adams, near Chestnut
- 1879 Deed, Maria Mansfield to George A. Parker [MLR 1520/298] no buildings
- 1880 Deed, George A. Parker to John E. Odell [MLR 1556/576]
- 1880 Census, John Odell, watch factory, Adams Street
- 1900 Census, John Odell, jobmaster, flat steel dept., watch factory, owns, 57 Adams
- 1903 Death, John Odell
- 1904 Death, Lydia (Singleton) Odell, wife of John Odell
- 1910 Census, Mary A., housekeeper, & Helen Joyce, finisher, watch factory, nieces of John & Lydia Odell, 57 Adams, owns
- 1920 Census, M. Adelaide Joyce & Helen Joyce, clerk, watch factory, owns, 57 Adams
- 1930 Census, Adelaide Joyce & Helen Joyce, clerical worker, watch factory, owns, 57 Adams
- 1940 Census, M. Adelaide & Helen L. Joyce, 57 Adams St
- 1944 Death, Mary Adelaide Joyce
- 1947 Death, Helen L. Joyce
- 1947 Deed, Helen L. Joyce's extrx to John L. Twigg et ux [MLR 7222/241]
- 1948 Deed, John L. Twigg et ux to Frank Cormier & ux [MLR 7334/147]
- 1949 Deed, Frank Cormier to Clara Yorston of Lakeland, FL [MLR 7516/358]
- 1952 Directory, Roland (Clara) Yorsten, junk, 22-26 Sun, h. 57 Adams
- 1957 Deed, Clara A. Yorston to Lucien Bernard & ux [MLR 8960/312]
- 1960 Directory, Lucien Bernard, machinist, J L. Thompson, 57 Adams
- 1987 Deed, Lucien Bernard & ux to Lucien Barnard [MLR 18168/381]
- 2005 Deed, Lucien Bernard to Roland Bernard et al [MLR 44944/212]
- 1998 Directory, Lucien Bernard, 57 Adams
- 2010 Death, Lucien Barnard
- 2010 Death, Agenes (Robichaud) Bernard, wife of Lucien Bernard
- 2019 Death, Roland Bernard, son of Lucien & Agnes Bernard

Discussion

The house at 57 Adams Street was built ca 1880. The first person to live in the house was John Edward Odell, who was listed in 1880 as a jobmaster in the flat steel department of the Waltham Watch Company. Odell lived in the single-family house with his wife, Lydia (Singleton) Odell with their nieces, Mary Adelaide Joyce and Helen L. Joyce. John and Lydia had no children, and the nieces inherited the house after the deaths of John in 1903 and Lydia in 1904. John Odell was listed in the 1877 directory as living on Adams Street, near Chestnut. But the lot was not sold to him until 1880, and the deed did not mention a building on the lot. So he may have been living in the building next door, which seems to have been built in 1877. The lot at 57 Adams Street had been sold to George A. Parker by the American Watch Co. in 1870; Parker sold the parcel to Maria Mansfield in 1879. She sold part of the parcel to Odell in 1880. John Odell lived at 57 Adams Street with his wife, Lydia (Singleton) Odell until his death in 1903, and Lydia until her death in 1904.

John and Lydia Odell's nieces lived in the house beginning at least from 1900 until 1947, after the death of Mary Adelaide Joyce in 1944 and Helen L. Joyce in 1947. Mary (Addie) Joyce did not work, but Helen was employed as a clerk for the Waltham Watch Co. After the deaths of the Joyce sisters, the property ended up with Clara and Roland Yorston. Roland Yorston was a junk dealer. Lucien Bernard, a machinist and electrician lived in the house from 1957 to 2010. Lucien Bernard's wife, Agnes died six months after

Lucien. Their son, Roland, died in August 2019. The application was signed by the personal representative of the estate of Roland Bernard. No one of historical significance lived in the house.

Obituary, Lucien Barnard

Mr. Lucien Bernard, of Waltham, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. He was 80. Lucien was born in Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 14, 1930, a son of the late Alfred and Imelda (St. Onge) Bernard, and had lived in Waltham for the past 56 years. Until his retirement in 1985 he worked as an electrician for 25 years for the Polaroid Corporation in Waltham. After that Lucien enjoyed gardening at home and traveling with his family. A handyman around the house he was also a talented upholsterer. He leaves his wife, Agnes (Robichaud) Bernard; his children, Roland Bernard and Diane Bernard, both of Waltham and Linda Rotunno and her husband, Robert, of Melrose; his grandchildren, Michael, Rolanda, Rosalyn and Aurora; and his great-grandchildren, Evan, Marina Lyn, and Brenden. Lucien was the father of the late Paul Bernard.

Obituary, Roland Bernard

Mr. Roland Bernard, formerly of Waltham, Framingham and Marlborough died Sunday, August 25, 2019 in Metrowest Medical Center. He was 64. Roland was born June 30, 1955 in Waltham a son of the late Lucien and Agnes (Robichaud) Bernard. Raised in Waltham he was a graduate of Waltham High School. He worked for many years as a transportation safety agent at Logan International Airport in Boston before retiring. He had previously worked as a welder. Roland's hobbies and interests included planes, in particular C-47's, photography, music by The Beatles and pizza. He leaves his daughter, Rolanda and her fiancé, Kiet Le of Canton; his sisters Diane Bernard of Waltham and Linda Rotunno and her husband, Robert, of Melrose; nieces & nephews.