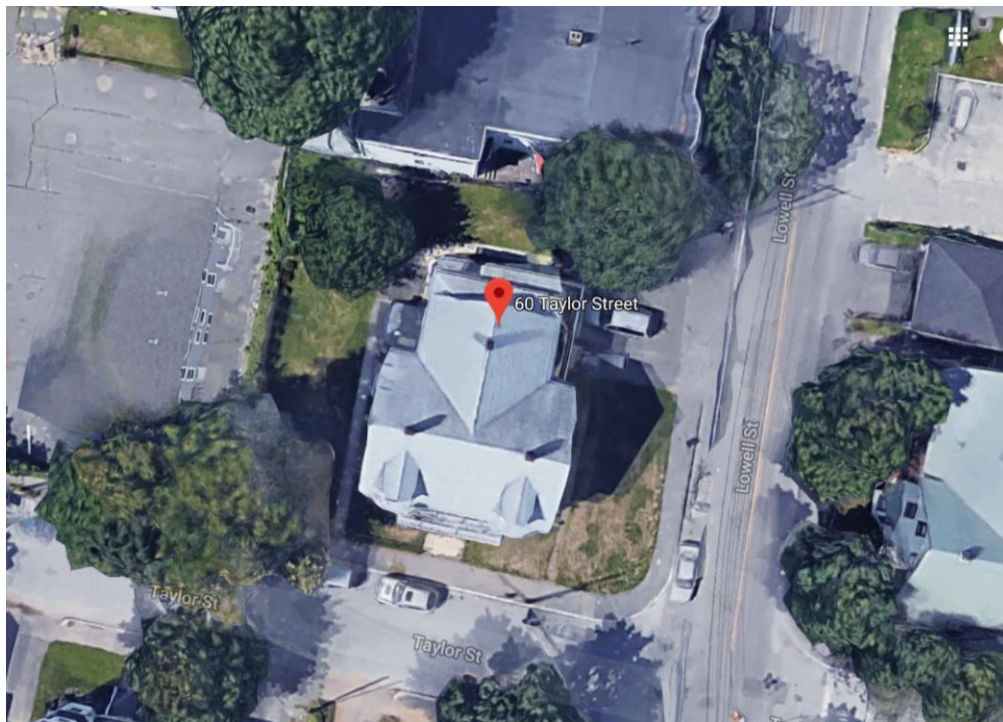
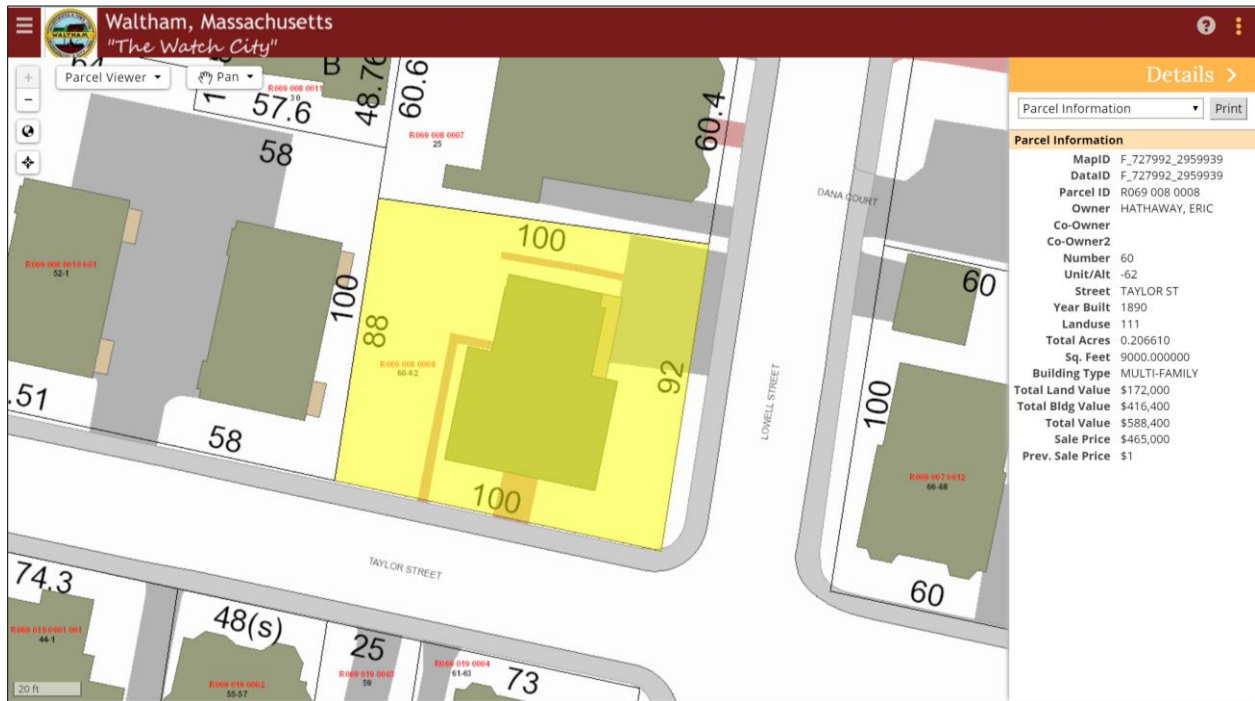


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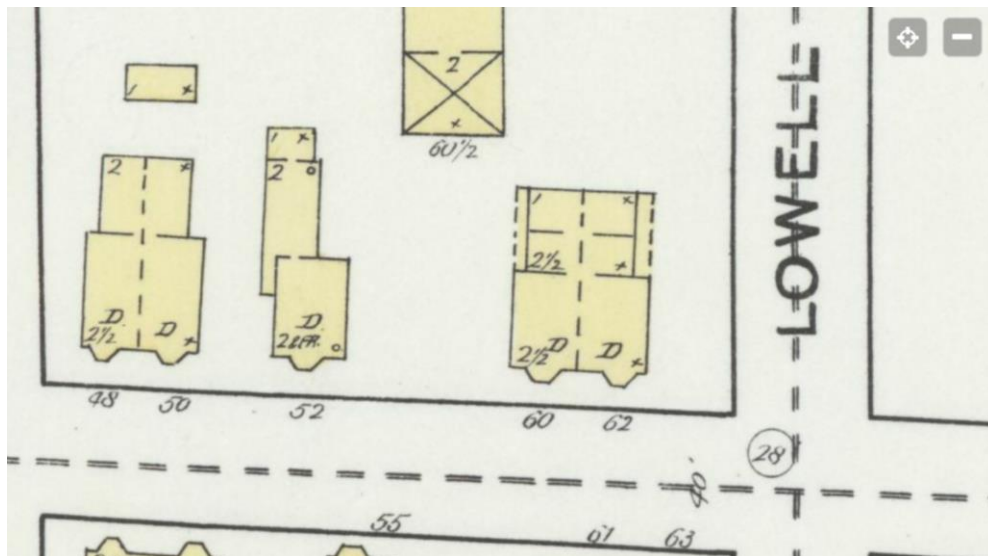




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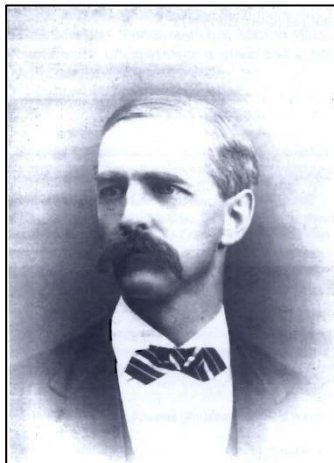
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Timeline

- 1871 Marriage, Waltham, Charles Irving Eaton to Emma A. Barton
- 1876 Newspaper, Charles I. Eaton, clerk, Board of Engineers, Waltham Fire Dept.
- 1877 Deed, Newton Chemical Co. to Charles I. Eaton [MLR 1451/323]
- 1877-78 Directory, Charles I. Eaton, works American Watch Co., house Pine cor. Hall
- 1880 Directory, Charles I. Eaton, works American Watch Co., house Taylor cor. Lowell
- 1886 Directory, Charles I. Eaton, 62 Taylor St; Charles W. Hardy, 60 Taylor St.
- 1890 Veterans Schedule, Waltham, Charles I. Eaton, private, Co. K, 1st Colorado Cavalry, Oct. 13, 1861 – Oct. 26, 1865
- 1900 Census, Charles I. Eaton, 62 Taylor St., janitor, high school, owns house
- 1920 Death, Charles I Eaton
- 1923 Directory, Ellen Eaton, widow Charles, 62 Taylor
- 1930 Census, Willis D. Eaton, 60 Taylor, renter [brother of Charles I. Eaton]
Census, Henry W. Soule (husband of Cora (Eaton) Soule), 62 Taylor, machinist, owner
- 1944 Deed, Harold I. Eaton [son of Charles I Eaton] to Thomas A. Joyce [MLR 6783/475]
- 1944 Deed, Thomas A. Joyce to Eleanor Salpietro [MLR 6801/510]
- 1946 Deed, Eleanor Salpietro to Kelsey C. Dunbrack [MLR 7006/211]
- 1950 Directory, Kelsey Dunbrack, laborer, 60 Taylor
- 1955 Deed, Kelsey C. Dunbrack to Guiseppe & Anna Cafarella [MLR 8440/353]
- 1979 Deed, Mary Cafarella to Joseph & Felix Cafarella [MLR 13828/ 179]
- 1979 Deed, Felix Cincotta, trustee of will of Guiseppe Cafarella to Joseph & Felix Cafarella [MLR 13828/190]
- 1980 Deed, Joseph & Felix Cafarella to Felix & Donna Cafarella [MLR 13969/153]
- 1983 Deed, Felix & Donna Cafarella to Thomas G. Hill [MLR 14992/539]
- 1985 Deed, Thomas G. Hill to Nunzio, Rosetta, Consolata & Antoni Chisari [MLR 16034/465]
- 2001 Deed, Nunzio Chisari et al & Rosetta Chisari et al to Eric Hathaway [MLR 33131/29]
- 2018 Deed, Eric Hathaway to 60-62 Taylor Street LLC [MLR 72080/265]

Discussion

The first owner and likely builder of the house was Charles Irving Eaton, who purchased a lot of land from the Newton Chemical Company in 1877. In that year, Eaton was listed as working at the American Watch Company and living at Pine Street, corner of Hall Street. By 1880, he was listed as living at Taylor Street, corner Lowell Street. So the house was probably built soon after purchase in 1877. The house remained in Eaton family ownership for 67 years until 1944.



Charles Irving Eaton was born in 1837 in Rindge, New Hampshire. His father purchased some farmland in Kansas in 1855, and although Charles went out to Kansas with him, Charles lived and worked as a shoemaker in Independence, Missouri. His mother remained in New Hampshire, and his father died in 1857. In 1861, Charles traveled to Denver, Colorado to join the Company K of the Colorado First Infantry, which was designated the Colorado First Cavalry in 1862. In that year, Charles Eaton and his Company K took part in the successful New Mexico campaign defense against invading Confederate Texans. By 1863, he was stationed with his company at Fort Lyon along the Arkansas River. Eaton kept a 2-volume diary of his service from 1864 to 1866, and this diary and his letters are in the possession of the University of Virginia. In 1864, Eaton accidentally cut his foot with an ax while chopping wood. He was laid up at the fort when

the Colorado First Cavalry Regiment took part in the infamous massacre of Cheyenne and Arapaho Native Americans, two-thirds of whom were women and children, at Sand Creek in Colorado Territory. Eaton was not present at the massacre, and did not participate in the atrocities and mutilations perpetrated by his regiment. Charles Eaton did not mention the massacre in his diary or whether he approved it or had any remorse. Eaton was discharged from service in 1866, and he returned to New Hampshire. But by 1871, Charles Eaton had moved to Waltham, where he married Emma Barton. She died in 1874, and he married Ellen Bean in 1875. In that same year, Eaton was listed as a first assistant and clerk to the Chief Engineer of the Waltham Fire Department. Two years later, he purchased the lot at Taylor and Lowell Streets from the Newton Chemical Company. He worked for the Waltham Watch Company until his seventies, at which time he continued working as a janitor at Waltham High School. He died in 1920 at the age of 83 years, when he fell from a step ladder while raising a flag for Memorial Day and did not recover from his injuries.

Members of the Eaton family continued to live in the house until 1944, when son, Harold sold the house to Thomas Joyce. Harold Eaton was a sanitary engineer, who graduated from MIT, and worked mosquito control projects on the Panama Canal and in New Jersey. He was the Chief Inspector of the Atlantic County Mosquito Extermination Commission in New Jersey.

The streetscape of Taylor Street is mixed with nineteenth century two-family houses and architecturally unremarkable, recently built multi-family townhouses.

Conclusion

The house was built by Charles Irving Eaton in 1877, and is therefore over 75 years old. Charles I. Eaton was an ordinary employee of the Waltham Watch Company from 1877 – 1904, and a janitor at Waltham High School from 1904 -1918. He kept a diary of his war experience in the West during the Civil War, and his diary and family letters have been preserved at the University of Virginia. His life and war experience were documented in an article by Mary Faith Pankin, and by a sketch, "Personal War Sketch of Charles Irving Eaton" in *Personal War Sketches of the Members of the F.P.H. Rogers Post 29 of Waltham, Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts*. But his subsequent Waltham career and life as the builder and resident of the house at 60-62 Taylor Street is not historic. Although his son, Harold I. Eaton, is known for his work in the early days of mosquito control, his career was not associated with his life in Waltham. Other owners and residents of the house were not historically significant.