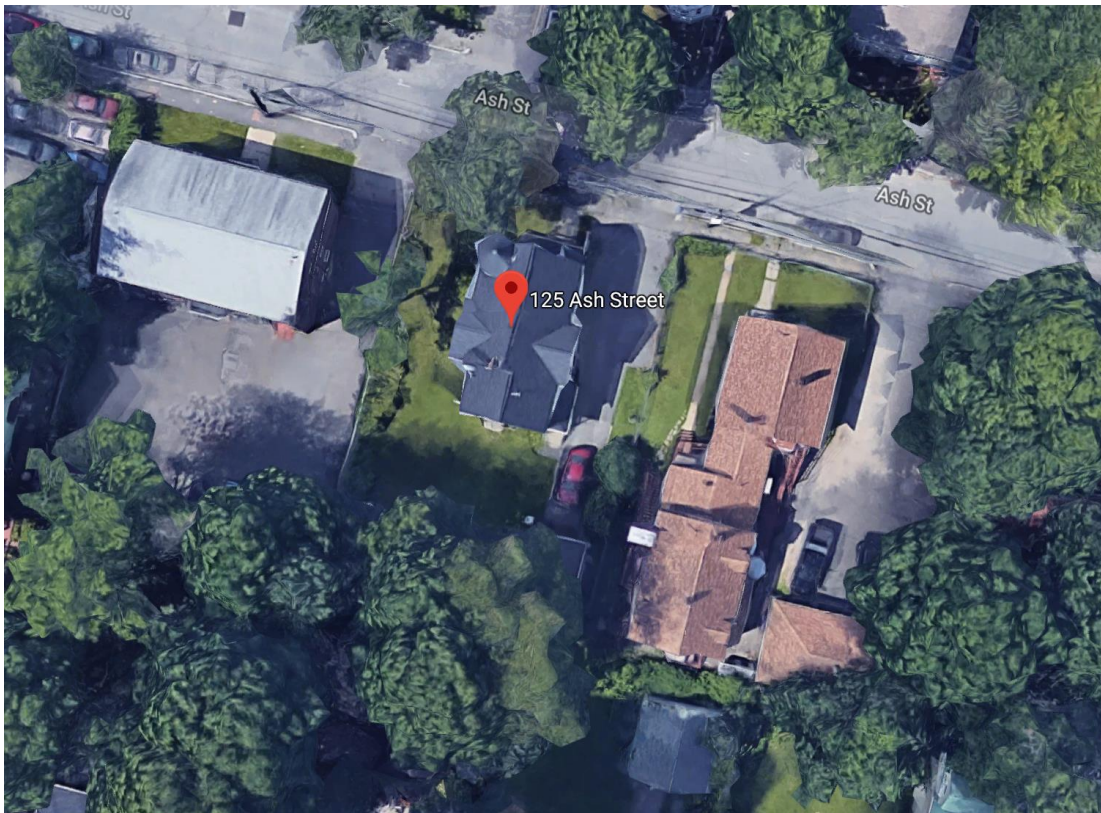
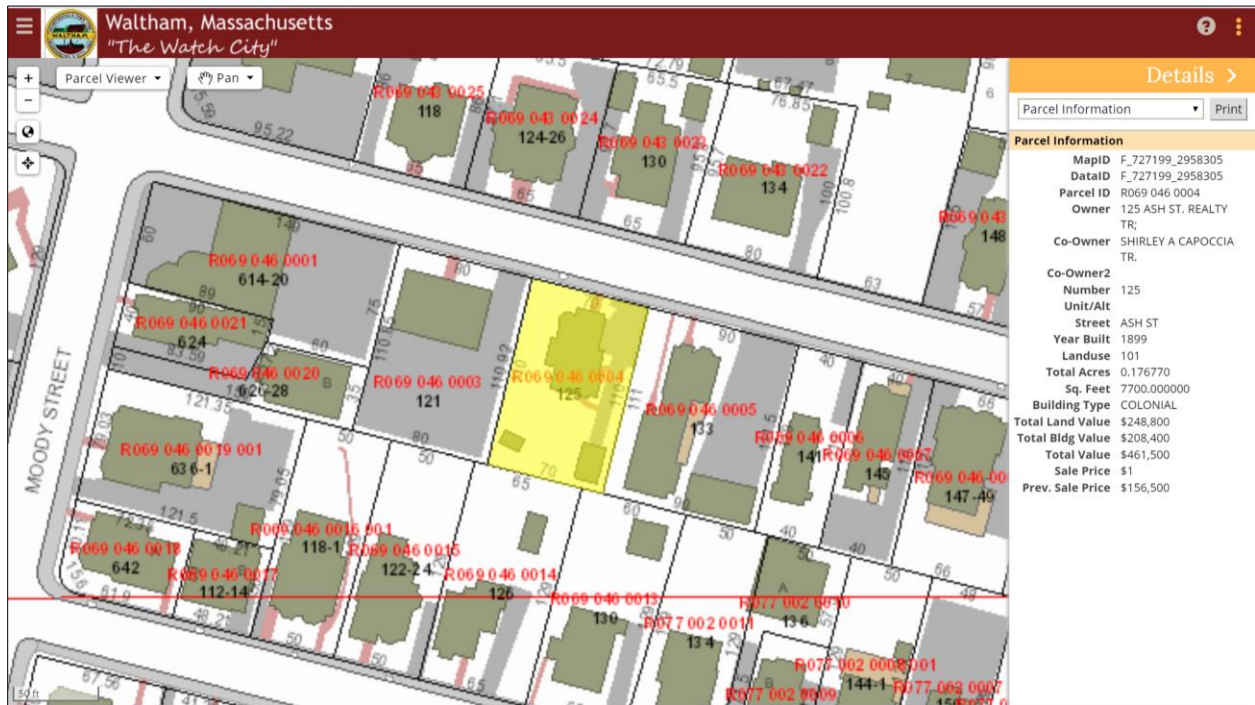
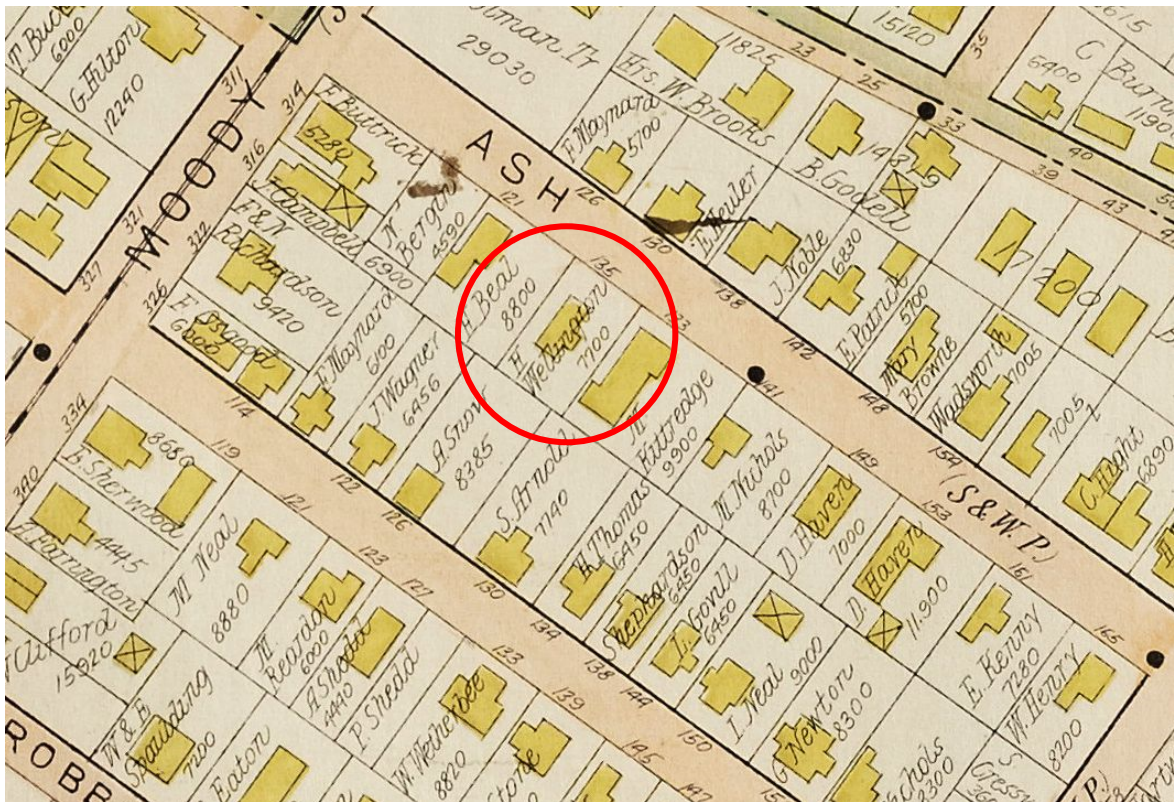


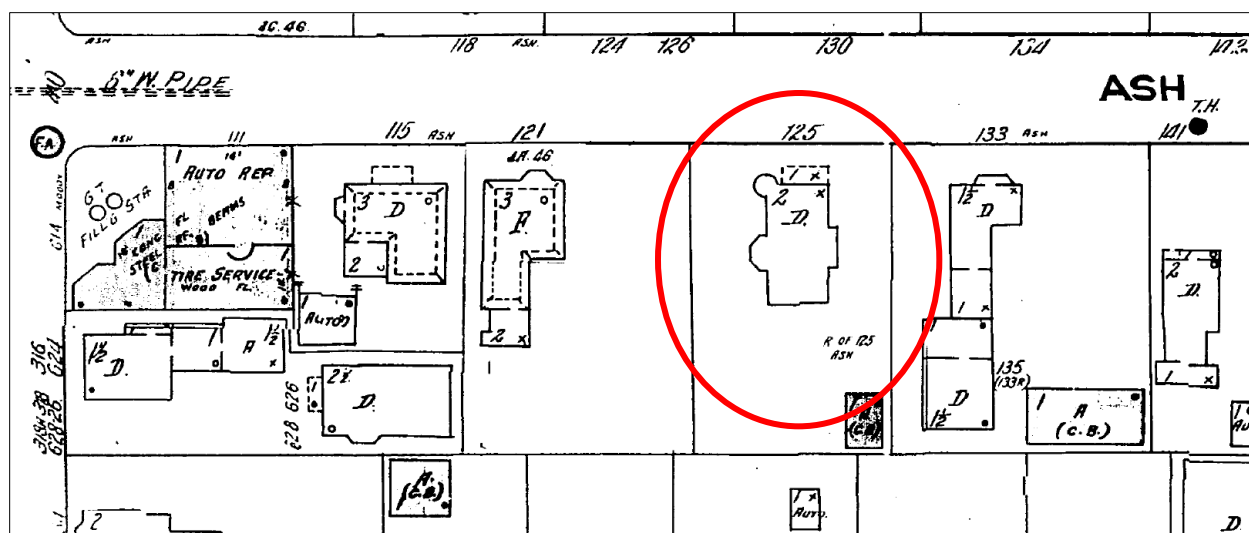
## 125 Ash Street







1900 map (out of date, since house sold to Farnum in 1899)



### Timeline

- 1890 Deed, Caleb S. Wellington to Horatio A. Wellington [MLR 1969/59] no mention of a building
- 1898 Directory, 125 Ash Street not listed
- 1899 Deed, Horatio A. Wellington to David W. Farnum [MLR 2735/383] no mention of a building
- 1899 Directory, 125 Ash Street not listed
- 1900 Directory, James W. Higgins, clergyman, lived outside the city in 1899
- Directory, David W. Farnum, 110 High Street, age 67, merchant
- 1900 Census, James Higgins, clergyman, renter
- 1903 Death, David W. Farnum, High Street (member of Methodist Church)
- 1910 Directory, Census, Roscoe Greene, clergyman, Civil War veteran
- 1911 Death, Rev. Roscoe Greene, Waltham
- 1920 Directory, Census, Frank Potter, minister, Grand Master Odd Fellows
- 1930 Directory, Census, Thomas R. Burns, minister, born England
- 1940 Directory, Census, Edson Gould Waterhouse, clergyman, WWI veteran
- 1952 Directory, Ernest Case, minister, president, New England Board of Temperance
- 1958 Directory, Ernest Randolph Case, minister
- 1958 Deed, Trustees of Immanuel Methodist Church to Charles & Rose McCarthy [MLR 9220/110]
- 1960 Directory, Charles & Rose C. McCarthy, manager, Twinbrook Distributor Co.
- 1963 Deed, Charles E. J. McCarthy to Charles Lemont [MLR 10315/363]
- 1965 Directory, Charles M. Lemont, molder
- 1987 Deed, Charles Lemont, Jr. to Richard Lemont & Shirley Capoccia [MLR 18088/214]
- 2013 Death, Richard Lemont, see obituary below
- 2015 Deed, Shirley A. Capoccia to 125 Ash St. Realty [65462/466]

### Obituary:

Richard Lemont of Waltham, passed away peacefully late Saturday morning July 13th, 2013 in his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 77. Born on July 21, 1935 in Waltham; son of the late Charles and Irene (Burns) Lemont, Richard lived most of his life in Waltham. A graduate of Saint Charles High School with the Class of 1953, Dick served his country proudly with the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. He is survived by his beloved wife Shirley Capoccia, his loving children Adam Capoccia, Carene Capoccia, Sharie Moore, Nancy Lemont and Rick Lemont, his cherished grandchildren Alex and Nicholas Moore, Cauby Capoccia and his one and only

favorite granddaughter Cassandra Colon and his brothers Charles and John Lemont. At Dick's request Funeral Services in celebration of his life will be held PRIVATE.

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### **Discussion**

The deed of Caleb S. Wellington to Horatio A. Wellington and the deed of Horatio A. Wellington to David W. Farnum in 1898 and 1899 respectively make no mention of a building on the lot. In addition, the 1898 and 1899 annual listings do not show anyone at the address of 125 Ash Street. David W. Farnum was a member of the Methodist church congregation, and lived at 110 High Street, where a house that also features a round or octagonal tower now stands. He was listed as a member of the Waltham Monitor Lodge of the Masons since 1873. He was listed as a salesman at 132 Summer Street, Boston, and residing on High Street, Waltham in 1886. The 1958 deed mentions the 1903 estate of David W. Farnum, so he likely purchased the property with the intent of providing a rectory for the Immanuel Methodist Church. A succession of Methodist ministers lived in the house until the church sold the property to Charles and Rose McCarthy in 1958. The ministers seemed to stay about 10 years, and then were assigned to other communities. Some of these ministers later became prominent, such as Frank Potter, who was well-respected in Cambridge. But they were not prominent in Waltham. After 1958, the house was owner-occupied, and the owners were ordinary working people in Waltham.

### **Conclusion**

The house was likely built in 1899 upon the purchase of the land by David W. Farnum, and likely intended as a rectory for the Immanuel Methodist Church. None of the ministers who lived in the house were prominent while they lived in Waltham, perhaps because their tenures were short. The house has some interesting architectural features, which may have been replicated from David W. Farnum's house at 110 High Street.