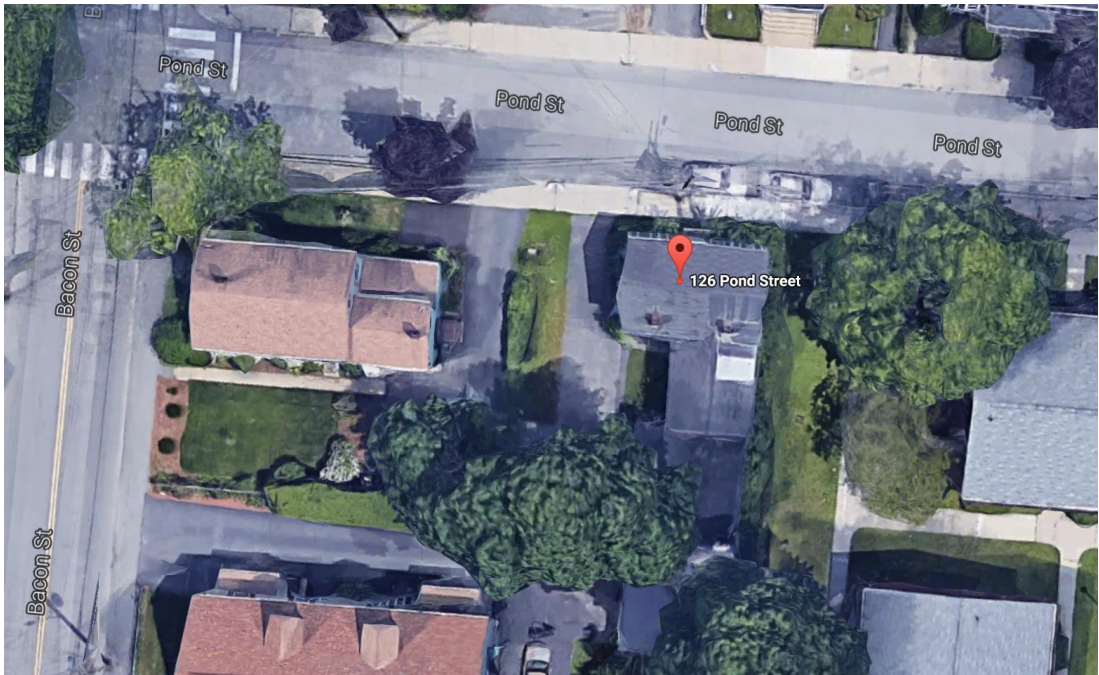
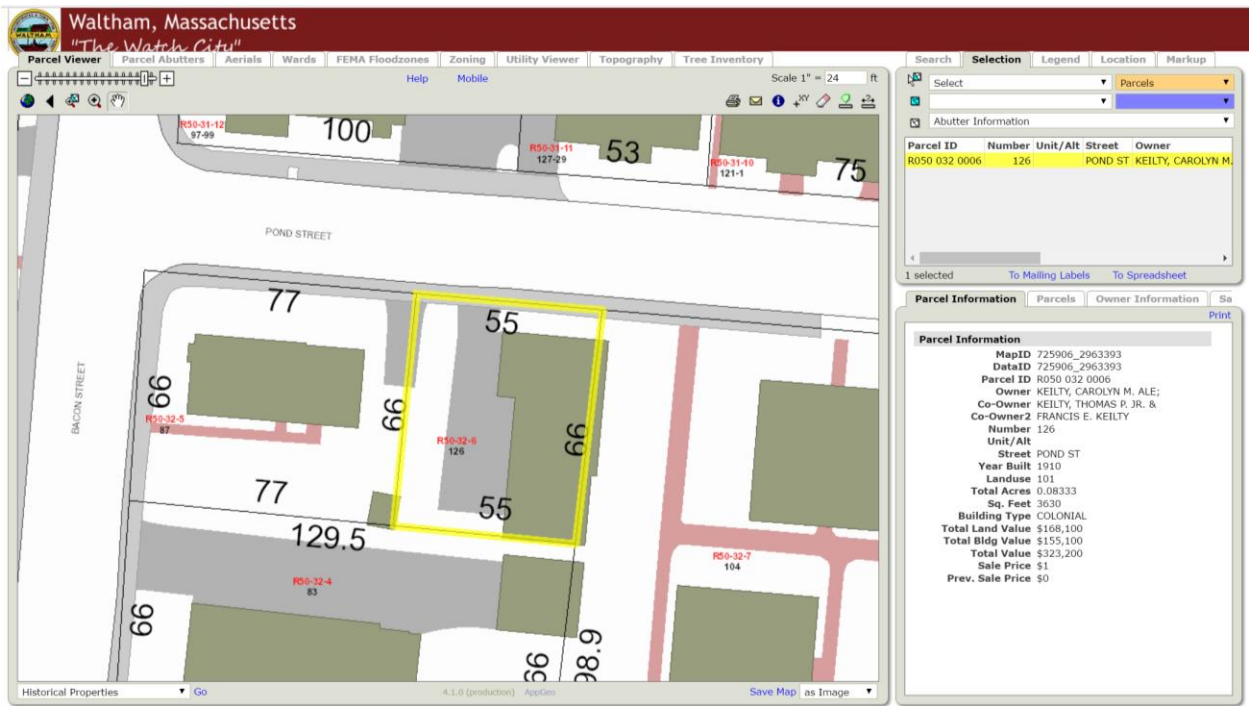
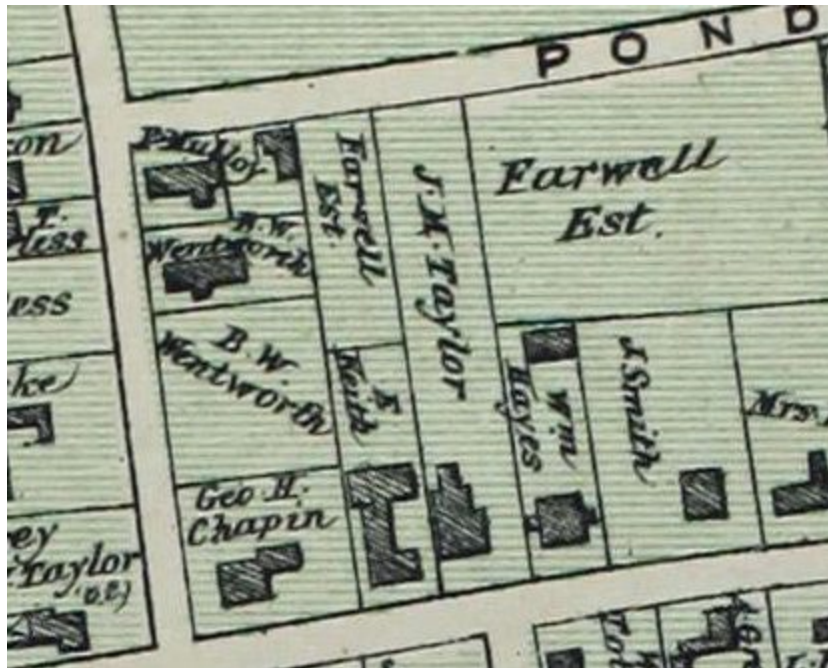


126 Pond Street





1900 map



1875 map



1854 map

Timeline

- 1849 Deed, Zacheus Farwell to Samuel Pratt, MLR 559: 47 No mention of buildings
- 1855 Census, N. U. Gay, shoemaker (may have rented from Pratt before purchase)
- 1857 Deed, Samuel Pratt to Nathan U. Gay, MLR 776: 492 No mention of buildings
- 1860 Census, Nathan U. Gay, shoe manufacturer
- 1863 Deed, Gay estate (bankruptcy) to William A. Pratt, MLR 903: 468
- 1865 Census, Isaac M. Gay, bread driver
- 1869 Deed, William A. Pratt to Patrick Muloy [sic], MLR 1069: 393, mentions 2 buildings
- 1869 Directory, William A. Pratt, superintendent foundry; Samuel Pratt, carpenter, Bacon nr School
- 1880 Census, Patrick Malloy, laborer & sons
- 1886 Directory, Patrick Malloy, laborer, house Bacon, corner Pond
- 1895 Directory, Patrick Malloy, teamster, 87 Bacon, house ditto
- 1899 Directory, Patrick Malloy, teamster, house 126 Pond
- 1899 Directory, Patrick Maloy & Sons, teamsters & contractors, 87 Bacon, house ditto
- 1900 Census, Patrick Maloy, teamster, renting, not owning
- 1901 Death, Patrick Malloy (Sr.)
- 1910 Census, Patrick Malloy, contracting, renting, not owning
- 1920 Census, Patrick Leonard, watch factory, renter
- 1926 Deed, Warren Sinclair to William & Florence Hartlen, MLR 4948: 102 (deed includes both 87 Bacon & 126 Pond)
- 1926 Deed, William & Florence Hartlen to Helen L. Beagan, MLR 5016: 142
- 1928 Deed, Helen L. Beagan, mortgage, MLR 5229: 451
- 1931 Foreclosure, to Waltham Cooperative Bank, MLR 5533: 79; 5541: 549
- 1931 Deed, Waltham Cooperative Bank to Michael & Theresa O'Neill, MLR 5563: 216
- 1936 Directory, Michael H. O'Neill, police officer
- 1940 Census, Michael H. O'Neill, police officer
- 1941 Retirement, after 28 years, Michael H. O'Neill, Waltham Police
- 1943 Deed, Michael O'Neill & ux to Donald J. & Miriam White, MLR 6695: 207
- 1945 Deed, Donald J. White to Hector & Eleanor MacDonald, MLR 6901: 398

- 1951 Deed, Hector & Eleanor MacDonald to Thomas P. & Carolyn M. Keilty, MLR 7800: 426
- 1952 Directory, Thomas P. Keilty, carrier, PO
- 1964 Directory, Thomas P. Keilty, carrier, PO
- 1998 Death, Thomas P. Keilty
- 2008 Deed, Carolyn M. Keilty to Thomas & Francis Keilty & Carolyn Keilty Life Est., MLR 51789: 476
- 2016 Death, Carolyn M. Keilty
- 2016 Deed, Thomas & Francis Keilty to Mark Christfori, T. AMLN Revocable Trust, MLR 68455: 363

Discussion

The lot was purchased by Samuel Pratt, a master carpenter, from Zacheus Farwell, in 1849. The lot included what was later to become 87 Bacon Street and 126 Pond Street. The house of Samuel Pratt on Bacon Street is shown on the 1854 map, and there is what looks like a free-standing building to the east and south of the house. Samuel Pratt sold the Pond Street parcel to Nathan Underwood Gay, a shoe manufacturer, in 1857, but there is evidence in census records that Gay may have been living there as early as 1855. The 1857 deed does not mention buildings, but not all deeds do. Nathan U. Gay is listed there in the 1860 census. The building seemed to be L-shaped from the 1875 map, and might have been used by Gay and Malloy to operate their business at the back end. In 1862, Nathan U. Gay was declared insolvent, and in 1863 a court appointed administrator sold the property to William A. Pratt, son of Samuel Pratt. But William Pratt did not live there; he was a superintendent of a foundry and lived on Central Street. The 1865 census shows Isaac Gay, the brother of Nathan, who had also been a shoe maker, living on Pond Street. The census lists him as a bread driver. So William Pratt may have rented the house until he sold it to Patrick Malloy in 1869. The 1869 deed from William A. Pratt to Patrick Malloy indicates two buildings on the lot. Malloy was one of a number of Malloy immigrants from Ireland in Waltham who hailed from County Galway. Patrick Malloy and his son, John T. Malloy, ran a business that advertised as teamsters and contractors. They moved over to Spring Street and Exchange Street Court later in the century, but in 1900 were renting to a Patrick Malloy, who probably worked for them. There is a gap in the deed trace until 1926, probably due to the property being handled in the probate court, since Patrick Malloy died in 1901. By 1931, the house was owned by Michael Henry O'Neill, a long-time Waltham police officer, who lived there until 1943. In 1951, the house was purchased by Thomas P. and Carolyn M. Keilty, whose family owned the property until 2016. After Carolyn died in 2016, it was sold to the current owner. Carolyn Keilty lived to the age of 95, and spent the last nine years of her life in Lowell. So the house may have been rented out for the past nine years.

Conclusion

The house was built most likely between 1849 and 1855, and is one of the older houses in the Bacon Street – Pond Street district. Although the inhabitants were craftsmen and businessmen, they did not hold public office. The question of whether the house is preferably preserved should be decided by the full commission.



Michael H. O'Neill, Waltham Police

LOWELL -- Mrs. Carolyn M. (Foley) Keilty, of Lowell, died Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the Lowell General Hospital, Saint Campus. She was 95.

Mrs. Keilty was born in Bangor, Maine, on June 3, 1920, a daughter of the late Frank and Frances (Nolan) Foley. Carolyn was a graduate of Saint John the Baptist High School in Bangor, Maine. She moved to Roxbury after her marriage to Thomas P. Keilty. In 1952, she and Tom moved to Waltham and lived there for many years. Tom died in October of 1998. Carolyn has been a Lowell resident for the past nine years. Carolyn worked on airplanes during World War Two. In later years, she was a home health aide.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Thomas P. Keilty, Jr. and his wife, Nancy, of Natick, Francis E. Keilty and his wife, Patricia, of Lowell, and the late John P. Keilty; her grandchildren, Christine Rosadio, Donna Barker and her husband, Richard, Thomas P. Keilty III, Cheryl Walsh, Heather Goulding, Courtney Keilty, Padraic Keilty, and Conor Keilty; her sisters, Dorothy Burkett of Omaha, NB and Tina Campbell of Brewer, ME; her sisters-in-law, Theresa Valiguette and her husband, Arthur, and Marguerite Noe; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Roselle Foley, Isabelle Case, William Foley, George Foley, Ruth Delany, Frank Foley, John Foley, and Joseph Foley and the sister-in-law of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Keilty, Frank Keilty, Mary Daley, and James Keilty.

KEILTY -- Family and friends will honor and remember Carolyn's life by gathering at 9 am on Monday, January 25, 2016 in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street, (Rte. 20), Waltham before leaving in procession to Saint Mary's Church where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Waltham.

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