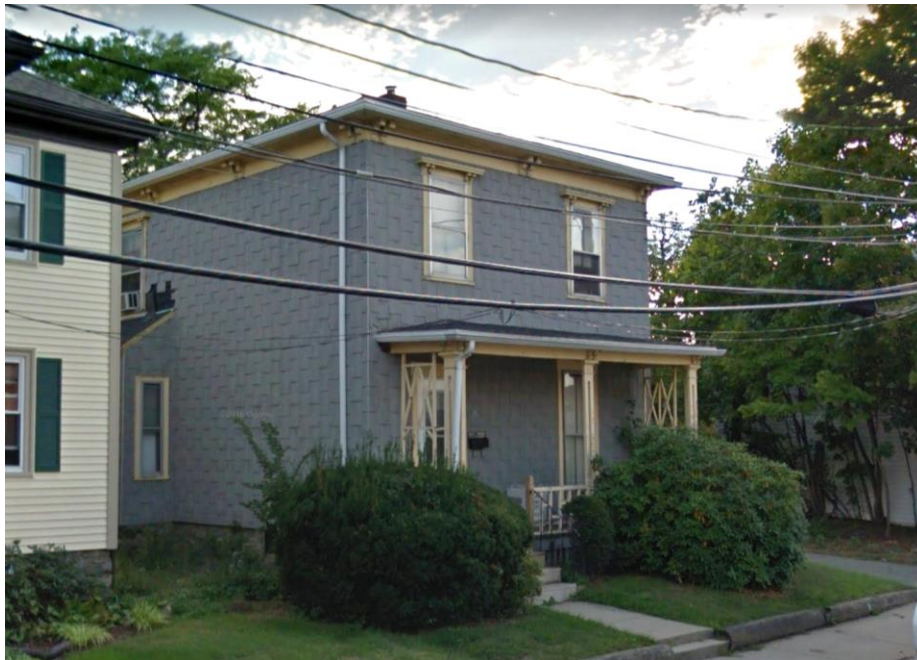
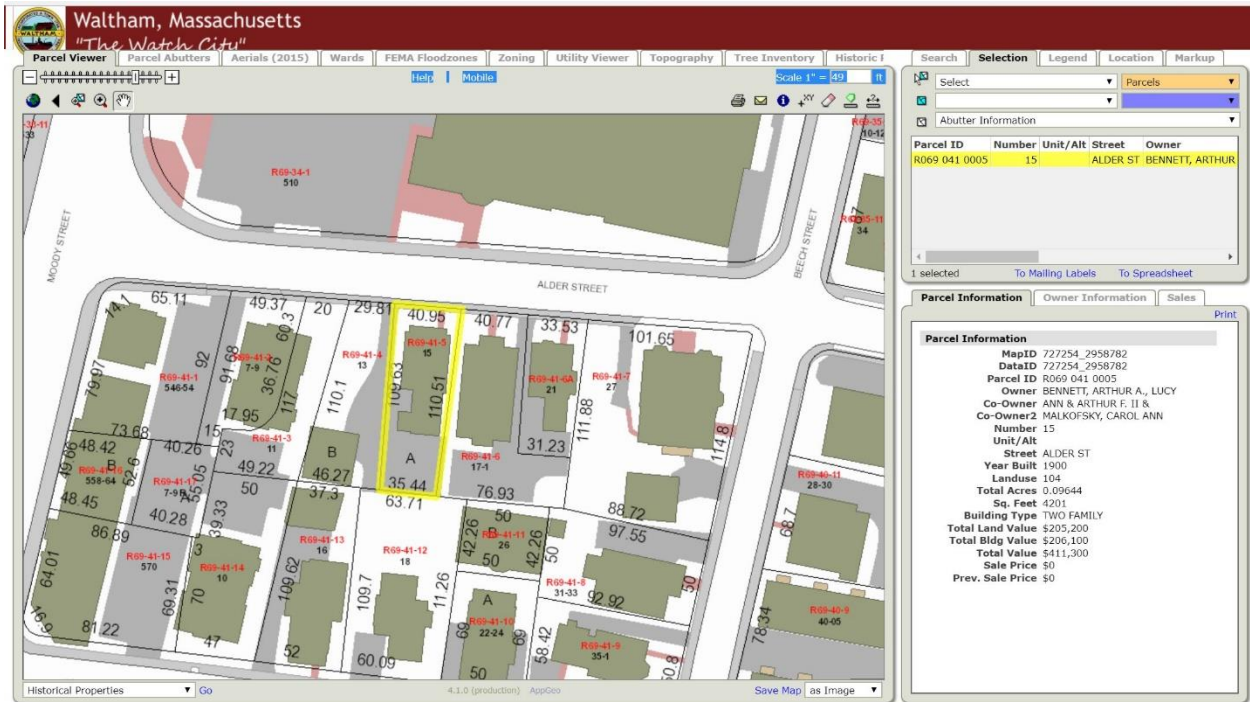


## 15 Alder Street

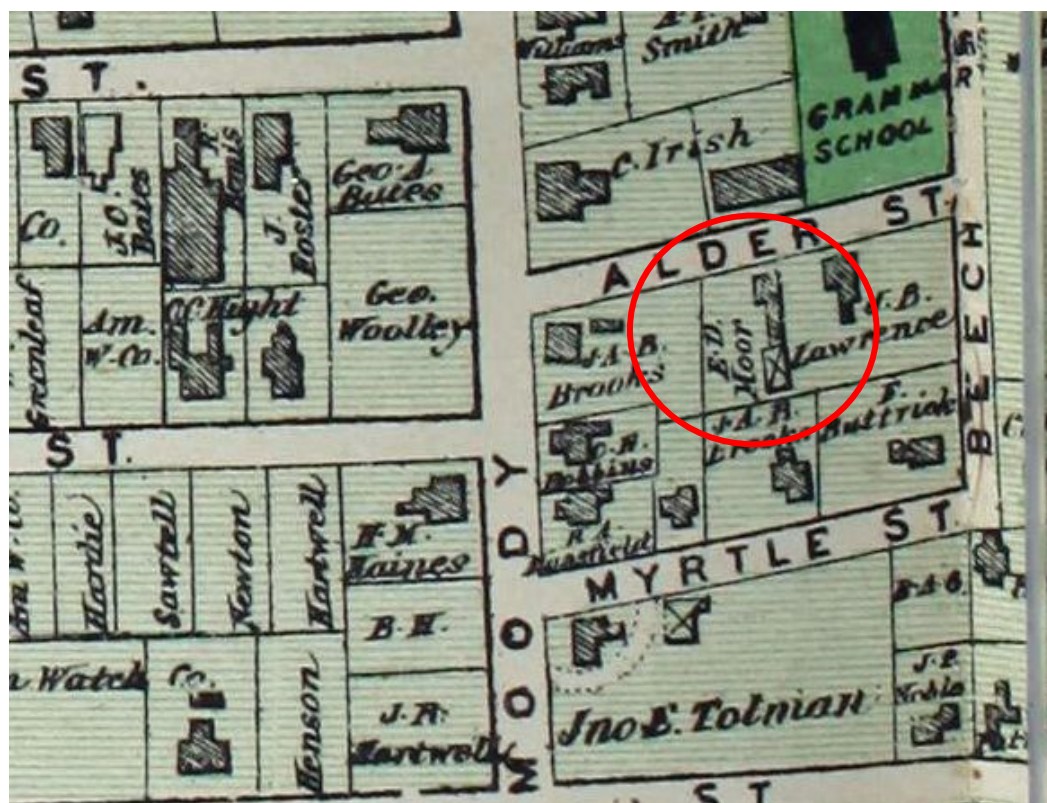


Google Street View



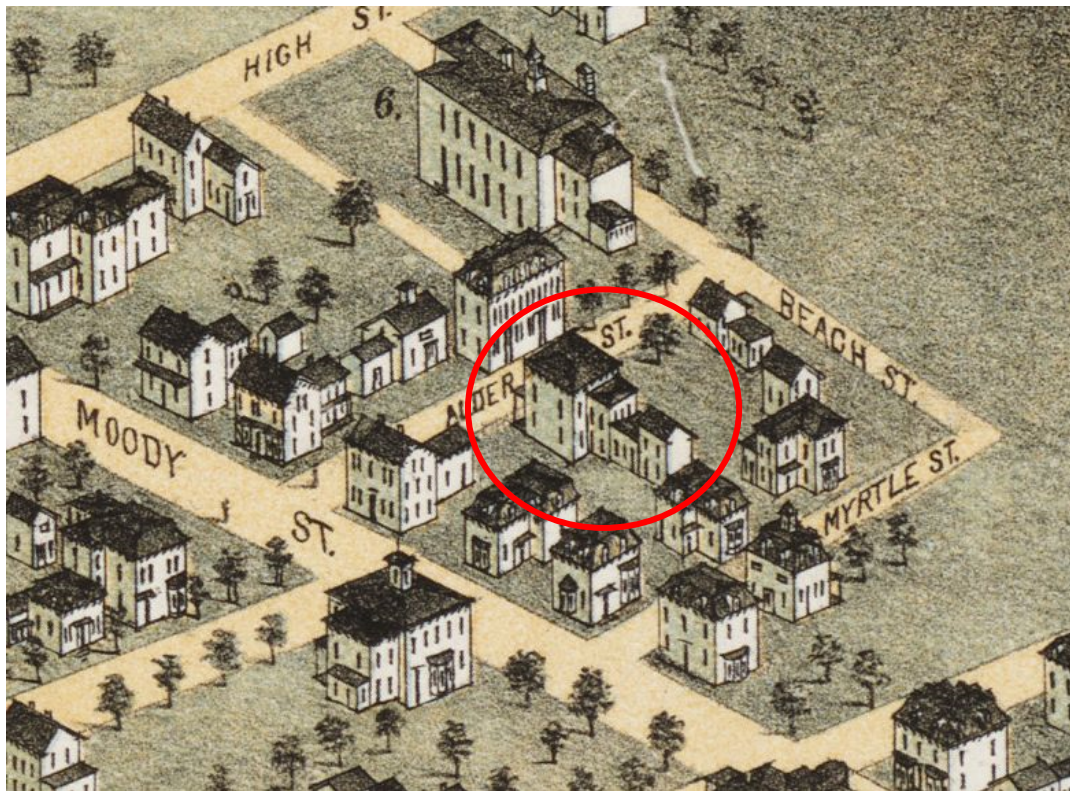


1900 map



1875 map

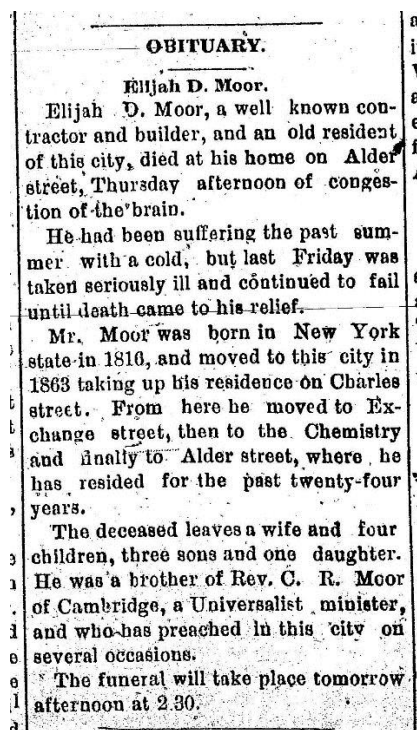




1877 panorama

At Newburgh, sixty miles from New York, we had the pleasure of meeting Br. **Elijah D. Moor**, formerly of Lowell, and superintendent of the 2d Universalist Sunday School. From him we learned that Brs. Gillingham and Stanley, with their families, who were formerly of Lowell, and members of the Second Society, were enjoying a good degree of health and prosperity. As the boat stopped but a moment at the wharf, we could not call on them, as we should have been glad to do.

Star of Bethlehem newspaper, Lowell, Mass., Sept. 6, 1845



Elijah D. Moor obituary, Waltham Free Press, Nov. 19, 1892

#### Timeline

- 1868 Deed, American Waltham Watch Co. to Elijah D. Moor [MLR 1057/324] Note: street was called Centre St then, but bounds are same
- 1869 Directory, Elijah D. Moor, carpenter, Exchange near Main
- 1870 Census, Elijah D. & Sarah Moor, carpenter (probably Alder St)
- 1871 Directory, Elijah D. Moor, carpenter, rear Moody near High
- 1892 Death, Elijah D. Moor
- 1900 Census, Sarah A. Moore [sic], owner
- 1905 Directory, Sarah Moor, widow of Elijah  
Directory, May J. Moor, teacher, Lowell School
- 1910 Census, Sarah A. Moor (owner) & May J. Moor, daughter
- 1917 Death, Sarah A. Moor, widow of Elijah D. Moor
- 1920 Census, May J. Moor (owner), teacher
- 1930 Census, May J. Moor, teacher
- 1937 Death, May J. Moor
- 1940 Deed, May J. Moor Est, George & Bessie Affleck to Waltham Federal S&L Assoc. [MLR 6398/356]  
Estate of May J. Moor probate #217788
- 1942 WWII Draft Registration, George Ernest Affleck, 15 Alder St., Waltham Watch Co.
- 1943 Directory, George & Bessie Affleck, 15 Alder, WW
- 1958 Estate of Bessie Carter (Moor) Affleck, Probate #319263
- 1959 Deed, George Affleck to Ethel (Affleck) Bomengen [MLR 9498/306]
- 1960 Directory, Allen & Ethel Bomengen, prod. control, Itek Corp., 15 Alder St.
- 1962 Deed, Ethel & Allen Bomengen to Arthur & Lucy Bennett [MLR 10058/483]
- 1988 Deed, Arthur Bennett et ux to Arthur Bennett et al [MLR19322/178]
- 2011 Mortgage, Arthur Bennett II & Lucy Bennett & Carol Malkofsky to Rockland Trust Co. [MLR57830/68]

## **Discussion**

The house was built in 1868-69 by Elijah Davis Moor, whose 1892 obituary describes him as a well-known building contractor. Moor had been born in 1816 in Washington County, New York, although his family moved to Vermont not long after. Moor and his brother, Clark Rice Moor, were active in the Universalist church. In 1845, Elijah D. Moor of Lowell was reported as superintendent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Universalist Sunday School. His brother, Clark Rice Moor, was a Universalist minister. Elijah married Sarah Mulliken in Salem, Massachusetts in 1848, and he appears in the 1850 Salem census as an overseer of the weaving department in a cotton mill. The couple moved to Waltham in 1863, and lived initially on Charles Street and Exchange Street near Main Street. Although the 1869 directory lists Moor's address on Exchange Street, directories can be 1-2 years out of date. He purchased the lot from the American Waltham Watch Company in 1868, and probably built the house soon thereafter. He was living on Alder Street by 1870. He was always listed as a carpenter in Waltham records. A search of Waltham and other Massachusetts newspapers did not show that he held any prominent positions in municipal government or even in Universalist church activities in Waltham. His obituaries in the Waltham and Boston newspapers mentioned that he was a well-known contractor and builder in Waltham.

Elijah D. Moor's son, George Moor, had a daughter, Bessie, who married George Affleck. So Bessie Carter (Moor) Affleck was the granddaughter of Elijah D. Moor. She inherited the property from the estate of her aunt, May J. Moor, a Waltham schoolteacher. Bessie Carter (Moor) Affleck died in 1958. George and Bessie Affleck had a daughter, Ethel Affleck, who married Allen Bomengen. George Affleck sold the property to Ethel (Affleck) and Allen Bomengen in 1959. So the house remained in the family of Elijah Moor and his descendants almost 100 years, from 1868 to 1962. The Bomengens sold the property to Arthur and Lucy Bennett in 1962, and Lucy and her son, Arthur Bennett II still own the property now.

## **Conclusion**

The house was built in 1868-69, and is therefore over 75 years old, and was one of the early houses of the Waltham Watch Company district. The house was built by Elijah Davis Moor, and owned and lived in by his grandchild and great grandchild until 1962. The house was always owner-occupied. Elijah Davis Moor was a well-known contractor and builder in Waltham, but was not a historically significant person.