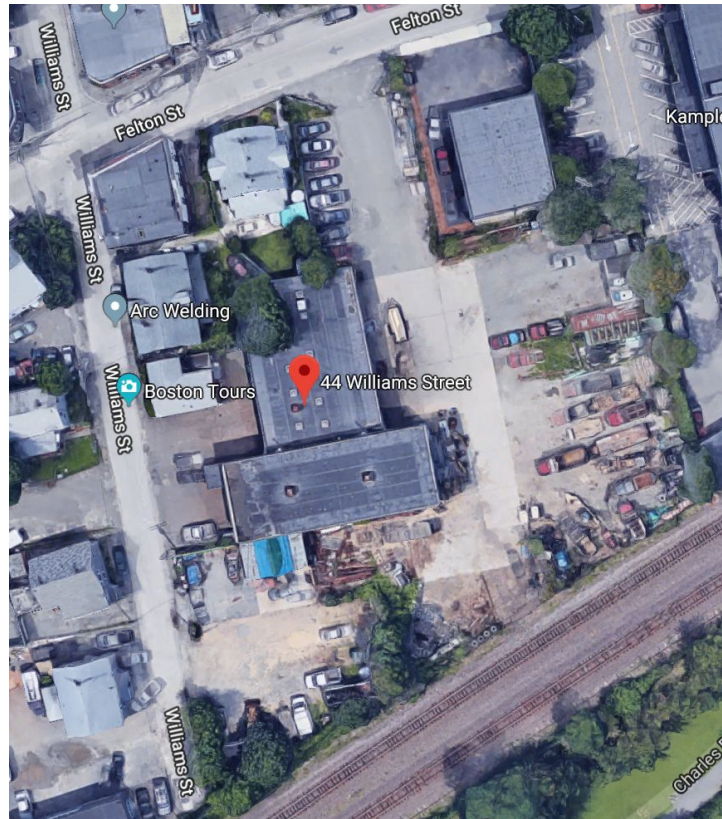


44, 44R & 56 Williams Street & 114 Felton Street





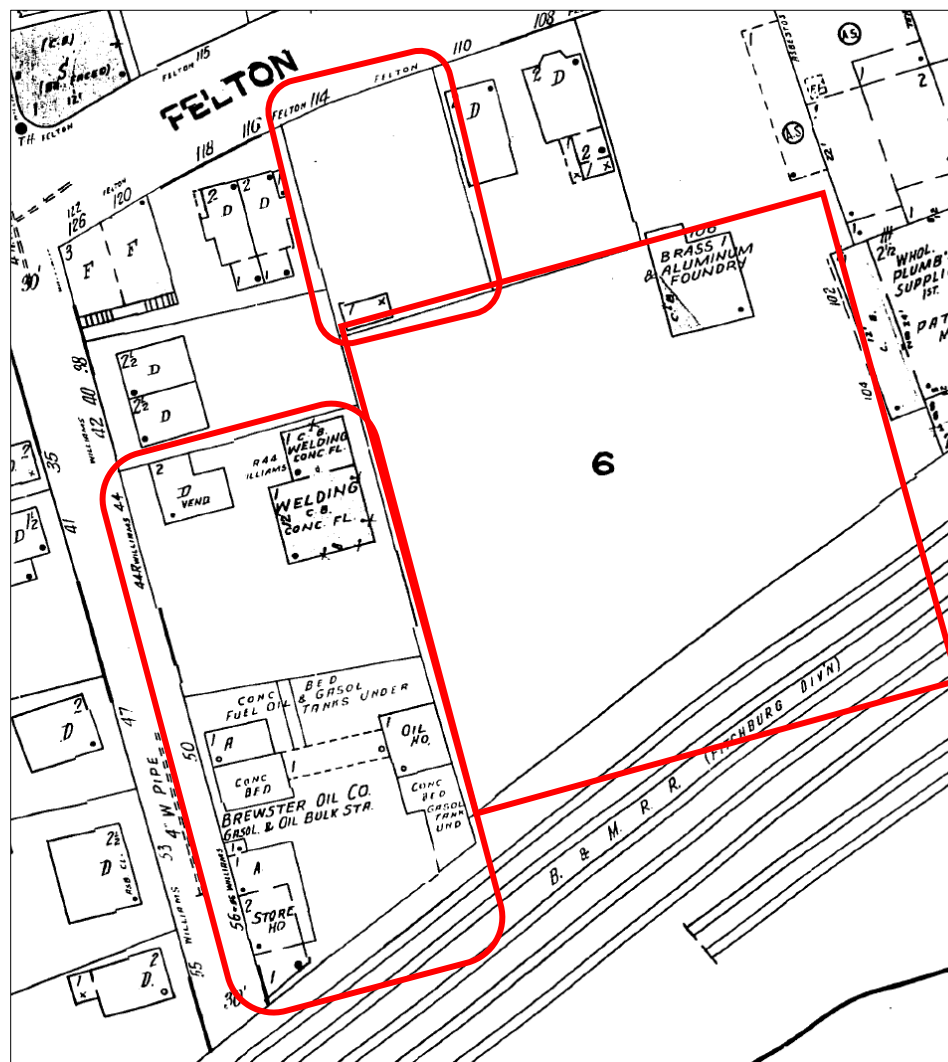
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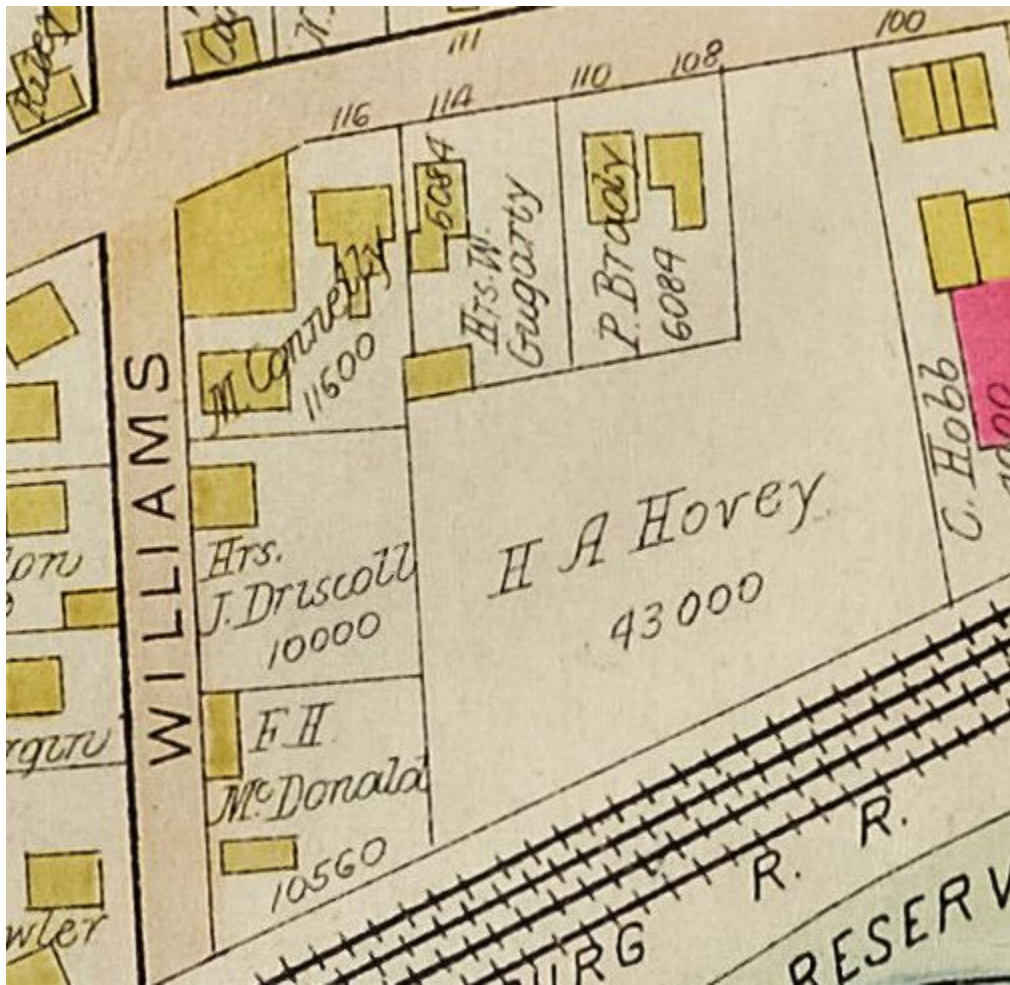
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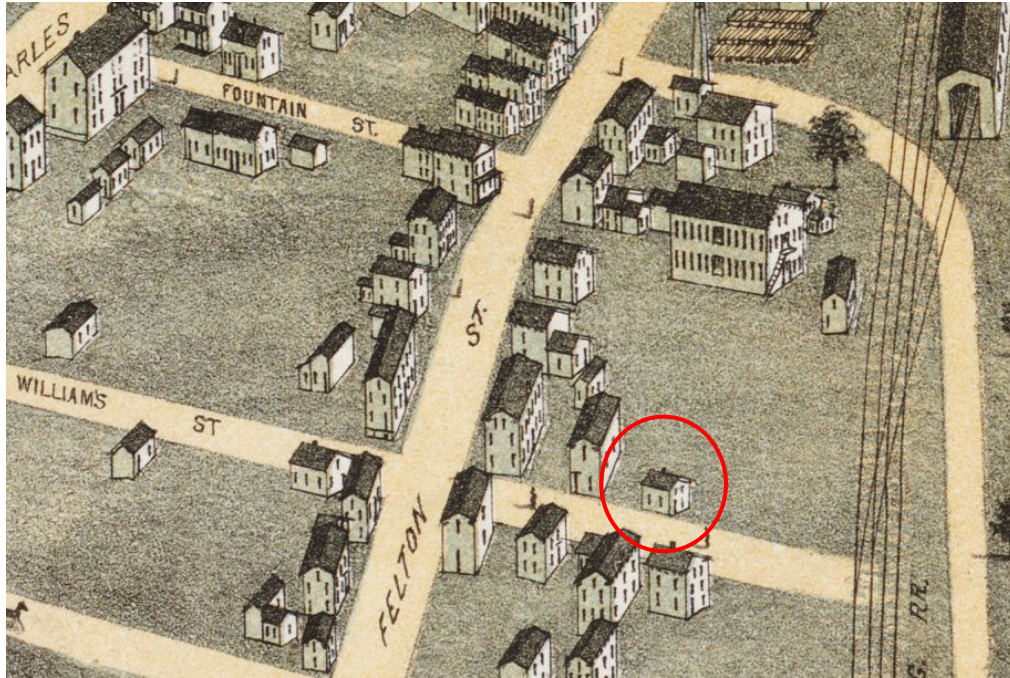
1950 Sanborn map



1900 map



1875 map



1877 panoramic view

Timeline

- 1873 Deed, Edward Campbell to John Driscoll [MLR 1283/495] a certain tract of land, bounded on the west by Williams Street, on the north by Connelly, & on the south by McCarthy; no mention of buildings
- 1874 Directory, John Driscoll, laborer, Williams, near Felton
- 1877 Directory, John Driscoll, laborer, Williams, near Felton
- 1879 Deed, Mary French to Mary Driscoll, wife of John Driscoll [MLR 1500/495]
- 1880 Directory, John Driscoll, laborer, Williams, near Felton
- 1890 Directory, John Driscoll, laborer, house Williams, near F.R.R.
- 1896 Death, John Driscoll
- 1900 Census, Mary Driscoll, widow, South Williams Street, owner
- 1902 Death, Mary Driscoll, widow of John Driscoll
- 1915 Annual listing, John O. Carney, laborer
- 1920 Annual listing, Vincenzo Tagull, Vincenzo Auria
- 1930 Census, Tony Adamo, track layer, railroad, renter
- 1933 Building Dept. card, Carmen DiPronio demolished two barns & built a workshop
- 1936 Directory, Carmen DiPronio, (Arc Welding Co.), 44 Williams St., & auto repairer
- 1940 Census, Carmine DiPronio, welder, owner
- 1948 Building Dept. card, brick veneer added, and addition built
- 1950 Directory, Carmine DiPronio, welder
- 1960 Deed, Chester, Carmine, & Albert DiPronio to Generosa DiPronio [MLR 9562/80]
- 1975 Deed, Generosa DiPronio to Chester, Carmine, & Albert DiPronio [MLR 12894/223]
- 2000 Deed, Chester DiPronio to DiPronio Realty Trust [MLR 32001/327, 32105/269, 32360/495]
- 2015 Deed, DiPronio Realty Trust to Lee-Ang Realty Trust [MLR 65235/268]

Discussion

The area of 44 to 56 Williams Street borders the Fitchburg Railroad tracks, and was, in the 20th century, an industrial area. The 1950 Sanborn map indicates there were several industries at 44R and 56 Williams Street, including a welding company, a brass and aluminum foundry, and an oil and gasoline bulk storage facility. But in 1950, at 44 Williams Street, there was a two-story dwelling house that had been veneered. The house is located at the present location of the brick house at 44 Williams Street. The Building Department card indicates the veneer was added in 1946-48. The 1900 map shows a wood structure owned by the heirs of J. Driscoll. The house also appears on the 1875 map and the 1877 panorama. The 1854 Woodford and 1856 Walling maps show that Williams Street did not exist then, and the 1854 map shows a tar works in the vicinity of Williams and Felton Streets. In 1873, John Driscoll purchased the tract of land on Williams Street from Edward Campbell. There was no mention of any buildings in the deed. John Driscoll, laborer, was listed as residing on Williams Street, near Felton in 1874. So John Driscoll built a house on the site in 1873. The brick veneer, shown in the Sanborn map, was added to the wood dwelling built by John Driscoll in 1873.

In 1933, Carmen DiPronio demolished two bars and built a workshop. He then added to the workshop in 1946, 1956 and 1960. So part of the large building at 44-44R Williams Street was originally built in 1933.

Conclusion

The brick building at 44 Williams Street was built in 1873, and a brick veneer was added. It was owned by an ordinary laborer. The large building at 44R may date back to 1933, and was not there in 1900. The rest of the properties, much of which are parking lots, were industrial sites that had buildings now gone.