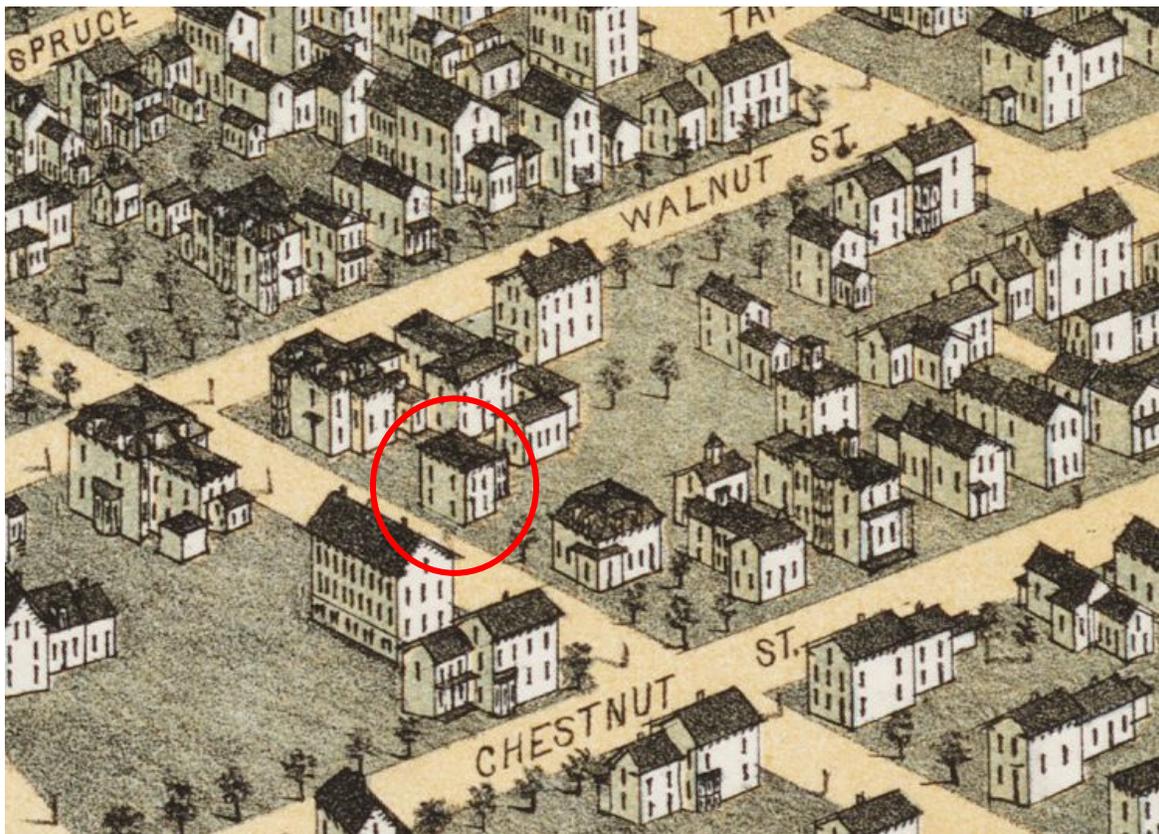


1875 map



1877 Panorama

Timeline

- 1862 Enlistment, Henry W. Howard, Company K, 38th Massachusetts Volunteers
- 1864 Deed, American Waltham Watch Co. to Henry Howard [MLR 932/444] August
- 1864 Promoted, Henry W. Howard, to 2nd Lieutenant, Mustered out 38th Regiment Sept. 24
- 1864 Commissioned, Henry W. Howard, 61st Mass. Volunteers, Sept. 29; promoted to 1st Lt., Jan. 1865
- 1865 Promoted, Henry W. Howard, 61st MVR, Brevet Captain, April; mustered out, June 4
- 1866 Death, Henry W. Howard, killed by exploding shell at Davis & Farnum foundry, May 1866
- 1869 Death, Sarah (Hurd) Howard, widow of Henry W. Howard, leaving 3 children: Frederick, Eva & Elizabeth
- 1881 Marriage, Eva Howard, d.o. Henry Howard, to George Smith
- 1891 Directory, Charles E. Small, engineer
- 1900 Census, John H. Rogers, butcher [sic], renter
- 1910 Census, Frederick Filson, foreman, water department, renter; Harriet Cagles, no occupation, renter
- 1920 Deed, Eva (Howard) Smith to Lottie Hemenway [MLR 4381/218]
- 1930 Census, Mary Mills, #46 Adams, rents; Lettie Hemenway, #48 Adams, owns
- 1935 Deed, Lottie (Lettie) Hemenway to Aaron Smith [MLR 5960/39]
- 1935 Deed, Aaron Smith to George Davis [MLR 6734/366]
- 1940 Census, Joseph Parenteau, 48 Adams St., truck driver, bakery co.
- 1946 Deed, George Davis to Joseph & Elsa Parenteau [MLR 7065/466]
- 1958 Directory, Joseph (Elsa) Parenteau, police, 48 Adams St.
- 1963 Deed, Joseph & Elsa Parenteau to Edward & Loretta Leonard [NLR 10247/256]
-  Parenteau, Joseph T. Patrolman Apt. 03-02-1946 retired 07-18-1964 death 07-21-1971 [Waltham Police Relief Association, Retired WPD Officers database]
- 1964 Directory, Edward Leonard, city police, 46 Adams St.
-  Leonard, Edward F. 09-29-1953 retired 07-27-1974 death 09-09-2003 [Waltham Police Relief Association, Retired WPD Officers database]
- 1982 Deed, Edward & Loretta Leonard to Thomas Cusano & Jacqueline Boudrot [MLR 14701/465]
- 1987 Deed, Thomas Cusano & Jacqueline Boudrot to Anthony & Marion Ferrara [MLR 17987/215]
- 1990 Deed, Anthony & Marion Ferrara to Anthony Ferrara et al [MLR 20398/376]
- 1998 Deed, Anthony Ferrara et al to Anthony & Marion Ferrara, Tr. [MLR 29174/361]
- 2013 Deed, Anthony & Marion Ferrara, Tr. to Anthony & Marion Ferrara [MLR 62884/172]
- 2018 Deed, Maria York, Leonard Ferrara & Marion Ferrara to Lisa Marie Leblanc [7198]

Discussion



The house was probably built between June 1865 and May 1866 by Henry W. Howard. Born in Maine in 1829, Howard had enlisted in 38th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment in 1862. His occupation was listed as a carpenter. His regiment participated in the siege of Port Hudson, the Red River campaign, the Valley Campaigns of 1864, and the Third Battle of Winchester. He was mustered out in September 1864, with the rank of full 2nd Lieutenant. Days later, he was commissioned an officer in the 61st Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and promoted to 1st Lieutenant in January 1865. Due to his acts of bravery at Petersburg, Virginia, he was promoted to Brevet Captain in April 1865. He was mustered out in June 1865. Although he had purchased the land in 1864, he was serving in the Union Army until his discharge in May 1865. Furthermore, his wife and family do not appear in the 1865 census in Waltham.

Henry W. Howard was killed in an explosion at the Davis and Farnum Foundry off Willow Street. The foundry was melting down old artillery shells. Aware of the danger of live artillery, John Farnum sorted out and placed aside any artillery shells that were still live. One of the employees inserted a hot metal bar to test whether the shells were still live. Howard was passing by on the Fitchburg Railroad, and stopped to warn the employee that it was a dangerous undertaking playing with the shells. At that very moment, the shell exploded killing Howard and two children, who had been playing nearby. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was universally respected in Waltham. Newspaper records stated that he had an invalid wife and three children.

Sarah Howard, the widow of Henry Howard, was awarded guardianship of the three children. Sarah died in 1869, leaving the children orphans. No evidence has been found of a probate administration for Sarah, and thus house remained in the possession of the children. The children were split up among Henry's brothers who lived in Watertown. Eva Howard married George Smith in 1881, and on the 1900 map, the owner of the house was listed as E. Smith. So ownership of the house was retained by the children. However, they did not live at the address, and instead, rented out the property. The house was a two-family house since before 1900. The renters turned over frequently. Most were ordinary working people.

In 1920, Eva Smith, daughter of Henry W. Howard, sold the property to Lottie Hemenway. The residence was a two family house, and Lottie lived at #48. Her occupation in the 1920 census was a manager of a boarding house.

In the 1950s, a Waltham Police Officer, Joseph Parenteau owned and lived in the house, and rented to another WPD officer, Edward Leonard. Parenteau sold the house to Leonard in 1963. The Ferraras did not live on Adams Street, and instead, rented out the property.

Conclusion

The house was likely built in 1865-66 by Henry W. Howard, a captain in the Civil War. It was occupied by renters and owners.