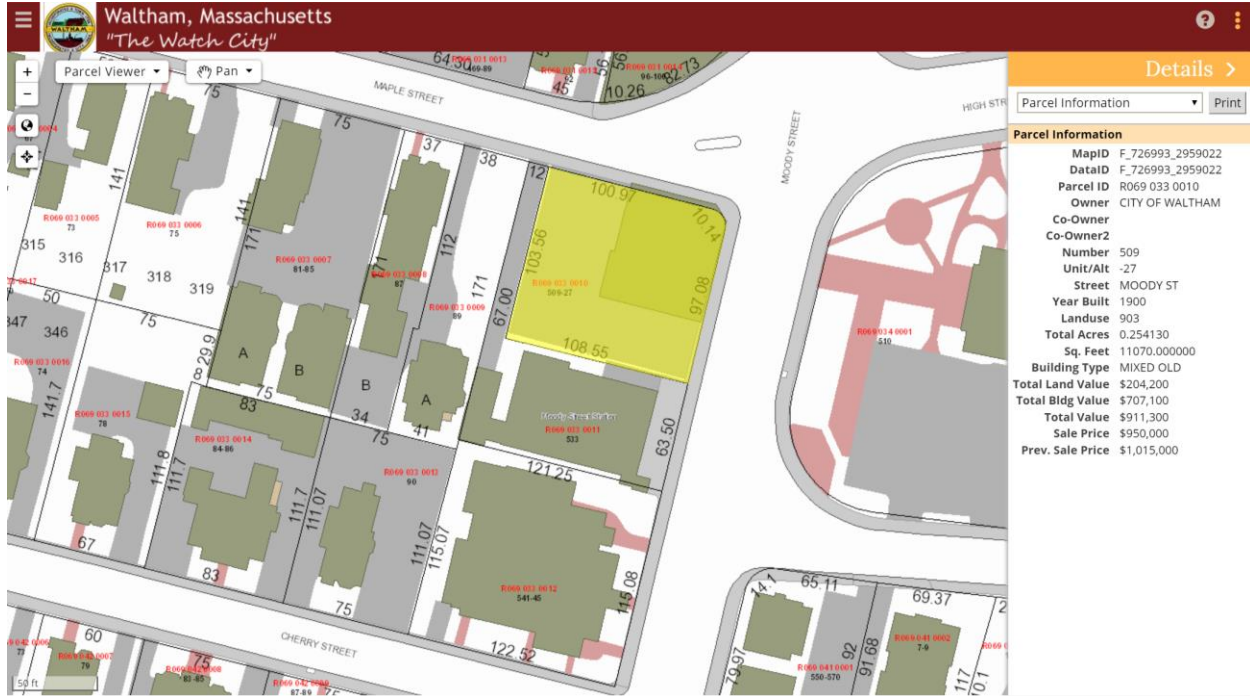
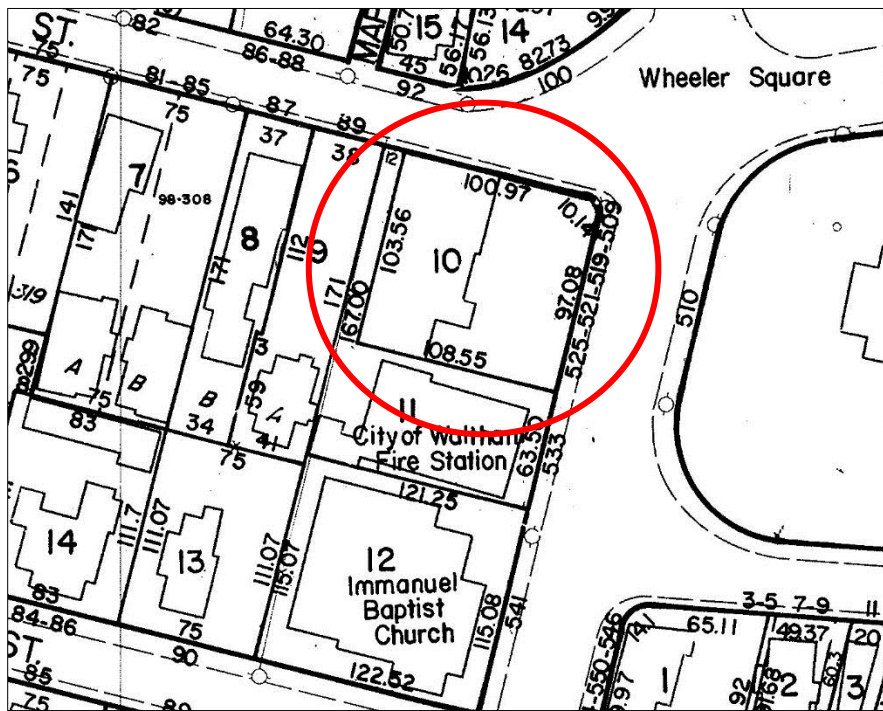


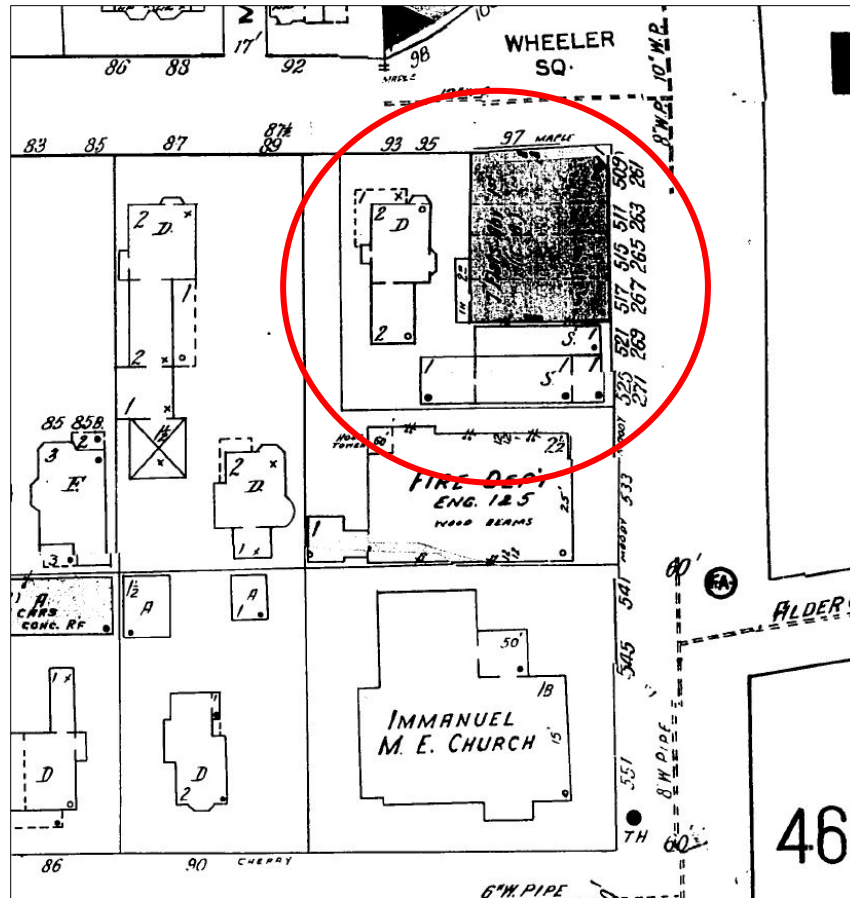
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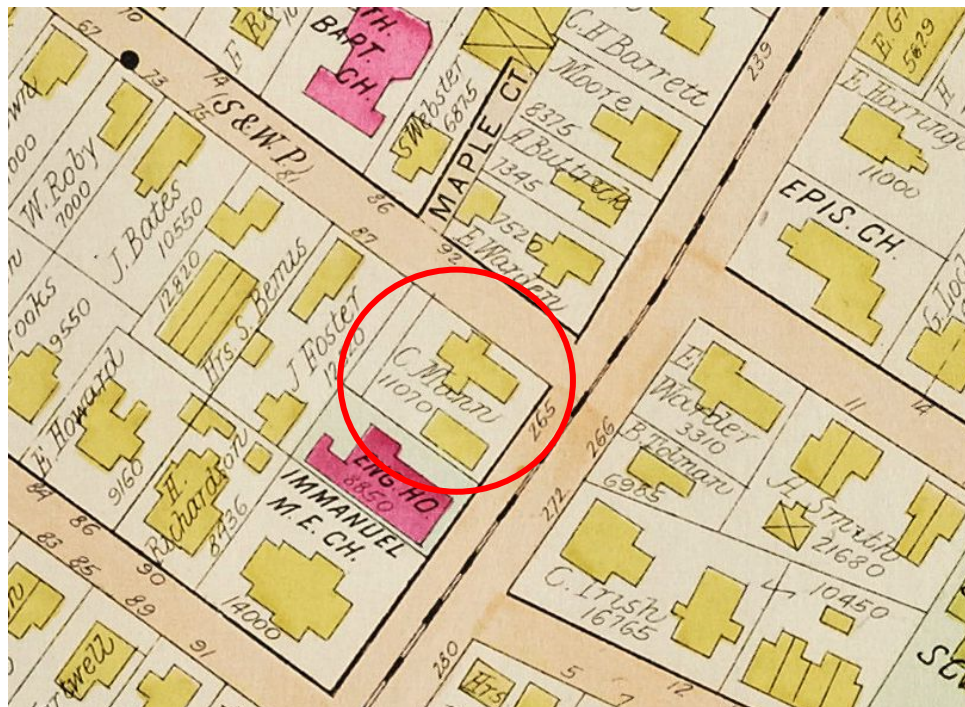


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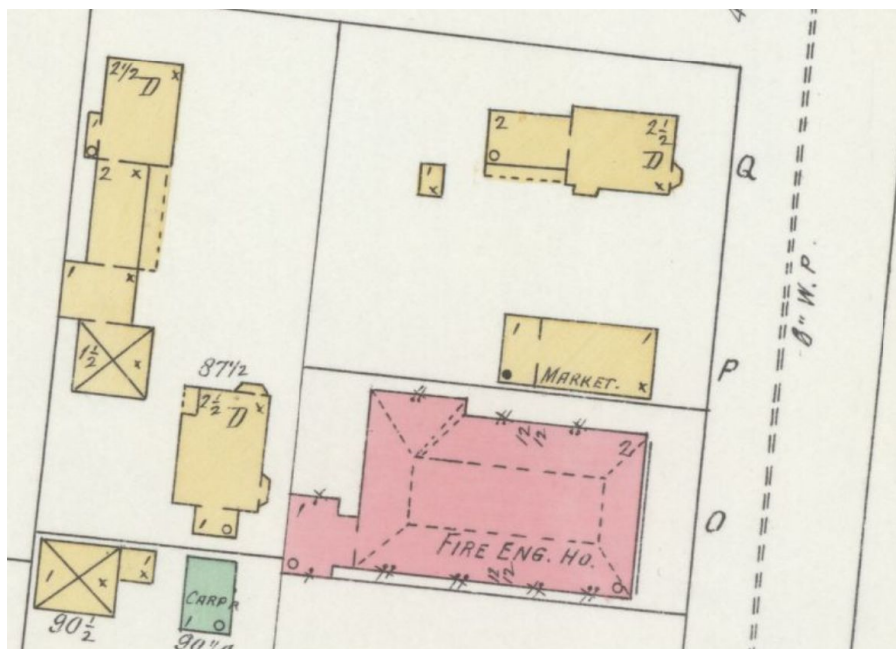




1938 Sanborn map (shows renumbering)



1900 map of 265 Moody St. (showing old numbering)



1897 Sanborn map

### Obituary, Lorena M. Cruger

97, formerly of Laconia, NH and Waltham, MA, died Tuesday, December 10, 2002. She was born July 3, 1905 in Waltham, MA, the daughter of Milton Ira and Alice May (Harvey) Young. For thirty years, she worked for the Waltham Public Library, retiring in 1975. Survivors include two nephews, Richard H. Young of Florida and Lloyd M. Young of Worcester, MA; grandnieces and grandnephews; great grand nephews and great grand nieces; and several cousins, including, Berniece Andrews of North Eastern, MA and a long time friend, Barbara Adler Melone, of Weston, MA. She was predeceased by a brother, Harold L. Young and a nephew, Philip A. Young, who died in 1995. According to Mrs. Cruger's wishes, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. Burial will be in the family lot in Mt. Feake Cemetery in Waltham, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to one's favorite charity. Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant Street, LACONIA, NH is in charge of the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com)

### Timeline

- 1876 Deed, Francis Buttrick to Charles H. Mann [MLR 1420/94]
- 1888 Directory, Charles H. Mann, foreman, screw room, A. W. W. Co.
- 1900 Census, Charles H. Mann, machinist, 265 Moody
- 1910 Census, Charles H. Mann, no occupation, 265 Moody
- 1917 Annual listing, no 93 Maple listed
- 1918 Death, Charles H. Mann, 265 Moody, from fall, slipped on floor in house
- 1919 Deed, Francis C. Mann to Josephine Ristuccia et al [MLR 4253/117] (April 1919)
- 1919 Deed, Josephine Ristuccia et al to Milton I. Young [MLR 4306/439] (November 1919)
- 1922 Building permit for store building to M. J. [sic] Young per #610, \$15,000, Plan UL 44
- 1922 Annual listing, Charles Eldridge & Mary Leighton at 93 Maple
- 1925 Directory, Milton I. Young (Alice), Watch Extract Co., Maple Terrace, house 171 Robbins
- 1925 Death, Milton I. Young, Waltham
- 1930 Census, Harold L. Young, real estate agent, 171 Robbins St.
- Directory, Harold L. Young (Minerva), building contractor, 412 Moody St., house 171 Robbins

- 1940 Deed, Alice M. Young (widow, estate of Milton I. Young) to Harold Young & Lorena Cruger [MLR 6375/228]
- 1950 Directory, Harold L. Young (Hedwidge) real estate, 479 Moody & 171 Robbins, house Holden
- 1960 Directory, Harold L. Young, real estate, 479 Moody, Rm 4, residence Holden
- 1962 Directory, Lorena Kruger, (Widow William) bookkeeper, 479 Moody, Rm 4, house 198 Lowell
- 1975 Death, Harold L. Young, Holden, MA
- 1977 Deed, Estate of Harold Young to Lorena Cruger (Parcel #1) [MLR 13212/691, 693]
- 1990 Deed, Lorena M. Cruger to Louis J. Kirsch, Jr. [MLR 20434/548]
- 1995 Deed, Estate of Louis J. Kirsch to The Kirsch Compound Trust [MLR 25683/190]
- 1996 Building permit to Kirsch Estate to demolish building, Permit #510, \$3,000 (Jan 24)
- 1996 Deed, Kirsch Compound Trust to Young Building Realty, LLC (Mark Driscoll, Marblehead, agent) [MLR 26167/287] (Mar 25)
- 2002 Death, Lorena Cruger
- 2003 Deed, Young Building Realty, LLC, to W.A.T.C.H., Inc. [MLR 41673/473]
- 2006 Mortgage, W.A.T.C.H., Inc. to Property & Casualty Initiative, LLC [47194/548]
- 2012 Foreclosure deed, W.A.T.C.H. (Property & Casualty Initiative, LLC) to City of Waltham [MLR 59010/ 472]

## **Discussion**

### 509 – 517 Moody Street

The 1897 real estate map shows a wood building (yellow) at the corner of Maple and Moody, then numbered 265 Moody Street. The 1900 map shows that the owner was listed as C. Mann. Moody Street was renumbered in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and 265 was renumbered to 515 Moody Street, as shown on the 1938 Sanborn map above. Charles Mann, a foreman at the American Waltham Watch Company, lived at 265 Moody Street, which was listed in the 1900 census as a house. Charles Mann is also found in the 1910 census at the same address. He died in 1918 after slipping and falling in his house at 265 Moody Street. So the building at 265 (515) Moody Street was a wooden structure and a residence in 1918.

Francis Mann, the son of Charles Mann, sold the house & lot to Josephine Ristuccia et al in April 1919. The Ristuccia family owned a number of fruit stands along Moody Street, and it is unclear why they purchased the property, since they sold it six months later in November 1919 to Milton Ira Young, a Canadian immigrant from Quebec. In 1922, Milton Young was granted a building permit for a store building worth \$15,000. The original Charles Mann house was probably moved to 93-95 Maple Street, and a new commercial building was built at 509-517 Moody Street. The 1938 Sanborn map shows a house with the same outline as the Mann house at 93 Maple Street. However, the address of 93-95 Maple Street disappears from Waltham annual listings in 1958. It was probably torn down to create the parking lot. So all evidence points to the Charles Mann wood residence being moved in 1922 and later demolished, and a commercial building built in 1922. The sign on the current building façade indicates “Young Building.”

### 521 – 525 Moody Street

The 1938 Sanborn map shows a commercial building with 4 storefronts from 509 to 517 Moody Street, and separate single-story commercial buildings at 521 and 525 Moody Street. The buildings occupy all 107 feet of the frontage on Moody Street. The 1974 atlas shows one building that stretches along 107 feet of the frontage to the lot line. But the current city GIS shows no buildings where 521 and 525 had been standing. Indeed, I have parked in the lot in this space. On the 1900 map, there is a wood building on the lot, just south of the house. The 1897 Sanborn map identifies the building as a single-story, wooden market. (The 1892 Sanborn map does not show a building there). The building department

records show it was subdivided into 2 stores in 1934. In 1996, Louis Kirsch was issued a permit for a building demolition for 521 and 525 Moody Street. So, although a small commercial building was built here between 1892 and 1897, the building is no longer standing.

### **Conclusion**

A wood, 2 ½ story residence once stood at the corner of Maple and Moody Streets, but was moved to 93-95 Maple Street on the same lot between 1918 and 1922. The building at 509-517 Moody Street was very likely built in 1922 by Milton I. Young. The original Charles Mann house, later moved to 93-95 Maple Street, was demolished in 1958. A commercial building[s] once stood at 521 and 525 Moody that was likely built between 1892 and 1897, but was demolished in 1996. No one of historical significance lived in or owned either of the buildings. So the only structure left on the lot is the Young Building at 509-517 Moody Street and this was built in 1922. A succession of small businesses occupied the 1922 building, but none of them were historically significant. Likewise, a number of different people lived over the stores, entering the premises at 97 Maple Street. None of these residents were historically significant.