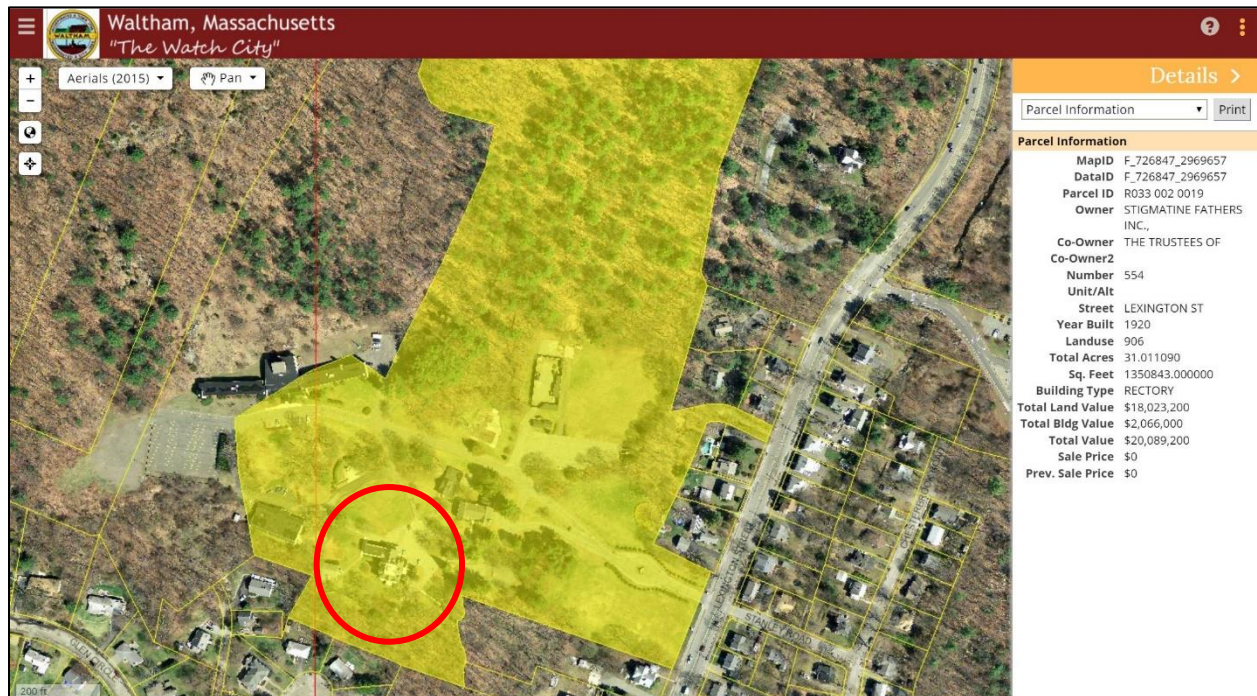
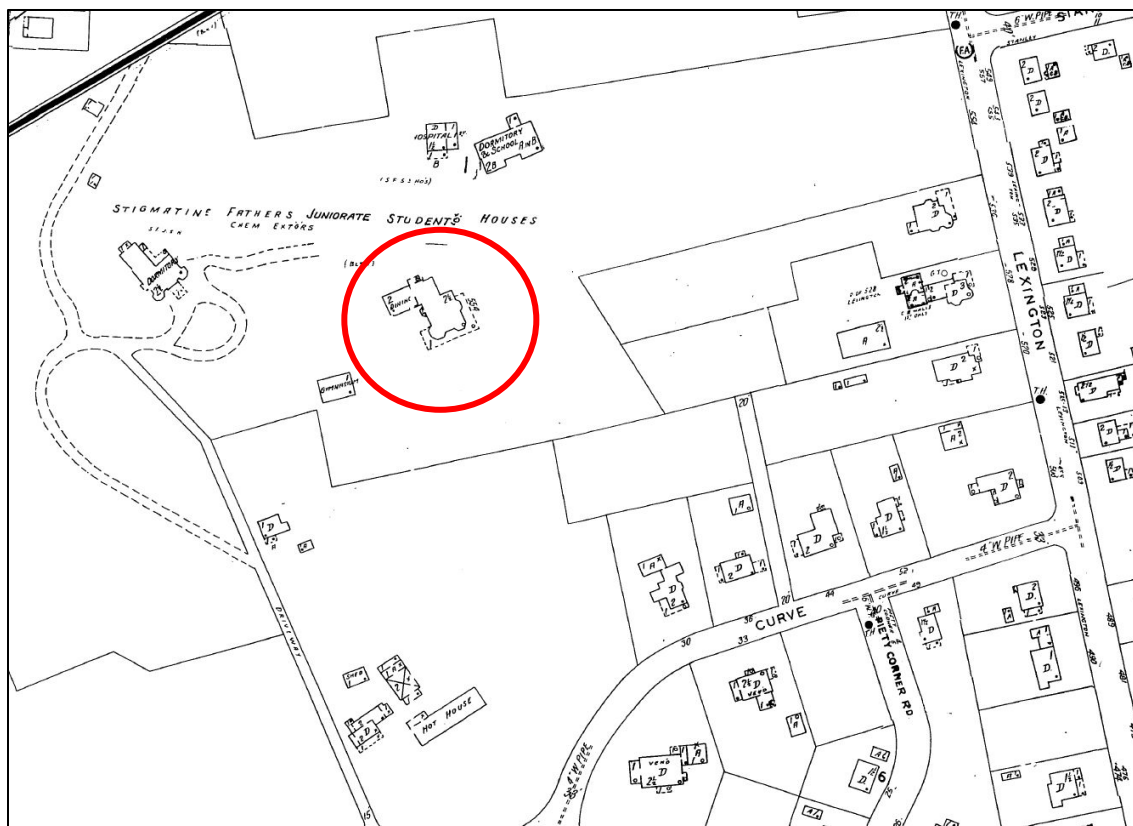


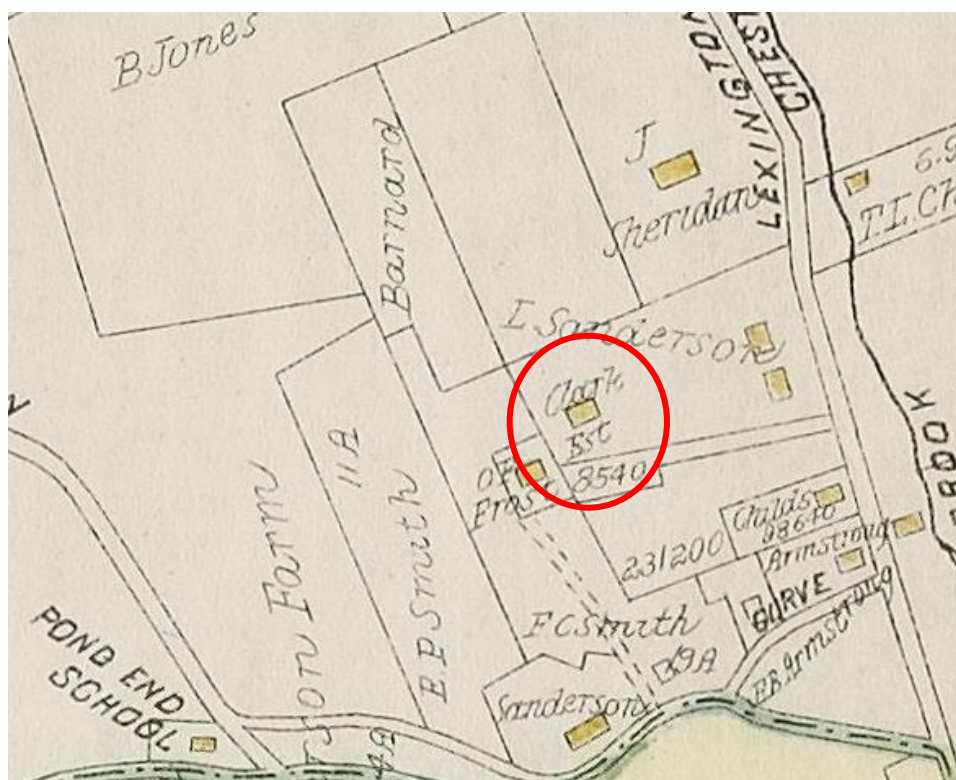
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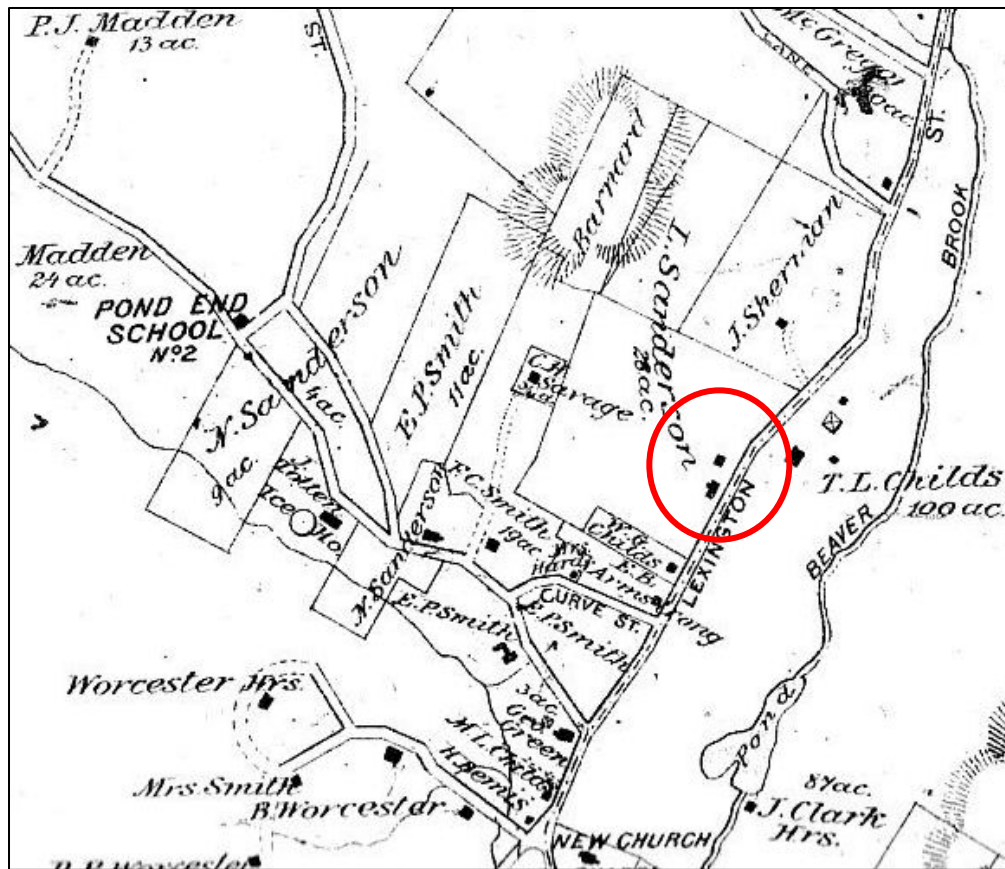


Sanborn map



1900 map





1886 map (no house on site) Orilla Sanderson house circled



Clarke house, southeast view



Judge William H. Clark in front of his house (southwest side)



William H. Clark barn & race horses

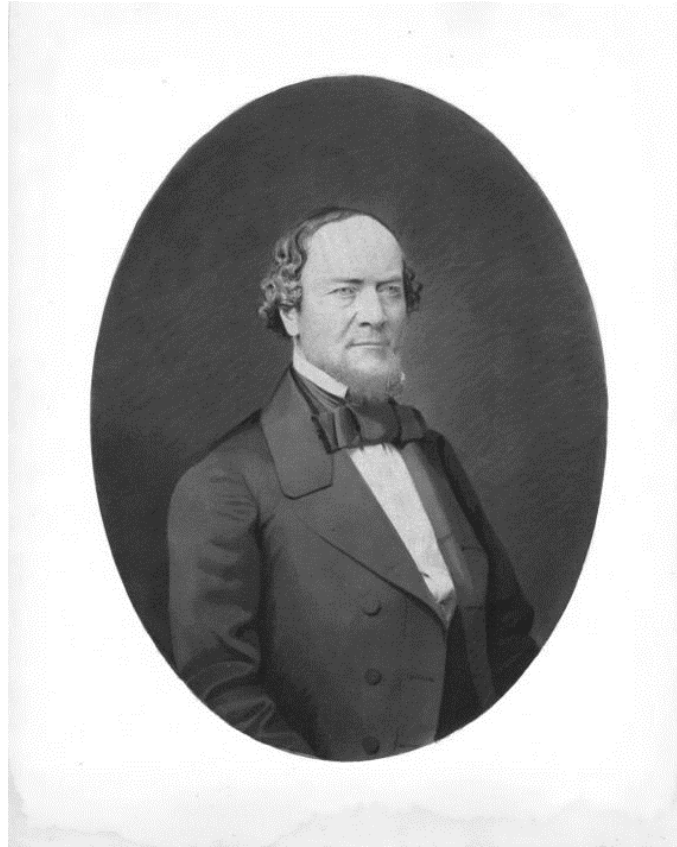




1978 MACRIS photo



Interior photo (family collection)



Judge William Henry Clark

### Timeline

- 1819 Birth, William Henry Clark, son of William Clark & Elizabeth Bodwell Morse [Maine VRs]
- 1837 Graduate, Bowdoin College, William Clark [Obituary, Bowdoin College, 1899]
- 1840 Admitted to Maine bar, William Clark [Obituary, Bowdoin College, 1899]
- 1849 Migration to San Francisco, William Clark
- 1851 Report of Captain William H. Clark, [Papers of the San Francisco Vigilance Committee, Vol. 4]
- 1860 Census, William H. Clark, attorney, real estate valued at \$20,000, San Francisco, CA
- 1868 Judge of the city and county of San Francisco, William H. Clark
- 1868 President, Society of California Pioneers, William H. Clark
- 1869 Directory, Miss Elizabeth N. Clark, teacher of music at Waltham New Church School  
Directory, Mary M., teacher, house Lexington, above Curve
- 1870 Census, William Clark, real estate owner, real estate valued at \$60,000, personal estate \$30,000, San Francisco, CA
- 1870 Census, E. M. Clark, music teacher & Mary M. Clark, music teacher, residing with Orilla & Lowell Sanderson, Waltham
- 1873 Delegate, California Independent State Convention
- 1870s Retirement to extensive ranch 3 miles west of the village of San Mateo, William Clark
- 1882 Directory, Miss Mary & Miss Elizabeth, Lexington, n. Curve [no William]
- 1883 Deed in San Mateo, CA, William H. Clark to Spring Valley Water Works [36/20] Deed signed by William H. Clark in Massachusetts, witnessed by William H. Drury (nephew in-law)
- 1883 Deed, Charles A.. Welch to Mary P. & William H. Drury, property at Linden St., nr. Beaver Brook [MLR 1632/150]

- 1886    Directory, William H. Clark, Lexington, n. Curve  
          Miss Mary M. Clark, Lexington, n. Curve  
          Miss Elizabeth M. Clark, Lexington, n. Curve
- 1888    Directory, William H. Clark, house 542 Lexington, n. Curve; also Elizabeth & Mary
- 1890    Directory, William H. Clark, lawyer, house, Linden n. RR Crossing  
          Directory, William H. Drury, lawyer, house, Linden n. RR Crossing (nephew in-law of W H. Clark)  
          Directory, Elizabeth M. Clark, Linden n. RR Crossing  
          Directory, Mary M. Clark, Linden n. RR Crossing
- 1893    Deed, Elias Armstrong to William H. Clark [MLR
- 1923    Deed, George P. Drury (son of William H. Drury), exec. Of Mary M. Clark will, to James A. Adams,  
          [MLR 4635/225] includes:
  - Parcel conveyed by Elias Armstrong to William H. Clark in 1893
  - Parcel conveyed by Lowell & Orilla Sanderson to William H. in 1894
  - Parcel conveyed by Lowell Sanderson to Mary & Elizabeth Clark in 1905
- 1923    Deed, James A. Adams to Trustees of the Stigmatine Fathers, Inc. [MLR 4649/463]
- 1924    Deed, James A. Adams to Trustees of the Stigmatine Fathers, Inc. [MLR 4695/16]
- 1925    Directory, James A. Adams, agent, Boston Mfg. Co., 150 Moody St., house 27 Pleasant

### **History of the William Henry Clark house**

William Henry Clark was born on 6 April 1819 in Hallowell, Kennebec County, Maine, and was the son of a lawyer, William Clark and his wife, Elizabeth Bodwell Morse. He attended Hallowell Academy, and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1837. He was admitted to the Maine in 1840, and went to Philadelphia, where he finished his legal studies in 1843. He practiced law with his father in Hallowell until 1849, when he joined a group the Kennebec Trading and Mining Company, a group of 60 gold rush pioneers who travelled to California. He soon left the mining community and settled in San Francisco, where he set up a law practice. In 1851, he was a captain in a vigilante group, called the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance, that attempted to establish law and order in the then lawless streets of San Francisco. His work in law and real estate enabled him to accumulate a substantial fortune. The 1870 census listed the value of his real estate at \$60,000, which would be \$1.1 million in today's dollars, and his personal estate at \$30,000, which was \$550,000 in today's dollars. He was elected a judge of the city and county of San Francisco in the 1860s, and was also a life member and president of the Society of California Pioneers. In 1873, he was a delegate to the Independent State Convention, which eventually morphed into the Republican Party. In the 1870s, he retired to run a 200-acre ranch located about 3 miles west of the village of San Mateo, where he raised crops, livestock and race horses. The exact year in which he returned to the East Coast is unclear, but in an 1883 San Mateo County deed in which he sold the right to run a water pipeline across his land, he signed the deed in Boston. By 1886, and in 1888, he was living with his sisters, Mary and Elizabeth, with Orilla (widow of Charles) and Lowell Sanderson, at the Sanderson house on Lexington Street. His sisters are recorded in the 1880 census as living in the same household with the Sandersons. This may be the source of the confusion in the MACRIS report about the age of the house. The house ended up having the same address as the Sanderson residence. In an 1890 Waltham directory, William H. Sanderson was listed at Linden Street near the railroad crossing (Central Massachusetts RR). This was also the address of his niece, Mary, who was married to William H. Drury, also a lawyer. William Drury's son, George Peters Drury, was the executor of the estate of Mary M. Clark, the sister of William H. Clark.

William H. Clark purchased a parcel of land from Elias Armstrong in 1893 and Orilla and Lowell Sanderson in 1894. These parcels were located off Curve Street and Lexington Street, respectively. The house is located on the former Sanderson parcel. The colonial revival-style mansion was likely built in

1894, when the Sanderson parcel was purchased. William H. Clark died of apoplexy (stroke) on 10 October 1898. His sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, continued to live at the residence until their deaths in 1912 and 1922 respectively.

Elizabeth and Mary Clark were members of the New Church (Swedenborgian, later the Church of New Jerusalem) in Waltham, and moved to the town in about 1865. Elizabeth was born in Hallowell, Maine on 5 May 1822 and taught at the New School until 1879. Mary Mann Clark was born in Hallowell on 14 March 1835, and also came to Waltham to teach in the New School in 1865. Mary was very active in church, civic and charitable affairs in Waltham. Mary Mann Clark died on 8 November 1922. The executor of the Clark estate was the grandnephew-in-law of William H. Clark, George Peters Drury. He sold the Clark house property to James A. Adams, agent of the Boston Manufacturing Company, in 1923. In turn, Adams sold the property to the Trustees of the Stigmatine Fathers, Inc.

### **Stigmatine Fathers in Waltham**

#### **Sacred Heart Church**

By 1920, there were over 1,100 Italian-born people living in Waltham, and ten years later there were more than 1,700. Many of the new immigrants did not speak English, so having their own church with an Italian-speaking priest was essential for their spiritual life. The Congregation of the Sacred Stigmata or Stigmatine order had been founded in 1816 by Saint Gaspar Louis Bertoni in Verona, Italy. The order came to the United States in 1905, and was led by Fr. Anthony Dalla Porta and Fr. Ludovico Luchi, initially in Pennsylvania, and later Fr. Dalla Porta went to Springfield, Massachusetts. His brother, Fr. Raymond Dalla Porta served as a curate under Fr. Anthony Dalla Porta at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Springfield from 1912 to 1922. He founded the parish of Sacred Heart church in Waltham in 1922, and served as its pastor until 1928. Fr. Raymond Dalla Porta had been born in Cembra, Italy on Feb. 13, 1883, and was the son of Bartolomeo and Rose Monielli Dalla Porta. He was ordained in Verona in 1907, and came to the United States in 1912. He was known for building and restoring churches. He died in Milford, Massachusetts in 1966.

The congregation of Sacred Heart church met initially in 1922 at a Boston Manufacturing Company house on the corner of River Street and Jackson Street. Fr. Raymond Dalla Porta and Fr. William Ludessi were the priests at the time. On July 3, 1924, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston purchased for \$1 five lots of land on River Street from the executors of the Francis Buttrick estate, Edward F. Snell and Thomas Armstrong. On the 1904 subdivision plan, these lots were numbered 36, 37, 38 and 40. The first three lots were located on the north side of River Street between the intersection of Newton Street and Clark Street, and lot 40 was located on the other side of Clark Street. In the same deed, a parcel of land was purchased on the south side of River Street, and east side of Newton Street, where the mouth of Beaver Brook emptied into the Charles River. On October 1, 1925, Fr. Raymond Dalla Porta purchased lot 41. The erection of Sacred Heart church was completed in December 1924. The architecture of the church reflects the Italian heritage of its congregants.





Fr. Erminio Lona, founder of the Stigmatine seminary in Waltham

Stigmatine Seminary at 554 Lexington Street

In 1924, the Superiors of the Stigmatine Fathers decided to establish the first American Junior College Seminary in Waltham, and in that year Fr. Erminio Lona inaugurated the site. The first five novices were admitted in August, 1926, and soon the number increased to 75. Fr. A. Balestrazzi was appointed Master of Novices. The first American students were Joseph Riley and Daniel Meaney. In 1936 and 1937, schools of philosophy and theology in Waltham. In January, 1938, a fire in the former Savage-Frost house, used as a dormitory, incurred \$10,000 in damage. The MACRIS report incorrectly states the fire occurred at the Clark house. In 1939, due to space constraints at the Waltham Minor seminary, the Stigmatines purchased an additional site at Elm Bank in Wellesley.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Joseph Henchey, CSS and Tereza Lopes, The Stigmatine North American Province Chronicle, 2014, [http://s638693668.onlinehome.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/amchronic\\_vol0\\_gen\\_intro.pdf](http://s638693668.onlinehome.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/amchronic_vol0_gen_intro.pdf).