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FRONT COVER

The illustration on the front cover is that of the headstone over the grave of Martha Moravia. The Hebrew word "Matsebeth" means "Monument of".¹ The English legend reads,

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Mrs.
Martha Moravia
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Martha Moravia was the daughter of Moses Seixas. Seixas was cashier of the Bank of Rhode Island from its founding to the date of his death, Grand Master of Masons of Rhode Island, and author of the two addresses to President George Washington when the latter visited Newport in 1790, one on behalf of the officers and members of King David's Lodge of Masons and the other on behalf of the "Hebrew Congregation", Yeshuat Israel ("Touro Synagogue"), from which the President took the phrase "To persecution, no assistance, to bigotry, no sanction".²

The monument is of slate, at the top of which is a cherub head that was carved at the John Stevens Shop founded in 1705 and still in existence, under the management of Mrs. John Howard Benson. John Stevens, the Second, laid the foundation for Touro Synagogue. The Moravia Monument was cut by John Stevens, the Third, who was the first John Stevens to work on gravestones exclusively. The stone is typical of New England tradition, where the cherub head with wings was commonly used. The Hebrew letters, the Hebrew date, the detail of the angel-head, the side borders and letters show careful attention and skillful execution. The monument was paid for by Moses Seixas March 26, 1788.³

¹Grave No. 18, The Jewish Cemetery at Newport, R. I. By Rev. A. P. Mendes, The Rhode Island Historical Magazine Vol. VI, No. 2, p. 92 October 1885, The Newport Historical Publishing Co. Newport, R. I.

²Grave No. 20 *ibid.*

³Letters of July 8 and 18, 1957 from Mrs. John Howard Benson (Esther Fisher) to the editor (of these Notes), who had a pleasant visit with her at the John Stevens Shop on August 9, 1957.

DID JEWS SETTLE IN RHODE ISLAND IN 1658?

The tradition that Jews settled in Newport in 1658 is based upon a document of a "dual nature" which referred to early Israelites and the practice of Masonry in the Colony of Rhode Island. Masonic historians have dismissed the document as unworthy of serious consideration "although no facts have ever been presented to impeach the story of its discovery or the genuineness of the document".¹ Their position is determined by the "legality" or "regularity" of Masonic practice in the United States before 1717.²

Pre-Revolutionary civil records of the Town of Newport were carried away by the British and lost or destroyed so that we are compelled to turn to collateral evidence to establish the early history of the Jewish community of Newport. The weight to be given such evidence depends upon its source, the credibility of the discoverer and the factual content in relation to probability.

In 1668, J. L. Gould of Connecticut published a Manual entitled "Guide To The Chapter" in which he made this statement:

"The earliest account of introduction of Masonry into the United States is the history of a lodge organized in Rhode Island A. D. 1658 or 59 years before the Revival in England and 75 years before the establishment of the first lodge in Massachusetts."

In support of this statement, Gould quoted from Rev. Edward Peterson who in 1853 published this statement:

"In the spring, Mordecai Campannall, Moses Packeckoe, Levi and others in all, 15 families, arrived at Newport from Holland. They brought with them the 3 first degrees of masonry and worked them in the house of Campannall, and continued to do so, they and their successors to the year 1742."

*Taken from documents now in possession of N. H. Gould, Esq.*³

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in 1870 wrote to Nathan H. Gould of Rhode Island for the evidence upon which Peterson's statement was based. Gould sent a long reply in which he wrote that he had found the papers which he had shown Peterson in an old chest among the effects of Hannah Hull, a deceased relative who was a great, great, grand-daughter of John Wanton, Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island from 1730 to 1740. He further wrote that the memorandum in question was in a tender state, much worn when found (1839), could not be photographed and

was not accessible for inspection. As far as it could be deciphered, it read as follows:

The ye (day and month obliterated) 165[6 or 8, not certain which, as the place was stained or broken, the first 3 figures were plain] Wee met att y House off Mordecai Campanall & affter Synagog Wee gave abⁿ Moses the degrees of Maconrie"

It is apparent from a comparison of Gould's quotation with that of Peterson that the latter interpreted "degrees of Maconrie" to mean "the first 3 degrees of Masonry", as he knew them in 1853. One Masonic writer claims Masonry was Christian in character in the 17th century, that 3 degrees were not recognized at the time and, as the document is unsigned and the author unknown, it cannot be regarded as an authority.⁴ Another states that while it is quite likely that there should have been members of the "Masonic Craft" in a thriving commercial town such as Newport, it affords slight support for the theory that Free Masonry was then and there (1658) organized, that is, a Masonic lodge established.⁵

Mordecai Campannall is one of the grantees mentioned in the Newport Jewish Cemetery deed of 1677. The original of this deed is one of the Newport records which were lost during the Revolution. However, a copy certified by William Coddington in 1767 was recorded in 1827. Although questioned, the genuineness of this copy is established beyond doubt and therefore is conclusive as to the facts stated therein. This deed indicates that Campanall and other Jews were in Newport sometime before 1677 and had left in a body.⁶

Since Oppenheim's essay in 1909, the name of "Mordecai, the Jew" has been discovered in the records of the General Treasurer for the Colony of Rhode Island for the years 1678-1680.⁷

Although the name of Abraham Moses cannot be found on available records, persons by the surname of Moses can be traced back to 1760. The style of orthography of the Gould document and the fact that Mordecai Campannall did not live beyond the seventeenth Century is evidence that the document was written in the seventeenth Century. Another grantee in the cemetery deed of 1677 was Moses Packeko (Pacheco) on whose estate, administration was granted to Caleb Carr whose son's widow was related to Governor Wanton and Nathan Gould. This is a logical and reasonable explanation for the provenience of the document.

Oppenheim makes out a strong affirmative case for the genuineness of the document in all of its references without dwelling upon its discoverer. We therefore submit that Gould was a Quaker and not a Jew, a 33rd Degree Mason, a Past Master of St. John's Lodge of Newport No. 1, a member of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, a relative of Stephen Gould, keeper of the southern cabinet of the Rhode Island Historical Society.⁸ Gould discovered the document when he was not yet twenty-one years of age and not yet a Mason. In addition to these evidences of probity and inducement to historical accuracy, he and his brother David were given supervision of the expenditure of \$12,000 for the repair of the Hebrew Cemetery under the will of Judah Touro, and also a substantial personal bequest. Judah Touro was one of the keenest merchants and traders of his day and consequently a good judge of men. His selection of the Goulds to represent him in Newport is an implied endorsement of their credibility and entitles the claim of Nathan Gould, that there was in existence a document stating that Jews were in Newport in 1658, to acceptance in the absence of proof to the contrary, which is not necessarily a claim that there was a legal and duly-constituted lodge of Masons in Newport in 1658.

D. C. A.

NOTES

¹Samuel Oppenheim, *The Jews and Masonry*, American Jewish Historical Society Publications No. 19 pp. 12-131 Baltimore 1910.

²Henry W. Rugg, *History of Freemasonry in Rhode Island*, 13 Providence R. I.

³Rev. Edward Peterson, *History of Rhode Island and Newport*, 101 John S. Taylor 17 Am Street New York 1910.

In the Collection of Rev. J. J. Lyons A. J. H. Society Publications No. 27 p. 416, this document is copied with an English as well as a Hebrew day and month in the year 1658 and the words "after Synagog" are omitted. There was only 2 years difference between the J. J. Gould copy and that of Lyons.

⁴Melvin Johnson, *The Beginnings of Freemasonry in America* quotes Grand Master of Masons Thomas A. Doyle, of Rhode Island as doubting that any proof exists (1870) of the truth of Peterson's (1853) statement but does not mention Nathan H. Gould.

⁵Henry W. Rugg, op. cit. 33.

⁶Samuel Oppenheim, op. cit. 14.

⁷Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes 1 p. 106.

⁸Stephen Gould, the first, was an uncle of Nathan H. and David Gould and was Abraham Touro's correspondent in Newport. Stephen Gould 2nd was a nephew of Nathan H. Gould. A.J.H.S. Pub., 27 pp. 425-442.

AN OLD PEOPLE HELP BUILD A NEW CHURCH

Under the above title, Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, director of American Jewish Archives, last May called public attention to the correspondence (in the John Carter Brown Library on the Brown University campus in Providence) between Nicholas Brown and Jacob Rod Rivera which shows that Rivera contributed enthusiastically to funds for the Baptist Meeting House, which was not only erected for sectarian worship but also to hold commencements in. Previously, Rivera and his son-in-law, Aaron Lopez, had contributed 10,000 board feet of lumber for the first building (later called University Hall) of Rhode Island College (subsequently named Brown University).

Prejudiced persons regard the purchase of lottery tickets by Rivera as a mercenary speculation for personal gain. We here publish three letters which show that Nicholas Brown determined how much Rivera should invest by sending him an allotment from each successive class of tickets; that when Brown again and again expressed his regret that Rivera had been unlucky, the latter replied that the cost of the tickets was less than he would voluntarily have subscribed because "it was his inclination to promote and help with every public building to the utmost of his financial ability" and that besides having the fun of taking chances he was only too happy to please Mr. Brown, whose friendship he considered a great honor. Nor did he forget to remit promptly knowing that his money would be needed to pay off successful ticket holders.

D. C. A.

Newport

April 3d 1775

Mr. Nicholas Brown

Sir

Your very obliging favor of the 27th ult. came safe to hand and note your having received the five prize tickets sent you by Mr. Jacobs and that the other which I took to be a prize, proved a Blank.

The seven tickets in the fifth class, you were pleased to send me by Mr. Jacobs, he will deliver me when he comes down, which will be next week, the numbers note are from Nos. 1653 to 1659 Inclusive, and as its allways my greatest pleasure to be promoter of Every publick, [building] I cannot but cheerfully accept the proportion you have allotted me, to whom I am greatly obliged, not only for the honor you do me, in ranking me, among the number of your Friends abroad, but also your kind good wishes for their Success.

I have the pleasure of Subscribing with the greatest respect & Esteem.

Sir your obliged Friend & very

Humble Servant

Jacob Rod Rivera

M^r. Nich^l. Brown

Newport April 3^o 1775

Sir

Your very obliging favour of the 27th ult^o, came safe to hand, & with you having rec^d. the five p^rinc^l tickets sent you by M^r. Jacobs. And that the other which I took to be a p^rinc^l, proved w^o blank.

The seven tickets in the fifth class, you was pleas^d to send me by M^r. Jacobs, he will deliver one when he comes down, which will be next week: the numbers on the one are from W. 1653. to 1659. Inclusive, and as its always my greatest pleasure to be promoter of every publick, I cannot but cheerfully accept the proposition you have allerted me, to whom I am greatly oblig^d, not only for the honour you do me, in ranking me, among the number of your Friends, abroad, but also for your kind good wishes, for their success.

I have the pleasure of subscribing with the greatest respect
of Esteem

Sir, Your obliged friend & very
W^o Serv^t

James O. Siver



New Port June 12th 1775

Mr. Nich.^s Brown

Sir

Your ever obliging Favours of the 2nd and 3rd Curr came safe to hand Inclosing seven Tickets you are pleased to send me in the Sixth Class of the Baptist Meeting House Lottery, numbers from No. 469 to 475 Inclusive which have noted accordingly as well as the Four Tickets Prizes in the 5th Class, which I now return you, am very sensible of your good wishes for their Success, But if they don't turn up as fortunate as we both wish, yet these two points I shall certainly have answered viz. That of Pleasing the very worthy Mr. Brown, which I wish ever to do, and Secondly my great Inclination to promote and Forward every publick building to the utmost of my Extent, and when those Two points are answered am very easy about the Success.

If on drawing of this last Class, I should still prove as unfortunate as I have in the former classes, you'll please to send me down an account that I may immediately send you the Ballance.

. . .

I have the pleasure of subscribing with the greatest Sincerity & respect

Sir your very oblig. Friend and very

Esteemed Humble Servant

Jacob Rod Rivera

Mr. Nich's. Payment.

New York June 12th 1775

Copy Sir. Your very obliging favour of the 2^d & 3^d last came safe to hand enclosing Seven Tickets you was pleased to send me in the Sixth Class of the Baptized Meeting House Lottery, Numbers from 17409 to 17475 Inclusive which have voted accordingly, as well as the Seven Tickets Prices in the 5th Class, which I was pleas'd you was very sensible of your good wishes for them success. But if they don't turn up as fortunate as we both wish, yet these two points I shall certainly have answer'd first, That of clearing the way leading to Mr. Payson's which I wish even to do, & secondly my great Inclination to promote & forward every publick building to the utmost of my power, & when these two points are answer'd am very easy about the success.

If on the drawing of this last Class, I should still prove as unfortunate as I have in the former Classes, you'll please to send me down an account that I may immediately send you the Balance.

Your's if the P^r informs me your Brother Mr. John Payson's drawing gives Mr. Thompson a Bill as a testimonial to apply to the Spinnakers Manufacturers to know their Sentiments about Establishing a new Mill near the present Season for the reasons you was pleas'd to mention.

Mr. Thompson had not said any thing to me about it, I suppose from my having frequently said I should not purchase a house this year as I could not command my little property at present, nor did I see what I could do with the last I had, if I could not get out of it, not that I will be oblig'd to lay by such a hospital for any unknown time, whose the

Mr. Nicholas Brown

Newport August 10th 1775

Worthy Sir

Your very obliging & kind Favour of the 2nd Curr. was last Evening handed me by one mutual Friend Doctor Bowen, & have to render you my greatful thanks, for the very friendly Expressions & hearty good wishes it contains: Am Sensible of your wishes had taken place, Should have been more Successful in the Lottery; but as it is, I am well Satisfied; for besides having my views answered, the Balance is much less than I should have Subscribed, & have had the chance of the Lottery besides; By the State of the acct. you have been pleased to send me, observe, that after remitting you the two prize tickets in the last Class (Which you'll find here Inclosed) there is a Ballance due you of L. 6. 12, for which sum I herewith Inclose you, an order on Mr. Raphael Jacobs, & make no doubt will be immediately answered, which conclude is the most Safest and Expeditious way to reimburse you, as you will doubtless have occasion for the money, to Satisfy the prizes: I glory in having any oppority. to demonstrate my readiness to oblige the worthy Mr. Brown in anything in my power, & beg he will believe, that with the utmost Respect & Esteem, I have the pleasure to Subscribe

Dear Sir

Your Friend & very Humble Servant

Jacob Rod Rivera

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Mr. Nicholas Brown

Newport August 10th 1775

Worthy Sir

Your very Obliging Kind Favour of the 2^d Inst, was last evening handed me by our mutual Friend Doctor Brown, I have to render you my grateful thanks, for the very friendly Express which thereby good wishes it contains, - A reasonable if your wishes had taken place, should have been more successful in the Lottery, but such is, I am well satisfied, for besides having my view on the Ballot is much less than I should have submitted, I have had the pleasure of the Lottery besides, By the State of the List you have been pleased to send me, I have that after remitting you the two former Tickets in the last Class (which you have enclosed) there is a Ballot due you of \$100, for which sum I have with I send you, an order on Mr. Raphael Jacob, & make no doubt will be immediately answer'd, which concludes is the most safe & expeditious way to reimburse you, as you will doubtless have occasion for the money, to satisfy the Bids, - I glory in having any opportunity to demonstrate my readiness to oblige the Worthy Mr. Brown, in any thing in my power, & beg he will believe, that with the utmost respect & esteem, I have the pleasure to subscribe

\$100 - 10 Dollars
 173 - 8 Dollars

Dear Sir
 Your Friend & very humble Servant
 J. M. R. Rivara

THEY BROKE IN—TO PRAY

By David C. Adelman, Esq.

The Touro Synagogue in Newport was not known as such for the first century of its existence. It was the place of worship of the "Hebrew Congregation", whose name was Yeshuat Israel (Salvation of Israel). Title to the edifice and the land upon which it stood was in Jacob Rodrigues Rivera, Isaac Hart and Moses Lopez originally.¹ Thereafter, Hart conveyed his interest to Rivera, upon whose death title vested in the heirs of Rivera and Lopez. The Congregation was an unincorporated, voluntary society. The will of Rivera recited that he held title "in trust only to and for the sole use, benefit and behoof of the Jewish Society in Newport."²

Worship in the synagogue had ceased in the last decade of the eighteenth century. There were very few Jews living in Newport after the Revolutionary War, the last of whom left in 1822, leaving behind an empty synagogue, the preserve of "bats and moles" and playground for boys who entered through the porches and windows and made sport with its furnishings.³ Abraham Touro died in 1822 and left \$10,000 to the State of Rhode Island, the income to be expended with the approval of the Town Council of Newport, for the support of the synagogue and in 1854 his brother Judah died and left \$10,000 to pay the salary of the reader or minister.⁴

About 1880, Jews from Eastern Europe began to settle permanently in Newport. Among those who did so between 1880 and 1890 were Isaac Levy, Eugene Schreier, Israel J. Josephson and Nathan B. Greenstein. Their number was augmented in the summer by visitors who enjoyed the climate and seashore for which Newport was noted and who wished to prolong their stay over the Jewish High Holy Days in September and October. The combined group was too small to support a synagogue and rabbi, but from year to year permanent settlers kept increasing in number and influence. The closed and unused synagogue and the Touro Funds administered by the State and Town Council of Newport represented a monstrous waste to the newcomers.

Just before the Jewish holidays in 1881, inquiries were made regarding the use of the synagogue for worship with the result that the Town Council of Newport agreed that applications of parties desiring such use would be referred to the Trustees of the Congregation Shearith Israel in New York. Such an application was made and

granted in part, that is, the use of the synagogue was permitted, but the use of the Ministerial Fund was denied by the Trustees of the Congregation in New York until such time as there would be a sufficient number of residents to maintain daily religious services during the year.⁵ The following year, upon the recommendation of the New York Congregation, the Town Council of Newport voted to pay the salary of the Rev. Abraham P. Mendes and In May of 1883, the synagogue was reopened and re-consecrated.

Rev. Mendes died ten years later and on June 13, 1894, Eugene Schreier, Giacomo Servadio, Louis Hess, Henry Hess, Isaac Bergman, Julius Engel, Israel J. Josephson and Alfred Schreier were granted a corporate charter under the name of "Congregation Jeshuath Israel" for the purpose "of religious worship in the City of Newport according to the Sephardic Ritual and strict rules and laws of the Orthodox Jewish Faith".⁶ Eugene Schreier was a successful merchant in Newport and was the recognized representative of the New York Congregation, which appointed four of the Trustees of the new congregation and nominated the Rev. Baruch as successor to Rev. Mendes. The number of settlers continued to grow both in number and influence. The heirs of Rivera and Lopez, most of them members of the New York congregation, joined in a deed of conveyance of the Touro Synagogue and the land on which it stood to the Trustees of the New York congregation purporting to make that congregation the sole owner, entitled to possession. A condition of these deeds of conveyance was that worship should be according to Sephardic Rites as practiced in the Congregation Shearith Israel in New York.⁷ Differences of a personal and religious nature arose between the members of the young congregation Jeshuath Israel.

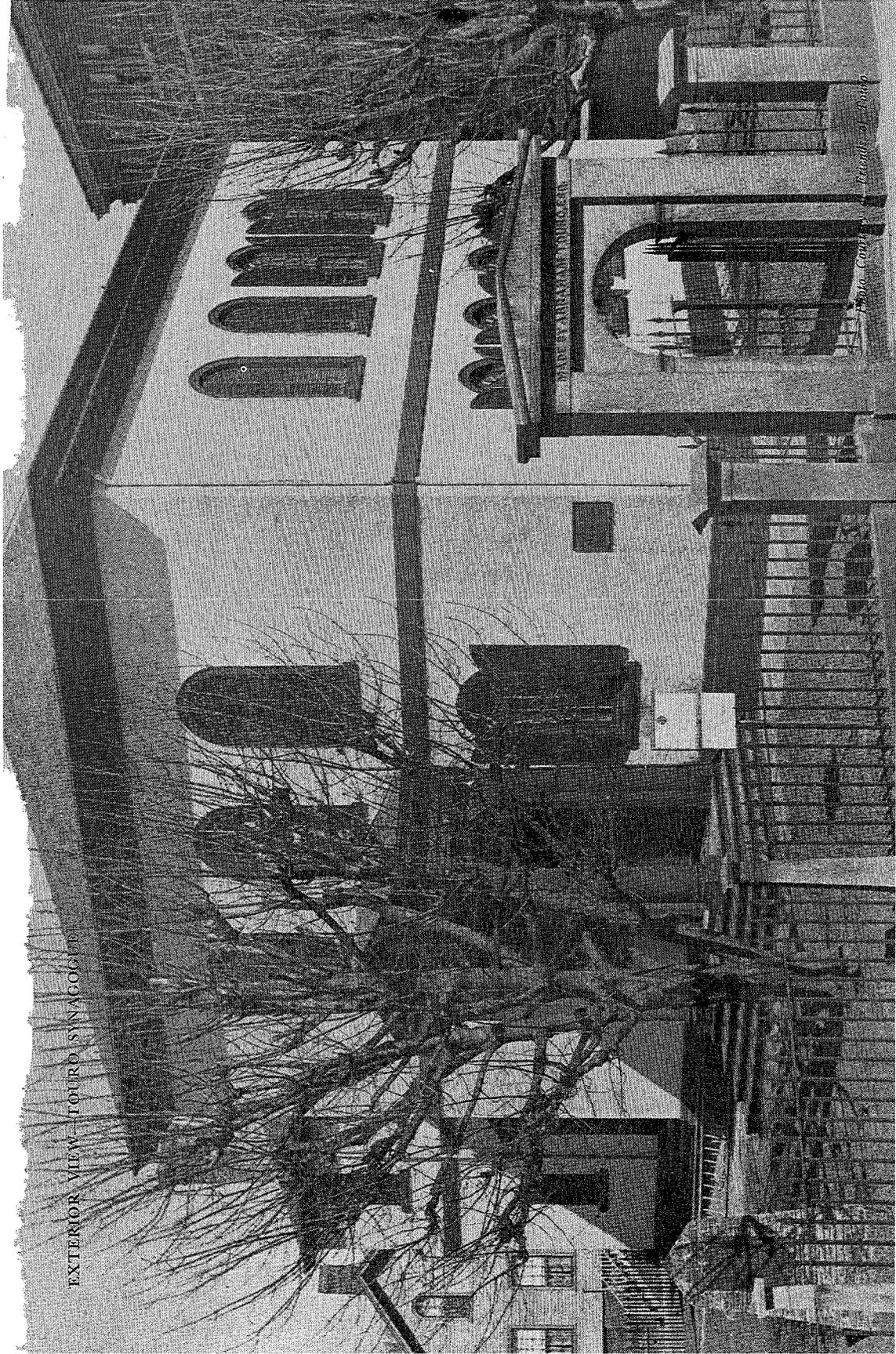
The Rev. Baruch died on March 30, 1899. The Congregation split into two groups, one led by Eugene Schreier and the other by Julius Engel and Israel J. Josephson, who five years before were incorporators of the congregation. On April 10, 1899, ten days after the burial of Rev. Baruch, a corporate charter was granted to Israel J. Josephson, Barney W. Wilsker, David Frant, Sigmund Barber, Sigmund Schwartz and Moses Wagner under the name "Touro Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island for the purpose of religious worship, according to the rites of the Jewish religion."⁸ They elected Rev. E. M. Meyer and the older congregation Jeshuat Israel (1894) elected Rev. Moses Guedalia as their respective ministers.⁹ The Town Council

of Newport, aware of the fact that the "rebel" "Touro Congregation" group represented the greater and more influential number of voters, turned its back on the Congregations Jeshuat Israel of Newport and Shearith Israel of New York. They recognized the Rev. E. M. Meyer elected by the Touro Congregation, voted to pay his salary out of the Judah Touro Ministerial Fund and thus began a contest for possession of the synagogue, accompanied by force and violence, which did not terminate until three and a half years later.¹⁰

On June 9, 1899, L. Napoleon Levy, David DeMeza, Anthony Wallach, Edgar J. Nathan, Henry Belais, Alfred Lyons, Albert J. Elias and N. Taylor Phillips, all of New York, by their attorney James Tillinghast, brought an action of Forcible Entry and Detainer against:

Julius Engel	Charles Heller
David Frant	Israel J. Josephson
Albert Goddard	Baruch Coren [Corn]
Charles Dannin	Isaac Levy
Moses Wagner	Esy Schwartz
Abraham Solomon	Max Schwartz
Sigmund Barber	Louis Dannin
Max Levy	Abraham Siegel
Nettin [Nathan] Dannis	Sigmund Schwartz
M[ichael] Bassin	Joseph Dannis
Jacob Heller	Moritz Adler

and the Touro Congregation, alleging entry by force and unlawful detention of their property and praying for relief.¹¹ The complaint was sworn to by L. Napoleon Levy. The defendants were summoned and appeared with counsel before a jury on July 10, 1899. Their attorneys filed a demurrer and argued that the plaintiffs were not in actual and peaceful possession.¹² The Judge overruled the demurrer. Three witnesses testified for the complainants before the jury. Henry Osborne, "a colored man", was sworn. Eugene Schreier and his son Alfred "affirmed". Eugene Schreier testified that a "mob" came towards him with tools as if to strike him, howling like a "Wild West Show". He named a half a dozen, one of whom protested and was quieted by the sheriff. The witness was asked about a Sullivan Schwarz and the court asked the person answering to that name to stand up for identification. Three men arose "and seemed to be identified but afterwards it was said none of them was Sullivan Schwarz." The larg-



EXTERIOR VIEW - TOURO SYNAGOGUE

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Courtesy of Friends of Touro Synagogue

INTERIOR VIEW OF TOURO SYNAGOGUE, SHOWING GALLERIES,
ANCIENT CANDELABRA, AND READING DESK (BIMAH)

est clan in Newport is that of the Sullivans. It is interesting to note that as far back as 1899, one of them was a Jew.

Alfred Schreier, Secretary of the congregation, testified that after Mr. Levy's men went away, Schreier's locks were put on again and his two watchmen stayed there. The next day "the mob came in like a flock of sheep from all sides and threats and attempts were made but no striking done". He said "his father withdrew from the mob and he couldn't tell whether or not he liked the Levys".

The testimony of Osborne, a watchman, was interrupted by a sudden recess. The conciliatory attitude of the New York gentlemen was brought into play. The question at issue was not that of rightful, legal title to the synagogue, but that of rightful and lawful possession. Counsel for both sides agreed upon a written verdict which was signed by all the jurors, finding that the complainants were entitled to speedy possession and at 5:45 P. M. that day the Sheriff of Newport put L. Napoleon Levy, one of the plaintiffs, in peaceable possession and delivered the keys of the premises to him. Both groups joined in worship in the synagogue. The question of ownership was left in abeyance.¹³

The truce was shortlived. The Jewish community continued to grow. Max Levy, who was a court stenographer and law student in 1899, was a member of the Bar in 1902. Fischel, Israel, Moses and Nathan David were new and dynamic members of the community. The synagogue was closed in 1898 and part of 1899 and again from March, 1901 to April 21, 1902 as a result of the friction between Eugene Schreier who represented the Trustees of the Congregation in New York and the members of the "rebel" Touro Congregation.

Judge John C. Burke, an uninhibited lawyer of Irish descent, had married a native of Newport and had practiced law there three years, when Fischel David visited him on behalf of the Touro Congregation which was meeting in homes and halls outside the synagogue.¹⁴ He told the Judge that he had consulted the leading attorneys in Newport about opening up the synagogue to all the Jews of Newport, but that all of them had advised him that nothing could be done. Unfamiliar with the history of the synagogue and the litigation of 1899, the Judge asked for a week or two to consider the matter. Upon examination of the problem, he found a state statute which provided that anyone who interfered with a religious gathering was guilty of a misdemeanor.¹⁵ He decided that the only way for the Touro Congregation to

get relief was to enter the synagogue forcibly on the eve of a Jewish holiday and hold a continuous religious service under the leadership of a Rabbi in the pulpit. Judge Burke felt that if they conducted a continuous service in the synagogue the police would have no right to interfere with their possession. It was his theory that the Touro Synagogue belonged to the "Jewish Society", a phrase used in the will of Rivera, that this referred to the Jews of Newport, that the deeds from the heirs of Rivera and Lopez in 1894 with their conditions and limitations were without force and effect and he intended to try the question of legal title in a court of equity.¹⁶

When David returned, he told Judge Burke that the next Jewish holiday would be Passover (Pesach) and that it would begin on the evening of April 21, 1902. The Judge advised him that he had a plan which would require caution and secrecy. David was to take one or two trustworthy men with him at sundown and with chisel and hammer crack the lock of the synagogue and enter, light the candles and commence services with a Rabbi in the pulpit, first notifying his Jewish followers to be in readiness in the vicinity but out of sight. Judge Burke had made doubly sure of his grounds by discussing the project with Assistant Attorney General Charles H. Stearns, who later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, and by alerting Chief of Police Benjamin Richards, who agreed to be available at the police station that evening. Stearns agreed with Judge Burke on the law and that if there was no breach of the peace, he would defend the action of breaking into the synagogue. The plan was put into effect the first Seder night of Passover, Monday, April 25, 1902.

Judge Burke, while eating his dinner at home that evening (first Seder night), heard a terrible din outside, all the fire alarm and church bells in the city were ringing. He asked his wife, who was a native of Newport, if she knew what it meant and she said that it sounded like a riot call which she had heard in her childhood. The Judge jumped on his bicycle and headed for the synagogue where he found the police forcibly ejecting the worshippers upon the complaint of Schreier. He went down to the station, but the Chief had not lived up to his agreement and was not available and so he spoke to Captain Garnett and protested that the affair had been planned with the approval of Attorney General Stearns who would defend the action if there was no breach of the peace. The captain affirmed that there had

been no breach of the peace but that the police were told by the custodian, Eugene Schreier, to take the men out of the synagogue because they had no right to go in and that they "would steal the Sacred Scroll".¹⁷ Judge Burke informed the captain that he did not have a jail large enough to hold all the Jews that were going to go in and that as the police removed one, two would take his place.

The police arrested a few individuals, among them Fischel David—who, acting under instructions to resist arrest, was alleged to have bitten a policeman's thumb. Judge Burke called Attorney General Stearns on the telephone, told him what the police were doing and asked him to tell the captain that he had no authority to do what he had done. Stearns spoke to the Captain and, obtaining an admission that the police had not seen a breach of the peace, told the captain "You had no authority to interfere with those men in their performance of a religious gathering and I will not defend you and if you persist in your attitude, you are going to be subject to prosecution for civil arrest."¹⁸

L. Napoleon Levy, on behalf of the Trustees of the Congregation Shearith Israel of New York, appealed to the Mayor of Newport and later to the Governor of the State to be put in possession of the synagogue again in accordance with the decree of the court in the action of 1899 but neither they nor the police acting on the advice of Assistant Attorney General Greenough, would interfere.¹⁹

The police issued complaints against some of the men who were subsequently released. In the meantime, the services continued day and night. On April 28th, the seventh day of Passover, the Trustees of the Congregation Shearith Israel of New York, to-wit:

L. Napoleon Levy	Henry Belais	Samuel Hyman
David DeMeza	Alfred Lyons	N. Taylor Phillips
Edgar J. Nathan	Albert J. Elias	

(by their attorney, James Tillinghast,) the same plaintiffs that brought suit in 1899 with the exception of Samuel Hyman who superseded Anthony Wallach, brought another action of forcible entry and detainer against:

Fischel David	Myer Kravetz	Moses Wagner
Hugo Riddell	Sigmund Schwartz	Nathan David
Max Wasserman	Moses David	Joseph Dannin
Israel David	Nathan Ball	Israel Josephson
Charles Wagner	David Frant	Daniel Rosen

and Congregation Jeshuath Israel, which was sworn to by Eugene Schreier.²⁰ By including the Congregation Jeshuath Israel as a defendant, the plaintiffs were making sure of confirming their title against everyone as they had already received a verdict in the 1899 action against Touro Congregation. At this point, Fischel David came to Judge Burke and told him that Max Levy was the only Jewish attorney in Newport and his followers would like to have Levy in the case. Mr. Burke said that he had no objection provided that he continued in control of the case in accordance with the plans which he had in mind. Later David asked that Clark Burdick, a lawyer and then a prominent politician, also be taken in, to which Mr. Burke agreed on the same terms and conditions as he had in the case of Levy.

The only issue in this case was the interference with the possession of the plaintiffs. The law was clear and simple against Judge Burke's clients. But he felt that there was a wrong for which there must be a remedy in equity and so Judge Burke conceived the idea of asking Judge Douglas, in charge of the Newport Trial Division Calendar of the Supreme Court, to restrain himself from hearing the forcible entry and detainer action until Judge Burke could file a bill in equity and his clients be heard.²¹ This was a bold step to take. Judge Burke came to Providence and made the request of Judge Douglas who felt that he ought not to act on the motion for a restraining order because he was directly involved in that he would have to hear the forcible entry case in Newport but showed what a great Judge he was by saying:

"The three judges of the Appellate Division [of the Supreme Court] are sitting in the other room in conference. I'll tell you what I'll do, young man. I'll go in there and let you argue your case before them and I'll say nothing. If they tell me that in their opinion, I should restrain myself from sitting in that action, I'll restrain myself. If they say that I shall not, then I will not restrain myself. Is that fair enough?"

Mr. Burke replied "Certainly, it is eminently fair, Your Honor".

The judges of the Appellate Division heard Mr. Burke and, after considering the matter for some time, said that "if they were Judge Douglas, they would not issue a restraining order because they felt that the forcible entry and detainer action was a summary matter designed by law to protect people who allege that they have been forcibly evicted from their property and that if the allegations were true that Judge Burke's clients had forcibly evicted them, they did not

come into equity with clean hands and he should not enjoin himself from acting.”

Accordingly, Judge Douglas declined to issue the order restraining himself and the forcible entry case came on for hearing in Newport before Judge Douglas May 8, 1902.

Again, as in 1899, the issue was simple and clearly called for a directed verdict against Judge Burke's clients, the defendants. The Judge was about to instruct the jury accordingly when Judge Burke arose and asked Judge Douglas to be allowed to make a motion. Immediately the three lawyers for the plaintiffs, including L. Napoleon Levy of New York, objected that no motion could be allowed as the action was a summary one limited to one single point. Judge Douglas said:

“There could be no harm in hearing what motion is proposed by Judge Burke and I'm going to listen to him and see what his motion is”.

Judge Burke then requested that if the Court directed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs (of New York) that the Judge withhold the execution for five days to give him time to file a petition in the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari on the ground that the action had not been brought legally in that it had not been signed by the trustees of the New York Congregation.²² Judge Douglas listened to the opposing attorneys who objected to his staying the issuance of the execution and said:

“I will direct this jury to return a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs *but* I will withhold the issuance of an execution for five days to allow Judge Burke to file a petition in the Supreme Court for certiorari to certify these proceedings up.”

For the time being, the New York Trustees had won an empty victory. Fischel David and his cohorts continued in possession of the synagogue and services continued under their reader day and night. The matter came up for hearing in the Supreme Court and on June 11, 1902, that court rendered its decision that Eugene Schreier who swore to the complaint was not a party to the cause and that as the statute requires the oath to be made by the complainant, the process was not in conformity to the statute and therefore void. This left the New York “owner”-plaintiffs where they started in April with only the prospect of beginning their suit all over again and suffering months of delay, including the summer recess.

In the meantime, Judge Burke had filed a bill in equity reciting the history of the synagogue, the statement in the Rivera Will that he held in trust for the "Jewish Society", the deeds of 1894 and set forth that the trustees held the property for the Jews of Newport to worship in, without condition or limitation and that the deeds of 1894 were without force and effect.

On June 16, 1902 the New York plaintiffs moved to have the bill in equity removed to the United States Circuit Court for the District of Rhode Island which was ordered and time for reply to the bill was extended to August 15, 1902, the David group (Touro Congregation) remaining in possession of the synagogue. On the 15th of August, the New York trustees filed a demurrer and plea to the bill in equity in the U. S. Court in which they alleged that they held title to the property and that the David group had forcibly deprived them of possession.

The demurrer was heard on December 13, 1902 by Judge Arthur L. Brown, one of the greatest judges who ever sat in a Rhode Island Court. He handed down his decision in a written opinion on January 3, 1903 sustaining the demurrer and plea of the New York group and dismissing the bill in equity filed by Judge Burke, attorney for the David group. This decision ended the possession of the David group (Touro Congregation) which had held continuous services and possession of Touro Synagogue since April 21, 1902. Judge Brown indicated that the original grant in the deed of 1759 was to individuals and that there were no facts to show a trust arose as a result of that purchase and that even if there was a trust in favor of the Jews of Newport, the David group did not allege that they or any one of them was a Jew nor could he envision that the Congregation Jeshuath Israel, a domestic corporation, could be regarded as a Jew. But even assuming that the 14 individuals in the David group were Jews, there were no facts pleaded which gave them legal or equitable interest in the land or building. The extract from the Will of Rivera "in trust only to and for the sole use, benefit and behoof of the *Jewish Society* in Newport tends to show a trust for a "Jewish Society" and not a trust for the "Jews of Newport" and that the David group had not shown that they constituted such a society or that they had the right to demand of such a society or its Trustees the right to attend worship. But, he continued, in addition to these failures of proof, the complainants (David group) "*cannot take the law into their own hands, acquire*

possession by force and then invoke the aid of a court of equity to maintain them in a possession, which so far as appears from the bill, is without legal or equitable justification, and which appears by the plea (of the New York group) to have been obtained by forcible entry and detainer." This decision on demurrer did not decide the question of ownership but merely the right to possession.

After the verdict in the State Court against the New York Trustees on June 11, 1902, and before Judge Brown's decision in the United States Court against the David group (January 10, 1903), attorneys for the New York Trustees approached Judge Burke and inquired whether the controversy could be settled. Judge Burke replied that it could if the owners of the synagogue would only be reasonable. Conferences were held back and forth and finally it was agreed that the New York Trustees would lease the synagogue to the Congregation Jeshuath Israel for \$1.00 a year, that the ritual and Rabbi would be mutually agreed upon.

And thus ends the story of how it happens that the Ashkenazi of Newport worship according to the rites of a Sephardic Congregation in the City of New York and why Jews broke in to Touro Synagogue—to pray.

NOTES

THEY BROKE IN—TO PRAY

¹Land Record Newport R. I. June 13, 1759.

²Probate Court Records Newport R. I. II, 98.

³George G. Channing, Early Recollections of Newport.

⁴Touro Funds Appendix A.

⁵Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation Shearith Israel of New York City VII, 200, 202, 203.

⁶State of Rhode Island Acts and Resolves 1894.

⁷Records of Land Evidence Newport, R. I. 1894.

⁸State of Rhode Island Acts and Resolves 1899.

⁹In "The Story of the Jews of Newport", 274 by Rabbi W. A. Gutstein Block Publishing Co. New York, N. Y. 1936 this statement is supported by a note which refers the reader to the Newport Daily News for July 11, 1899. The reference is incorrect. The News contains a long account of a trial in the Newport Court involving the two congregations and the ministers are not mentioned.

¹⁰Newport R. I. City Document No. 26. When the City Council of the City of Newport decided to pay the minister of one Jewish congregation rather than the minister of the other, it violated the doctrine of separation of church and state. Although the congregation in control of the synagogue was thereby deprived of the Judah Touro Ministerial Fund for the payment of the salary of its minister, no challenge of the action of the City Council of Newport was made. The contending congregations should have been referred to the courts for determination of their respective rights.

¹¹The action of forcible entry and detainer was an ancient legal proceeding to decide rightful possession of premises but did not settle the legal title (ownership).

¹²A demurrer is a legal plea which admits the facts alleged and in effect asks "so what?"

¹³Newport Daily News July 11, 1899.

¹⁴John C. Burke was born in Preston, Connecticut on December 6, 1865. He received the degrees of L.L.B. in 1896 and that of L.L.M. in 1897 from Georgetown Law School. He has travelled extensively over the United States, Europe and Central and South America. At 92 years of age, he is in active legal practice in full possession of all of his faculties. The keenness of his mind was very evident in the close Rhode Island gubernatorial contest in 1956 which resulted in the reelection of the incumbent after a State Supreme Court decision rejecting "shut in and absentee ballots" cast before election day. At this writing, he is defending a retail distributor from State prosecution at the instance of a state Censorship Commission.

¹⁵A breach of law, which would preclude police interference.

¹⁶Jacob Rodrigues Rivera, in his will (Probate Court of Newport II. 98) declared and made known "unto all people that I have no exclusive right, title, of or to the Jewish Public Synagogue in Newport on account of the deed thereof, being made to myself, Moses Levy and Isaac Hart . . . but that the same was done, meant and intended in trust only, to and for the sole use, benefit and behoof of the Jewish society, to be for them reserved as a place of Public worship forever". On the strength of this statement and the fact that voluntary contributions were made and used for the construction of the synagogue, Judge Burke intended to try the question of title in a court of equity, which has jurisdiction over trust estates.

¹⁷Letter to Judge John C. Burke to the writer December 8, 1957.

¹⁸Civil arrest is an arrest by a sheriff upon a private complaint of one citizen against another. A citizen wrongfully arrested by a police officer may in turn have the police officer arrested in a private suit against the officer.

¹⁹Newport Daily News, April 25, 1902 refers to a decree of June 8, 1899 and says that the Newport Congregation will make a legal fight against it. "They think they have a good case. The New York people also think they have a good case . . . and the lawyers will have a chance to fight it out to a final decision in court." Gutstein (p. 276) (Story of the News of Newport) writes "the matter came to a truce on April 25, 1902". The fact is the fight was only 3 days old. ,

²⁰One of these defendants was a converted Jew (Meshumid) from Providence. *Providence Journal* July 11, 1898.

Another defendant, Daniel Rosen, was President of the rebel Touro Congregation and summoned his nephew, Harry Rosen, from Block Island. Harry, who is today a resident of Providence, was one of those who slept in the Touro Synagogue for three days. *The Providence Jewish Herald*, October 18, 1957.

²¹Judge Douglas was one of the great judges of Rhode Island who later sat on the Supreme Court.

²²A writ of certiorari is a petition which brings the record before the highest court for review.

APPENDIX A

THE TOURO FUNDS

Abraham Touro died in 1822. By his will, he gave \$10,000 "to the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island for the purpose of supporting the Jewish synagogue in the state; in special trust to be appropriated to that object in such manner as said Legislature, together with the municipal authority of the Town of Newport, may from time to time direct and appoint". In 1902 the fund amounted to \$46,720.45 and by 1957 had increased to \$102,664.90.

In 1823, the Legislature of the State of Rhode Island, which was founded upon the doctrine of separation of church and state, accepted the terms of the trust and authorized the City Council of Newport to make all necessary repairs to the synagogue and "upon the walls enclosing the Jewish burying ground in Newport" with the proviso that nothing in the act "shall be construed to authorize said City Council or any other person whatever in any manner to interfere with or restrain the full and free exercise of the Jewish religion in said synagogue or to interrupt the possession, control and management with which the proprietors of said synagogue and premises, or any other person according to the rules and customs of the Jews, may be vested".

In 1914 under the leadership of Judge Max Levy and Nathan David, President of the Congregation Jeshuat Israel at the time, an act was passed (P. L. 1914, Chap. 1066) authorizing the General Treasurer "to expend the sum of \$5,000 out of the Abraham Touro Fund towards the purchase of a parcel of land in the City of Newport and the construction of a building and other improvements thereon to be used in connection with the Jewish synagogue in said city". The First World War intervened and although the land was purchased, there was no construction.

In 1921, an act was passed in the Legislature (P. L. 1921, Chap. 2078) which provided that title to the premises (community center) should be vested in five trustees consisting of the General Treasurer of the state, the Mayor of the City of Newport and three persons to be selected by the Congregation Jeshuat Israel, subject to the approval of the superior court, who shall have the power to mortgage the land and buildings.

In 1928 and in 1929 acts were passed (P. L. 1928, Chap. 1149 and P. L. 1929, Chap. 1410) providing for repairs to the synagogue, the Jewish burying ground *and so far as annual income is available, towards the maintenance of the community building.* (Italics ours)

THE JUDAH TOURO MINISTERIAL FUND

Judah Touro died in 1854 and by his will left \$10,000 for the purpose of paying the salary of a reader or minister to officiate in the Jewish synagogue of Newport, Rhode Island, and to endow the ministry of the same as well as to repair and embellish the Jewish cemetery in Newport. In 1879, the City of Newport was authorized to accept the terms of the trust. In 1902 the fund had increased to over \$40,000.

JEWISH FAMILY NAMES

NEWPORT — 1902

1900 TOTAL POPULATION: 22034

1902 NAMES IN DIRECTORY: 10234

Aaron A. H. Mrs. millinery 349 Thames house do.
Aaron Harry billiard room 275 Thames house 349 do.
Abrahams Jacob clothing 92 Thames house 53 Charles
Adler Morris junk house 1 Budge
Alman Louis & Co. photographers 220 Bellevue Av.
Arken Samuel cigarmaker 88 John boards 8 Bath Road
Aronovitz Arnold 415 Thames house do.
Aronso Jacob billiard room 82 Broadway house 26 Gould
Baker Jacob laborer house 10 Brynes Court
Bancowitz Elaez cigarmaker house 26 Bath Road
Barber Sigmund boarding house 6 Mill
Bee Hive (Hess & Co.) fancy goods 159 Thames
Bellman Jacob dry goods 492 Thames house 6 Holland
Bergman I. B. Newport One Price Clothing Co. 208 Thames boards
Newport Business Men's Association
Cohen Louis fruit peddler house 12 Farwell
Crown Clothing Co. 227 Thames
Dankowitz Elias cigarmaker 88 John house 26 Bath Road
Dannin Chone H. shoemaker 114 Broadway house 116 do.
Dannin John L. removed to Boston
Dannin Mollie widow of Moritz boards 116 Broadway
Dannin Moritz died May 30, 1902
Dannin Nathan shoemaker 7 Mill house 6 Barney
David Bertram at Training Station house Evarts cor. Prescott Hall Rd.
David Fischel provisions 33 Bath Road house do.
David Louise peddler boards 33 Bath Road
David Max junk peddler boards 29 Green
David Moses & Nathan provisions 103½ Thames house 15 Johnson
David Nathan (M. & N. David) provisions 103½ Thames house 15
Johnson Court
Edleman Herman house 25 Young
Elias E. S. Miss house 103 Lewis
Elias Jonas (Estate of) City Employment Bureau 103 and 105 Lewis

Elias Louise widow of Jonas house 103 Lewis
Elias M. L. C. hairdresser and worker 105 Lewis house 103 do.
Engel J. & Son (Stewart) bicycles and repairs 330 Thames also Carbonated Spring Water Co. 482 Broadway house do.
Engel Stewart (J. Engel & Son) 330 Thames bds. at New York
Frant David (Frant & Wilsker) bicycles 261 Thames house 17 Green
Frant & Wilsker (D. Frant, B. Wilsker) restaurant 271 Thames and lodging house 261 do. bicycles 261 Thames
Fried Herman cigarmaker 88 John house 30 Thames
Friedlander Jacob shoemaker 342 Thames board 345 do.
Greenberg David peddler house 11 Bacheller's Court
Herzman Esy junk peddler house 29 Green
Hess Henry clerk 159 Thames boards Perry House
Hess Louis (Hess & Co.) fancy goods 159 Thames house 40 Powel Av.
Hess & Co. (Louis Hess) dry and fancy goods 159 Thames
Hollander L. P. & Co. (Boston) ladies' furnishing goods 186 Bellevue
Horowitz Samuel junk 3 Johnson Court house 51 Spruce
Josephson Israel J. clothing 267 Thames house 21 Green
Kahn-Feinberg Co. tailors 140 Thames
Kalb Morris tailor 31 Washington sq. house do.
Kohn Bernard shoemaker 68 Budge house 77 do.
Kohn Lewis driver 103½ Thames boards 15 Johnson Court
Kravetz Myer shoemaker 81 Long Wharf h. 34 Marlborough
Kravetz Rebecca secondhand clothing, 34 Marlborough house do.
Kravitz Harry removed to New York City
Krawetz Morris tailor 116 Broadway house 67 Long Wharf
Levitch Aaron (Levitch & Polies) 158½ Thames bds. 45 do.
Levitch & Polies (Aaron Levitch, Harris Polies) ladies tailors 158½ Thames
Levy Isaac dry goods 76 Broadway house 92 Division
Levy Max court stenographer and lawyer 221 Thames bds. 92 Division
Nahas Elias peddler house 21 West Broadway
Riddell Hugo dry goods 414 Thames house 47 do.
Rosen Daniel clothing 354 Thames house do.
Rosen Eleonora clothing and furnishings 332 Thames h. 336 do.
Rosen Noah H. clerk 332 Thames boards 336 do.
Rosen Simon shooting gallery 11 Long Wharf house 12 Charles
Rubenstein Louis B. house 21 Mt. Vernon

Schaeffer Louis shoemaker house 1 Elm
Schreier Alfred clerk boards 143 Thames
Schreier Eugene millinery 143 Thames house do.
Schuster Isaac clerk 159 Thames boards 40 Powel Ave.
Schwartz Elias clerk 668 Thames boards do.
Schwartz Israel cigarmaker 88 John house 26 Bath road
Schwartz William cigarmaker 88 John house 45 William
Shwarz Max tailor boards 29 Green
Shwarz Sigmund junk house 29 Green
Silverman Harry peddler house 47 Spruce
Sincoff Rebecca milliner 57 Thames boards 47 do.
Solomon Albert clerk 87 Long Wharf house 15 Johnson Court
Vasseman Michael tailor boards 18 Farwell
Wasserman Max clerk 87 Long Wharf boards 29 Green
Weiner David foreman 88 John house 5 Halsey
Weiner Herman & Son (William Weiner) cigar manufs. 88 John re-
tail, 189 Thames h. Annandale Road near Dresser
Weiner William (H. Weiner & Son) 88 John retail 189 Thames house
25 Pelham
Weiss Alexander S. clerk 178 Thames boards 6 Mill
Weiss Martin cigarmaker 88 John boards 42 Franklin
Weiss Samuel cigarmaker 88 John boards 5 Halsey
Weiss Sigmund tobacco and cigars 178 Thames house do.
Weiss William & Co. photographers 10 Bath road house at New York
Wilsker Barney (Frant & Wilsker) bicycles 261 Thames also lunch
room 271 Thames house 34 Green
Zoorar [Zurrier] Abraham canvasser boards 47 Thames

THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED OF RHODE ISLAND THE EARLY YEARS

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From the time of Moses it has been traditional among Hebrew peoples to assume responsibility for the sick and poor. In Colonial America reluctance to give haven to strangers was often a result of fear lest they become public charges. In Boston and elsewhere in New England it was customary for "foreigners" to be ordered out of town ("warned out") unless they were able to furnish bond assuring against this eventuality.¹ As early as 1655 the irascible and bigotted Peter Stuyvesant hoped to dislodge the Jews from New Amsterdam, but was advised by the directors of the West India Company as follows: "These people may travel and trade to and in New Netherland and live and remain there, provided the poor among them shall not become a burden to the company or to the community, but be supported by their own nation."² The history of the Jews in this country during the next three hundred years proved the admonition to be superfluous. For generations it was a function of the synagogue through its *tsedaka*, or charitable fund, to care for the unfortunate. More recently Jewish beneficial societies and charitable organizations have largely taken over this work. The trend first began in Rhode Island about seventy-five years ago.³ Many such societies were formed during the ensuing years. So successful were they that in 1907 the Hon. James H. Higgins, then Governor of Rhode Island, was able to say: "The state of Rhode Island is justly interested in your work [i.e. of the Jewish charities], because work such as this in the care of the sick and needy lightens the burdens of the poor. I was first struck when Mayor of Pawtucket with the remarkable scarcity of Hebrew applicants for State and city aid. You are to be congratulated on the fact, for it shows the splendid care which you take of your own needy."⁴ On the same occasion Mayor Patrick J. McCarthy of Providence remarked that he too had noticed "the absence of the Jew in the poorhouses, in the police court and on the State farm."

The Jewish Community of Providence, originating largely in the decade after 1840, was comprised mostly of German speaking peoples who sought refuge from the restraints and restrictions of their homeland. Being for the most part young, and possessed of some capital, they sought opportunity rather than assistance. In 1880 with the pas-

sage of discriminatory laws in Russia, the picture changed. There followed a ground swell of immigration of East European Jews from Russia and neighboring areas. The conditions and outlook of these unfortunate people were totally different, and the response to their needs was immediate. It was in that year that the ladies of South Providence incorporated the now venerable Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Association [later Montefiore Lodge].⁵ By 1889 the problems of the North End were sufficiently pressing to inspire the organization of the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association by a small group of devoted women in that locality. It is with the latter group that our history is primarily concerned.

The Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association was formally incorporated on April 22, 1890 for the purpose of giving "aid and charity to the poor."⁶ The incorporators were Moses Finklestein, Herman Max, Myer Bromson, Bessie Finklestein, Eva Rosenfield, Rose Weisman, Bessie Davis, Augusta Cohen, Leah Jerskey, and Fannie Cohen. In those years it was common for Jewish women to feel unequal to the task of conducting meetings and managing organizational affairs without male assistance. As a consequence, ladies' societies frequently had a "gentleman president" as well as a "lady president", and also a male secretary. To add substance a male, not otherwise a party to its affairs, might be listed among the applicants for a charter. In consequence we find no less than three men among the incorporators of this purely feminine enterprise.

During the first twenty years of its existence, in common with similar organizations of the period, the society was concerned in a rather diffuse manner with the care of the sick, infirm and destitute. What the women lacked in worldly goods, they made up in devotion and compassion. Monthly dues were set at thirty cents, a not inconsiderable sum seventy years ago.⁷

About 1910 an incident occurred which gave new direction and purpose to the zealous little group. A visiting committee of the Association, on rounds at the State Almshouse at Howard, Rhode Island, made routine inquiry concerning a Jewish inmate there. To their dismay the ladies discovered that he had but recently died and that his body still lay in the morgue awaiting disposition. This violation of traditional Jewish practice, burial before sundown, was shocking to the committee. After hurriedly taking steps to correct the situation, they set about seeking means to prevent its recurrence. In due course they



HOME ON ORMS STREET, 1912-1932

became interested in the related problem of the living aged, a matter of more general concern.

Elderly orthodox Jews often found it quite impossible to adjust to strange surroundings. The language barrier and dietary restrictions were ever-present problems. There was great need for a haven where these weary folk could live out their declining years in a congenial and home-like environment.

Not long after the incident described, the ladies encountered two urgent cases requiring immediate disposition. Not yet having a facility of their own they applied for permission to place their charges in the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Boston, Massachusetts, being fully prepared to assume the full cost of their care. The plan was frustrated, however, by the rules of the neighboring institution which limited its activities to residents of Massachusetts.

Undefeated they then undertook an ambitious project, hitherto considered beyond their limited resources. They formed in 1911 a subsidiary organization for the purpose of opening a harbor of refuge under their own direction. A group of the more active participants gathered together a purse of \$165, at the same time collecting tables, rugs, furniture and other useful household articles. Possibly as early as December 1911 they rented an unpretentious cottage at 161 Orms Street,⁸ paying in advance out of their small capital twenty-eight dollars for one month's rent.⁹ It was not until March 27, 1912 that they obtained a formal charter, incorporating the new unit under the title of The Jewish Home for the Aged by the Ladies Union Aid Association, to "provide and maintain a home for the aged and infirm." The names listed on the charter were Annie Rabinovitz, Rose Siegel, Regina Shein, Sarah Weiss, Rachel Rosen, Betty Woolf, Jennie Max, Sarah Silverstein, Minnie Wolen, Lena Cohen, Ida Lippman and Rose Goldstein. The first president was Betty Woolf.

The first resident of the Home had also been an inmate of the State Almshouse, an elderly orthodox Jew who had been there fifteen months. He was most grateful to be rescued from his strange institutional surroundings and be embraced by a new warmth and understanding. Within a week he was joined by three companions.

Shortly thereafter, during a routine visitation at the State Infirmary, the committee was met eagerly by a nurse who brought them to see a "poor soul" who had been a great deal on her mind. "We can't understand her and she can't understand us", she said. Upon investiga-

tion they found an aged woman huddled on a cot in almost hopeless misery. She too was taken to the new Home, becoming the first female resident. Another interesting addition to the tiny community resulted when the Mayor of Pawtucket requested shelter for an oldster of seventy-five who had landed in the workhouse for six months for violating a minor license ordinance. He too was overjoyed at his new and happy surroundings.

In an encouragingly brief time the Association's membership grew to 287, dues in the meantime having been increased from thirty to forty cents a month, half of this amount going toward maintenance of the new Home. Within nine months of opening its doors the population of the infant institution had grown to nine.

It was soon apparent that somewhat larger and more permanent quarters would be essential. Negotiations were undertaken to purchase a more suitable location, with interest centering on a house a few doors away at 191 Orms Street, then the residence of Dr. Abraham P. Fishman. A small deposit was placed on the property. At the annual meeting in February 1912, with three hundred members present, an appeal was made for the funds necessary to acquire the property. About \$1500 was eventually raised and this sum was used as a down payment. A prior mortgage of \$4300 was assumed by the new owners upon the guarantee of Betty Woolf, Rachel Rosen and Bluma Lisker.¹⁰ Tradition has it that the new quarters were taken over as early as May 1912, but the evidence clearly indicates a later date. The deed was not transferred until February 26, 1914 and a gold key presented at the opening of the new quarters and still in the possession of the Home has an attached card giving the opening date as June 14, 1914. This conforms to contemporary directory listings.

Bennie Leavitt, the first caretaker, having assumed his duties in the rented Home, transferred his activities to the new building. In February 1915 he was replaced by a Mr. and Mrs. Trinkle at the munificent salary of twenty-five dollars a month. Later incumbents of this office were a Mr. and Mrs. Berman, a Mr. Seligman, a Mr. and Mrs. Mandell and a Mr. and Mrs. Wolfenstein. In 1919, in all likelihood as a result of post-war inflationary pressures, the monthly stipend was increased to fifty dollars. Although it has been stated that a practical nurse had been engaged soon after opening the Home there is no mention of one in the records before 1924. In that year a Mrs. Markowitz took over these duties, being replaced by a District Nurse on occasions

when she was obliged to be away. Visiting committees and an active House Committee of the Association were in frequent attendance at the Home. The raising of funds to support the enterprise was a continuing chore and was accompanied by the usual whists, tag-days, raffles, dances and balls. In 1916 an additional device for raising funds was suggested. A group had requested the use of the Home for services during the High Holidays. This was permitted on the basis that the proceeds be divided half and half between the cantor and the Home. The arrangement was apparently considered successful as it was repeated for several years.

In March of 1918 the finances of the Home were sufficiently healthy to permit a payment of \$1500 on the mortgage. Only one year later, on March 13, 1919, amid general rejoicing, it was possible to discharge the mortgage with a final payment of \$1500. Normal wear and tear on the building, however, took its toll. The need for repairs and alterations on the property eventually became evident, and estimates for this work were obtained. It was reported in January 1922, that the remodelling would cost between \$4000 and \$5000. It was decided to "let this work go for a while." There is no record that renovations of this magnitude were ever carried out.

Instead the women became interested in acquiring more property. The adjoining parcel of land east of 191 Orms Street, containing a small cottage, was available at a quoted price of \$5000. This was eventually purchased in June 1923 to be used as an annex. The deed was transferred on June 7, 1923. The tax stamp on the deed indicates a purchase price approximating that quoted. A new mortgage for \$4000 was taken out secured by this additional parcel. Both of these buildings, as well as that at 161 Orms Street, are still standing in a reputable state of preservation.

In March 1924 the Association received a letter from the recently formed Jacobi Medical Club generously offering to the Home the services of the Jewish doctors of the community. Although there had been frequent calls for physicians through the years, this offer marked the formal opening of a long and intimate association between the medical profession and the Home.

As early as 1923 it had become clear to the ladies that the acquisition of more modern and commodious quarters could not be delayed indefinitely. It was obvious that their limited resources would not permit them to embark unassisted on so ambitious a project. It was

to be another nine years, however, before their hopes were to be realized. In June of 1923 a prospective benefactor had suggested the possibility of a personal gift of \$50,000 for the construction of a new building. The offer was accepted with the proviso that management be retained under the auspices of the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association. Prospects were sufficiently encouraging to warrant the obtaining of advice from a Boston architectural firm. Negotiations dragged on, but eventually the project languished altogether. The women reluctantly concluded that a fund raising campaign would be necessary. The Boston architect was notified in December 1924 that the Association was not yet ready to proceed.

In March of 1924 it was announced that Edward C. Radding, a comparative newcomer to Providence, had agreed to be chairman of a forthcoming drive. At a meeting of the Association held on September 14, 1925, a letter was received from Bernard M. Goldowsky, apparently written in response to an inquiry, stating that a general conference would be held "the latter part of this month." On December 7, 1925, however, it was announced that Radding had withdrawn from the chairmanship, and that Samuel M. Magid had agreed to head a committee for the same purpose. A long series of delays then ensued. Almost a year later, on September 13, 1926, Magid promised to hold a general meeting "some time next month", but the dragging of feet continued. Eventually Judge J. Jerome Hahn was asked to accept the chairmanship. He respectfully declined, promising however to assist in any way he could.

In the meantime in June 1927 the Home was invited to join the newly organized Community Chest. After careful consideration it decided to retain its independent status, and has continued thus to the present writing.¹¹

When early in 1930 a bonafide fund-raising project was finally launched, Providence found itself in the grip of the Great Depression. Nevertheless, with firm courage, a building campaign was undertaken. A new organization, the Jewish Home for the Aged Building Corporation,¹² was granted a state charter on February 26, 1930. The incorporators were Helal Hassenfeld, Philip C. Joslin, Alfred Spear, Charles Brown, Charles Silverman, Arthur J. Levy, Henry Hassenfeld, Jennie Goldsmith, Rose G. Markensohn, G. Sandperil and Alter Boyman. Its purpose was: "To promote, develop, maintain and coordinate social welfare and charitable work having to do with the care and main-

tenance of the aged and with work now carried on by the Jewish Home for the Aged, Providence, R. I., and to raise through solicitation or otherwise, collect, receive, acquire, hold and in any manner dispose of money and real and personal property for such purposes." On the very next day, February 27, 1930, the incorporators met to perfect a temporary organization. Samuel M. Magid was elected President and Judge J. Jerome Hahn became Chairman of the Board of Directors. The building campaign was at long last a shining reality.¹³

In the meantime conditions in the quarters on Orms Street had reached a sorry state. The following description¹⁴ of the old buildings appearing in a current newspaper editorial is graphic: "Today the frame building on Orms Street is no longer suitable for a Jewish institution for the aged. It is overcrowded with no more than thirty-four inmates and there is no space for expansion . . . The plumbing should be better. The building should not be a fire hazard. It is on a street that is daily dusty and noisy with traffic. The lack of land . . . makes outdoor recreation impossible, and the lack of space on the inside makes the business of dining and lounging . . . cramped The building has no synagogue facilities, . . . no emergency hospital . . . not even a sun parlor or a convalescent porch. Without a question, all these things are necessary . . ." Rabbi Samuel M. Gup of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David was even more emphatic:¹⁵ "The present quarters are shamefully inadequate. They are unsanitary. They afford no protection against fire. They are crowded and uncomfortable. They are unfit from every standpoint from which we may view them."

A dinner attended by six hundred persons, held in the ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel on Sunday evening, May 18, 1930, marked the opening of a building campaign with a goal of \$150,000. Chairman of the evening was Charles Silverman, while Judge J. Jerome Hahn was Honorary Chairman and toastmaster. Samuel M. Magid was to head the campaign as general chairman.¹⁶ President Clarence A. Barbour of Brown University actively supported the project. On May 29th at a victory rally held in the ballroom of the Narragansett Hotel it was announced amid "pandemonium" that the goal had been reached. This was the largest sum that had ever been raised by the Jews of Providence for a community project.¹⁷

The building committee under the chairmanship of Samuel M. Magid was authorized to spend \$90,000 of the available funds for the

construction of a building and Krokyn, Broune and Rosenstein of Boston, Massachusetts, were engaged as architects. The remainder of the funds was reserved for furnishings and equipment. In the meantime a large plat of land aggregating 105,000 square feet on Hillside Avenue had been acquired, the deed having been recorded on June 18, 1930. The prospective neighbors objected rather strenuously to having in their midst a structure clearly institutional in nature. When they were assured that the plans called for a homelike edifice surrounded by pleasant lawns their fears were largely quieted. At the suggestion of Attorney Arthur J. Levy the plans were submitted to the Bureau of Social Research in New York City. Thirty-eight suggestions were offered by that organization for their improvement. The changes were incorporated in the final plans as adopted by the Corporation, and bids for the project were solicited. The lowest bid received exceeded the available funds by forty-six thousand dollars, the highest by almost eighty thousand dollars. In order to keep within the limit set, sights were lowered somewhat, and plans and specifications originally directed toward a three-story building ultimately were redrawn to provide for a two-story, fire-proof structure, with thirty-two rooms for residents. An acceptable bid of \$95,000 was now received and the necessary contracts were signed.¹⁸ Later, on February 17, 1932 a \$40,000 mortgage was taken out on the land and new building to provide initial operating funds.¹⁹

Ground breaking exercises were conducted on Sunday, December 31, 1930.²⁰ Construction proceeded apace and by June 14, 1931 it was possible to hold the dedication and cornerstone laying ceremonies.²¹ Governor Norman S. Case of Rhode Island and Mayor James E. Dunne of Providence were in attendance and addressed the gathering. On Sunday, July 10, 1932 the formal opening of the fine new building took place. On the new lawn before the impressive modern structure, suitably decorated with American and Jewish flags, a large audience of over one thousand spectators witnessed the ceremonies. Samuel M. Magid, who was the first President, accepted a gold key as a symbol of the official opening. His remarks were appropriate to the occasion: "This is not an institution, it is . . . a place of enjoyment, happiness, and hope. In this home we want to give the old people Kosher food, . . . a home environment and everything that would make them happy." Manuel P. Ostrow was then introduced as the first Superintendent.²²

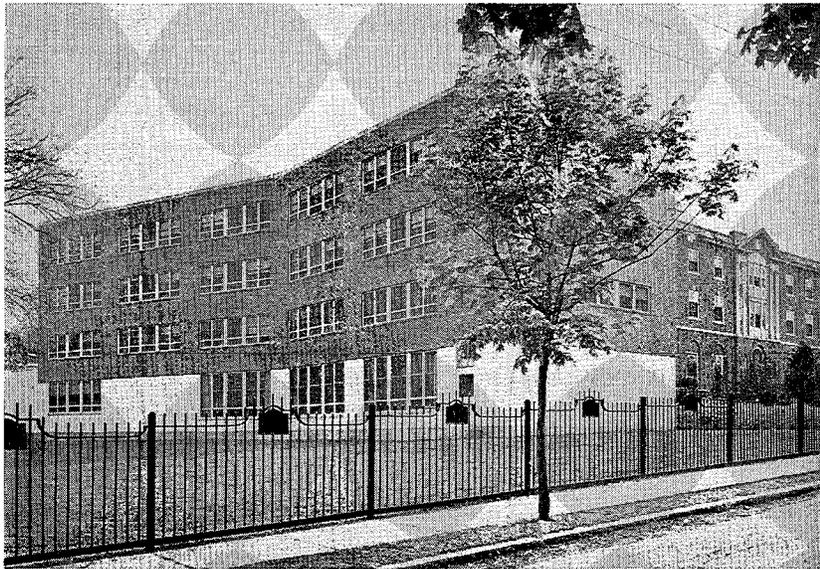
The occupants of the old building on Orms Street, then twenty-five in number, including fourteen women and eleven men, had already been transferred to the new quarters on July 5, 1932. On July 9, 1932 the name of the corporation had been changed from the Jewish Home for the Aged Building Corporation to the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island,²³ and by July 25th it was announced that four new applicants had already been admitted to residence. A bright new era in the care of aged Jews in Rhode Island had dawned.

Although the later history of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island forms a separate chapter, a few loose ends from the past need to be gathered together before concluding this story. At a meeting of the Board of Directors on May 31, 1932, President Samuel M. Magid offered to resign and reported that there had been rumors of dissatisfaction with his activities as President, centering about objections by the women over his taking charge. At a meeting of the women with thirty or forty present it had been maintained by a few that the new organization was merely a continuation of the old, and that the new Home should be controlled entirely by the women. It had voted overwhelmingly, nevertheless, in favor of a new organization as proposed by the men. A representative of the women expressed the view that what the women really wanted was recognition for all they had done for the Home since its inception. In accordance with the President's suggestion it was decided that a suitable tablet be placed, expressing appreciation for the contribution of the women. The President's resignation was not accepted. Shortly thereafter on July 22, 1932, the name of the ladies' organization (which had been The Jewish Home for the Aged by the Ladies Union Aid Association) was legally changed to the Ladies' Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged.²⁴ It should not be forgotten, however, that the parent organization, the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association, was still active.

At a later meeting in January 1933, Judge Hahn announced for the Memorial Committee that a memorial tablet for the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association would be placed in the small synagogue room. A representative of the Association stated, however, that they had decided to keep the old building on Orms Street for meeting purposes and would place the tablet there. The view was then expressed that the old building had been pledged to the new Home and should be devoted entirely to its purposes. Judge Hahn agreed to call a joint conference with the ladies to explore the matter further.



HOME AS IT APPEARED AT OPENING, JULY 10, 1932.



THE HOME AS IT IS TODAY SHOWING THE WING ADDED IN 1955.

At this meeting held on May 8th, Judge Hahn offered to the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association opportunity to hold meetings at their convenience at 99 Hillside Avenue, and in addition such office space as they might need, and a memorial tablet to be hung in the Home with space for additional names. The women, still unpersuaded, voted to retain their own building, remodel it and maintain it as their headquarters. It was argued that the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association, which held title to the property, had not pledged it to the Home and that no record of such a pledge appeared on the books of that organization. The women considered the Orms Street location a much more convenient meeting place for many of their members. They further felt it a matter of pride to preserve the Association which had existed for so many years and their headquarters where they had "always" met.²⁵

The ladies had their way. The Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association is still actively participating in local communal affairs and it met regularly in its hallowed precincts for the next twenty years. The adjoining annex was sold at auction at a mortgage sale on June 29, 1936. The original \$4000 mortgage was still in force, but interest payments had been defaulted.²⁶

It was not until 1953 that the property at 191 Orms Street was finally disposed of. A new generation of women was now managing the affairs of the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Association. Renewed negotiations took place between the Association and the Home, as a result of which the old house was deeded unencumbered to the younger organization on January 14, 1953.²⁷ A few months later it was disposed of, the proceeds going to the general funds of the Home. In return the Association was granted forever the right to hold its meetings in the new pavilion of the recently expanded building and all of its plaques and memorial tablets are appropriately displayed there. The new area has been named the Ladies Hebrew Union Aid Pavilion. Thus ends a history covering almost seventy years.

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APPENDIX

Presidents of The Jewish Home for the Aged by the Ladies Union Aid Association:

1912 Mrs. Isaac Woolf (Betty)	1922 Mrs. M. Lippman
1915 Mrs. Jacob A. Shein (Regina)	1923 Mrs. J. Shein
1916 Mrs. M. Lippman (Ida)	1924 Mrs. J. Shein
1917 Mrs. E. Rosen (Rachel)	1925 Mrs. J. Shein
1918 Mrs. E. Rosen	1926 Mrs. J. Shein
1919 Mrs. E. Rosen	1927 Mrs. J. Shein
1920 Mrs. E. Rosen	1928 Mrs. H. Shatkin (Bessie)
1921 Mrs. M. Lippman	

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⁸*Providence Directories.*

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¹¹Most of the material in the foregoing paragraphs has been extracted from the original minutes of The Jewish Home for the Aged by the Ladies Union Aid Association. The records available cover the period from Feb. 3, 1915 to Jan. 2, 1928.

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¹⁶*The Evening Bulletin*, Providence, R. I., May 17 and 19, 1930.

¹⁷*The Jewish Herald*, Providence, R. I., May 30, 1930.

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²⁷Deed in records of Jewish Home for the Aged.

JEWISH FAMILY NAMES

PROVIDENCE 1890

ADDENDA

(See Notes 2 No. 2 p. 127, April 1957)

Feinstein Alex h. 38 Shawmut
Feinstein Jacob pedler h. 35 Shawmut
Feinstein Moses died July 23, 1890
Feinstein Mattie wid of Moses h. 37 Shawmut
Feinstein Oliver pedler bds. 35 Shawmut

PROVIDENCE 1895 Population 145,472

Abbidon Benny pedler h. 28 Shawmut
Abisch Aaron pedler h. 255 Willard Av.
Abisch Jacob watchmaker 187 Mathewson h. 52 Robinson
Abraham Isaac pedler 18 Webster Court
Abraham Lewis pedler h. 194 Chalkstone Av.
Abrahams Banet secondhand clothing 419 South Main h. do.
Abramovitz Jacob pedler h. 32 Robinson
Abrams Jacob shoemaker 418 South Main h. do.
Abrams Joseph jeweler bds. 176 Point
Abrams Julian clerk 319 Westminster bds. 176 Point
Abrams Lewis jeweler h. 176 Point
Abrams Michael jeweler bds. 176 Point
Abrams Rosa widow of Abram h. 428 No. Main
Adelman Isaac pedler h. 219 Willard Av.
Adelman Isaac L. bookkeeper 102 Charles h. 382 No. Main
Adelman John (Rubel & Adelman) 107 Charles h. 393 No. Main
Adelman Louis grocer 369 No. Main h. 438 do.

h.—house
bds.—boards
r.—rear
Av.—Avenue

prop.—proprietor
manuf.—manufacturer
do.—ditto

- Adelman Rose Mrs. variety store 219 Willard Av. house do.
Adelman William dry goods 950 Branch Av. house rear do.
Adler Max pedler h. 20 Forest
Adler Pincus h. 20 Forest
Affner Abram shoemaker 30 Shawmut
Aptel Nathan pedler h. 218 Chalkstone Av.
Arenson Louis removed from the city
Aronovitz Adolph jobber h. 43 Robinson
Aronovitz Joseph (physician) removed to Boston, Mass.
Aronsen Julius shoemaker 315 Orms h. 313 do.
Bachman Abraham clothing 205 Atwells Av. h. 207 do.
Baker Jennie Mrs. house 334 North Main
Balatow Louis tailor h. 372 North Main
Barovitz Jacob clerk h. 396 No. Main
Bander Bessie S. Mrs. (Bander & Silverman) h. 327 Willard Av.
Bander David salesman 364 Westminster bds. 383 Pine
Bander Hyman h. 358 No. Main
Bander Isaac bookkeeper 29 Cranston h. 237 Willard Av.
Bander Joseph M. prop. Narragansett Clothing Co. 450 Westminster h. 48 Bowen
Bander Michael S. clothing 136 No. Main
Bander Moses clerk 136 No. Main house 25 South Court
Bander Samuel clerk 136 No. Main bds. 25 South Court
Bander & Silverman (B. S. Bander, Solomon Silverman) grocers 29 Cranston
Barash Moses billiard and pool room 137 Weybosset h. at Fall River
Bardofsky Moses pedler h. 80 Back
Barovitz Jacob clerk h. 396 No. Main
Bartfeld Joseph dyer h. 48 Kane
Bazar Jacob junk house 169 Chalkstone Av.
Bazar Simon junk house 169 Chalkstone Av.
Bayar Bazar Abraham junk dealer h. 41 Robinson
Bazalensky Harry laundryman h. 10 Olney
Bearman Harris pedler h. r. 16 Shawmut
Bearman Jacob grocer 95 Charles h. do.
Bearman Joseph cigars, etc. 96 Charles h. 87 do.
*Bender Simon tailor h. 98 Charles
Benjamin Samuel clerk 286 No. Main h. 321 do.
*Bellin Louis carpenter house 1 Lopez

- Bellin Louis H. Bellin's Photo Art Studio 103 and Royal Art Studio 231 Westminster house at Central Falls
- Bellin Morris photographer h. 140 Sheldon
- Bennett Isaac pedler h. 42 Kane
- Bergel Joseph clerk h. 42 Webster
- Bergel Marx pedler 47 Webster
- Bergel Morris dry goods 72 Charles h. 68 do.
- Berger Joseph removed from the city
- Berger Kopel grocer 64 Black h. 116 Chalkstone
- Berger Simon pedler h. 82 Back
- Bergman Albert pedler h. 32 Robinson
- Bergman John tailor h. 80 Summer
- Bergman John Mrs. dressmaker 80 Summer h. do.
- Bergman S. John tailor h. 2½ Fletcher Av.
- Berman Joseph meats 408 No. Main h. do.
- Berman Moses pedler h. 45 Mill
- Berman N. shoemaker h. 395 No. Main
- Bernhopf David (Leeder & Bernhopf) 86 Dorrance h. 138 Daboll
- Bernstein Jacob boots and shoes 919 Westminster h. do.
- Bernstein Samuel h. 919 Westminster
- Bernstern Denny pedler bds. rear 11 May
- Bernstern William pedler h. rear 11 May
- Beskin Max jeweler 63 Chalkstone Av.
- Billingkoff Joseph pedler h. r. 48 Webster
- Blaustein David Rev. Pastor of the Sons of Israel and David h. 20 Summer
- Blake Jacob pedler h. 5 Ambrose
- Blettie Carl pedler h. 52 Chalkstone Av.
- Blettie Lewis pedler h. 102 Chalkstone Av.
- Blettie Marks pedler h. 121 Chalkstone Av.
- Blezer Julius coal and wood house rear 224 Chalkstone Av.
- Bliss Simon grocer 41 Hawes h. 39 do.
- Block Harris pedler h. 25 Kane
- Block Jake silversmith h. 60 Hawes
- Block Julius cap maker h. 45 Mill
- Block Nathan upholsterer 36 No. Main h. do.
- Bloomberg Reuben laborer 303 Chalkstone Av.
- Bloome Max agent h. 45 Bates
- Blumenthal Annie h. 52 Hawes

Blumenthal Harris laborer h. 75 Ashburton
Blumenthal Leonard second hand clothing 310 Lockwood
Boas Herman tailor 1765 Westminster h. 4 Oak
Bomus Seimon Bomes Simon jeweler h. 19 Robinson
Bookbinder Schem h. 14 Milk
Bornside Harry B. boots and shoes 440, 556 and 749 Westminster
h. 36 Haskins
Bornside Ilse clerk h. 36 Haskins
Borod Samuel shoemaker 568 No. Main h. 29 Bates
Bosler Abram dressmaker h. 45 Mill
Bods Benjamin pedler h. 13 Kane
Boston Glass Store (The) John Rubin agent 422 No. Main
Brand Jacob hatter h. 4 Ambrose
Braverman Joseph lunch room 392 No. Main h. do.
Brayer William pedler bds. 205 Willard Av.
Brenner Maurice laborer h. 100 Charles
Brenner Max laborer h. rear 224 Chalkstone Av.
Briggs Jacob pedler h. rear 19 Shawmut
Bromson Bronson Meyer clerk 319 No. Main h. 444 do.
Bronstein Berhardt H. reg. pharmacist 340 No. Main rooms do.
Brooks George B. cotton and woolen remnants 222 No. Main also
Junk dealer 272 Chalkstone Av. h. 268 do (adv.)
Brown Abraham tinsmith h. 23 Hamilton Pl.
Brown Berman pedler h. 370 No. Main
Broyde Simon pedler h. 42 Kane
Buitekan Isaac Mrs. H. 298 Lockwood
Camensky Harry shoemaker 278 Thurbers Av. h. do.
Caplan Simon removed from the city
Carmen Max jeweler h. 249 Plain
Chanovitz Philip grocer 3 Bark h. do.
Chestner Saugel Tangel shoemaker 123 Plain h. 286 Prairie Av.
Cohen Aaron teacher h. 3 Back
Cohen Abram pedler h. 24 Shawmut
Cohen Abram pedler bds. 52 Webster
Cohen Abram pedler bds. 3 Bark
Cohen Abram tailor h. 9 Star
Cohen Abram shoemaker 12 Franklin Av.
Cohen Bernard removed to Russia
Cohen Bernard pedler h. 40 Quaid

Cohen Charles h. 12 Jenckes
 Cohen Gage shoemaker 96 No. Main and 269 Wickenden h. 47 Pratt
 Cohen Harris turkish baths rear 235 Chalkstone Av. h. do.
 Cohen Hyman manager (Original Pants) 80 Charles h. 121 do.
 Cohen Hyman pedler 68 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohen Hymen teamster h. 39 Hawes
 Cohen Ichal variety store 397 No. Main h. do.
 Cohen Jacob canvasser h. 77 Oakland St.
 Cohen Jacob longshoreman h. 441 So. Main
 Cohen pedler h. 224 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohen John carpenter h. 33 Ashburton St.
 Cohen Joseph bushellman 199 Westminster St. h. 98 Star
 Cohen Joseph pedler h. 32 Shawmut
 Cohen Joseph B. hardware, etc. 437 Westminster h. 200 Friendship
 Cohen Louis (Eckert & Cohen) 38 Friendship bds. 15 Bassett
 Cohen Louis shoemaker h. 32 Shawmut
 Cohen Martha Mrs. bds. 63 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohen Mrs. Mary clothing 457 So. Main h. 459 do.
 Cohen Max provisions 226 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohen Meyer grocer 204 Chalkstone Av. h. 459 do.
 Cohen Mollie millinery 210 Westminster Rm. 1 h. 200 Friendship
 Cohen Moses laborer bds. 397 No. Main
 Cohen Moses machinist bds. 121 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohen Reuben pedler h. 68 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohen Saeiel M. corks 2 North Court h. do.
 Cohen Sam operative bds. 22 Kane
 Cohen Samuel Metropolitan Clothing Co. 234 No. Main h. 3 Bark
 Cohen Sarah widow h. 200 Friendship St.
 Cohen Simon gents clothing 33 Mill h. 53 Randall
 Cohen Simon pedler h. 22 Kane
 Cohn David pedler h. 218 Chalkstone Av.
 Cohn Ephraim com'l traveler h. 151 Wendell
 Cohn Falea variety store 44 Webster h. do.
 Cohn Henry clerk 2 Mill bds. do.
 Cohn Isadore clerk 2 Mill bds. do.
 Cohn Jacob jeweler h. 163 Plain
 Cohn Joseph jeweler h. 21 Marlborough
 Cohn Louis removed to Boston Mass.
 Cohn Louis optician h. 151 Wendell

Cohn Marcus meats, etc. 2 Mill h. do.
Cohn Max tailor h. 147 Wendell
Cohn Samuel stonemason h. 181 Plain
Cohn Simon jeweler bds. 163 Plain
Cominsky Jacob pedler h. 5 Ambrose
Coniski Morris pedler h. 10 Ambrose
Coplan David Original Pants Co. 80 Charles h. 27 Kane
Coplan Morris Rev. removed from city
Coplan Rachel widow of Jacob removed from city
Coplan Ralph provisions 4 Ambrose h. do.
Crasnetsky Richard B. tailor h. 424 No. Main
Cutler Charles tinsmith house 4 Ambrose
Cutler Harry foreman William Loeb & Co. house rear 1030 West-
minster
Cutler Jake jeweler bds. 4 Ambrose
Cutler Samuel tinsmith h. 4 Ambrose
Dacefsky Jacob pedler h. 8 Evans
Dakovsky Louis laborer h. 374 No. Main
Dandais Abraham grocer 328 So. Main h. 370 do.
Dandais Jacob clerk 328 So. Main bds. 370 do.
Dauer Morris grocer 123 Chalkstone Av. b. 121 do.
Davidson Isaac h. 38 Shawmut
Davis David teamster h. 512 No. Main
Davis George printer h. 38 Shawmut
Davis George tailor 3 Bark
Davis Isaac picture frame mfr. h. 63 Chalkstone Av.
Davis Morris tailor bds. 3 Bark
Davison Harris canvasser h. 54 Webster
Davison Louis junk dealer h. 54 Webster
Davison Phinney agent 31 Snow bds. 54 Webster
Dimond Abraham dry goods 165 Charles h. 264 Point
Dimond Leopold ladies garments 299 Westminster h. 245 Friendship
Dimond Leopold & Co dry goods 281 Atwells Av. h. 245 Friendship
Dimond Maurice M. bds. 245 Friendship
Drankoff George jeweler h. 42 Hamilton Pl.
Duberstein Harry clothing h. 441 So. Main
Dubin Jacob operative house 24 Putnam
Duffield Samuel clerk house 43 Shawmut
Dukelsky John pedler house 48 Webster

- Dulberg Charles pedler h. 234 Willard Av.
 Dunn Barnet junk pedler h. 3 Pettis Av.
 Efros Morris variety store 91 Charles h. do.
 Eichenberg Julius precious stones 174 Weybosset room 402 h. 280
 Point
 Einstein Moses (foreman G. E. Luther & Co.) 101 Sabin h. 72
 Glenham
 Eisenberg Louis shoemaker 185 Richmond h. 151 Wendell
 Eisner Max toolmaker bds. 406 No. Main
 Elias Augustus clerk bds. 133 Bellevue Av.
 Elias Saul clerk bds. 133 Bellevue Av.
 Elias Simon h. 133 Bellevue Av.
 Ellman Maurice shoemaker 686 and 822 Westminster h. 364 North
 Main
 Elovitz William second-hand furniture 54 Charles h. do.
 Epstein Haskel clerk 6 Mill bds. 9 Star
 Epstein Jacob pedler h. rear 359 No. Main
 Epstein Reuben pedler h. rear 11 May
 Epstein Sadie Miss dressmaker 253 No. Main h. rear 359 do.
 Epstein Simon fruit etc. 64 Charles h. do.
 Fabb Morris tailor h. 359 No. Main
 Fain Barnet tinware 39 Mill h. 393 North Main
 Fain Barney tinsmith h. 116 Chalkstone Av.
 Fain Isaac painter h. 116 Chalkstone Av.
 Fain Isaac Mrs. house 116 Chalkstone Av.
 Fain Jacob tailor h. 116 Chalkstone Av.
 Fain Nathan pedler h. 97 Charles St.
 Fain Philip pedler h. 9 Tremont
 Fain Reuben pedler h. rear 82 Back
 Falcofsky Philip tinsmith h. 46 Webster
 Falkenberg Julius children's wear 244 Westminster room 3 h. 69
 Grove
 Falsky Harris pedler h. 39 Black
 Falsky Harris pedler h. 42 Webster
 Falsky Isaac pedler h. 42 Webster
 Feinberg Fanny widow of Morris house 169 Chalkstone Av.
 Fainberg Harris removed to Fall River, Mass.
 Feinberg Jacob shoemaker 163 Chalkstone Av. bds. 169 do.
 Feinberg Louis grocer 9 Shawmut h. do.

Feinberg Solomon grocer and tinware 379 No. Main h. 377 do.
Feiner Cap Co. (The) mfrs. of cloth hats and caps 93 North Main
Feiner Louis manager The Feiner Cap Co. 93 North Main h. 75

Stampers

Feinks Louis laborer house 97 Charles
Feinstein Isaac clerk h. 27 Shawmut
Feinstein Jacob leather 281 No. Main h. do.
Feitel Pina shoemaker h. 82 Chalkstone Av.
Feldman Herman pedler h. 305 No. Main
Feldman Max pedler h. 416 No. Main
Feldman Samuel h. 245 Blackstone
Fierstein Alexander laborer h. 487 No. Main
Fierstein Charles pedler h. 9 Star
Fierstein Henry pedler h. 401 No. Main
Fink Daniel W. lawyer 311 Butter Exchange bds. 111 Pond
Kink David C. and H. S. Jewelry etc. 272 Westminster h. 122 Tobey
Fink Harry S. (D. C. and H. S. Fink) 272 Westminster h. 39 Almy
Fink Johanna widow of Adolph h. 305 No. Main
Fink Lewis J. clerk 99 North Main h. 97 Charles
Finkel Morris clerk 1059 Westminster bds. 43 Crocker Av.
Finklestein Jacob h. 370 No. Main
Firestein Charles Metropolitan Clothing Co. 234 North Main h. 9
Star

Firsichbaum Meyer watchmaker h. 43 Hawes
Fishbach Aaron pedler h. 169 Chalkstone Av.
Fishman Clara Mrs. h. 57 Coddling
Fishman Jacob laundryman bds. 57 Coddling
Fox Esther H. Miss Sten. h. 431 Pine
Fox C. Joseph (Fox & Saunders) 12 Market Sq. bds. 431 Pine
Fox Samuel tailor 18 College h. 431 Pine
Frank David auctioneer 320 Westminster h. 222 Prairie Av.
Frank David trav. salesman h. 243 Willard Av.
Frank Joseph pedler h. 508 No. Main
Frank Louis trav. salesman h. 272 Point
Frank Moses grocer 362 North Main h. 364 do.
Frant David (Frant & Weil) 394 N. Main bds. 41 Hawes
Frant & Weil (David Frant, Solomon Weil) suspender mfrs. 394 No.

Main

Freidberg Albert pedler bds. 43 Hawes

Friedland Harry merchant tailor 362 Westminster (r. 7) b. *133
 Bellevue Av.
 Friedland Simon lampmaker h. 279 Willard Av.
 Friedman Abraham bds. 441 So. Main
 Friedman Harris tailor 288 So. Main h. 439 do.
 Friedman Harry pedler h. 173 Chalkstone
 Friedman Louis clerk 678 Westminster bds. 232 Friendship
 Friedman Max operative h. 15 Shawmut
 Friedman Mendel prop. City Loan Co. 678 Westminster h. 232
 Friendship
 Friend Rachel L. variety store 282 So. Main h. 55 Bridgham
 Frinkel Maurice pedler h. r. 82 Back
 Fund Shaia dry goods bds. 41 Robinson
 Gardiner Bernard clerk 57 Clifford bds. 270 Point
 Gardiner Mark variety store 201 Smith h. 14 Standish Av.
 Gardner Jacob tailor h. 417 No. Main
 Garfinkel I. painter 277 North Main
 Gerber Benjamin pedler bds. 401 No. Main
 Gerber Hyman pedler h. 401 No. Main
 Gershanick Benjamin L. tailor 284 No. Main h. 393 do.
 Gertsacov Max fruit pedler h. 93 Parade
 Gerstein Abraham mason h. 43 Kane
 Gildstein Benjamin variety store 104 Chalkstone Av. h. do.
 Ginsburg Aaron agent h. 52 Chalkstone Av.
 Ginsburg Abraham pedler h. 31 Bark
 Ginsburg Harris pedler bds. 31 Bark
 Ginsburg Harry jeweler h. 243 Willard Av.
 Ginsburg Hyman boots and shoes 256 No. Main h. 401 do.
 Ginsburg William tailor 123 Charles h. 75 Bark
 Glassman Max h. 424 No. Main
 Glazar Mose pedler h. rear 16 Shawmut
 Golamba Morris jeweler 227 Willard Av.
 Gold Max removed to New York, N. Y.
 Gold Philip pedler h. r. 284 Chalkstone Av.
 Goldberg Abraham pedler h. 173 Chalkstone Av.
 Goldberg Albert pedler bds. 32 Kane
 Goldberg Bernard grocer 15 Ambrose h. do.
 Goldberg Harris pedler r. 16 Shawmut
 Goldberg Harris teas, etc. h. 508 North Main

Goldberg Isaac pedler h. 26 North Davis b. 15 Ambrose
Goldberg Jacob pedler h. 46 Kane
Goldberg Jacob (Metropolitan Clothing Co.) 234 No. Main h. 9
Douglas Av. b. 15 Ambrose
Goldberg John M. Rev. supt. Hebrew Mission 450 No. Main h. do.
Goldberg Louis h. 32 Kane
Goldberg Maurice canvasser h. 20 Hamilton Place
Goldberg Max pedler h. 44 Wayne
Goldberg Max tailor bds. 442 No. Main
Goldberg Moses grocer 28 Shawmut h. r. 16 do.
Goldberg Simon pedler h. 96 Chalkstone Av.
Goldberg Simon pedler h. 173 Chalkstone Av.
Goldberg Simon shoemaker 430 So. Main. h. 34 Transit
Goldblat Ben laborer h. 5 Ambrose
Goldfort Louis hairdresser h. 43 Hawes
Goldinburg Samuel blacksmith bds. 33 Ashburton
Goldman Harry laborer h. 272 Chalkstone Av.
Goldman Harris pedler h. 28 No. Davis
Goldman Lena widow h. 272 Chalkstone Av.
Goldring Mandel pedler 52 Robinson
Goldshein Hymen pedler h. r. 31 Shawmut
Goldshein Benjamin jeweler bds. r. 31 Shawmut
Goldshein Morris pedler h. 59 Randall
Goldsmith Abram pedler h. 194 Chalkstone Av.
Goldsmith Harry tailor 163 No. Main h. 75 Ashburton
Goldsmith Herman (The Goldsmith Mfg. Co.) 32 Dexter h. do.
Goldsmith Hinda N. (The Goldsmith Mfg. Co.) 32 Dexter h. do.
Goldsmith Hyman shoemaker 8 Mill h. 71 Ashburton
Goldsmith Ida M. Mrs. bds. 269 So. Main
Goldsmith Sam clerk bds. 71 Ashburton
Goldsmith Samuel pedler h. 71 Ashburton
Goldsmith Simon pedler h. 39 Hawes
Goldstein Abraham rms. 4 Carpenter
Goldstein Abraham provisions 10 Evans h. r. 48 Webster
Goldstein Benjamin pedler h. r. 46 Webster
Goldstein Frank (Goldstein & Grossman) 273 Chalkstone Av. bds.
r. 48 Webster
Goldstein Jacob pedler h. 48 Webster
Goldstein Isaac shoemaker h. 43 Webster

Goldstein John pedler bds. 34 Shawmut
 Goldstein Leopold diamond setter h. 40 Sheldon
 Goldstein Marks woolen remnants h. 273 Chalkstone Av
 Goldstein Michael pedler h. 56 Webster
 Goldstein Perry bottle dealer h. 34 Shawmut
 Goldstein Philip shoemaker 184 Thurber's Av. and 89 Charles h. do.
 Goldstein S. tailor h. 364 No. Main
 Goldstein Simon jeweler h. 247 Plain
 Goldstein Simon pedler h. 43 Hawes
 Goldstein & Grossman (Frank Goldstein & George Grossman) wool-
 en remnants 273 Chalkstone Av.
 Gomberg Barnet canvasser h. 341 So. Main
 Gomberg Clara Miss student bds. 125 Thayer
 Gomberg Hyman pedler h. 341 South Main
 Gomberg Jacob shoemaker 150 Randall h. 395 North Main
 Gomberg Jacob shoemaker h. 41 Hamilton Pl.
 Gomberg Max B. physician 214 Benefit h. do.
 Gordon Samuel jeweler house 14 Milk
 Granowsky Abraham jeweler h. 249 Willard Av.
 Granowsky Louis jeweler h. 255 Willard Av.
 Granowsky Mary D. Mrs. dressmaker h. 255 Willard Av.
 Green Amos clerk bds. 262 Pine
 Green Harry L. Treas. Henry Green Clothing Co. 38 Dorrance h.
 75 Beacon Av.
 Green Louis L. jeweler h. 262 Pine
 Green Morris salesman 36 Dorrance
 Green William M. Pres. Henry Green Clothing Co. 38 Dorrance h.
 70 Calla
 Greene Amos M. clerk 182 Mathewson h. 262 Pine
 Greene Charles pedler h. 115 Chalkstone Av.
 Greene Isaac pedler h. 343 Canal
 Greene Woolfe shoemaker 676 Cranston h. at Arlington
 Greenfield George pedler h. 28 Robinson
 Greenstein Abraham clerk 92 Weybosset bds. 31 Kane
 Greenstein Nathan provisions 23 Shawmut h. 31 Kane
 Grinberg Joseph tailor bds. 350 North Main
 Grinberg Rachel Mrs. h. 350 North Main
 Grossman Frank (Goldstein & Grossman) 273 Chalkstone Av.
 Grossman Joseph laborer bds. 6 Burr's Lane

Grossman Louis clerk 246 North Main bds. Burr's Lane
Grossman Louis M. clerk 391 North Main h. 395 do.
Grossman Max grocer 391 North Main h. 14 Star
Grossman Morris shoemaker 19 Broad house 6 Burr's Lane
Grossman Oscar picture agent bds. 3 Bark
Grover Morris K. toolmaker h. 376 Prairie Av.
Grover Samuel K. (Grover & Gleason) manuf. jewelers 183 Eddy
h. 86 Glenham
Gunther Samuel J. Jr. furrier and tailor 489 North Main h. 343 Canal
Guny Mayer (N. E. Pants Co.) 297 Canal room 2 h. 1 Bark
Hahn Isaac manufacturer braids also treas. National Tubing Co.
43 Sabin h. 75 Cranston
Hahn J. Jerome (Hahn & Cushing) attorney 42 Westminster room
18 bds. 75 Cranston
Halpann Charles pedler h. 102 Chalkstone Av.
Halpren Louis cigarmaker bds. 40 Sheldon
Harris Nathan carpenter h. r. 284 Chalkstone Av.
Handler Charles pedler h. 416 North Main
Harrison Simon machinist h. 329 No. Main
Hartman Abram L. trav. salesman 100 Stewart bds. 383 Friendship
Hartman Alexander jeweler b. 26 Dartmouth Av.
Hartman Benjamin clerk bds. 383 Friendship
Hartman Bernard jeweler b. 26 Dartmouth Av.
Hartman George pedler h. 4 Ambrose
Hartman Henry jeweler bds. 383 Friendship
Hartman Leopold constable 20 Market Sq. room 56 h. 383 Friend-
ship
Hartman Louis jeweler bds. 26 Dartmouth Av.
Hartman Rose Miss bookkeeper 183 Eddy b. 26 Dartmouth Av.
Hartman Samuel clerk 89 Westminster bds. 383 Friendship
Hartman Solomon h. 26 Dartmouth Av.
Hayman Benjamin painter bds. 94 Charles
Hayman Samuel painter 94 Charles h. do.
Hayman Samuel, Jr. painter bds. 94 Charles
Helfond Joseph pedler h. 10 Ambrose
Heller Marcus jeweler house 140 Summer
Hellman Henry jeweler h. 184 Colfax
Hellman Michael C. & Co. hat manufs. 50 Exchange Place h. 429
Pine

- Hellman Robert & Co. tailors' trimmings 26 Custom House St. rms.
16 h. 124 Chapin Av.
- Hellman Marcus pedler h. 66 Bogman
- Henius Flora clerk 174 Weybosset rm. 216 bds. 128 Sutton
- Henius Henry clerk 174 Weybosset rm. 216 bds. 128 Sutton
- Henius Isador died October 31, 1895
- Henius Salina widow of Isador h. 128 Sutton
- Herschfield Benjamin pedler h. 287 Charles
- Herschfield Max h. 50 Nichols
- Herschoff Joseph dry goods h. 28 Comstock Av.
- Herscovitz Harry jeweler h. 251 Willard Av.
- Hessel Nathan (Hasel) milkman h. 13 Ambrose
- Hirsch Edward F. pedler h. 188 Chalkstone Av.
- Hochberg Jake pedler bds. 54 Hawes
- Hochberg Marcus laborer h. 54 Hawes
- Hoffman Emanuel mattress manuf. h. 52 Chalkstone Av.
- Hoffman Emanuel (Hoffman & Selengut) 84 Charles h. 32 Chalkstone Av.
- Hoffman Joseph pictures etc. 21 Mill h. 100 Charles
- Hoffman Max tailor bds. 417 North Main
- Hoffman & Selengut (E. Hoffman, A. Selengut) mattresses, etc. 84 Charles
- Holmes Julius L. clerk 217 Westminster bds. 25 Haskins
- Holmes Theresa widow of Bernard house 25 Haskins
- Horenstein Simon jeweler h. 205 Willard Av.
- Horovitz Abram painter h. 40 Quaid
- Horwitz Nathan jeweler h. 14 Milk
- Huller David tailor h. 276 South Main
- Hymanovitz Israel laborer h. 43 Hawes
- Hyman William laborer bds. r. 40 Stampers
- Isenberg Simon laborer h. 80 Back
- Jackson Philip clothing 119 So. Main h. 121 do.
- Jacob Abram jeweler h. 247 Plain
- Jacobs Abram Mrs. variety store 247 Plain h. do.
- Jacobs Benjamin trav. salesman 50 Exchange Place bds. 176 Friendship
- Jacobs Benjamin clerk 140 Charles b. 8 Mill
- Jacobs Daniel grocer 10 Mill h. do.
- Jacobs Hannah widow of Charles h. 176 Friendship

Jacobs Isaac clerk 165 Charles bds. 10 Mill
Jacobs Joseph shoemaker 134 Friendship rms. do.
Jacobs Louis eating house 385 No. Main h. do.
Jacobs Maurice shoemaker 659 Broadway h. 41 Delaine
Jacobs Max jeweler house rear 57 Coddling
Jacobson Samuel pedler h. 272 Chalkstone Av.
Jersky Joseph h. 9 Pratt
Jersky Levi pedler h. 3 Bark
Jersky Maurice J. bds. 444 No. Main
Jersky Moses clerk bds. 3 Bark
Jersky Simon wrappers h. 444 No. Main
Josephson Abraham H. jeweler bds. 48 Randall
Josephson Charles removed to Hartford, Conn.
Josephson Marcus pedler h. 43 Randall
Joskovitch Joseph tinsmith h. 388 No. Main
Jubrisky Michael laborer h. 7 Burn's Lane
Kahanovrsky David pedler h. 366 No. Main
Kalisch Bernard jeweler 466 No. Main
Kalminsky Barnet bds. 508 No. Main
Kamelhor Abraham N. pedler b. 57 Bernon
Kamelhor Louis grocer 59 Bernon h. 57 do.
Kaminsky Moses tailor h. 410 No. Main
Kanar Harris pedler h. 60 Chalkstone Av.
Kapelovitch Louis pedler h. 52 Hawes
Kaplan Joseph shoemaker 43 Randall h. 11 May
Karzer Sigmond hairdresser 52 Chalkstone Av. h. 19 Shawmut
Katz Hyman cigar and cigarette mfr. 303 No. Main h. 305 do.
Katz Hyman pedler h. 75 Back
Kaufman Edward pedler h. 205 Willard Av.
Kaufman Jacob pedler bds. 205 Willard Av.
Kelman Philip blacksmith 156 Chalkstone Av. h. 83 Ashburton
Kessler Barney tailor bds. 23 Diamond
Kessler Louis tailor 8 South Main h. 23 Diamond
Kessler Samuel provisions 399 North Main h. do.
Kessler Simon tailor bds. 279 Pine
Kessler William tailor bds. 23 Diamond
Kiplin Marks shoemaker 477 Eddy h. 218 Chalkstone Av.
Klaff Harris tailor h. 60 Chalkstone Av.
Klaff Jacobs S. shoemaker bds. 60 Chalkstone Av.

Klein Louis baker bds. 400 North Main
 Klein Simon old iron and metals 36 and 38 Kane h. do.
 Klemer Barnet tailor bds. 43 Kane
 Klemer Adolph (Klemer Bros. & Co.) 93 No. Main bds. 14 Olney
 Klemer Bros. & Co. (Isaac and Adolph Klemer, Barney Segal) trunk
 manufs. 91 to 93 North Main
 Klemer Isaac (Klemer Bros. & Co.) 93 North Main h. 75 Stampers
 Klemer Joseph h. 43 Kane
 Klintzenter Solomon shoemaker house 42 Hamilton Pl.
 Knasin Adam shoemaker 257 Charles house 43 Hawes
 Koplin Mike operative h. 282 Chalkstone Av.
 Koreb Louis tailor 248 No. Main h. do.
 Kozlow Abraham watchmaker 286 No. Main h. 90 Charles
 Kramer Reuben clerk 319 North Main bds. 280 Chalkstone Av.
 Kremer Hyman pedler h. 280 Chalkstone Av.
 Kremer Reuben grocer 280 Chalkstone Av. h. do.
 Krohne Hannah widow of Samuel J. bds. 232 Friendship
 Krohne Henry tailor 34 N. Main h. 232 Friendship (The University
 Tailor)
 Krohne Herman tailor 1782 Westminster h. 32 Oak
 Krohne Solomon h. 278 Pine
 Kroll Charles clerk 243 Westminster bd. 27 South Court
 Kroll John janitor h. 27 South Court
 Kroll Joseph pictures, etc. 356 No. Main h. 364 do.
 Kronson Louis brush maker h. 54 Hawes
 Ktznelson William provisions 348 North Main h. do.
 Kwait Jacob pool room 9 Smith h. 218 Chalkstone Av.
 Kwelberg [Kroelberg] Jacob laborer b. 243 Willard Av.
 Lacopky Jacob carpenter h. 305 No. Main
 Ladisensky Hyman pedler h. 43 Hawes
 Lasky Charles pedler h. 406 No. Main
 Lasorovich Sam pedler b. 194 Chalkstone Av.
 Latt Isaac pedler bds. 102 Chalkstone Av.
 Latt Max pedler h. 102 Chalkstone Av.
 Lauer Leo physician and surgeon 403 Pine h. do.
 Lauer Rudolph painter bds. 403 Pine
 Lavin Aaron peddler h. 377 No. Main
 Law Samian pedler h. 80 Back
 Lederer Adolf trav. salesman 100 Stewart bds. 9 Bridgham

Lederer Benedict B. (S. & B. Lederer) 100 Stewart h. 9 Bridgham
Lederer Elias jeweler h. 32 Haskins
Lederer Henry manuf. jeweler 227 Eddy h. 37 Providence
Lederer (Sigmund & S. & B. Lederer) 100 Stewart also Prov. Stock
Co. h. 310 Elmwood Av.
Leera Hyman printer h. 251 Willard Av.
Leighter Philip pedler h. rear 442 No. Main
Leighter Simon pedler bds. rear 442 No. Main
Leipsitz Isaac grocer 26 Ashburton h. do.
Leon Abraham laborer house 288 N. Main
Levi David jeweler h. rear 284 Chalkstone Av.
Levi Harry clothing 20 South Main h. 183 do.
Levi Simon baker h. 272 Chalkstone Av.
Levin Ben (Simon Levin & Sons) 208 Chalkstone Av. h. 176 do.
Levin Harry shoemaker 711 North Main bds. 53 Jenkins
Levin Joseph jeweler h. 227 Willard Av.
Levin Julius (Simon Levin & Sons) 208 Chalkstone Av. h. 74 do.
Levin Max pedler h. 15 Lopez
Levin Max shoemaker 1884 Westminster h. 41 Delaine
Levin Reuben laborer
Levin Robert cap maker
Levin Samuel shoemaker
Levinson Julia Mrs. bds. 75 Stampers
Levinson Nathan cigarmaker 18 Cranston h. 63 Coddling
Levinson William cigarmaker h. 74 Lester
Levy Felix bookkeeper 171 Wickenden b. 32 Oak
Levy Harris h. 512 North Main
Levy Israel dyer h. 90 Charles
Levy Joseph clerk bds. 512 North Main
Levy Louis moulder bds. 512 North Main
Levy Max removed to Newport, agent American Writing Machine
Co. 61 Westminster rm. 39
Levy Rachel widow h. 32 Oak
Levy Samuel jeweler bds. 512 North Main
Lewanda Feba Mrs. doctress h. 61 Chalkstone Av.
Lewanda Samuel physician 61 Chalkstone Av. h. do.
Lewisson Louis office 612 Westminster
Libberman Nathan pedler h. 18 Webster Ct.
Lickour Abram pedler h. 48 Webster

- Lindner George J. grocer 78 Charles h. do.
 Lindner Louis (Metropolitan Clothing Co.) 234 North Main h. rear
 442 do.
 Lipmon Max junk dealer h. 18 Webster Ct.
 Lipschitz Lazarus Rabbi Congregation Sons of Zion and provisions
 35 Mill h. 80 Back
 Lipschitz Nathan teacher h. 68 Charles
 Lipschitz Wolf W. clerk bds. r. 80 Back
 Lipstritz Moses laborer h. 546 No. Main
 Lismer Samuel junk dealer h. 27 Kane
 List Luber cigars, etc. 280 No. Main h. 126 Transit
 List Walter H. clerk bds. 126 Transit
 Litchman Aulter pedler h. 444 No. Main
 Litchman Morris variety store 251 Plain h. do.
 Loeb William & Co. manuf. jewelers 101 Sabin h. 182 Bridgham
 Loewenstein Joseph importer 256 Westminster h. 53 Vernon
 Lubar Samuel hairdresser 351 No. Main h. 353 do.
 Luboskey Lizzie Mrs. confectionery 42 So. Main h. 423 do.
 Luksinansky Jacob salesman h. 363 No. Main
 Lyon Harry umbrella manuf. 419 No. Main h. do.
 Lyons Louis h. 80 Vinton
 Mandel Michael pedler h. 37 Shawmut
 Mandelstam Max watchmaker b. 406 No. Main
 Mann Joseph M. (Mann & Eccles—pianoforte dealers) 122 Mathew-
 son h. 84 Courtland
 Mann Louisa A. Miss h. 403 Pine
 Mann Rebecca widow h. 310 Willard Av.
 Mann Mary Miss tailoress h. 403 Pine
 Mantell Max pedler bds. 11 Comstock Place
 Marcus Leon M. knitter h. 52 Hawes
 Marcus Peter jeweler h. 367 North Main
 Margolis Abraham pedler h. 388 No. Main
 Margolis Max pedler h. 116 Chalkstone Av.
 Margolis R. pedler h. 17 Kane
 Margolius Max bookkeeper bds. 272 Point
 Margulies Simon pedler h. 205 Willard Av.
 Mark Louis jeweler h. 18 Robinson
 Markoff Aaron physician 786 Potter Av. h. do.
 Marks Abraham pedler h. 46 Kane

- Marks Adolph & Co. prop. Prov. Lining Co. 408 Westminster h. 22
West Clifford
- Marks Bertha Mrs. clothing 157 and 371 South Main h. 367 do.
- Marks Isaac tailor h. 367 So. Main
- Marks Israel operative h. 11 Shawmut
- Marks Jacob jeweler h. 21 Miner
- Marks Samuel clothing, etc. 103 So. Main h. 255 do.
- Marshak Jacob clothing 150 So. Main h. 153 do.
- Mason Samuel bookkeeper 254 No. Main bds. 82 Back
- Massel Leopold jeweler house 14 Milk
- Max Esther Mrs. house 125 Thayer
- Max Herman pedler h. 53 Randall
- Max Jennie Mrs. dressmaker 53 Randall bds. do.
- Mayer Albert H. trav. salesman 45 S. Main rooms 198 Broad
- Mechalovitz Isaac clothing 393 South Main h. 432 do.
- Mellion Bros. (Morris, Ellis) shoemakers 5 Canal
- Mellion Ellis (Mellion Bros.) 5 Canal h. 281 North Main
- Mellion Morris (Mellion Bros.) 5 Canal bds. 281 North Main
- Mendelovitz Dora Mrs. grocer 359 North Main h. 329 do.
- Mendelovitz Isaac pedler house 329 North Main
- Mendelovitz Michael bds. 329 North Main
- Messel (Massel) Simon jeweler 91 Robinson
- Meyers David plumber 60 Charles h. 14 Star
- Meyers Philip W. hairdresser 70 Charles h. do.
- Milkman Baron auctioneer and com. mer. 127 Eddy h. 276 Dudley
- Milkman Bernard bds. 276 Dudley
- Millman John shoemaker h. 388 No. Main
- Millman Joseph shoemaker 1688 Westminster h. do.
- Millman Max shoemaker 342 Cranston h. 388 No. Main
- Misch Adella V. Miss bookkeeper 263 Weybosset bds. 365 Fountain
- Misch Caesar clothing 545 and 547 Westminster h. 11 Portland
- Mistopky Barnet blacksmith h. 18 Kane
- Mistowsky Himan pedler b. r. 33 Ashburton
- Mistowsky Jacob pedler h. 570 No. Main
- Moll Rachel widow of Simon b. 343 Canal
- Moral Julius treas. Union Nickel Plating Work 176 West Exchange
h. 78 Vernon
- Moskovitz Joseph shoemaker 86 Cranston h. do.
- Movogrodsky Joseph clothing 199 South Main h. 181 do.

Muisnick Charles pedler h. r. 16 Shawmut
 Muisnick Simon pedler h. 15 Shawmut
 Musnick Joseph jeweler h. 31 Ashburton
 Nachbar Harris tailor h. 366 No. Main
 Nathanson Isaac coppersmith h. 87 Transit
 Nathanson Max clothing 199 Westminster h. 75 Cranston
 Nelson John clocks etc. 286 North Main h. 1 Bark
 Neusbann Abraham jeweler h. 329 N. Main
 New England Loan Co. M. Sundelovitz 141 Charles
 Newfeld Marks agent h. 33 Shawmut
 Newman Charles jeweler h. 39 Robinson
 Newman Marcus pedler h. 424 No. Main
 Newman Paul tea and coffee pedler h. 279 Willard Av.
 Newman Simon electric wireworker bds. 279 Willard Av.
 Novitch Aaron pedler h. 30 Hamilton Pl.
 Nuddleman Morris laborer h. r. 31 Shawmut
 Olanskey Jules shoemaker 50 Wickenden
 Olch Jacob trav. salesman 15 Hamburg Av.
 Olch Max pedler h. 48 Robinson
 Ooaseck Benjamin dry goods 16 Shawmut h. do.
 Original Pants Co. (D. Coplan H. Cohen) manufacturing pants 80
 Charles
 Orleck Abraham pedler h. r. 31 Shawmut
 Orleck Joseph h. rear 31 Shawmut
 Orleck Max pedler bds. rear 31 Shawmut
 Packer, Wolf pedler h. 33 Shawmut
 Pavlovski Apolinary & Co. ladies tailors 365-367 Weybosset house do.
 Pearlman (Perlman) Hattie Miss seamstress bds. 53 Randall
 Pearlman Charles clerk 743 Westminster rms. 207 North Main
 Peel Max shoemaker 136 Wickenden h. 369 North Main
 Pelstein Jacob pedler h. 26 North Davis
 Pepper George W. pedler h. 227 Willard Av.
 Perlow David pedler bds. 303 Chalkstone Av.
 Perlow Max h. 20 Forest
 Perlow Morris h. 303 Chalkstone Av.
 Perylman David boots and shoes 201 North Main h. do.
 Perylman Max clothing 117 So. Main rms. do.
 Petow Lazarus millinery 66 Charles h. 68 do.
 Phillips Henry tailor 768 Westminster h. 770 do.

Piltein Archie pedler h. 224 Chalkstone Av.
Pincus A. & Co. (Newman Pincus) ladies' and gents' furnishings 737
Westminster
Pincus Newman (A. Pincus & Co.) 737 Westminster h. 19 Bridgham
Pocker Myer pedler h. 41 Robinson
Podrate Henry clothing 6 Mill h. 9 Star
Podrate Joseph pedler h. 350 No. Main
Pollock Theodore crayon artist h. 424 No. Main
Pollock William h. rear 224 Chalkstone Av.
Polonsky Simon overalls manufactory h. 33 Olney
Potoshinsky Barney clerk 102 Charles bds. 100 do.
Potoshinsky Charles clothing 102 Charles bds. 100 do.
Potoshinsky Joseph pedler h. 51 Maid
Potoshinsky Lipman pedler h. 487 No. Main
Potoshinsky Louis 2d. clerk 102 Charles bds. 100 do.
Potoshinsky Meyer manager 102 Charles h. do.
Potoshinsky Rebecca widow of Raphael b. 100 Charles
Prastor Simon tailor house 350 No. Main
Priest Bonetz junk house 435 North Main
Priest Bros. (Samuel, Michael) junk dealers 353 Canal
Priest Harry laborer bds. 38 Kane
Priest Michael (Priest Bros.) 353 Canal b. 435 North Main
Priest Samuel (Priest Bros.) 353 Canal b. 435 North Main
Prugansky Essop pedler h. 121 Chalkstone Av.
Pulver Bernard bds. 372 North Main
Rabinowitz Nathan shoemaker 565 Branch Av. and 21 Harold h.
60 Chalkstone Av.
Rabinowitz Nathan L. Rev. rabbi h. 396 No. Main
Rafflouch (Rafflovich) Abraham constable h. 42 Hamilton
Raflovitch Raphael peddler h. 16 Wheaton
Reffkin Aaron pedler h. 281 Willard Av.
Reiness Marcus watchmaker 209 North Main house 45 Bates
Reiseroff Abraham ins. agt. house 64 Jenkins
Resnick Herman removed to Fall River
Reubin Herman agent house 10 Bates
Rich Samuel laborer house 60 Hawes
Richards C. grocer 370 North Main
Richards Morris C. jeweler bds. 388 North Main
Richardson Abraham pedler 205 Willard Av.

- Robinson Frank clerk 263 Westminster (Shepard's) h. 177 Prairie
 Robinson Jacob A. salesman 102 Charles house 100 do.
 Robinson Joseph pedler house 100 Charles
 Robinson Joseph pedler house 94 Charles
 Robinson Moses bookkeeper 263 Westminster (Shepard's) bds. 386
 Pine
 Robinson Samuel jeweler bds. 94 Charles
 Rodenberg Albert S. machinist 429 Pine
 Rodenberg George L. stonemason bds. 429 Pine
 Rodenberg Gustav L. traveling salesman house 429 Pine
 Rodenberg Milton S. traveling bds. 429 Pine
 Rodinsky Joseph pedler house 13 Ambrose
 Rodinsky Louis clothing 99 and 105 Charles house 98 do.
 Rodinsky Richmond clerk 99 Charles b. 98 do.
 Rose Aaron pedler h. 51 Quaid
 Rose Gerein pedler bds. 51 Quaid
 Rose Isaac clothing etc. 265 No. Main h. 12 Jenckes
 Rose James (Special Clothing Mfg. Co.) 297 Canal rm. 18 h. 438
 N. Main
 Rose Philip laborer bds. 58 Randall
 Rosen Benjamin jeweler h. 231 Willard Av.
 Rosen Bernhard pedler house 26 No. Davis
 Rosen Ephraim pedler h. 286 Charles
 Rosen Lizzie widow of John h. 235 Willard Av.
 Rosen Nathan pedler house 24 Hamilton Pl.
 Rosen Rossia Mrs. variety store 66 Bogman house do.
 Rosen Sigmund jeweler h. 66 Bogman
 Rosenberg David laborer h. 37 Shawmut
 Rosenberg George umbrella repairer 1184 Westminster h. 35 Bog-
 man
 Rosenberg Herman house 7 Hospital
 Rosenberg Jacob operative bds. 54 Webster
 Rosenberg Louis salesman bds. 7 Hospital
 Rosenberg Louis tailor house 34 Shawmut
 Rosenblatt Henry attorney also glass and picture frames 71 and 73
 Union, h. 4 Wheaton
 Rosenblatt Rosa Miss bookkeeper 71 Union bds. 4 Wheaton
 Rosenblatt Samuel clerk 71 Union h. 39 Hawes
 Rosendale Morris millinery 204 Westminster h. 431 Pine

Rosendale Samuel salesman 204 Westminster bds. 431 Pine
Rosendale William clerk 204 Westminster bds. 431 Pine
Rosenfeld, Adolph pedler h. 205 Willard Av.
Rosenfeld Anna Mrs. costumer 410 Weybosset house do.
Rosenfeld Jacob provisions 14 Shawmut h. 12 do.
Rosenfeld J. Jacob editor "Journal" bds. 410 Weybosset
Rosenfeld Moses shoemaker h. 90 Chalkstone Av.
Rosenfeld Abraham variety store 235 Chalkstone Av. h. 233 do.
Rosenfeld Albert paperhanger house rear 224 Chalkstone Av.
Rosenfeld Frank S. laborer b. 233 Chalkstone Av.
Rosenfeld Thomas grocer 207 Chalkstone Av. house do.
Rosentuee Harris pedler h. 43 Kane
Rosenswitz Louis pedler h. 293 Chalkstone Av.
Roshen Simon shoemaker 76 Chalkstone Av. h. 121 do.
Rotky Nathan turner house 353 North Main
Rotky Szubrick Mrs. dressmaker 353 North Main h. do.
Rouslin Nathan grocer 271 So. Main h. do.
Rubel Joseph (Rubel & Adelman) 107 Charles bds. 393 North Main
Rubel & Adelman (Joseph Rubel, John Adelman) cloaks, etc. 107
Charles
Rubin Jacob pedler h. 42 Kane
Rubin John agent Boston Glass Store 422 North Main house 424 do.
Rubin Morris picture frame manufr. 221 N. Main house rear 33
Olney
Rubin Simon pedler house 28 North Davis
Runi Simon laborer house 42 Webster
Sackowitz Louis tailor house 4 Ambrose
Sacofsky Israel (Special Clothing Mfg. Co.) 297 Canal room 18 h. 367
No. Main
Salatist Abraham Rev. Rabbi Sons of Zion Cong. Church house 33
Shawmut
Salatist Ethel Mrs. house 33 Shawmut
Salx Abraham pedler house 15 Shawmut
Samuels Benjamin operative b. 57 Sheldon
Samuels Isaac clothing 321 South Main house 57 Sheldon
Samuels Eisher clerk 23 Westminster b. 57 Sheldon
Samuels Jacob clerk house 424 South Main
Samuels Jacob jeweler bds. 429 Pine
Samuels Lewis bartender bds. 163 Plain

Samuels Samuel oriental goods 47 Washington room 43
 *Sapovitz Abraham S. salesman 150 Charles house 361 North Main
 Sapovitz Bernard removed to New York, N. Y.
 Sapovitz Simon prop. Prov. Clothing Co. 150 Charles h. 361 North
 Main
 Sausner Hyman clerk bds. 441 South Main
 Sax Abraham boots and shoes 332 North Main h. 366 do.
 Schachter Max umbrella manufacturer 90 Chalkstone Av. house do.
 Schechter Herman baker house r. 51 Black
 Schechter Samuel baker house 51 Black
 Schendel George horse dealer house 273 Chalkstone Av.
 Schendel Louis peddler bds. 273 Chalkstone Av.
 Schendel Maple Machinist bds. 273 Chalkstone Av.
 Schendel Michael compositor "The News" bds. 273 Chalkstone Av.
 Schloss Herman trav. salesman 204 Westminster
 Schmidt Solomon provisions 29 Shawmut h. 27 do.
 Schmilovitz Harry at wire works house 46 Robinson
 Schnabel Bros. (Charles and Samuel) clothing 29 South Main
 Schnabel Charles (Schnabel Bros.) 29 So. Main h. 1 Bark
 Schnabel Samuel (Schnabel Bros.) 29 So. Main h. 1 Bark
 Schnittkind Charles E. manufact. ladies' wrappers 331 North Main
 Schoenberg Jennette widow dry goods 27 Mill h. 100 Charles
 Schoenberg Louis salesman 27 Mill b. 100 Charles
 Schor Max jeweler h. 28 Robinson
 Schor Max ladies cloaks 255 N. Main h. do.
 Schreiber Abram H. & Co. (Herman Schreiber) manuf. jeweler 25
 Calendar bds. 357 Pine
 Schreiber Estelle Miss bookkeeper 25 Calendar bds. 357 Pine
 Schreiber Herman (A. H. Schreiber & Co.) 25 Calendar h. 357 Pine
 Schreiber William tailor h. 5 Providence
 Schwartz Philip pedler bds. 26 Robinson
 Schwarz Abraham baker 400 N. Main h. do.
 Schwarz Clara Mrs. dry goods etc. 769 Westminster h. at Bayside
 Schwarz Max J. engraver h. 492 Pine
 Schwerh Faywick pedler h. 60 Chalkstone Av.
 Sedirsky Joseph pedler h. 372 North Main
 Sedirsky Louis clerk bds. 372 North Main

*This name is spelled "Sapperovitch in the Blue Book (house directory).

- Seegal Carl (Seegal & Ellman) 686 Westminster bds. 364 North Main
Seegal & Ellman (Carl Seegal, Maurice Ellman) boots and shoes 686
Westminster
- Segal Harris teacher house 52 Hawes
Segalman Dora Miss bds. 19 Shawmut
Segalman Nellie Mrs. variety store 19 Shawmut house do.
Selengut Rudolph (Hoffman & Selengut) 84 Charles
Seligman Nathan J. dry goods 33 Eddy rm. 21 bds. 464 Westminster
Selzer Abraham jeweler b. r. 285 N. Main
Selzer Leon silversmith h. 29 Hamburg Av.
Selzer Samuel jeweler h. rear 285 N. Main
Selzer Wolff house rear 285 North Main
Semonoff Wolf tailor 186 Richmond h. 274 Prairie Av.
Sergy Samuel clerk 281 North Main
Shandler Joseph h. 8 Katherine
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Shapiro Jacob paper hanger bds. 334 N. Main
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Page 153, line 27: The year "1797" should read "1897".

Page 155, fifth paragraph, line 3: Delete the sentence, "Dr. Moses Bloomfield served as a surgeon with the Revolutionary armies." Dr. Moses Bloomfield was not a Jew. The erroneous information came from "The American Jew as Patriot and Citizen" (published 1895, reference 25, page 45). According to the American Dictionary of Biography, Moses Bloomfield, a native of New Jersey, was a descendant of one Thomas Bloomfield, major in Cromwell's army.

Page 159, line 4: Insert a comma after "he" and add the words "son of Wolff and Esther M. Gomberg,".

Page 159, line 19: Change "Genther" to "Genter".

Page 183, Appendix A: After "Samuel Morein 1925," add "Meyer Saklad 1925."

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