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## **5 Lee Street**

Built by

Minnie and Amherst Durkee

Music Store Proprietors

c. 1925

Occupied by Willard Brown Porter, 1926-1940

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The Bowditch House

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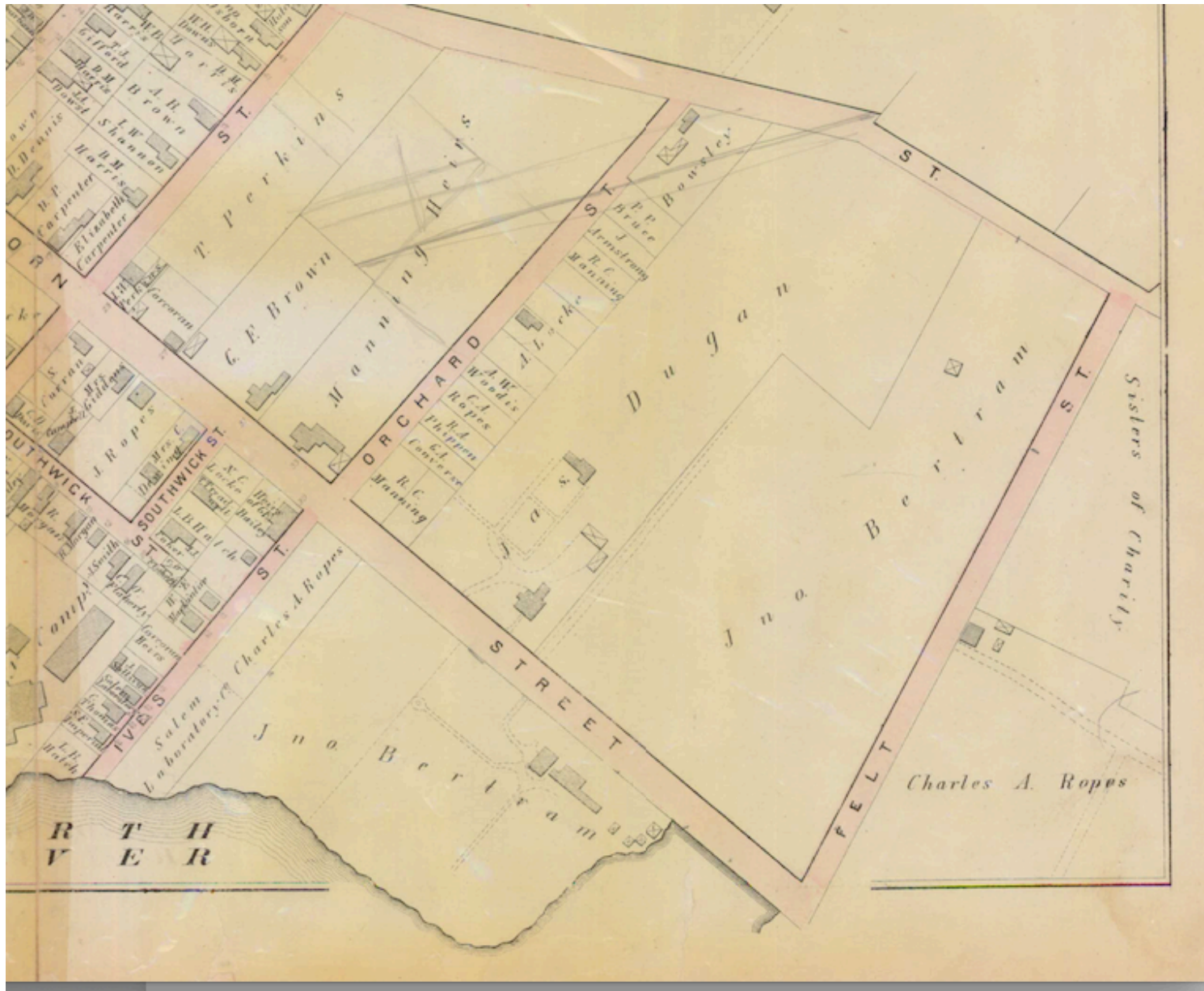
The house first appears in the City Directories in 1926. At the time, the home was occupied by Willard Brown Porter. Porter is not listed because he rented the house. He lived there until his death, in 1940. His family continued to reside in the home until 1953. Lee Street first appears in the City Directory in 1916 with one address listed: 1 Lee Street.

Date of Purchase	Conveyed by	Conveyed to	Amount	Document	Notes
February 2, 1831	Larkin Thorndike	John C. Lee	\$500	Larkin Thorndike- 260-48	"a certain parcel of land"
July 27, 1836	John Gage	John C. Lee	\$650	John Gage- 291-244	
March 30, 1839	John M. Ives	John C. Lee	\$400	John M. Ives- 313-208	
April 29, 1871	John C. Lee	James J. Dugan	\$8,000	822-274	"the real estate"
May 12, 1893	James J. Dugan	John Curtin	\$1 and other valuable considerations paid	1375-467	"the real estate"
January 25, 1894	John Curtin	Edward L. Pickard and Walter Badger	\$1 and other considerations paid	1402-207	"the real estate"
March 31, 1894	Edward L. Pickard	Bessie Dugan	\$15,000	1405-395	"the real estate"
November 17, 1911	Bessie Dugan	William Williams	\$1,150	2139-468	"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon" (a barn)
April 22, 1912	William Williams	Bessie Dugan	Discharge	2144-153	"a certain mortgage"
November 6, 1912	Bessie Duggan	Carl F. Woods	\$1 and other valuable considerations paid	2181-311	"a certain parcel of land with the buildings"

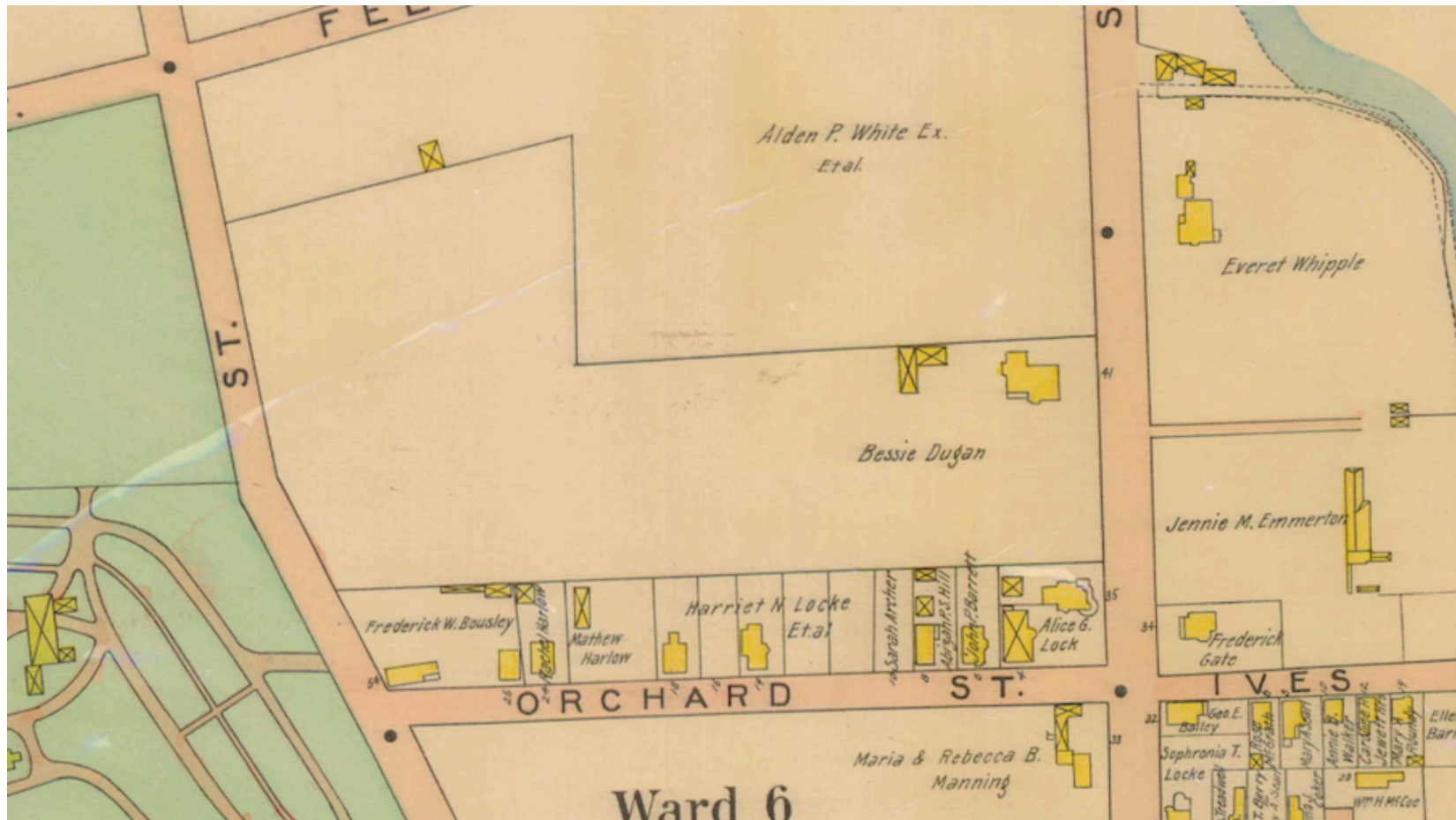
					thereon" (a barn)
December 27, 1912	Carl F. Woods	Salem Savings Bank	\$5,500	2189-148	"a certain parcel of land with the building thereon" (a barn)
September 8, 1915	Salem Savings Bank	Charles O. Dugan and Frederick Cate	\$1	2306-257	You'll notice here that the land was deeded twice in one day – it is possible that Salem Savings Bank would not sell the land to a woman at the time, so Dugan, a family member of the original Dugan Estate, purchased it, and then deeded it to Ellen M. Morant.
September 8, 1915	Charles O. Dugan and Frederick Cate	Ellen M. Morant	\$1	2306-258	"a certain parcel of land" Proposed street

July 8, 1921	Ellen M. Morant	Minnie B. Durkee	Considerations paid	2490-95	"the land"
June 16, 1927	Amherst F. Durkee and Minnie B. Durkee	Frank T. Goodell and Susie B. Goodell	Considerations paid	2724-569	"a certain parcel of land"  5 Lee Street
September 20, 1927	Frank T. Goodell and Susie B. Goodell	Mary H. Porter	Considerations paid	2740-48	"the land" "dower and homestead"
December 30, 1953	Arthur B. Porter and Harold H. Porter, executors of Mary H. Porter's will	First Universalist Society	\$15,500	4037-442	"certain real estate"
April 9, 1976	First Universalist Society	Arthur W. Webster and Miriam E. Webster	\$23,820	6232-524	"the land, with the buildings thereon"
October 30, 1996	Miriam E. Webster	Eastern Bank and Lee Webster	Remaining interest on the home	13863-223	"the land, with the buildings thereon"
February 6, 2006	Eastern Bank and Lee Webster	Douglas and Angela Arvanites	\$373,500	25352-65	"the land, with the buildings thereon"
September 26, 2014	Douglas and Angela Arvanites (maiden name is Watson)	Patrick and Amy Connolly	\$425,900	33568-583	"the land, with the buildings thereon"

August 1, 2018	Patrick and Amy Connolly	Valery Polyakov and Emma O'Donnell	\$535,000	36909-424	"the land, with the buildings thereon"
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1874 Atlas Map



1911 Atlas Map





1932 Atlas Map



J H LaBorde  
C P LaBorde

**LEE,**  
from 41 Dearborn through  
Dugan Est to Orne

Left Right  
1 W P Harmon

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1916 City Directory [when the street was first incorporated]

**LEE**  
from 41 Dearborn to Orne

Left Right  
3 W P Harmon  
37 W R Tanch

1924 City Directory [8 years after the street was incorporated]

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**LEE**  
from 41 Dearborn to Orne

Left Right  
3 W P Harmon\*  
5 W B Porter  
8 G S Moore  
10 G Daigneau  
12 C Darling  
16 F W Monson\*  
18 A E Sullivan  
37 W R Tanch\*

**LEGG'S HILL ROAD**

1926 City Directory [10 years after the street was incorporated]