

Shortcut: Researching to find the built date on a building.

Locate your property on the following maps and atlases. Make a note of the owner listed.

Year 1922: <http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/205564>

Owner Listed 1922: _____ Square Footage: _____

Year 1901: <http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/205562>

Owner Listed 1901: _____ Square Footage: _____

Year 1885: <http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/205558>

Owner Listed 1885: _____ Square Footage: _____

Year 1875: <http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/205985>

Owner Listed 1875: _____

Year 1852:

https://www.raremaps.com/gallery/archivedetail/36980mbja/MAP_OF_THE_CITY_OF_BOSTON_AND_IMMEDIATE_NEIGHBORHOOD_from_original_Surveys/McIntyre.html

Is the building / street shown on this map? Does the footprint look similar to the building shown in the 1875 map? _____

Describe what is shown: Empty Land / Different shaped building: _____

NEXT STEP:

Search for the earliest name you found on the maps, in the Grantee index closest to the date of the map. For example, if the name H.Hodson was shown on your building in 1875, begin the index search in Middlesex County, Grantee Index: 1870-1880.

Trace the grant of deeds back until you find the earliest reference to a **building on the parcel of land** and note the following:

Grantor: _____ Grantee: _____

Book / Page Number: _____

Amount paid for property: _____ Date of transfer (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Trace the grant of deeds back until you find the latest reference to a **“piece or parcel of land”** with no building indicated:

Book / Page Number: _____

Grantor: _____ Grantee: _____

Amount paid for property: _____ Date of transfer (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

List the years between the two deeds referenced above, only until you reach the date of one of the maps listed on the first page.

Example: Last Land-only sale 1849 – First Building reference sale 1869, list the years 1852-1869
