

# 309 WASHINGTON STREET



**Year Built: 1888**

**Four parcels acquired comprise the parcel at 309 Washington Street:**

		<b>Book/Page</b>
	<i>Site of main church parking on west side of parcel (including Clapp-Hazelton house later moved to 151 Oakland Street)</i>	
<b>03/11/1966</b>	<b>Miriam E. Clapp &amp; Marcella McDermott to the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills</b>	<b>4343/556</b>
	<i>Site of 1929 and 1959 church addition (including Livermore house, later razed)</i>	
<b>05/08/1928</b>	<b>Isaac Sprague, Clarence Alfred Bunker &amp; Isaac Sprague Jr. (Trustees of the Maugus Real Estate Trust) to the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills</b>	<b>1840/166</b>
	<i>A 1667 sq. ft. triangular parcel of land to rear of 1888 church building</i>	
<b>11/02/1891</b>	<b>John W. Shaw to the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills</b>	<b>665/81</b>
	<i>Site of 1888 church building (including Maugus Hall, later converted and used as the first Unitarian Church before its relocation to 46 Forest Street at the time of construction of current Unitarian Church building – razed in 1994)</i>	
<b>07/27/1871</b>	<b>John W. Shaw to the Unitarian Society in Grantville</b>	<b>411/113</b>

## Additional Information:

- “The new Unitarian Church edifice at Wellesley Hills was dedicated yesterday afternoon to its religious uses. It is a very handsome little stone structure, seating about 300 persons, and costing about \$20,000. The interior is tastefully finished in hard wood, and beauty, comfort and cosiness are the characteristics of the church. It was filled with a highly gratified congregation when the services were begun with an invocation by the Rev. B.R. Bulkeley. The Te Deum was then sung by the choir, after which the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, who is an orthodox Congregationalist, read from the Old Testament Scriptures. The reading of the New Testament Scriptures by the Rev. F.B. Hornbrooke followed, an anthem was sung by the choir, and then the sermon was preached by the Rev. Brooke Herford from these two passages of Scripture: “O come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our maker”; “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.” At the close of the discourse the Rev. Grindall Reynolds made the prayer of dedication, and then an antiphonal dedication service by the minister, the Rev. Mr. Vorse, and the congregation took place. This was followed by a hymn written for the occasion by the Rev. J.W. Chadwick, and sung to “Missionary Chant.” The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. C.C. Hussey, and the congregation sang the hymn, “From all that dwell below the skies.” – Boston Post: November 21, 1888