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Community Preservation Committee



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4 December 2007
TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
RE: **historical background on 230 Lake Avenue**

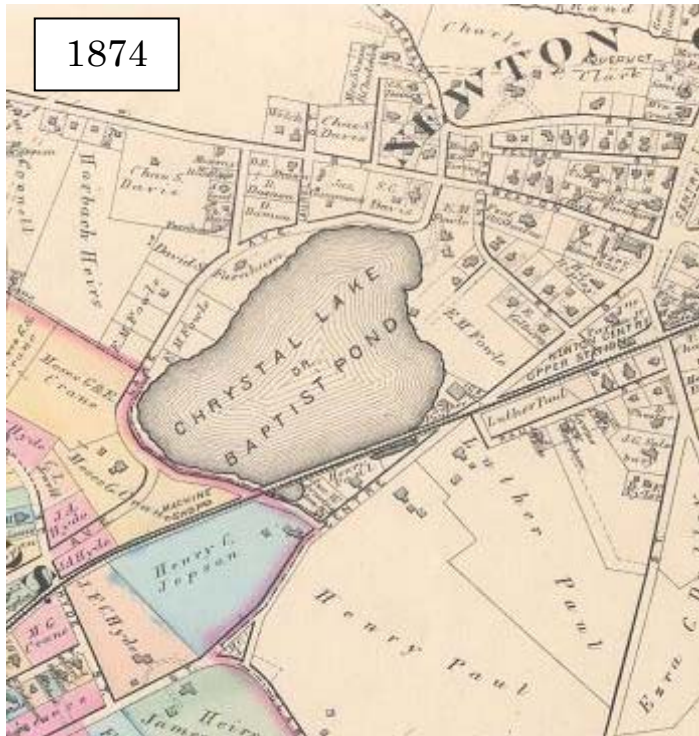
Newton’s Historic Property Survey does not include this house,* but city directories (below) suggest that the 1921 date of construction shown in the Assessors’ Database is about a decade too early. City water and building permit records could narrow the date down further.

Although not among the city’s oldest homes, this house does appear to mark the final transition of Crystal Lake from a simultaneously industrial and recreational landscape to a recreational and residential one. As with many New England ponds, commercial ice harvesting and public ice skating shared Crystal Lake – not always peacefully – from the mid-19th to the early 20th century. (The ice house is visible on some of the attached maps, in the area bounded by the Lake, Norwood and Centre streets, and the rail line). The fire that destroyed the ice house in 1915 probably made the southern shore of the Lake more desirable for private residences than it had been before.

Biennial city directory shows NO residence at this address <i>Mr. Harry Adelian (builder? & first owner of 230 Lake Ave) resides at 12 Boylston Street, Newton Highlands</i>	1929
Biennial city directory first lists 230 Lake Avenue as an occupied address <i>Owners/occupants: Mr. Harry Adelian and his wife, Lucy E. Adelian</i> ♦ <i>Mr. Adelian’s business is listed as “oriental rugs, Boston”</i> ♦ <i>The Adelians are listed as residing at 230 Lake Avenue from 1931 through 1951.</i>	1931
Biennial city directory shows 2 nd owner/occupant <i>Owners/occupants: Mr. Husney F. Mahfouz and his wife, Nabiha Mahfouz</i> ♦ <i>Mr. Mahfouz’s business is listed simply as “rugs”</i> ♦ <i>The Mahfouzes are listed as residing at 230 Lake Avenue from 1953 through 1955.</i>	1953
Biennial city directory shows 3 rd owner/occupant <i>Owners/occupants: Mr. Benjamin J. Goralnick and his wife, Morlene Goralnick</i> ♦ <i>Mr. Goralnick’s business is listed as “meat packer.”</i> ♦ <i>The Goralnicks are listed as residing at 230 Lake Avenue from 1957 through 1959.</i>	1957
Biennial city directory shows 4 th owner/occupant <i>Owners/occupants: Mr. Jamusz Sciegenny and his wife, Lorraine Sciegenny</i> ♦ <i>Mr. Sciegenny’s occupation is listed as “research, MIT”</i>	1961

* *The Historic Property Survey includes all buildings built before 1907, if they still existed at the time of the citywide surveys (1980s), plus a few additional individual buildings and some post-World War II subdivisions.*

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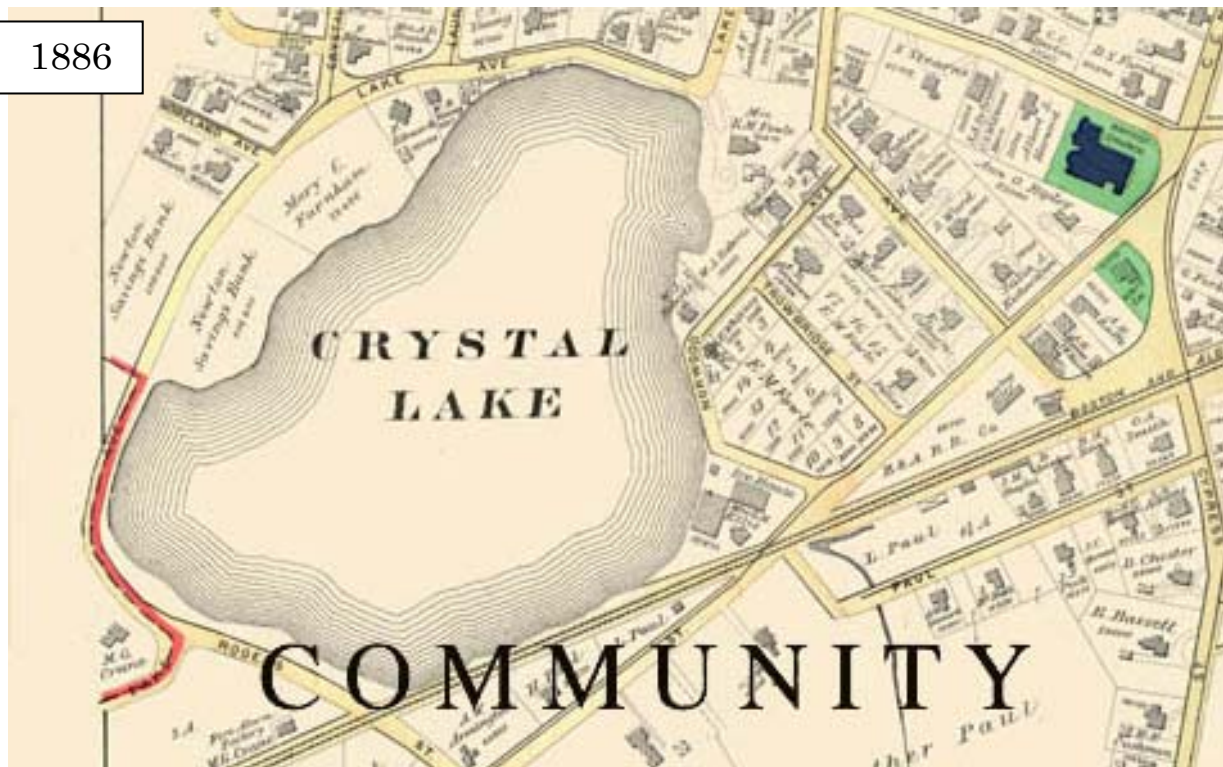
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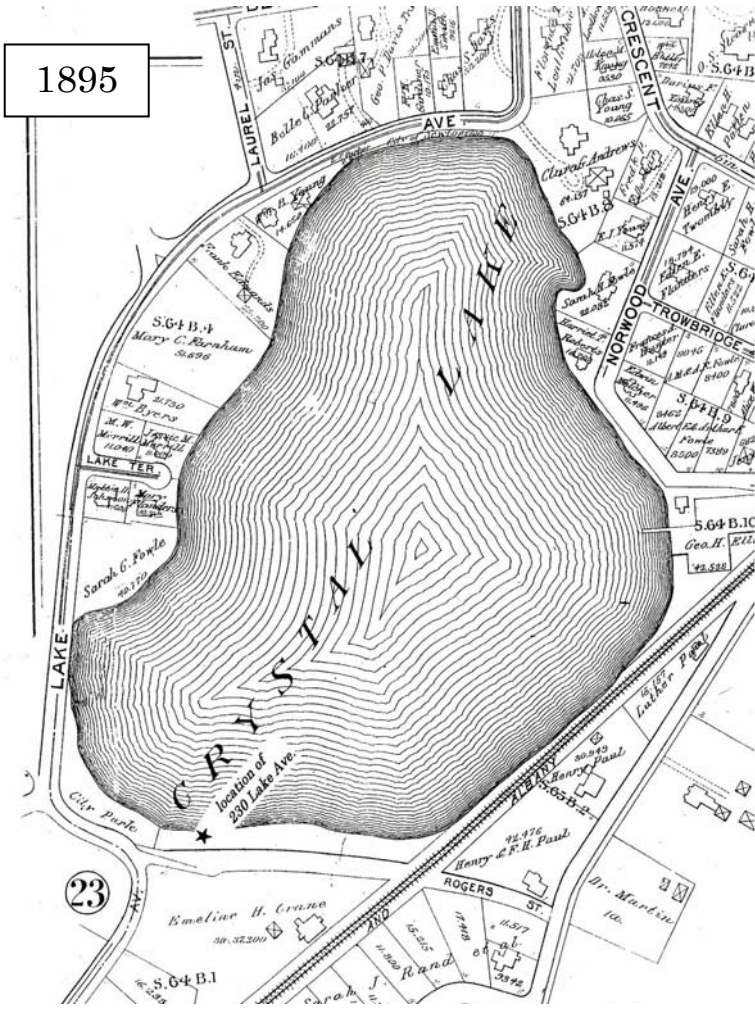
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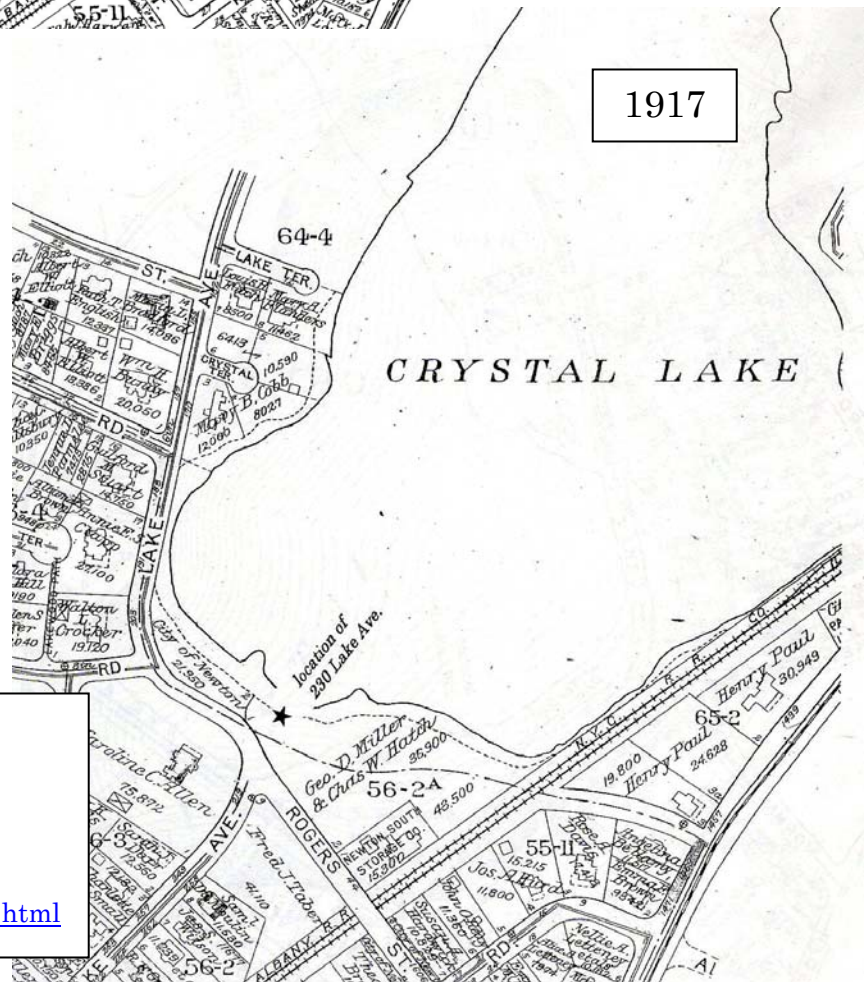
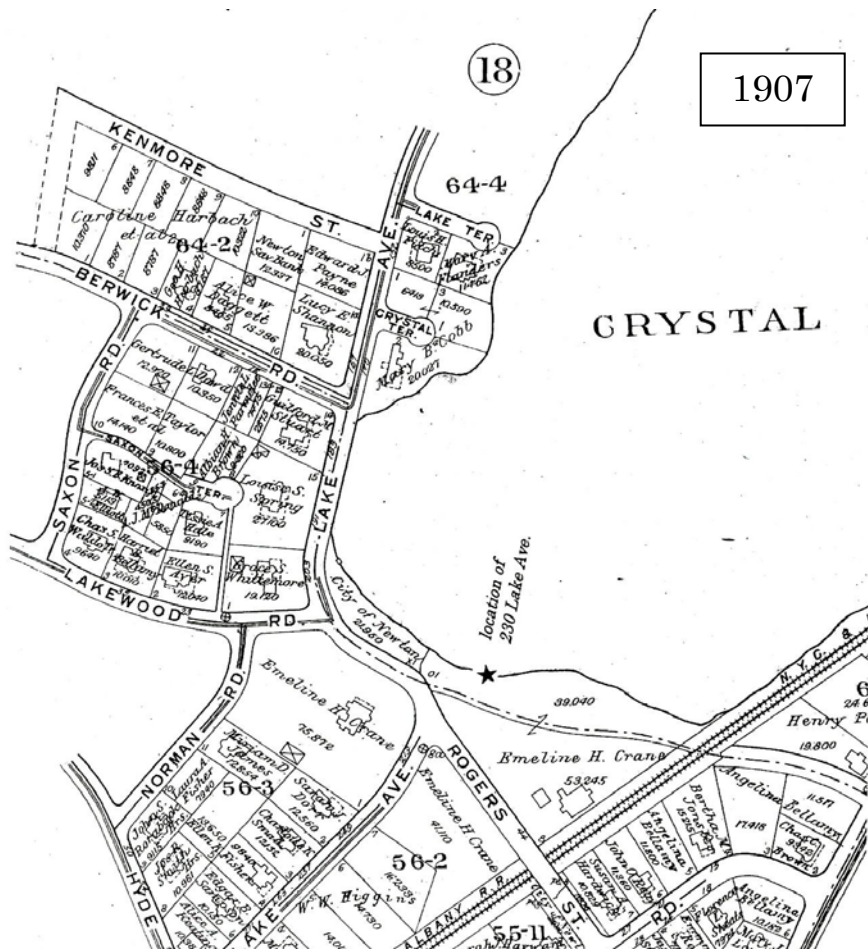


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