

Porter's Station View: Fantasy or Reality?

Cambridge Historical Commission

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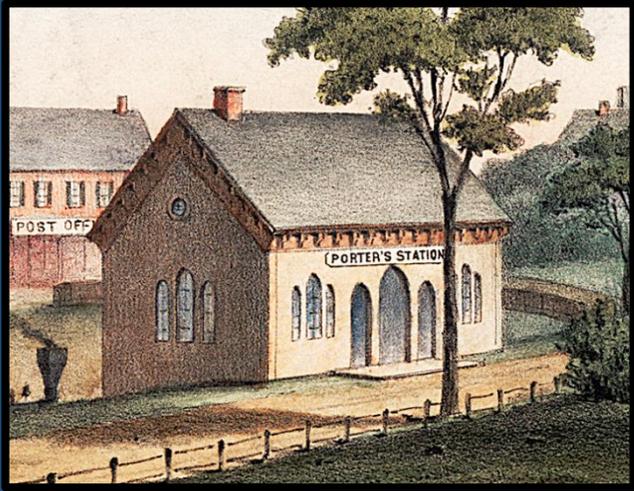


Porter's Station, North Cambridge, ca. 1870

Boston Athenæum. [*Porter's Station, Cambridge, Mass.*], hand-colored lithograph, n.d.



Cambridge's first railroad station, built by the Fitchburg Railroad in 1844; second story added later. Photo ca. 1865



1.



St. James's Church Coffee Rooms (center portion), 54-60 Cedar Street.
Fitchburg R.R. station moved to this location and expanded, 1887. Photo ca. 1975.



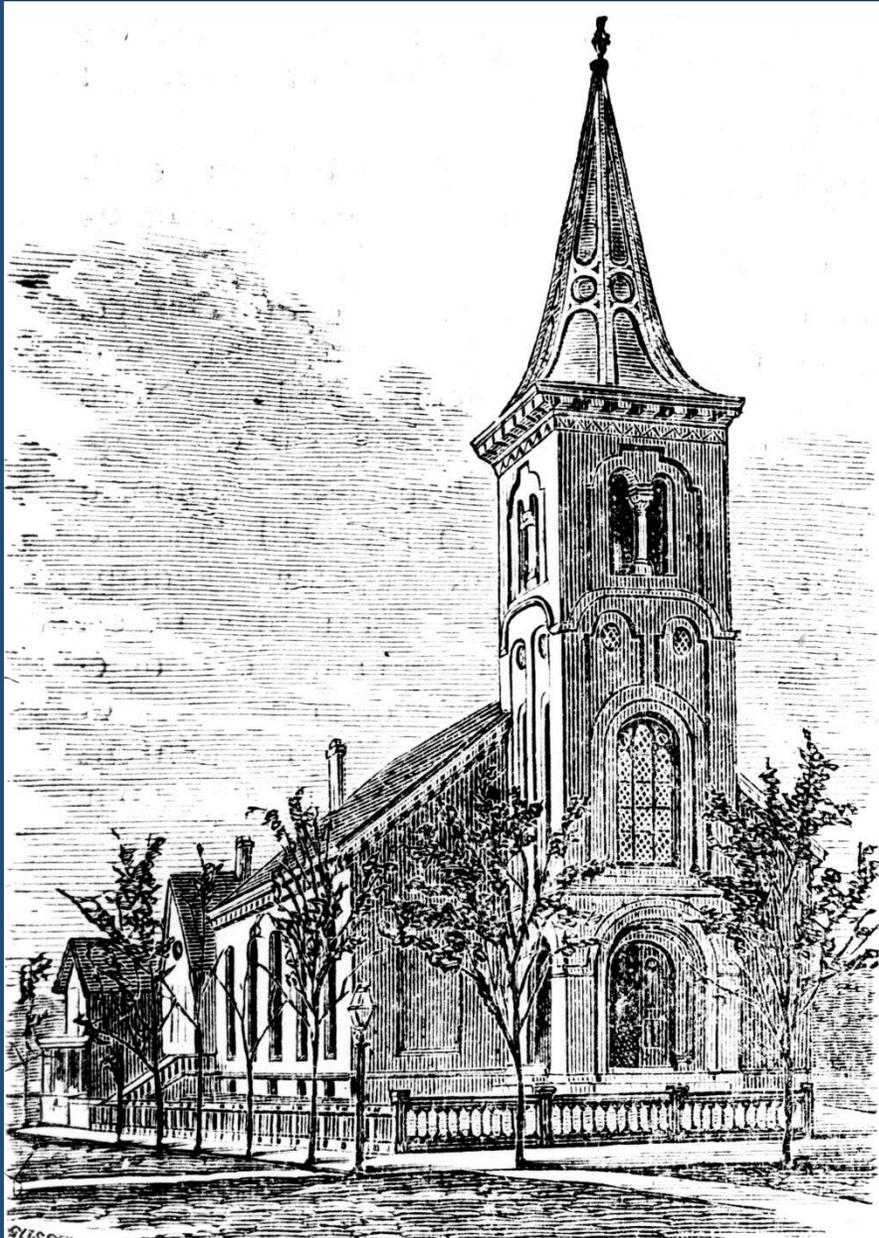
54-60 Cedar Street. Photo 2016.



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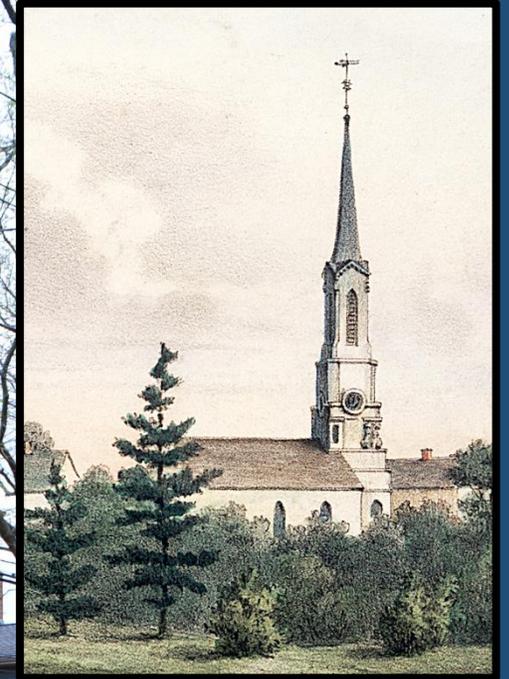


J. S. Becker Co. Store, 1876 Massachusetts Avenue (1851). Photo ca. 1895.



3.

North Cambridge Baptist Church,
2114 Massachusetts Avenue
(1854, Alexander R. Estey, architect)



4.

Former North Cambridge Unitarian Church (1865; changed to row houses, 1886)

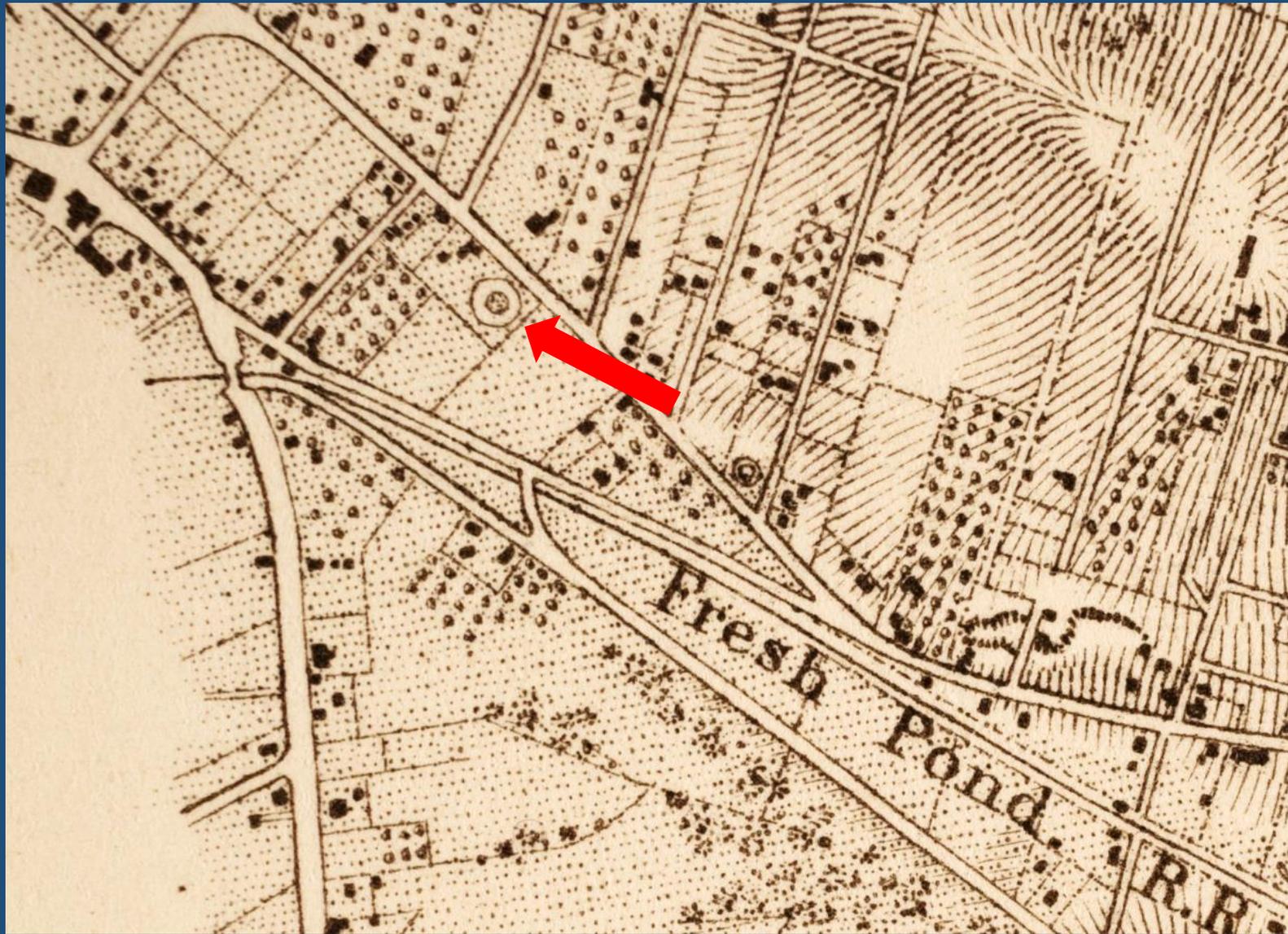


44 White Street, Somerville





U.S. Coast Survey,
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**Large and Important Sale of Real Estate
near Porter's Station, of Houses and
Elegant Building Lots**

— IN —

SOMERVILLE,

KNOWN AS

PINE ISLAND COTTAGE.

**And also the Building Lots adjoining
the same.**

 WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, at 2½ o'clock, P. M., on the Premises, will be sold the Homestead known as the **"PINE ISLAND COTTAGE"**, with 12 eligible Building Lots, containing 5000 to 13,000 square feet of Land each, located on Elm Street and **PINE ISLAND TERRACE**, near the boundary line between North Cambridge and Somerville, and within a few rods of Porter's Station, on the Fitchburg Railroad.

The sale will commence with the Homestead, which is a two-story House, with wings on either side, and from the windows you have a fine view of **PINE ISLAND POND**, which is filled with Gold Fish, "millions in number." There are 13 large and airy rooms in thorough order, and the House is supplied with Gas, Furnace, Water, Range, &c. There is also connected with the house a Barn, Carriage House, Henery, and all the necessary Outbuildings. About 17,000 square feet of Land go with the House, and the grounds are all covered with choice Fruit, Shade, and Ornamental Trees. The Building Lots are exceedingly eligible for the erection of a class of residences similar to those recently built on the other side of the railroad. They are accessible every hour in the day by steam cars and the horse cars pass the door every half hour until midnight. The neighborhood is unexceptionable, and in close proximity to Schools, Churches, and Stores.

The sale is peremptory, and on the most favorable terms of payment.

Terms of sale easy. \$200 to be paid down at the time and place of sale on the Homestead, and \$100 on each lot of land.

Further particulars, inquire of the Auctioneers, or at **PINE ISLAND COTTAGE** of **B. DICKINSON**, Esq., on the premises, where plans of the Estate may be seen.

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