

726 LaHave Street

While barely evident, this house was a young 128 years old when its reckless destruction was documented. Built, as per assessment records, in 1880, by C. H. Davison, the eldest son of lumber baron E.D. Davison, this building was unlikely to have been originally constructed as a residence. Less than palatial – the Davisons' normal standards for their residences – this was deeded by C. H.'s wife Annie F. to Davison Lumber & Manufacturing after his death, and stayed with the company until the end of its tenure in Bridgewater, and then being acquired by Hollingsworth and Whitney Limited, along with many of Davison Lumber's timber rights, until they sold it in 1949.

This house's other prominent owners have included George Crouse (1953-1958), a noted Bridgewater lawyer and long time mayor, as well as Clyde Wile (1966-1969), the descendant of one of Bridgewater's founding families who gifted the province with the Wile Carding Mill.