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Both 181 Gordon (c. 1940) AND 273 Grove (c. 1939) were built by Israel and Ethel Altman. They occupied 181 Gordon themselves, and another part of the Altman family lived at 273 Grove Street.

In 1950, both houses had work done. There are specific mentions of the porch enclosure and bump out about Gordon Street in 1950, but the mentions of the work at 273 Grove Street refers only to an “addition” to the house. But, the two houses have identical interior details like shelves and doors in that front room. So, I have to think that both houses had identical alterations in 1950.

Sam Altman identified the mystery house as his parents’, but he might not have even known that his parents had built the Grove Street house at all. So, since the houses were identical twins, he might easily have given a false identification!

I’m going to go check the houses out this weekend and hopefully be able to match up the location of the joints in the brickwork to one or the other!

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I just realized that the photo of 181 Gordon COULD be 273 Grove Street as well. Those were identical houses when they were built. I need to do some more sleuthing before either address is used!

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those 1976 slides yet but will work on the ones I’m keeping in the next few days.

[40 Dunnemann](#)
[Tuxbury Lumber/Unidentified Street](#)
[Hampton Park Terrace?](#)

Thanks again for sending them!!

Karen



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