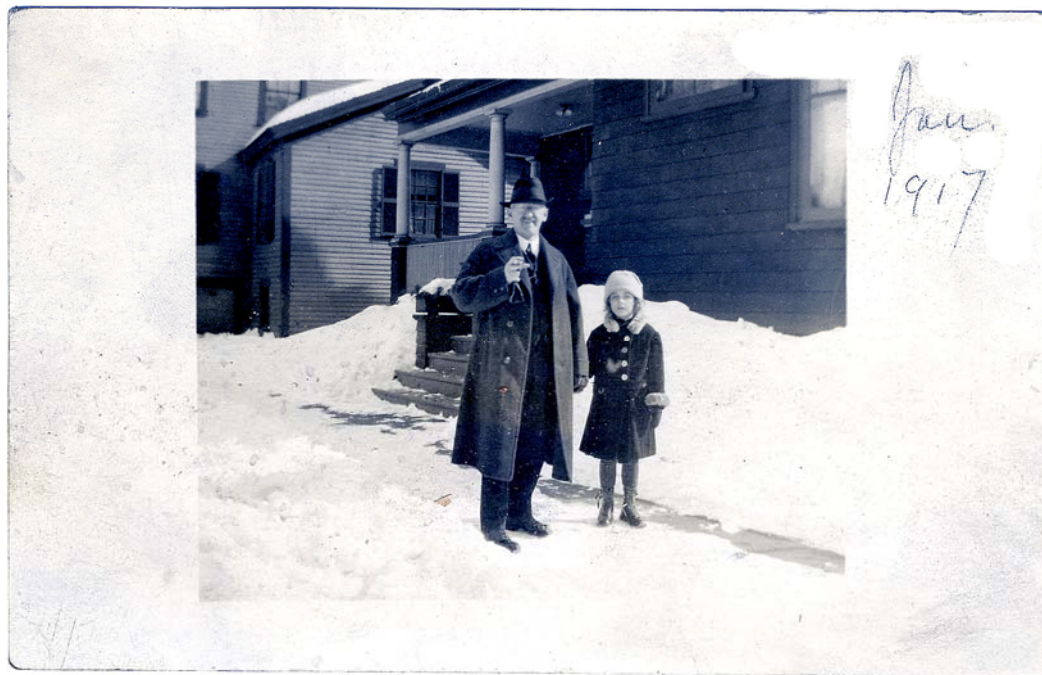


In an early undated photograph to the right, it appears Will Cressy was standing on the front porch of 45 Thompson on an early spring day welcoming Harry and Vinnie as they moved into their new home.



The photo below of Harry and Muriel Cressy is clearly dated January 1917, with a copy of this photo postcard having been given by Harry Cressy to a relative on March 4, 1917.



This card was given to Mar. Boutwell
March 4th 1917 from Harry Cressy.

I came to Concord to spend
the winter with Mother &
Daddy on November 11, 1916.
They liked me & I liked them
so they adopted me. I have
lived here now for seven
years. I have been through
the Rumford School. I
have passed in every
study and have not
had to stay back a year.
I am now in the
Chandler School, Class N, Div. A,
I am 13 years old. On May
12, 1923.

Documentation of the date Muriel Marsh arrived to live with Harry and Vinnie for a while before she was adopted and took the Cressy family name was written in her hand seven years later. Her note appears in the blank pages at the back of a "birthday book" given to her by her genetic mother.

Muriel kept a photograph album during her childhood in which she is shown in an undated photograph, probably taken c. 1917.



Harry and Vinnie Cressy appear to be standing behind their home at 45 Thompson Street. The date is unknown, but it appears the separate building behind them must have been the duplex apartment house with its side door, number 47 Thompson Street, facing the porch of the Cressy Home. In a separately located photo below, Annette Cressy is shown. Annette is Harry's mother who lived next door at 24 South Street.



Land records show that the 47/49 Thompson Street building was probably owned by Henry M. Baker when these two photos were taken. On May 18, 1918, the apartment house and several adjoining small plots of land were purchased by Annette. Shortly afterward, the apartment building was turned (with 47 Thompson Street facing the street), and moved back to allow for a driveway yard beside 45 Thompson Street. These two properties were developed and given to Harry and Vinnie as a gift by their parents.

This places the construction of 45 Thompson Street before 1917, and the two photos above taken before 1918.