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Easthampton's Parsonage Under the Auctioneer's Hammer.

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(Special to the Eagle.)

Easthampton, L. I., July 17.—The parsonage of the Easthampton Presbyterian church is soon to be offered for sale at public auction by order of the church trustees. It is an event of rare occurrence for real estate centrally located on the main street to be put upon the market. Many of the homesteads in this locality are occupied by families whose ancestors have lived here since the town was settled. One old resident can remember seven successive generations in the home of one of his neighbors. His own place has been in the same family since 1650, and there are other houses near by which were old family homesteads before the revolutionary war. The David Mulford house, on the corner of Buel's lane, nearly opposite, has stood on its present site since 1648. The newcomers in the neighborhood are summer residents of a conservative and wealthy class who built cottages here ten or twenty years ago. In consequence, while the place to be sold is a small one, its probable price under the hammer is the subject of much curiosity. The place to be sold is situated near the broadest portion of the street, where the carriage roads divide and pass on either side of the South End cemetery.

At this point there is a broad, open green, or common, between the two drives, and the surroundings resemble a park more than a village street. The grounds are one and a half acres in extent with large shade trees and shrubbery. A house opposite, owned by James Hedges, stood on the parsonage site prior to 1831, when it was moved across the street. The church purchased the place in 1834 from Horace Isaacs, who inherited it from his father and grandfather, both named Aaron Isaacs. For a long time this was the only Jewish family living in the village. The parsonage is a double frame house which was built in 1840, during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Ely. The Rev. Samuel Huntington lived there in 1846, and in 1848 came the Rev. Dr. Alexander Bullions, son of the author of Bullions' grammar. The Rev. Dr. Enoch C. Wines succeeded him in 1850. During the pastorate of the Rev. Stephen L. Mershon, in 1854, the house was enlarged. The arched parlor was extended and the present study added about the year 1867, when the Rev. John D. Stokes became pastor.

The flourishing maple trees in front were planted by Mr. Stokes' children, in 1876, and are called the centennial maples. The residence of Mrs. Ellen O. Hedges adjoins on the south, and the adjacent property on the north is St. Luke's P. E. church, which was erected in 1850. Next beyond that is the famous Harry Mulford place, of "Home, Sweet Home" celebrity, and then comes another Mulford house, the new portion of which is reputed to be over two hundred years old.

The dwelling next the Presbyterian church, on the south, has recently been purchased by the trustees, who purpose selling the present parsonage and enlarging the one just mentioned by adding a new study and otherwise improving it for the minister's residence.

The changes contemplated in the autumn, together with those recently made, will result in marked improvement in the church buildings and in the beauty of the surrounding grounds.