

### THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE

By December 1, 1899, the Russians were numerous enough to hold occasional religious services in the vestry of the Congregational Church, so it is a fair assumption that the middle 1890's was the beginning of their immigration into Maynard. There is no data on the number of Russian people in Maynard, but a newsnote in 1913<sup>(Aug.13)</sup> informs us that a Russian wedding took place on Florida Court with over one hundred people present. Their church was built in 1917 on Prospect Street.

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Dec. 1, 1899 - Russians hold occasional services in vestry of Congregational Church. Will acquire pastor and hold weekly services.

August 15, 1913 - Russian wedding on Florida Court - over 100 present - Russian priest Father Jacob Gregoff.

July 30, 1915 - Arthur Coughlan sold plot of land to Archbishop Evedokin Meschersey of New York on Prospect Street - will be in charge of Jacob Gregorief.

Sept. 22, 1916 - New Russian Church being built on Prospect Court.

January 3, 1917 - St. Mary's Russian Church to be completed in about two months - costs about \$9500.

March 7, 1917 - Russian cooperative store on Summer Street.

April 18, 1917 - Russian church held first services - 250 in attendance.

October 11, 1918 - Russian pastor dies.

January 9, 1920 - Russian church gets new bell - dedication Rev. John Orsianitsky (formerly Chaplain in the Canadian Army)

*DATES FROM MAYNARD News*

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