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30 Williams Street

Built for

DANIEL ABBOTT, baker

by the year 1812

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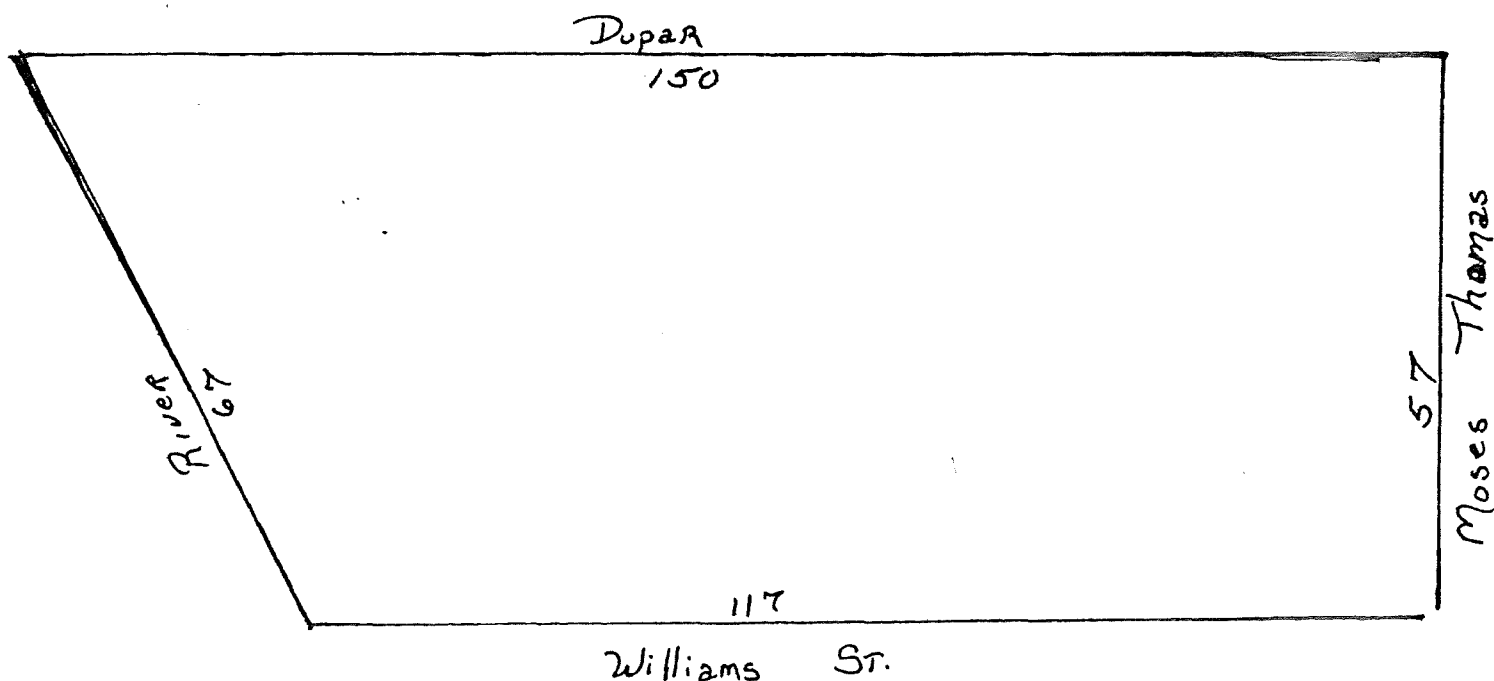
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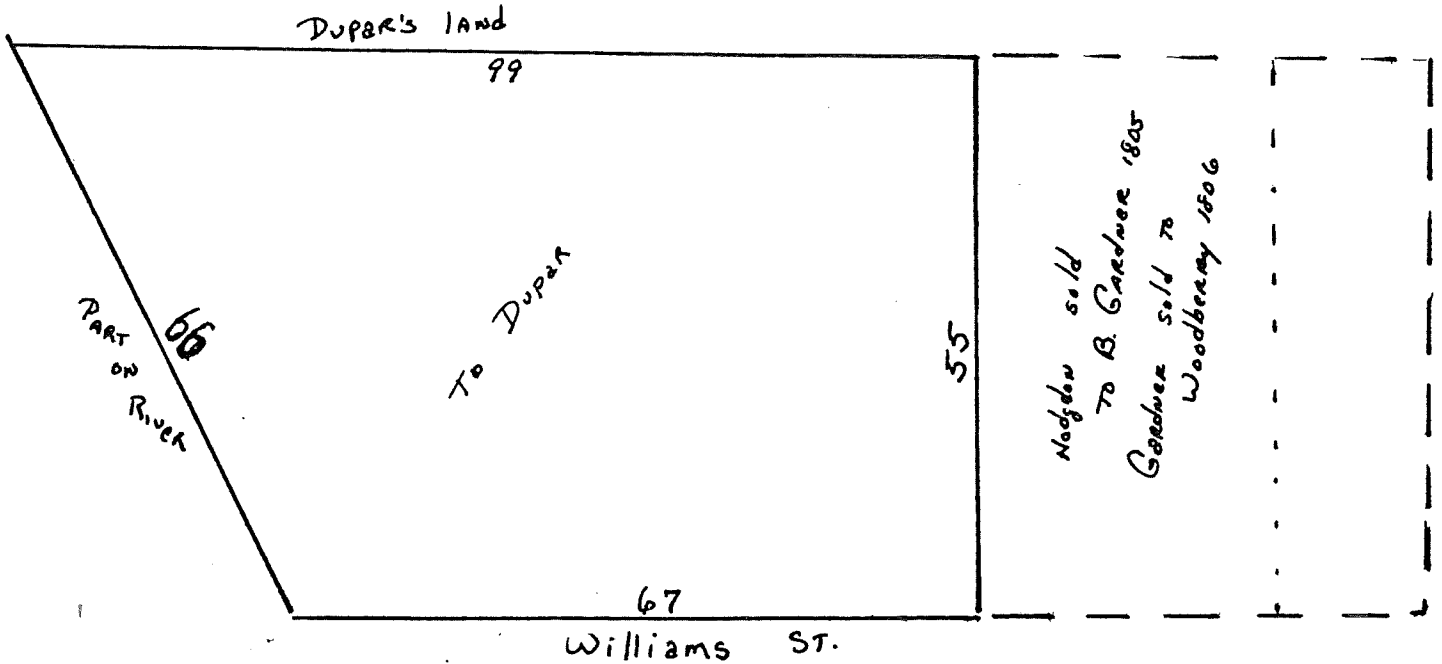
This three-story plus hip roof house has the cornice and simple pilastered entrance typical of the Federal period. Victorian trim has been superimposed about the entrance, and siding covers what are undoubtedly old clapboards. The entrance is at one end of the three-bay facade. The building is oblong with a lean to ell in the rear (Salem Historic Commission District Study).

Williams Street was laid out by Henry Williams through his land in 1796, twenty-four feet wide, except toward the common where it was only nineteen feet (Essex Antiquarian, vol.8, pg. 67).

The lot on which this house stands was a portion of land Henry Williams sold to Samuel Hodgdon in September of 1800 (book 167 page 73):

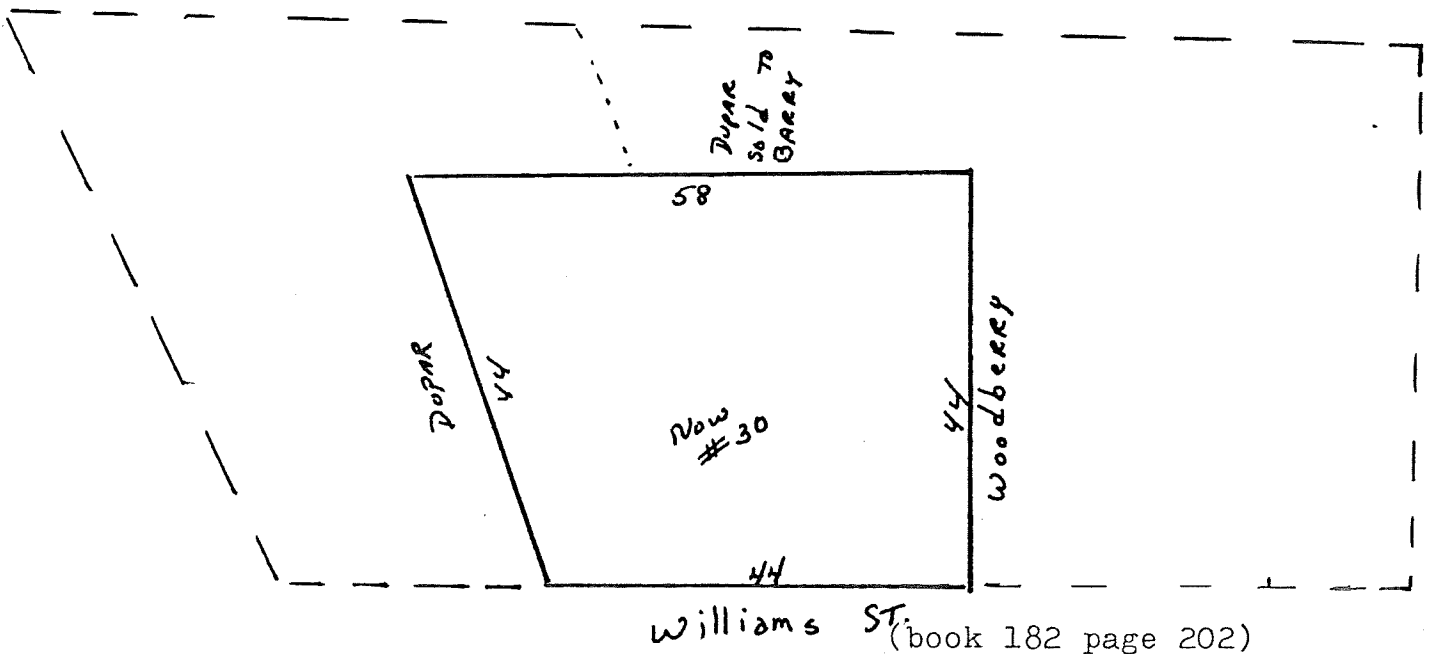


On Jan. 29, 1802 Samuel and Betsy Hodgdon sold a portion of this land to Elias Dupar, ropemaker, whose land adjoined this lot:



(book 170 page 121)

On Feb. 27, 1808 Elias and Mary Dupar sold a lot of land to Daniel Abbott, baker, for the sum of \$350:



(book 182 page 202)

Daniel Abbott sold this same lot to Ebenezer Beckford on June 15, 1812, for the sum of \$600. The lot was described as being the same purchased from Elias Dupar as recorded in book 182 page 202 and contained a dwelling house, bakehouse and other buildings. Also included in this deed was a lot on the west side of Williams St. with a barn (book 197 page 63). One year later Mr. Beckford sold the same property back to Daniel Abbott. Then Daniel Abbott mortgaged the property back to Ebenezer Beckford for \$600 (book 201 page 8).

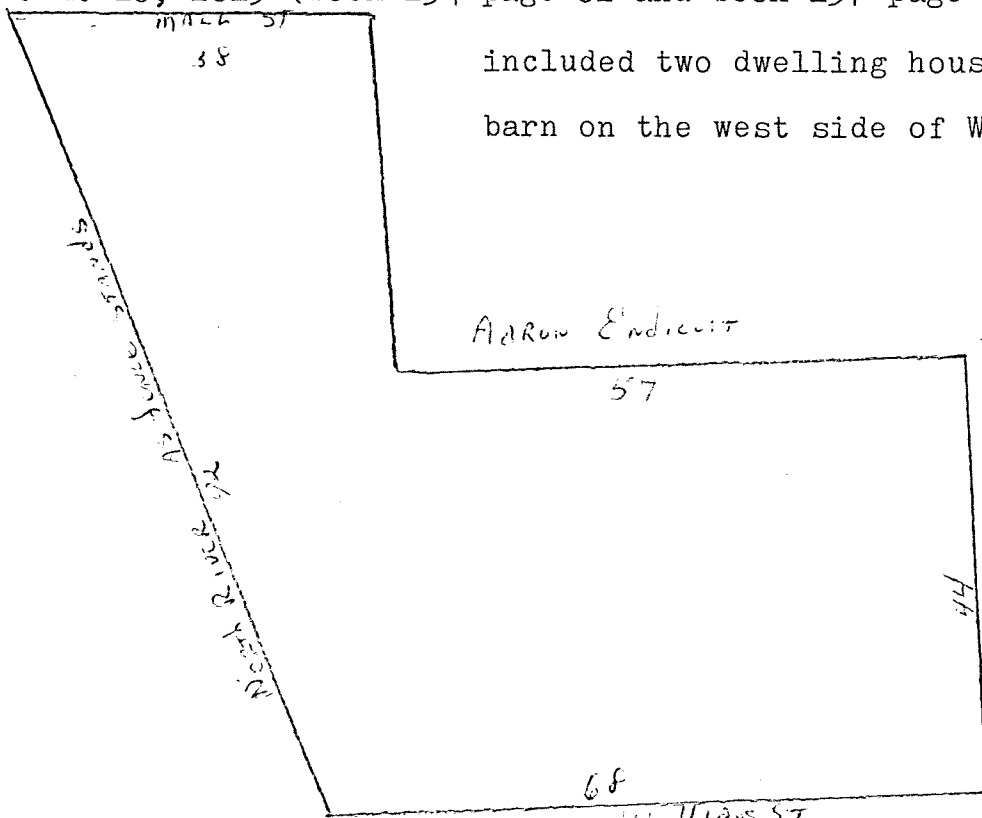
Following the life of Daniel Abbott is no easy task. He was born on Jan. 15, 1774 and in 1796 married Rebecca Allen. On April 16, 1799 a son Daniel Jr. was born to the couple. On May 27, 1799 Daniel, then called a ropemaker, and wife Rebecca were the owners of half a house further up on Williams St. (book 167 page 50). He is also mentioned in deed book 165 page 306 as selling a dwelling house, bakehouse and other buildings, on the north side of Derby St. on land hired of Capt. Stephen Webb, to John Brown and Philip Abbott on Oct. 14, 1799. Mr. Abbott appears to have been part owner of a ropewalk, on the land between Williams St. and Mall St., along with Elias Dupar. Abbott and Dupar had been buying and selling land to each other since the 1790's (books 165:124, 166:45, 167:241 and 177:97). In one such deed written Sept. 2, 1805, for a lot at the foot of Mall St., Elias was guaranteed the right to use a 10 foot cart way in common with Daniel and if he or they should erect a barn or house near Dupar's dwelling house a cellar was to be made under it to receive dung or manure (book 177 page 97).

(Unfortunately, the tax records are not helpful in finding the exact date for 30 Williams St. Before Salem became a city, in 1836, the tax records were recorded by name only and not by street. Daniel Abbott was taxed for a house and bakehouse since the 1790's, but since he was associated with at least three dwelling and bake houses the tax list becomes meaningless. Because of this deficiency, the date of 1812, the first definite mention of a building on this lot, must be the one assigned to 30 Williams St.)

On March 1, 1817 Nathaniel Robinson and John Jenks, executors of Ebenezer Beckford, deceased, took possession of the property mortgaged in book 201 page 8 (book 212 page 259). On Feb. 28, 1820 Daniel Abbott redeemed the said property back from the heirs of Ebenezer Beckford (book 222 page 117).

Small parcels of land were bought and sold between Abbott, Dupar, Endicott (the Mall St. abutter) and Hodgdon. Then on Dec. 13, 1823 Daniel mortgaged his property to Sarah Brown for \$500 and remortgaged on Jan. 26, 1825 (book 234 page 61 and book 237 page 260). This

included two dwelling houses, and the barn on the west side of Williams St.



Daniel Abbott purchased this lot on MARCH 17, 1825

On Jan. 28, 1826 Daniel Abbott obtained another mortgage, this time from Amos Choate for the sum of \$500. This mortgage included the same property as mortgaged to Sarah Brown in 1823 and 1825, and 28 Williams St. which he purchased in 1825 (book 241 page 66). On May 21, 1827 Daniel sold land which included a bakehouse and barn somewhere on Mall St. (book 245 page 241).

By deeds it is known that by 1828 Daniel Abbott was the owner of at least three dwelling houses, a bakehouse and a barn, but the tax record for this date is given as: "Daniel Abbot - house and bakehouse, value \$800". This is probably because it was a common practice for tenants to pay the taxes for the house in which they lived.

It is possible that all this effort to raise cash was for Daniel's (Jr.?) attempt to enter the merchant trade. During the 1820's Daniel Abbott was engaged in the West Coast of Africa Trade. Hides, palm oil, peanuts and gum copal were the principal articles imported. In Sept. 1829 the schooner "Fredonia", Charles Hoffman, master, was consigned to Daniel Abbott. The brig "Hope", John Beckford, master, was consigned in Dec. 1829 to Mr. Abbott and Robert Stone (125,000 pounds of figs). (History of Essex County by Hurd)

Daniel Abbott Jr. married Rebecca Gray, the daughter of James, in 1830. At one time this Mrs. Abbott conducted a private school along with her sisters Mrs. Caroline Newhall and Miss Susan Gray. Four children were born to the couple.

An ad which appeared in a local newspaper called the Register in August 1835, shows evidence of financial collapse:

ASSIGNEE'S SALE --- To be sold August 3 --- All the right in equity that Daniel Abbot had to redeem the following mortgaged real estate, viz: Three dwelling houses, situated on the east side of Williams street, - one now occupied by Daniel Abbot, another by Daniel Abbot Jr., and the other by Mr. Smothers, - bound west on Williams street, north on Forrester street, east on Aaron Endicott and on Mall street and south on land of Capt. Archer.

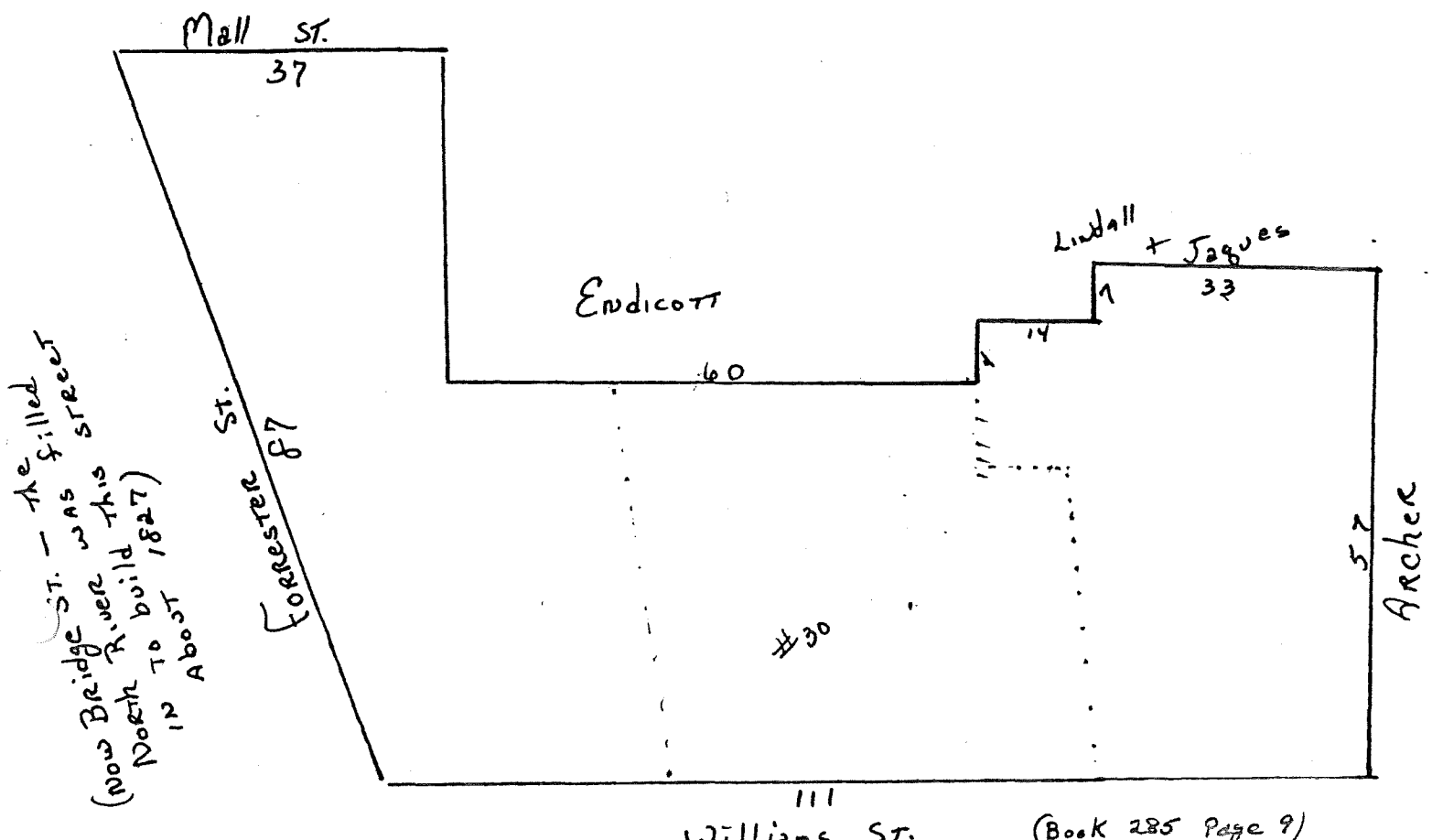
Also, a barn, and land under it, opposite the above on the west side of Williams street.

B. Merrill assignees

E. Porter

G. G. Newhall, auctioneer

On August 5, 1835 Benjamin Merrill and Elijah Porter of Salem, assignees of Daniel Abbott sold to David Pingree, for \$405, the land and all dwelling houses and other buildings on it:



After the take-over of his property, Daniel Abbott remained and was still listed as the owner:

Directory 1836 - Daniel Abbot, merchant, 30 Williams St.
Benjamin Smothers, 32 Williams St.

Street book (city hall) - Williams St. (unnumbered) 1837
house - Daniel Abbott, owner - occupant: Benjamin Smothers and
Henry Groves

house - Daniel Abbott, owner - occupant: Daniel Abbott and
Daniel Abbott Jr.

Directories - Williams Street

1844 - #30 Daniel Abbot & Daniel Abbot Jr.
32 John & Samuel Andrews

1846 - #30 Daniel Abbot
32 Daniel Abbot

1848 - #30 A.D.Caulfield & J.W.Rhoades
32 Daniel Abbot (Daniel Jr., insurance agent, is at
38 Church St.)

1849 - #30 A. D. Caulfield & Edward Wilson
32 Daniel Abbott

The census of 1850 gives a closer look at the occupants at that time:

Caulfield, Anthony D.	age 70	master mariner	born Mass.
Elizabeth	" 63		" "
Anthony A.	" 36	master mariner	" "
William H.	" 32	master mariner	" "
Mary E.	" 28		" "
Sarah D.	" 23		" "
Abigail	" 12		" "

2nd family

Wilson, Edward	age 27	tailor	born Mass.
Elizabeth	" 25		" "
Boston, Mary	" 62		" "

The Abbotts are listed as: Daniel age 75 born Mass. and Rebecca age 75 born Mass. (at #32 Williams).

As indicated in the census, the Caulfields were quite a seafaring family. Some insight can be gained by reading articles which appeared in the local papers many years later.

1893 March 4 - Capt. William Henry Caulfield was born on Andrew street, Salem on March 4, 1816, employed at the undertaking rooms of Frank E. Smith on Essex street. He was educated in public schools, going first to the old Williams street school. When a mere lad he went to sea, his first voyage being made with his father in the brig "Sally Ann", on a trip to the West Indies. He wished to go on a voyage a few months earlier, but his father would not give his consent at that time. Had he then gone, we would not have chronicled his birthday today, for the vessel was the brig "New Priscilla", and she was subsequently captured by pirates and every soul on board murdered.

The captain has commanded many fine vessels in his day and has visited nearly all parts of the civilized world.

1893 March 29 - Death of Capt. Anthony Caulfield age 79 years, 4 months. Capt. Caulfield was injured by a fall and died at his home 100 Federal St. He followed the sea for many years and commanded many fine ships. Born in 1813, he was the son of Anthony and Elizabeth (Perkins) Caulfield. Capt. Caulfield was a well known shipmaster and sailed to all parts of the world. He commanded among others the "Som" and the schooner "Tremont". During the Russian War he was in the Mediterranean in command of the brig "General". Later he took the U.S. Revenue cutter "Alert", out to Rio Jeneiro for the government.

In Nov. of 1849 he sailed for California as master of the barque "Backus" and was part owner.

By 1851 the property had been assigned to John H. Nichols, who apparently did a great deal of repair work on the house as shown in an ad placed in the Salem Gazette:

June 13, 1851 - For Sale - Three story dwelling house #30 Williams street and land under and adjoining. The house is finished throughout, has been recently put in perfect repair; from the roof to the cellar, and is well calculated for two tenements.

One half the amount of purchase may stand on the mortgage if desired. For particulars apply to John H. Nichols - 42 Washington St.

The tenants are still listed as: A.D. Caulfield, A.A. Caulfield (in Calif.), and William Caulfield (in Calif.) in the year 1851, but must have moved out during that year. In 1852, Charles Langway is listed at 30 Williams St.

The year 1852 brings a close to the story of Abbott family. Daniel Abbott died, at the age of 79, on Nov. 27, 1852. His wife Rebecca's death followed, on Dec. 24, 1852. The Abbots had been granted a life lease on the 32 Williams St. property by John Bertram who purchased it in 1851. (Daniel Abbott Jr. died on Jan. 3, 1873 in Brooklyn, N.Y. at the age of 73 years, 8 months, and 18 days.) The entire family is buried on Cowslip Ave., Harmony Grove Cemetery.

On Feb. 18, 1853 John H. Nichols sold for the sum of \$1,500, to William Cally, blacksmith, the property described as: west on Williams street; north by John Bertram; east by land of Aaron Endicott; and south by Isaac Pinkham, by the walls of Pinkham's house with the right of eaves dropping (book 473 page 282).

The 1854 tax records give 30 Williams street the value of \$1,200; William Cally, owner; Charles Kelley, occupant. In 1855 J. S. Howard was the resident.

The 1860 census:

Cloutman,	Thomas T.	age 44	clerk	born Mass.
	Lydia	" 44		" Maine
	Hannah B.	" 78		" Mass.
Nutting,	Joseph G.	age 40	cabinetmaker	born Mass.
	Abby H.	" 36		" "
	Joseph H.	" 17	appr. mason	" "
	Eliza A.	" 15		" "
	Rachel	" 13		" "
	Edward	" 8		" "
	William	" 4		" "

In Dec. 1861 William Cally sold, for \$2,100, to his sister Mary Langdell, widow the same property sold to him by John Bertram(#32) and John H. Nichols (book 631 page 113).

Tax record of 1864:

George Domican	age 36	- house owned by Mary Langdell	value \$950
Edward Mitchell	" 27	- land owned " " " "	" 250

On June 22, 1868 Mary B. Langdell, of Salem sold to John V. Warner, cooper, the messuage for \$1,700 (book 749 page 111).

1870 census:

Warner,	John V.	age 41	cooper - prop. val. \$10,000	born Mass.
	Margaret	" 35		" N.E.
Vanderford,	Benjamin	age 47	R.R. engineer	born Mass.
	Susan	" 42		" "
	Benjamin F.	" 19	seaman	" "
	John H.	" 17	bleacher	" "
	Sarah E.	" 14	no occ.	" "
	William C.	" 12	at school	" "
	Susan	" 9	at school	" "
	Anna B.	" 1	month	" "

1880 census:

Warner, John	age 52	cooper	born Mass.
Margaret	" 45		" N.B.
Jenkins, Aaron	" 72	boarder	" Mass.
Todd, Augustus	age 57	works in car shop	born Maine
Nancy B.	" 53	keeps house	" N.H.
Harriet E.	" 30	daughter - lame cronic	" Maine

John V. Warner died on Nov. 9, 1889. His obituary reads as follows:

"On Sunday the flag of the Essex Lodge of Odd Fellows was placed at half mast in honor of Mr. John V. Warner, a native of Salem, who died at his home on the Jenks farm near Cherry Hill on Saturday afternoon. His death was remotely caused by injuries received while trying to capture a colt several months ago, which aggravated a heart trouble of long standing. Mr. Warner was one of the older members of Essex Lodge and a past member of Franklin Hook and Ladder Co. He belonged to the old Salem Artillery before the war, and during the Rebellion served in the 4th and 5th Mass. Batteries. He was a cooper by trade, and soon after he attained his majority he made a whaling voyage as a cooper. For a long time he was employed at Salem and South Danvers Oil Co., but about three years ago purchased part of the Jenk's farm in North Beverly, near the Danvers line, and removed there. He leaves a widow. He was in his 62nd year. He wrote an article for the Register several years ago.

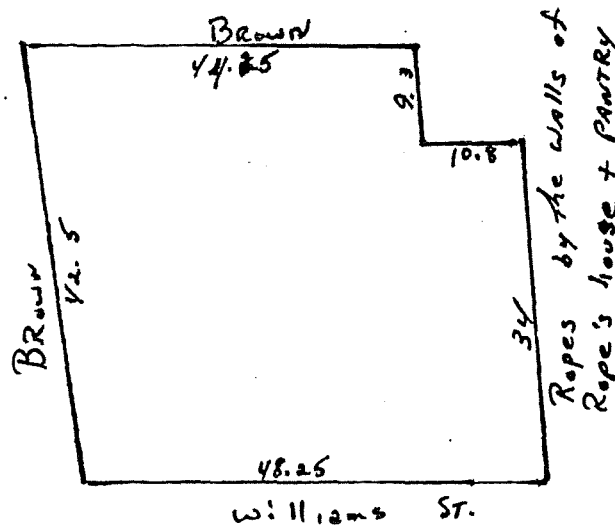
His funeral took place from the First Universalist Church with Rev. A.G. Rogers officiating. There was a large attendance, including members of the Essex Lodge." (The Warner family is also buried on Cowslip Ave., Harmony Grove Cemetery)

On Nov. 11, 1905 the heirs of John V. Warner sold the property to Jane Colligan, wife of William J. " the same estate sold to John V. Warner by Mary Langdell" (book 1880 page 435).

The tenants at this time (1905) were John H. Brown, teamster, Miss Cora I. Brown and Miss Mabel F. Brown. Also W. T. Churchill.

The 1907 directory shows: William J. Colligan, teamster; Ann Colligan; John Colligan, shoemaker; and Mary F. Colligan, shoemaker.

In 1920 the heirs of Jane Colligan sold the property to Louis Ranieri, of Beverly (book 2461 page 531 and 2460 page 238).



On March 4, 1946 the heirs of Louis Ranieri sold the property to Francis D. Keefe, of Peabody. Reserving to Ropes, her heirs and assigns the right of eavesdropping on the premises (book 3444 page 144)/

On May 20, 1948 Francis D. Keefe sold to John J. Keefe for the sum of \$3,000 (book 3604 page 255).

March 5, 1954 John J. Keefe, of Oakland, California, formerly of Salem sold to Joseph E. and Rita B. Cardoza (book 4052 page 267).

On Sept. 29, 1955 Joseph E. and Rita B. Cardoza sold to Harry A. and Luetta B. Chapman (book 4210 page 39).

On March 17, 1964 Harry and Luetta Chapman sold to Donald J. Walsh (book 5156 page 11).

August 25, 1969 Donald J. Walsh sold to Lionel R. and Ann A. Camire of 151 Bridge St. Mtg. \$9,000 (book 5632 page 315).

Jan. 31, 1972 Lionel R. Camire of Salem sold to John S. Cappuccio for the sum of \$9,773 "the same property conveyed to myself and my late wife Ann by deed of Donald J. Walsh." Subject to a mortgage of \$9,573.01 (book 5839 page 775).

May 8, 1972 John S. Cappuccio sold to Robert J. Kobuszewski and Thomas Kobuszewski, both of Danvers (book 5864 page 284).

April 24, 1973 Robert and Genevieve Kobuszewski, trustee of Williams Street Realty sold to Peter H. and Barbara J. Maitland for the sum of \$27,600 (book 6041 page 158)

On Feb. 27, 1980 Peter and Barbara Maitland sold to Bruce William and Betsye P. Sargent, husband and wife the same property sold to them by Robert and Genevieve Kobuszewski (book 6681 page 390).

Notes: Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court, both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration.

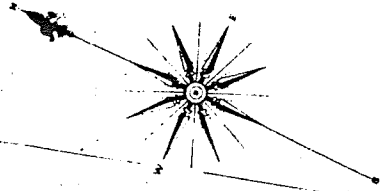
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