

Historic Salem incorporated

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12 BENTLEY STREET

Built for
BENJAMIN B. SANBORN, housewright
in 1838

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The house currently located at 12 Bentley Street was built in 1838 by Benjamin B. Sanborn of Salem. He was born on October 18, 1811, and was married to Sarah Taylor. Sarah is listed as "child in the female asylum" in the Salem Vital Records (Vol. 4) and the date of her birth is unclear. However, the records state that she was baptized on August 7, 1816. Benjamin and Sarah were married on December 8, 1833.

Benjamin, who worked as a housewright and carpenter [Salem Directory, 1836] bought the plot on Bentley Street in 1834 from Richard Rogers, a merchant from Salem, for \$237.64. Tax records indicate that in 1835 the property was valued at \$200.00, and Benjamin paid a \$1.50 poll tax and .88 in real estate taxes [Salem Tax Records, 1834, Essex Institute]. In 1839, a year after the present house was built, the property was valued at \$800.00, with a poll tax of \$1.50 and real estate taxes of \$3.84 being paid [Salem Tax Records, 1839]. The original number of the house was 6 Bentley Street, and remained so until the late 1880's, when it became 12 Bentley Street [Salem Directories, 1848, 1850, 1887-1889].

The Sanborn family lived in the house until 1914. George O. Sanborn, son of Benjamin and Sarah, who also worked as a carpenter, lived continuously in the house from the 1860's until his death (circa 1910). In 1914 the house briefly passed into the hands of P. Joseph Wrin, who sold it to Wincenty Dzieinik, a shoe worker, who held the property until 1917. At this time the house reflected the influx of immigrants to Salem, with Eastern

Europeans (probably Polish) being listed as boarders. The Salem Directories list such names as Kobuszewski, Mackiewicz, and Swiniuch as boarders in the house [Salem Directories, 1915, 1920, 1921].

In 1922, Boleslaw Mackiewicz, a laborer, sold the property to Philip and Kathryn Swiniuch, whose family was to hold the property until 1973. In the 1930 edition of the Salem Directory, Philip's occupation is listed as a manager at 158 Derby Street. Michael Kobuszewski is listed as boarding at 12 Bentley Street from 1922 until the early 1930's. His occupation is listed as "morocco worker", which in this instance may mean someone who works with leather.

Peter and Judith Dore owned the property from 1973 until 1994 when it was sold to Kevin G. Harten and Jennifer Ann Lebzelter.

DOCUMENTATION

*** Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 275, Page 124

Grantor: Richard S. Rogers of Salem, Merchant

Grantee: Benjamin B. Sanborn of Salem, Housewright

Consideration: \$237.64

Conveyance of: "a parcel of land, situate in said Salem, bounded as follows, beginning at the southeast corner thereof at a private way, thence running westerly seventy nine feet and eight inches by land of Silsbee, thence running northerly forty six feet eight and a half inches by land of said Rogers and of Frye, thence running easterly seventy eight feet by land by me now conveyed to Rideout, and thence by said private way forty seven feet southerly to the corner begun at..."

Date Recorded: March 22, 1834

*** E.C.R.D. Book 2184, Page 542

Grantor: Frank G. Sanborn of Salem

Grantee: Salem Cooperative Bank

Consideration: \$1200.00

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate on Bentley Street in said Salem, and bounded as follows, viz. northerly by Bentley by Bentley Street forty-seven feet, easterly by land late of Silsbee now of Kelley, seventy-nine feet and eight inches, Southerly by land late of Frye and Rogers now of Wright and of Goldsmith forty-six feet, eight and one-half inches, Westerly by land late of Rideout, now or late of Mackintire seventy-eight feet."

Date Recorded: November 27, 1912

*** E.C.R.D. Book 2184, Page 545

Grantor: Frank Sanborn of Salem

Grantee: Carrie F. Davis and Sarah E. Sanborn of Belchertown, MA

Consideration: \$1.00 and other valuable considerations

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate on Bentley Street in said Salem, and bounded as follows, viz. northerly by Bentley by Bentley Street forty-seven feet, easterly by land late of Silsbee now of Kelley, seventy-nine feet and eight inches, Southerly by land late of Frye and Rogers now of Wright and of Goldsmith forty-six feet, eight and one-half inches, Westerly by land late of Rideout, now or late of Mackintire seventy-eight feet."

Date Recorded: November 27, 1912

E.C.R.D. Book 2251, Book 561

Grantor: Sarah E. Sanborn and Carrie Davis of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Grantee: P. Joseph Wrin of Salem

Consideration: \$1.00 and other valuable considerations

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate on Bentley Street in said Salem, and bounded as follows, viz. northerly by Bentley by Bentley Street forty-seven feet, easterly by land late of Silsbee now of Kelley, seventy-nine feet and eight inches, Southerly by land late of Frye and Rogers now of Wright and of Goldsmith forty-six feet, eight and one-half inches, Westerly by land late of Rideout, now or late of Mackintire seventy-eight feet."

Date Recorded: March 19, 1914

*** E.C.R.D. Book 2251, Page 563

Grantor: P. Joseph Wrin of Salem

Grantee: Wincenty Dzieinik of Salem

Consideration: \$1.00 and other valuable considerations

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate on Bentley Street in said Salem, and bounded as follows, viz. northerly by Bentley by Bentley Street forty-seven

*** E.C.R.D. Book 12417, Page 256

Grantor: Peter A. Dore and Judith M. Dore, both of Salem

Grantee: Kevin G. Harten and Jennifer Ann Lebzelter

Consideration: \$145,000.00

Conveyance of: The land with the buildings thereon, situated on Bentley Street in said Salem and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY: on Bentley Street forty-seven (47) feet;

EASTERLY: by land now or formerly of Silsbee, later Kelley seventy-nine (79) feet eight (8) inches;

SOUTHERLY: by land now or late of Frye and Rogers, now of Wright, and of Goldsmith, forty-six (46) feet, eight and one half (8 1/2) inches; and

WESTERLY: by land now or late of Rideout, and now or late of Macintire seventy-eight (78) feet.

Date Recorded: February 3, 1994

*** E.C.R.D. Book 5948, Page 541

Grantor: Philip F. Swiniuch, Administrator of the Estate of Kathryn Swiniuch

Grantee: Peter A. Dore and Judith Dore

Consideration: \$4,120.00

Conveyance of: The land with the buildings thereon, situated on [14] Bentley Street in said Salem and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY: on Bentley Street forty-seven (47) feet;

EASTERLY: by land now or formerly of Silsbee, later Kelley seventy-nine (79) feet eight (8) inches;

SOUTHERLY: by land now or late of Frye and Rogers, now of Wright, and of Goldsmith, forty-six (46) feet, eight and one half (8 1/2) inches; and

WESTERLY: by land now or late of Rideout, and now or late of Macintire seventy-eight (78) feet.

Date Recorded: February 13, 1973

*** E.C.R.D. Book 5948, Page 542

Grantor: Louis A. Swiniuch, Sr., and Philip F. Swiniuch

Grantee: Peter A. Dore and Judith M. Dore

Consideration: \$9,380.00

Conveyance of: The land with the buildings thereon, situated on [14] Bentley Street in said Salem and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY: on Bentley Street forty-seven (47) feet;

EASTERLY: by land now or formerly of Silsbee, later Kelley seventy-nine (79) feet eight (8) inches;

SOUTHERLY: by land now or late of Frye and Rogers, now of Wright, and of Goldsmith, forty-six (46) feet, eight and one half (8 1/2) inches; and

WESTERLY: by land now or late of Rideout, and now or late of Macintire seventy-eight (78) feet.

Date Recorded: February 13, 1973

feet, easterly by land late of Silsbee now of Kelley, seventy-nine feet and eight inches, Southerly by land late of Frye and Rogers now of Wright and of Goldsmith forty-six feet, eight and one-half inches, Westerly by land late of Rideout, now or late of Mackintire seventy-eight feet."

Date Recorded: March 19, 1914

*** E.C.R.D. Book 2369, Page 93

Grantor: Wincenty Dzielnik and Josie Dzielnik, both of Salem

Grantee: Baleslaw Moskiewicz of Salem

Consideration: For consideration paid

Conveyance of: "the land in said SALEM with the buildings thereon situate on Bently [sic] Street forty seven feet, Easterly by land now or formerly of Silsbee later Kelley, seventy nine feet and eight inches, Southerly by land late of Frye and Rogers now of Wright and of Goldsmith forty six feet eight and one half inches, Westerly by land late of Rideout, now or late of Mackintire seventy eight feet..."

Date Recorded: June 15, 1917

*** E.C.R.D. Book 2519, Page 188

Grantor: Boleslaw Mackiewicz, otherwise known as Baleslaw Moskiewicz, of Salem

Grantee: Philip Swiniuch, of Salem

Consideration: For consideration paid

Conveyance of: "the land with the buildings thereon, situated on Bentley Street in said Salem and bounded and described as follows: Northerly on Bentley Street forty seven (47) feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Silsbee, later Kelley seventy nine (79) feet eight (8) inches; Southerly by land now or late of Frye and Rogers, now of Wright, and of Goldsmith forty six (46) feet, eight and one half (8 1/2) inches; and Westerly by land now or late of Rideout, and now or late of Machintire seventy eight (78) feet..."

Date Recorded: June 21, 1922

Know all Men by these presents,

Richard S. Rogers
to
Benjamin B. Sanborn

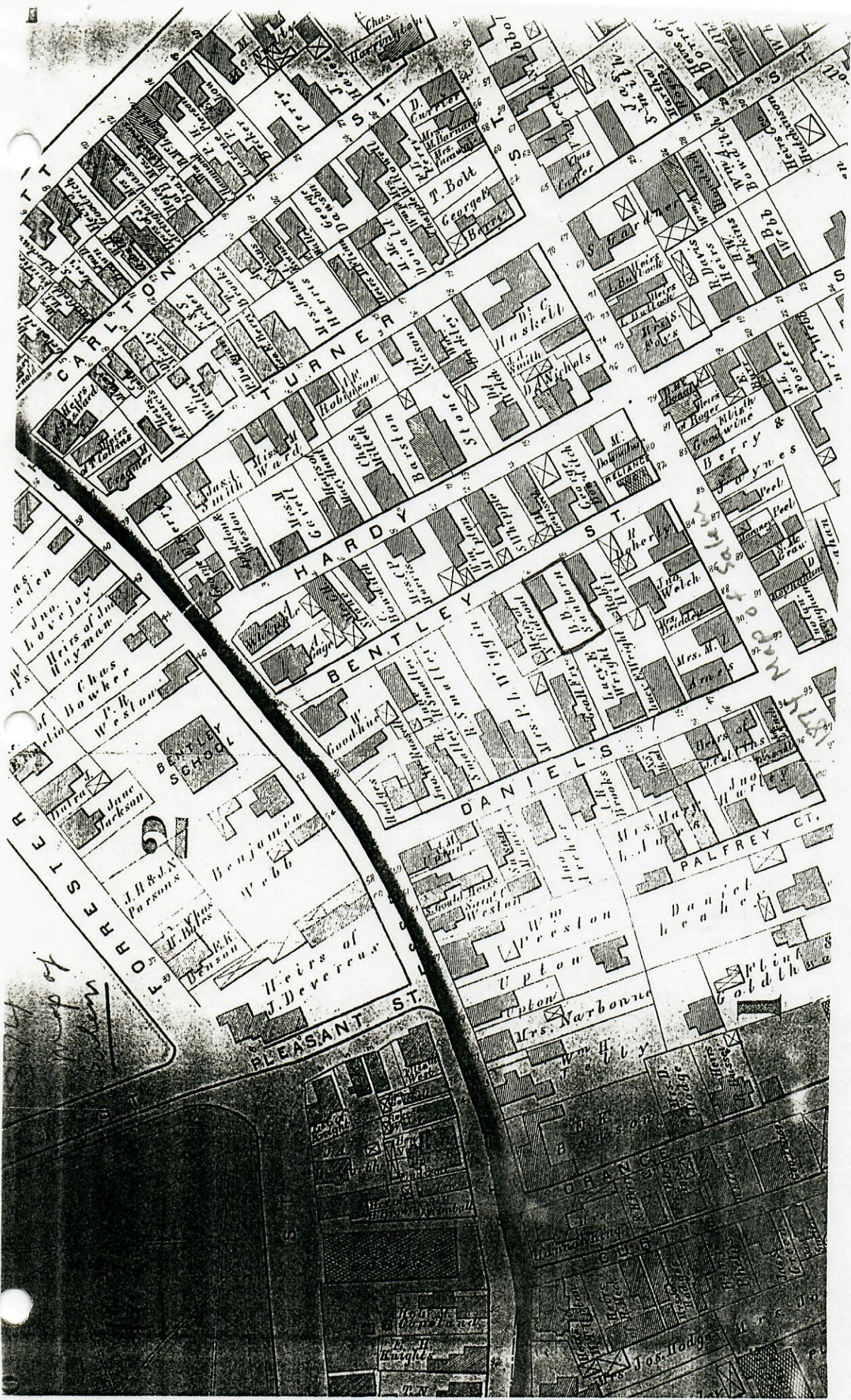
That I Richard S. Rogers of Salem in the County of Essex Merchant
in consideration of two hundred & thirty seven dollars & sixty
four cents paid by Benjamin B. Sanborn, of said Salem, house-
wright, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant,
sell and convey unto him the said Sanborn a parcel of land, situate
in said Salem, bounded as follows, beginning at the Southeast cor-
ner thereof at a private way, thence running westerly seventy
nine feet and eight inches by land of Silsbee, thence running
northerly forty six feet eight and a half inches by land of said
Rogers and of Frye, thence running easterly seventy eight feet
by land by me now conveyed to Hideout, and thence by said
private way forty seven feet southerly to the corner begun at
To Have and to Hold the granted premises with the appur-
tenances to the said Sanborn his heirs and assigns, to their use
and benefit forever. And I the said Rogers for myself, my heirs,
executors and administrators, do hereby covenant with the said
Sanborn his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee
of the premises: That they are free of all incumbrances: That I
have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Sanborn
and that I will and my heirs, executors and administrators shall
warrant and defend the same to the said Sanborn his heirs
and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands
of any persons. Sally G. wife of said Rogers, hereby releases
all claim of Dower in the granted premises. *In Witness*
whereof, We the said Richard S. & Sally G. have hereunto
set our hands and seals this third day of January in the
Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.
Signed, sealed and delivered by said Rich^d. }
in presence of me, (Sally G. Merrill) } Rich^d S. Rogers Seal.
and by said Sally G. in presence } Sally G. Rogers Seal.
of me, Sophia C. Holt } Essex, N. Feb. 15th 1834.
Then the above named
Richard S. Rogers acknowledged the above instrument to be his
free act and deed - before me, Sally Merrill Just. Peace.
Essex, N. Received March 22, 1834. Recorded & examined, by N. H. French Jy.

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Sarah Ann Emerson
to
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Know all Men by these presents,

That I Sarah Ann Emerson of Danvers in the County of Essex,
Spinster, in consideration of the sum of twenty four hundred dollars



*Map of
Boston*

PLEASANT ST.

DANIEL ST.

BENTLEY ST.

HARDY ST.

TURN ST.

CARLETON ST.

FOREST ST.

BENTLEY SCHOOL

J. H. & A. Parsons

Benjamin Webb

Heirs of J. Devereux

Upton

Mrs. Narbonne

PALFREY CT.

Daniel Leach

John Goldthorpe

ORANGE ST.

W. H. Hodge

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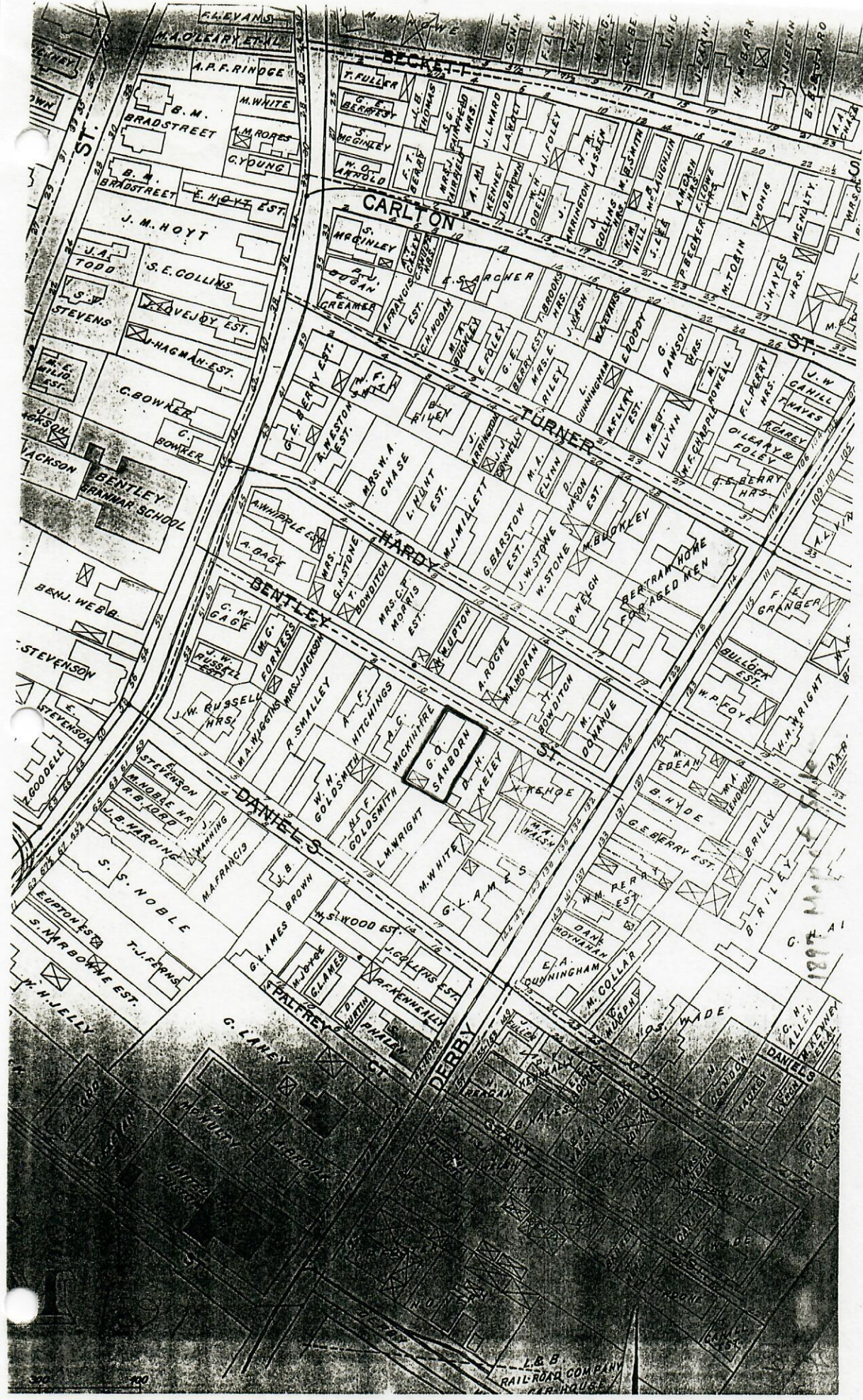
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Debbie Please add this to 12 Bentley St - the people who lived in the house in the 1910's and 1920's may have been parishioners. Thanks, Larry



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A-28 ST. NICHOLAS RUSSIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
64 Forrester Street at Webb

1908

The intriguing wooden church erected for the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox parish in Salem ranks as one of the finest Byzantine Revival ecclesiastical buildings surviving in New England. Completed in December 1908, it initially served a group of skilled leather workers from Poland and southern Russia who settled in this area to work in the leather and shoe factories of Salem and Peabody. Bishop Alexander of New York City formally dedicated the church in services held on 6 November 1910. Architecturally the building is distinguished by the five onion domes (topped by patriarchal crosses) on its main tower, side towers, and cupolas. Other interesting features are the corbel tables, ornate front entrance porch canopy, and semicircular and flat (with ears) window hood-moldings.