

Background to House History

160 Federal Street

Updated: 6-28-23

During the administration of Mayor Stanley Usovicz (1998-2005), the owner of 160 Boston Street, Michael Shea, received recognition for his preservation and restoration of this house with an HSI house plaque.

The plaque read:

Built for
John Burbeck
1869
Second Empire Style

No full house history was created. Following is some basic history about the first owner of this house John Chamberlain Burbeck, who was a “soap boiler and tallow chandler” with a manufacturing facility in Peabody. He married to Clarissa McIntyre of Westford, Massachusetts.

In line with current plaque protocol at HSI, recommended replacement plaque wording is:

Built for
John C. Burbeck
▲ Soap and Candle Mfr. ▲
Peabody
and his wife
Clarissa McIntyre Burbeck
1869

Following are some resources for information about the Burbecks.

- Buckley Michael A. hostler, boards 51 Washington
 Buckley Nora, widow, house 18 Cambridge
 Buckley Patrick, laborer, house 32 Peabody
 Buckley Patrick, laborer, house 54 Broad
 Buckley Patrick, grocer, house 5 High-street court
 Buckley Timothy, laborer, house 32 Phillips
 Buckley Timothy, laborer, house 12 English
 Buckley Timothy, laborer, house 18 Turner
 Buckley William, laborer, house rear 16 Turner
 Buckley William, laborer, house 16 Peabody
 Buckman Elizabeth, house 17 Gedney court
 Buckman Sarah Miss, house 25 Chestnut
 Buffinton James, master mariner, house 115 Boston
 Buffum Caleb, assessor, City Hall, house 13 Buffum
 Buffum Charles C. foreman, house 36 Hawthorne
 Buffum Charles S. undertaker, 59 Washington, h. 40 Church
 Buffum C. M. & Co. (*F. H. Lord*), hardware and cutlery,
 222 Essex, house 11 Appleton
 Buffum David Mrs. house 59 Lafayette
 Buffum Frank B. clerk, boards 13 Buffum
 Buffum Geo. W. undertaker, 59 Washington, h. 116 Bridge
 Buffum Joshua Rev. house 36 Upham
 Buffum William P. house 25 Buffum
 Buker Maggie A. bookkeeper, 82 Boston, bds. at Peabody
 Buker William H. sole cutter, house 42 Boston
 Bulger Henry, house 33 Congress
 Bulkley William F. house 21 Church
 Bullock Edward A. morocco dresser, h. 62 Highland ave.
 Bullock Sarah, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Mary, Misses, house
 73 Derby
 Bunker Asa, house 5 Phelps
 Bunker Charles W. express, house 12 Everett
 Bunker Eli, expressman, Washington, n. Front, h. 12 Everett
 Burbank Charles W. (*Chandler & Co.*), periodicals, etc.
 165 Washington, house 9 Margin
 Burbank Eliza Mrs. house 33 Salem
 Burbank Joseph L. carriage painter, house 2 Ash
 Burbank Thomas F. carriage painter, West pl. h. 68 Essex
 Burbeck John C. soap manuf. (Peabody), house 160 Boston
 Burbeck Wm. H. tailor, 242½ Essex, house 8 Barton square
 Burchsted Benjamin E. milkman, house 28 Bridge
 Burchsted David, sashmaker (Boston), boards 64 Buffum
 Burchsted Job, shoemaker, house 64 Buffum
 Burding Willard P. leather (Boston), house 9 Cherry
 Burger Stephen, overseer, boards 53 Essex
 Burke Bridget, house 38 St. Peter
 Burke Daniel, currier, house 29 Prospect
 Burke John, tanner, house 44 Prospect
 Burke John, house 18 Perkins

McINTYRE (see also McIntire), Clarissa, and John Burbeck
[Burbank. c. R. 5.] of Westford, Sept. 5, 1836.*

McKEE ward, and Elizabeth Acton, in Ireland, Apr. 11,
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Timothy, and Mary Gorman, in Ireland, Nov. —, 1842.

McKEAN (see also Kean, McKeon), Mary E., and Milton Wyatt,
Sept. 2, 1841.*

MacKEATIN, Rachael, of Reading, and Isaac Cheever, jr., Jan.
9, 1776.*

McKEON (see also McKean), William, and Eliza Welch, at Sa-
lem, June 27, 1848.

MACKAY, Neler, of Salem, and George Nicholes, int. May 15,
1785.

MACKINTIRE (see also McIntire), Almira S. [T. int.], and De-
pendence Littlefield, Oct. 13, 1845.*

Archelaus, of Reading, and Abigail Felton, Feb. 5, 1761.*

Ebeneser, of Reading, and Susanna Russell, int. Feb. 4, 1769.

Elizabeth, and Stephen Osborn, jr., Aug. 8, 1838.*

Hannah, of Reading, and Jethro Russell, int. Feb. 11, 1764.

James F., and Margaret [J. int.] Symes, Oct. 1, 1846.*

John, and Mary Deland, Nov. 20, 1777.*

Lucy, and Enoch Thurston, Feb. 24, 1774.*

Lydia, and Daniel Russell, int. Dec. 26, 1767.

Lydia, and William Brown, Aug. 25, 1793.*

Mary, and Richard Elliot, Mar. 10, 1802.*

Mehetabel, and Ebenezer Russel, June 15, 1786.*

Rachel, of Reading, and David Russell, int. Oct. 28, 1769.

Solomon Warren, and Nancy Hunt [of Salem. int.], at Salem.
[Oct. 7, 1836. int.].*

Solomon Warren, and Salnda Heath. 2d w., Apr. 6, 1843.*

Stephen, and Lydia Larrabee of Lynnfield, July 12, 1787.*

Thankful, and Joseph Shaw, jr., Nov. 30, 1819.*

Willard, and Nancy Drew, May 28, 1837.*

MACKITOTHEE, Mary, and Rob[er]t Day, jr., Nov. 3, 1768.*

MACKMILLION (see also McMellen), John, and Pr. erved Bulluk
of Salem, June 7, 1772.

*Intention also recorded.

184 of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

On the petition of James S. Newhall praying that certain of the personal estate of Thomas B. Newhall, late of Lynn, in the County of Essex, be sold at private sale, or at public auction; all persons interested having been duly notified, and it appearing to be most for the interest of all concerned that said personal estate be sold:

It is Decreed that said James S. Newhall be authorized to sell said personal estate at private sale, or at public auction, as he may deem best.

Rollin E. Harmon,
Judge of Probate Court.

A true record,
Attest: J. J. Mahoney Register.

To the Honorable the Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County of Essex:-

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant to us directed, dated October 14th. A. D. 1895, we, the commissioners therein named, having been first sworn, and having given notice to all persons interested, as therein directed, have appraised all the real estate described in said warrant, and which was required to be included in the partition, as follows:-

Lot No. 1. A parcel of land with the buildings thereon bounded southerly by Harbor St. about ninety feet; easterly by land of the estate of Bernard Carey, about one hundred and five feet; northerly by lands of Kelley and others, about ninety feet; and westerly by Shepherd St. about one hundred and eleven feet, we have appraised at \$ 6000.00

Lot No. 2. A parcel of land with the buildings thereon bounded westerly by Blossom St. about thirty feet; southerly by land of the Boston & Maine Railroad, one hundred and twenty-five feet, easterly by land of owner unknown forty five feet and northerly by land formerly of Abbott, about one hundred and twenty-five feet, be all said measurements more or less, we have appraised at \$ 1700.00

Lot No. 3. Seven thousand one hundred and sixty

square feet of land with its buildings thereon, on the corner of Wheeler and Blossom Sts. in said Lynn, we have appraised at 2500.00

And the said James A. Carey, Thomas B. Carey, Joseph M. Carey, Annie L. Carey, and Mary E. Carey, electing to hold their shares together in common, we have set off to them lots 1 and 3 aforesaid; and to said John Carey we have set off lot No. 2, aforesaid; a plan of which said lot 2 is hereto annexed, and made part of this report.

Philip A. Newhall,
John A. O'Keefe,
William J. Barry,
Commissioners
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Essex, ss. At a Probate Court holden at Lawrence, in said County of Essex, on the eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

The foregoing report having been examined and considered, and all persons interested having been notified, and had an opportunity to be heard thereon before this Court, or having assented thereto in writing, and it appearing that said Commissioners were sworn according to law, and gave notice as ordered by Court; that said partition has been properly made;

It is Decreed that said report be accepted, and the partition confirmed and established, and that the premises be assigned as described, and set off to the several parties therein named.

Rollin E. Harmon,
Judge of Probate Court,

A true record,
Attest: J. J. Mahoney Register.

1895. November 18. Salem.

I, John C. Burbeck, of Salem, in the County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at anytime made.

186 After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I bequeath and devise my remaining estate as follows:-

I. To my nephew, Joseph N. Burbeck, of Peabody, Massachusetts, I give the promissory note for one thousand and fifty three $40/100$ dollars which I now hold against him, I also give my said nephew the option of purchasing my estate on Grove Street, in said Peabody, for the sum of two thousand dollars at any time within one year from the date of the proof of this will I also give to my said nephew the sum of one hundred dollars, but I instruct however, and the income therefrom to be applied to the care of the cemetery lot owned by him and me.

II. To John G. Burbeck, son of the said Joseph N. Burbeck, the lot of land situated in said Salem, being the same which I bought of Timothy Walton. To the said John G. Burbeck I also give my real estate situated in Washington County, in the State of Missouri, and my portrait and the French clock, both now in my house, No 160 Boston Street, in said Salem.

III. To Clara Blanchard, daughter of my sister, Margaret Blanchard, one thousand dollars in money, and my Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railway Bond for one thousand dollars. In lieu of one thousand dollars in money, the said Clara Blanchard may take one one thousand dollar Bond of the Eastern Railroad, if she shall so elect.

IV. To Lucy A. Burbeck of Roxboro, Massachusetts, widow, of my brother, Thomas Burbeck, one hundred dollars.

V. To Elizabeth S. Osborn, of said Peabody, wife of George A. Osborn, one hundred dollars.

VI. To Evalina Fuller, of West Medford, Massachusetts, wife of George H. Fuller, I give the promissory note, secured by mortgage, for eight hundred dollars, which I now hold against the said George H. Fuller.

VII. To Jerusha Brown, of Littleton, Massachusetts, I give the promissory note, secured by mortgage, for four hundred dollars which I now hold against her husband, Harvey D. Brown.

VIII. To Annette Marston, of Chichester, New Hampshire, wife of Frank Marston, three hundred dollars.

IX. To Lizzie Chandler, of Reading, Massachusetts, wife of Luther Chandler, three hundred dollars.

X. To the Old Ladies Home Association, of said Peabody, two hundred dollars. 187

XI. I hereby direct my hereinafter named executor to give such articles of my household chattels, as may be selected by the said Joseph N. Burbeck and the said Clara Blanchard, to such of my relatives and connections as they may designate, one article to each person, as mementos of me.

XII. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of whatever nature, real, personal or mixed, I wish to be converted into money, as soon as the same can reasonably be done, by my hereinafter named executor (whom I hereby authorize and empower to sell and dispose of the same, either at public or private sale, and in such manner as he may deem best) and equally divided among the following named persons; viz: Samantha Little Stockwell, of Watertown, Massachusetts; Ann Eliza Little and Lucy Little, both of Morgan, Vermont; Joseph P. Blaisdell, of Centre Barnstead, N. H.; Mary Burbeck Dow, widow, of Cambridge, Mass; Henry Burbeck, of Westford, Mass; Eliza Burbeck, of Cambridge, Mass; Eri Huggins, of Redwood, California; Abbie B. Whitcomb (wife of Nathan E. Whitcomb) Louisa B. Dudley (wife of G. A. Dudley) and George A. Blanchard, all of Roxboro, Mass; Lucy B. De Costa (wife of George B. De Costa) of West Acton Mass; Charles H. Blanchard, of Hudson, So. Dakota; Lizzie W. Foote, of Danvers, Mass, wife of John C. Foote; and Juliette Blanchard and the said Clara Blanchard, Joseph N. Burbeck and Elizabeth S. Osborn, of said Peabody.

XIII. I hereby nominate Frank E. Farnham, of said Peabody, to be executor of this my last will.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and in the presence of three witnesses, declare this to be my last will this twenty-sixth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

John C. Burbeck.

On this 26th day of June A. D. 1895, John C. Burbeck, of Salem, Massachusetts, signed the foregoing instrument in our presence, declaring it to be his last will; and as witnesses thereto, we three do now, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, hereto affix our respective names.

Frank E. Farnham. Sarah B. Whipple. James P. Rooney
A true record, Attest: J. J. Mahony Register.



John Chamberlain Burbeck

BIRTH 8 Nov 1810
New Hampshire, USA

DEATH 22 Oct 1895 (aged 84)
Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA

BURIAL Cedar Grove Cemetery
Peabody, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA

MEMORIAL ID 214978501



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Family Members

Spouse



Clarissa Burbeck
1809–1883



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Clarissa Burbeck

BIRTH 31 Aug 1809

DEATH 6 Jun 1883 (aged 73)

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Peabody, Essex County, Massachusetts, USA

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Burbeck
1810–1895



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