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Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 11:11 AM
To: info@historicsalem.org
Subject: Historic plaque for 15 Cousins Street

Dear Historic Salem Inc.,

Regarding: 15 Cousins Street, Salem

I am contacting you to follow up on a historic-plaque inquiry that I started with you back in October. At that time, I spoke to someone at HSI who told me that resources for plaque research and production have been on hold for some time, but that they would be available again starting in the new year. Following up on that, on March 10, I sent HSI (to the PO Box 865 address) a letter with attached pages of the research I have done on my building. It was 10 pages in total.

What I have *not* done yet is send a check for \$400. I didn't send the money yet for two reasons: (1) I don't know if your plaque program is up and running again; and (2) I was curious to see if there would be any price difference, given that (a) I have done a lot of research already (possible price cut?); and (b) we need two plaques, one for each side of the building (possible price increase?).

If you need the \$400 to look into my case, please let me know, and I will arrange for payment. I am really passionate about getting this plaque done, and done in time for summer.

Attached is the document I sent by post on March 10, for your reference. I am also attaching some new evidence I found – an 1872 map showing our building – which is further evidence that our current plaque is incorrect.

Really looking forward to hearing from you! I'm eager to get this underway.

Best,
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15 Cousins Street

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Greg Watts
15 Cousins Street
Salem, MA 01970

March 10, 2014

Dear Historic Salem Inc.,

I am very interested in having a historical plaque done by your organization, for the condo building I live in at 15-23 Cousins Street. The building is well known in Salem as the former Polish Falcons Hall.

From a phone conversation with one of your staff last fall, I know that you have had a backlog of requests for plaques; the gentleman I spoke with indicated that I should get back in contact with him/Historic Salem Inc. in January 2014, since at that point Historic Salem Inc. was going to have resources back on the task of plaque research and production. I have called Historic Salem Inc. a number of times since January and have left messages, but until now none of my messages has been returned. Therefore, I thought it best to send you my research, in hopes of jumpstarting this process.

In the pages that follow, I present you with the research I have been able to do, which I would like incorporated into a new historical plaque done by Historic Salem Inc. The historical information I found reveals that our current historical plaque (which was not done by Historic Salem Inc.) is incorrect and short on detail.

The next page is a summary/table of contents of the historical documents on the pages after it.

Please note that I am not including the \$400 payment, because I am not yet sure that you are still "in the business" of making these plaques; and also, I am interested to know if there could be any discount given the amount of research that is already done.

I can best be contacted by email, at greg.watts@ef.com. The next best contact option is my cell phone, 978-304-6926. If you email me, then I can send you the electronic copy of this letter, which will have the "live" links to the historical information I include here.

I greatly appreciate your time and very much look forward to hearing back from you, hopefully in order to start the process of creating an official Historic Salem Inc. plaque for this building!

Sincerely,



Greg Watts
15 Cousins Street, Salem

Summary/Table of Contents of my historical research

Here below is the summary of my evidence – I have the screenshots and links of the articles pasted in this document in the pages that follow.

- **Current plaque:** The current plaque we have (it is incorrect)
- **Articles 1 and 2:** Show that our building was built in 1867 instead of 1879, and that it was first the “India Manufacturing Company” before it was the Nevins Jute Mill. (It was actually one of two Nevins Jute Mills in Salem – the other one was on Skerry Street).
- **Article 2** also seems to show that the building’s conversion to a Nevins Jute Mill was in 1877 instead of 1879. This is because Article 2 was published in January 1879, and already notes that the English Street and Skerry Street mills are known as the Nevins Jute Mills, and indicates 1877 as the year that Nevins took over the property.
- **Article 3** is more evidence about the original “India Manufacturing Company” and its founding in 1867.
- **Article 4** notes how the India Manufacturing Company was a failed business before Nevins took it over – and suggests that that business was a bagging business as well (like the future Nevins Jute Mill would be).
- **Article 5** – similar to Article 2 – suggests that in 1880 it was not “new news” that there was a Nevins Jute Mill on English Street – further strengthening the notion that the site was a Nevins Jute Mill prior to just 1879.
- **Articles 6, 7 and 8:** It seems that the Nevins Jute Mill didn’t last that long. It closed in 1888 (**Article 6**), removed its machinery in 1890 (**Article 7**) and was auctioned off in 1892 (**Article 8**).
- **Article 9:** Polish Falcons purchase the building in 1938.
- **Article 9a:** A newspaper article that, if you can find it (I couldn’t) might mention something about what the building was used for between 1892 and 1938. *I would need your help on confirming the building’s history during this period!*
- **Article 10:** John F. Kennedy visited the building.
- **Proposed new plaque:** This may be too much text – the design and text are mine. However, I do note the existence of ‘long’ historical plaques; there is one on Essex Street at the corner of (I think) Orange Street.

Current plaque (incorrect and incomplete)



Article 1: Building was "India Manufacturing Co.," built 1867

From "History of Essex County, Massachusetts" published in 1888, page 156-57.

JUTE BAGGING.—The manufacture of jute bagging is now carried on in Salem at two establishments. The first jute-mill was established in the fall of 1865, when the late Francis Peabody built the jute-mill on

Skerry Street. Two years later a tract of land on English and Webb Streets, the old English estate, was bought and a second mill built by a company known as the India Manufacturing Co., formed at the same time. A second company, called the Bengal Bagging Co., was formed in 1870 to carry on the Skerry Street mill, but, in 1875, all the property fell into the hands of David Nevins & Co., of Boston, and, since the death of the elder Nevins, a year or two ago, has been carried on by his son.

The two mills have now over a thousand spindles, with a capacity of five million yards of bagging a year. The total value varies, but averages three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The amount of jute-butts consumed annually is twenty-two thousand five hundred bales, at a value of eight dollars per bale. The two mills employ a total of two hundred and sixty-eight hands, of which one hundred and one are females and one hundred and two youths and children.

The jute-butts are brought from Bengal, from the port of Chittagong, in large vessels that give the inhabitants of Salem their only occasional sight of large sized, square-rigged vessels, and the import duties make up the greater part of the receipts of the Salem custom-house, the amount received from each vessel being in the vicinity of two thousand dollars. The bagging is mostly shipped South for use in baling cotton, especially large shipments going to Galveston, Tex.

Article 2: Building built in 1867, Nevins Mill in 1877

From "Historical Sketch of Salem, 1626-1879 (page 230, page 272 in eBook format)

<https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=gfwn8wvsk90C&printsec=frontcover&output=reader&authuser=0&hl=en&pg=GBS.PA236>

Manufacture of Jute.—The manufacture of jute bagging was commenced in 1865 by the late Francis Peabody, who built a mill at the foot of Skerry Street, and commenced to weave the first cloth in the fall of that year. In 1867, a second mill was built on Webb Street, and a company was formed under the name of the India Manufacturing Company. About the year 1870, Mr. Peabody transferred the original mill to a company organized as the Bengal Bagging Company. In June, 1875, David Nevins & Co., of Boston, purchased the interest of the Bengal Bagging Company; and in June, 1877, acquired the property of the India Manufacturing Company. The mills are now known as the Nevins Bagging Mills. Each contains about 500 spindles, and the annual production is upwards of 1,000,000 yards. The business is conducted on private capital. The source of supply for raw material is Bengal. The cloth manufactured is used chiefly for baling cotton.

Article 3: Further evidence of India Manufacturing Co., 1867

From "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Session of the General Court, 1872, p 35-36.

http://books.google.com/books?id=RGUbAQAAIAAJ&pg=RA1-PA35&dq=india+manufacturing+company+salem&hl=en&sa=X&ei=S7ybUd_JEMzi4A0OhYCIBQ&ved=0CGMQ6AEwCA#v=onepage&q=india%20manufacturing%20company%20salem&f=false

India Manufacturing Company, Salem. Organization certified June 4, 1867.

36 TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. [Feb.

India Manufacturing Company, Salem. Chartered 1870, c. 112.

Article 4: India Manufacturing Co. was a failed business

(Sent to me by a librarian at the Nevins library in Methuen; this article places the year of Nevins' purchase of the building as 1874 instead of 1877, and calls it the "India Bagging Company" instead of the "India Manufacturing Company". The other sources seem more reliable than this one, since this one seems like a Nevins historian's broad-brush account).

terprise, and continued so until his death. About 1874 he purchased the mills of the India Bagging Company, at Salem, Mass., and two years later, the entire plant of the Bengal Bagging Company, of Salem, both of which had been unsuccessful business ventures. He soon made a success of both, and so increased the production of jute fabrics at these and his other mills, that at the time of his death he was the largest manufacturer of this staple in the United

Article 5: 1880 document suggesting mill already well-established

From "Guide to Salem", printed 1880, page 33.

<http://books.google.com/books?id=h-j4wycadw4C&pg=PA33&dq=nevins+jute+mill+english+street&hl=en&sa=X&ei=W4CbUb6XOa7b4AOlpoCoAQ&ved=0CDcQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=nevins%20jute%20mill%20english%20street&f=false>

Essex, Washington, Front, and Central streets, are the locations of the chief retail trade; the Naumkeag Cotton Mills are on Harbor and Union streets; the Salem Lead Works on Saunders street; the Forest River Lead Works on the Marblehead road; the Myro-Petroleum Mf'g Co.'s Works on Ocean Avenue; the Nevins Jute Mills on English and Skerry streets; the Eastern Railroad Car Works on Bridge street, and smaller manufacturing concerns scattered throughout the city.

Article 6: Nevins Mill closed in 1888

Boston Evening Transcript, Oct 23, 1888

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=2249&dat=18881023&id=p3M-AAAIAIBAJ&sjid=rVkJMAAAIIBAJ&pg=2005,1640538>

The English-street Jute mill in Salem is closed. and 200 hands are out of work. Another mill on Skerry street will probably be closed on Thursday, throwing out 300 more employees.

Article 7: Nevins Mill machinery removed, 1890

From "Wade's Fibre & Fabric" No. 261, March 1890, page 462

http://books.google.com/books?id=XwwAAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA462&dq=nevins+jute+mill+english+street&hl=en&sa=X&ei=-32bUb6tK5PI4AOZ_4C

The Nevins Bagging Co., which runs the jute mills on Skerry and English streets in Salem, and reopened the Calcutta trade with their jute ships between Salem and that principal port of India in March, 1881, after a silence of 39 years, will remove its machinery to Greenpoint, L. I., where it proposes to start 100 looms in the manufacture of jute cloth. This action closes a manufacturing industry which has in the past given employment to more than 600 hands in both mills. It is understood that the company takes this step to effect a saving in freight. The mills have been closed for some little time past. The building and real estate will be sold.—*Salem Register.*

Article 8: Nevins Mill sold at auction, 1892

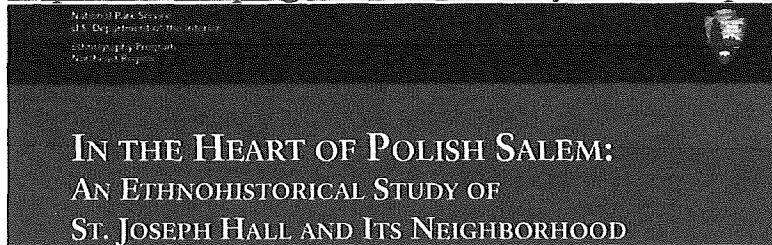
Fibre & Fabric, No. 362, Feb. 1892

textile workers of Lowell are to organize under one central union, a mistake which I think they will regret later on. — The Nevins jute mill, of Salem, Mass., was sold at auction last week; it is reported that the company who purchased it will build on to the present plant. — The bill making 58

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Article 9: Polish Falcons buys the building, 1938

<http://www.nps.gov/sama/historyculture/upload/SAMA-rpt-small.pdf>



Polish Falcons bought Cousins Street building in 1938.

⁷⁹ "Polish Falcons Acquire Building at Corner of Cousins and English Streets To Be Used as Headquarter," [Salem Evening News], March 1938, 1. With John Frayler files at Salem Maritime NHS.

Article 9a: Possible leads as to what building was, 1892-1938?

The above Salem Evening News article (available from John Frayler at SMNHS?) might mention what the building was being used for during the period prior to 1938, and thus might fill in the blank we have for the period of 1892 (auctioned) to 1938 (purchased by Polish Falcons).

One of the architects that did the building's conversion to condos in 2004 – Paul Lessard – thinks that the building was used as a *storage building for just-tanned cow hides*, for the leather tannery that was located on the adjacent lot. (That lot now also has condos on it).

The architects also suspected that the building may have been a *speakeasy* during the Prohibition, since a now-removed appendage to the building featured a large heavy metal door with a viewing slit in it, presumably to screen visitors.

Article 10: John F. Kennedy visited the building once

connections extended out into the wider political world as well. A frequently-told story in Polish Salem is of how John F. Kennedy made a campaign stop at the Falcons Hall, while the political clubs sometimes travelled outside the city—for example, the WPACC

¹⁸ “Women’s Citizens Club Officers are Installed at Falcons Auditorium.” Lynn Telegram-News, Feb. 8, 1959.

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¹⁹It was not entirely clear from community members’ recollections when Kennedy’s visit took place. Some people recalled it being during a Senatorial campaign (which would have been 1952 or 1958), while others thought it was during one of his campaigns for the House of Representatives (1946, 1948, or 1950).

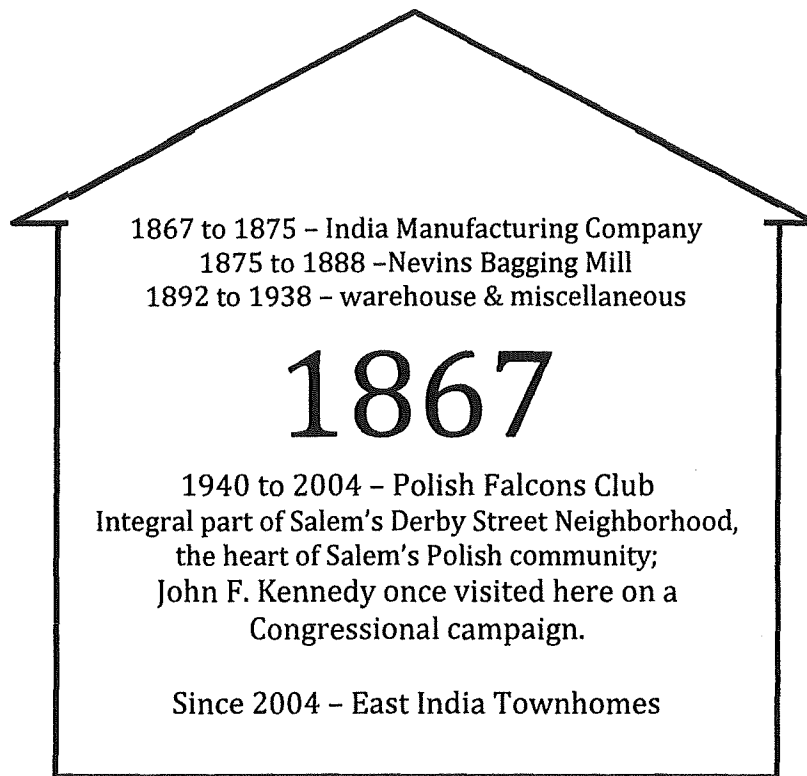
moved to 150 Derby Street, just east of St. Joseph Hall, for a short time. Then, in 1940, they bought a former factory building at 15 Cousins Street, a block north of Derby Street at the Webb Street end of the neighborhood—seemingly their first permanent home (see Figure 74). Because this was the largest of the Polish halls in the Derby Street

neighborhood, it was the site of choice for many social, political, and other gatherings, making it an important community hub. Linda Moustakis recalls, “When I became a teenager or 11, 12, the Falcons Hall right down the street would have these huge Polish weddings, and then we would wait until the wedding, the eating was over, and. . .we would dance.” An incident frequently referred to with pride by Salem’s older Poles is the visit of John F. Kennedy to the Falcons Hall. (It is not entirely clear what year this took place.)

The factory on Cousins Street remained the Falcons’ hall until 2003, when the membership decided to sell the property. However, the group still functions. According

Proposed new plaque

Open to your feedback and suggestions!



INDIA MANUFACTURING COMPANY
JUTE MILL

BUILT IN

~~187~~ 1867

POURTH FALONS CLUB ¹⁹⁴⁰ ~~2004~~

~~RENOVATED AS TOWN HOUSES 2004~~

SINCE 2004 - EAST INDIA TOWN HOUSES

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Inventory No: SAL.3347
Historic Name: India Manufacturing Company Jute Mill
Common Name: Fuller, Charles S. and Company Shoe Factory
Address: 1-11 Cousins St
City/Town: Salem
Village/Neighborhood: Derby Street
Local No: 41-154
Year Constructed:
Architect(s):
Architectural Style(s): No style
Use(s): Industrial Complex or District; Leather Factory; Mill
Unspecified; Shoe Factory
Significance: Architecture; Industry
Area(s):
Designation(s):



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FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

Deposited



Salem _____

1-11 Cousins St.

Historic Name _____

Present industrial

Original " "

DESCRIPTION:

1867

Source Hurd, History of Essex County

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

August 1985



Style utilitarian

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric asbestos

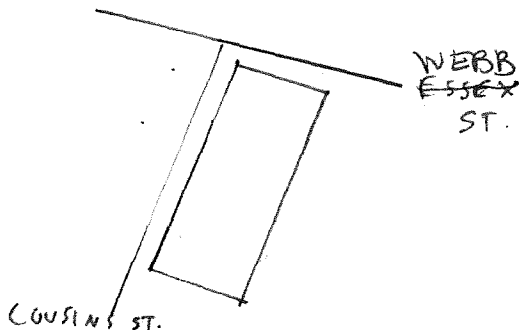
Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting residential/industrial



Recorded by Debra Hilbert

Organization Salem Planning Dept.

Date May, 1986

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This structure has little architectural distinction but is designed for functional purposes as an inducetrail facility. The building is largely composed of a long rectangular form varying in height from one to three stories with a slightly pitched roof. Window sash are 6/6 and largely occur in pairs (many windows have been boarded). Asbestos shingles cover the whole structure. Trim is very simple and largely confined to the window surrounds. The building bears some similirity to other industrial structures on Franklin St. in North Salem.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

1-11 Cousins St. was built in 1867 as a jute mill for the India Manufacturing Co. Jute is a soft fiber obtained from the inner bark of the jute plant that was used in the 19th century to manufacture bags and cordage. Jute butts were imported from Bengal in India and the bags produced here were then shipped to the South, largely for use in baling cotton.

The first jute mill in Salem was established by Francis Peabody in 1865 on Skerry St. Two years later this site, called the Old English Estate (probably a reference to Philip English who had extensive land holdings here) was purchased by the India Manufacturing Co. to establish Salem's second mill. The two establishments employed 268 people, of which 101 were women and 102 children. In 1875 David Nevins & Co. acquired this site and later sold off some of the surrounding land for house lots (see 8 and 14 Cousins St.). By 1895 Charles S. Fuller & Co. operated a shoe factory here. Today the building houses Richard's Leather, one of the few remnants of this once prominent industry in Salem. In 1888 the City had 54 firms engaged in the manufacture of leather, many located along the North River.

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Inventory No: SAL.3359
Historic Name:
Common Name:
Address: 14 Cousins St
City/Town: Salem
Village/Neighborhood: Derby Street
Local No: 41-185
Year Constructed:
Architect(s):
Architectural Style(s): Victorian Eclectic
Use(s): Multiple Family Dwelling House
Significance: Architecture
Area(s):
Designation(s):



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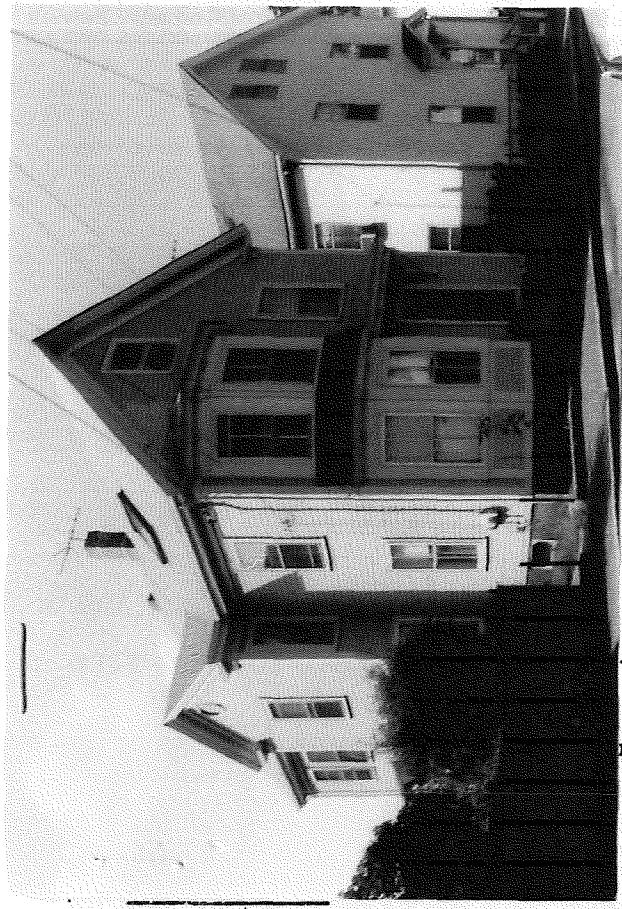
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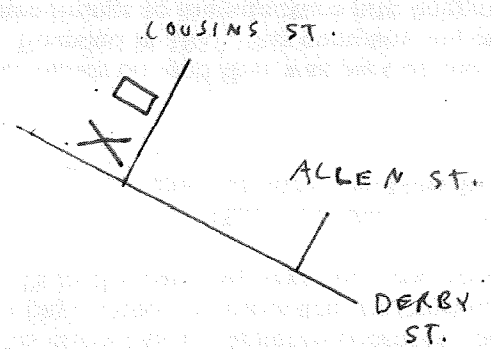
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2116

August 1985



Town Salem

Address 14 Cousins St.

Historic Name _____

Use: Present Residential

Original " " _____

DESCRIPTION:

Date by 1897

Source Directories

Style Queen Anne Vernacular

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting Residential / industrial

Recorded by Debra Hilbert

Organization Salem Planning Dept.

Date January, 1986

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Late Victorian dwellings such as this one can be found throughout Salem although they are relatively less common in the Derby St. area. Cousins St. does, however, have a number of Queen Anne vernacular structures, 14 being the least altered. The house is oriented gable end to the street and has a sidehall entry balanced by a 2-story bay. This entry has a bracketed doorhood that extends across into the cornice of the 2-story bay. Other features are the cross-gable wing and the dentil-like trim set in 2's and 3's in the cornice, bays and door hood.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

14 Cousins St. stands on land that was part of the India Manufacturing Co. (see 1-11 Cousins St.). Founded in 1867, this company imported jute plants from Bengal and used their inner linings to manufacture jute bagging. These bags were then shipped to the South for use in storing and transporting cotton. The India Manufacturing Co. was later owned by David Nevins. His heirs sold off a large portion of the land to William E. Bates, Benjamin Touret, and James J. Welch in May of 1892. Bates and his associates then laid out Cousins St. and sold off lots. The one on which 14 Cousins St. stands was purchased by Samuel A. Polter and Edward A. Collins in March of 1893 and resold to Nathaniel P. Bradstreet in November of 1894. Both these transactions mention a building on the property but in the City directories, a dwelling is not listed here until 1897, when S. Augustine Cook, an engineer at the Boston and Maine carshop, was Bradstreet's tenant.

The Nevins land was the last large parcel to be developed in the Derby St. area.

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Common Name:
Address: 8 Cousins St
City/Town: Salem
Village/Neighborhood: Derby Street
Local No: 41-187
Year Constructed:
Architect(s):
Architectural Style(s): Victorian Eclectic
Use(s): Multiple Family Dwelling House; Other Commercial
Significance: Architecture; Commerce
Area(s):
Designation(s):



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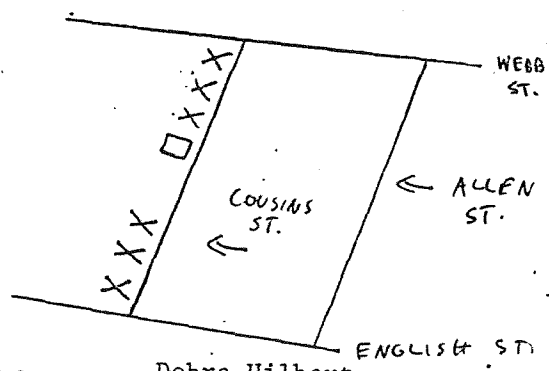


Salem _____
 8 Cousins Street _____
 Name _____
 Present residential _____
 Original " " _____
 DESCRIPTION:
 1897 _____
 Source Directories _____

SKETCH MAP

AUGUST 1985

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Victorian vernacular _____
 Architect _____
 Exterior wall fabric clapboards _____
 Outbuildings _____
 Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage less than one acre _____

Setting residential/industrial _____

Recorded by Debra Hilbert _____
 Organization Salem Planning Dept. _____
 Date January, 1986 _____

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Since the Derby Street area was fairly well developed by the end of the 19th century, vernacular dwellings such as this one are more common in other parts of Salem. This house is, however, is typical for Cousins Street. Oriented gable end to the street, the dwelling has a sidehall entry located within the enclosed part of the porch which extends across the front of the building. The porch has one spindle post and an open railing. Trim is very simple and consists of features such as corner boards, deep roof eaves, and eave returns.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

8 Cousins Street stands on land that was part of the India Manufacturing Co. (See 1-11 Cousins Street). Founded in 1867, this company imported jute plants from Bengal and used their inner linings to manufacture jute bagging. These bags were then shipped to the South for use in storing and transporting cotton. The India Manufacturing Co. was later owned by David Nevins. His heirs sold off a large portion of the land to William F. Bates, Benjamin Touret, and James J. Welch in May of 1892. Bates and his associates must have laid out Cousins Street, for the road was in existence by September 25, 1893 when they sold what is now 8 Cousins Street to Mary A. Flynn. This house first appears in the 1897-8 Salem Directory with its occupants listed as Lucy E. Roberts, widow, Edward Upton, laborer, and M.H. Flynn who ran a stable at the rear.

The Nevins land was the last large parcel to be developed in the Derby Street area.

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I meant to include this in the email I sent a few minutes ago. The one hole I had in the history is the period after the jute mill and before the Polish Falcons Hall (1892-1938). But I have now found some information about that period.

In an 1897 map, the building shows as part of the “Charles S. Fuller Company Bates Fouret et al” shoe company



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