

# Historic Salem incorporated

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22 Forrester Street  
Built by,  
JOHN LOVEJOY, housewright  
1853

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and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."*

22 Forrester Street

This pitched-roof, gable-end to street house was built by John Lovejoy, housewright, in 1853 on what is now known as Forrester Street.

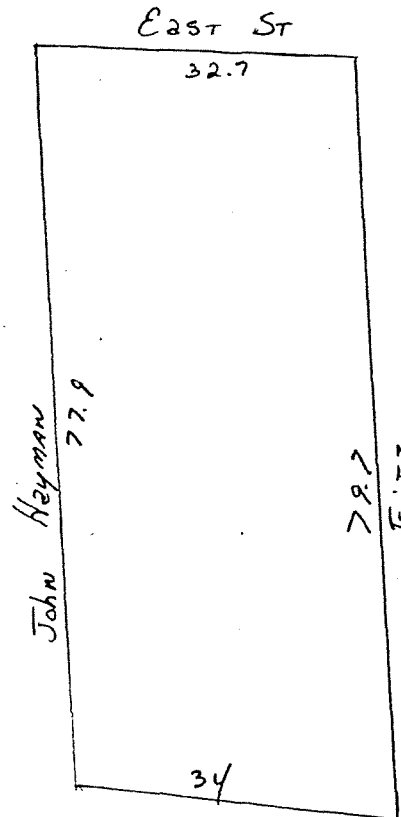
The part of Forrester Street running parallel with Essex Street was laid out over common land as early as 1767. It was called the street lately laid out Aug. 16, 1793; the street, 1793; a new street, 1794; street leading from the common to the neck, 1799; East Street, 1809; and Forrester Street in 1870. (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 9 page 72)

Benjamin F. Browne in his "Youthful Recollections of Salem" (Essex Institute Historical Collections, Vol. 66 page 193) states:

There were five tanneries near the Common in his childish days. Nathaniel Richardson carried one on in East, now Forrester Street (north side). It was then familiarly called Gutter Lane.

A creek ran the length of Forrester Street, which drained the ponds on the Common and flowed easterly into the marsh and cove beyond the point where the street branches onto Essex Street. This creek possibly ran where the boundary between the lot on which this house stands and the Essex Street lots. The creek was filled in around the 1850's.

On July 11, 1853 John Lovejoy, of Salem, housewright, sold for \$2,550, to Caroline W. Francks, widow, a message (the old term for dwelling house and land) situated on East Street. (book 481 page 45)



I know all men by these presents, That I, John Bougeoy of J. Bougeoy  
Salem, in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have to  
to  
L. W. Franch's  
(Book 481 pg 45)  
paid, in consideration of twenty five hundred and fifty  
dollars to me paid by Caroline W. Franch's of said Salem widow  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give,  
grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Caroline W.  
Franch the following described messuage situate in said  
Salem viz, bounded Northerly by East Street thirty two feet  
and seven inches, Easterly by land of Eitz seventy nine feet  
and seven inches, Southerly by other land of nine thirty  
four feet, Westerly by land of John Hayman seventy seven  
feet and nine inches. To have and to hold the above  
granted premises, with the privileges and appurtenances  
thereto belonging, to the said Caroline W. her heirs and as-  
signs, to her & their use and behoof forever. And I the  
said Bougeoy, for myself and my heirs, executors, and ad-  
ministrators, do covenant with the said Caroline W. her  
heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the  
aforegranted premises, that they are free from all incum-  
brances. That I have good right to sell and convey the  
same to the said Caroline W. as aforesaid, and that I will  
and my heirs, executors, and administrators, shall war-  
rant and defend the same to the said Caroline W. her heirs  
and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands  
of

of all persons. In witness whereof, we the said John Louejoy and the undersigned his wife who hereby relinquishes her right of dower in the premises, have hereunto set our hands and seals this eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, - John Louejoy. Seal.

Executed and delivered } Eliz<sup>th</sup> T. Louejoy. Seal.  
in presence of us, Jno. H. Nichols }  
James Fairfield Jr. to - }  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
Essex. July 25<sup>th</sup> 1853. Then personally

appeared the above named John Louejoy and acknowledged the above instrument by him executed, to be his free act and deed, before me, Jno. H. Nichols, Justice of the Peace, Essex. July 25, 1853, 8 m. before 11 A. M. Rec<sup>d</sup> & Exam<sup>d</sup> by Ephm. Brown Reg<sup>r</sup>.

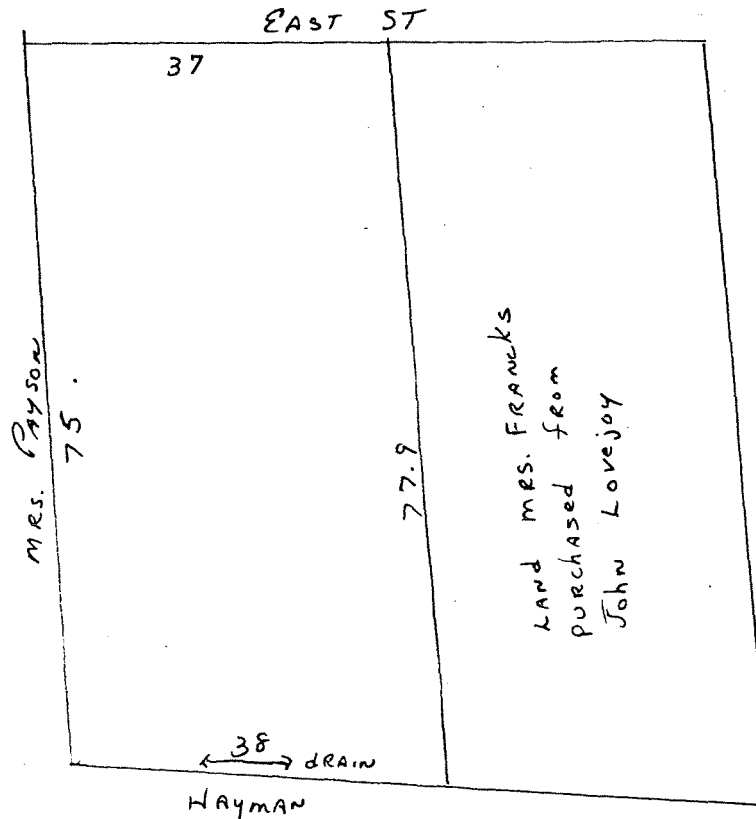
W. Francher  
to  
E. H. Barton  
4/18/53  
Assigned  
see  
B. 514. 2. 84.  
Assigned  
see  
B. 514. 2. 76

Know all men by these presents, That I, Caroline W. Francher of Salem in the County of Essex widow, in consideration of nine hundred dollars to me paid by Elizabeth H. Barton wife - John Barton of Beaverhill in said County, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Elizabeth H. Barton & her heirs the following described messuage in said Salem viz. bounded Northwely by East Street thirty two feet and seven inches, Easterly by land of Fitz seventy nine feet and seven inches. Southwely by land of Louejoy thirty four feet, Westwely by land of John Hayman seventy seven feet and nine inches. To have and to hold the above granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Elizabeth H. & her heirs and assigns to her & their use and behoof forever. And I the said Caroline W. for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Elizabeth H. & her heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforegranted premises, that they are free from all incumbrances. That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Elizabeth H. & her heirs

Assigned in part  
see B. 514. 2. 192.  
Assigned see  
B. 517. 2. 162  
See B. 541. 2. 229.  
Essex. ss. 8 Nov. 1856. One of the signers of the mortgage here recorded having received satisfaction for my interest in this mortgage, do hereby fully discharge the same, so far as I am interested.  
Ephm. Brown Reg<sup>r</sup>

The Salem tax records for 1853 confirm this date as the time of construction, "East Street - John Lovejoy, new house sold to Mrs. Caroline Francks." A list of houses built in the year 1853 also states: John Lovejoy built house East Street. (Essex Institute, Salem Street Books)

On Nov. 2, 1853 Mrs. Francks purchased, for \$500, the adjoining lot of land from John Hayman, shipmaster. (book 487 page 8)



This lot was subject to an easement and right for Hayman to have the drain leading from his present dwelling house run and empty into the drain and also for the term of three years a right for Hayman to pass over the land for himself and workman for the purpose of carrying earth and other materials to fill up and raise the level of his land, if he shall think fit to do so (probably the remains of the creek).

Mary M. Miller her heirs and assigns forever in manner as  
foresaid, and that I will, and my heirs, executors and ad-  
ministrators, shall warrant and defend the same to the said  
Mary M. Miller her heirs and assigns forever, against the  
lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof  
the said Walden Webster and Mary C. Webster the wife of said Walden  
in token that she hereby releases down in the premises have  
recurrently set our hands and seals this nineteenth day of  
November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty three

Walden Webster. seal.  
Mary C. Webster. seal.

Sealed, signed and delivered in presence of }  
Stephen Barker, Emily M. Johnson } Essex. ss. Nov<sup>r</sup> 19. 1853. Then per-  
sonally appeared the above named Walden Webster and acknowledged  
the above instrument to be his free act and deed, -

before me, Stephen Barker, Justice of the Peace.

Essex. ss. Rec<sup>d</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 25. 1853. 2<sup>d</sup> m. Part 20<sup>m</sup>. Rec<sup>d</sup> hereina<sup>2</sup> by Ephim. Brown. Reg<sup>r</sup>

I know all men by these presents, that I John Hayman J. Hayman  
of Salem in the County of Essex Shipmaster, in consideration of C. W. Franks  
five hundred dollars to me paid by Caroline W. Franks of said (Book 487 pg 8)  
Salem widow, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,  
do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the  
said Caroline and her heirs and assigns a certain parcel  
of land in said Salem, bounded Northerly by East Street  
at it 37 feet, more or less, Easterly by land of Lovejoy about  
77



77 feet 9 inches, more or less, to a Drain now running through the land of said Hayman including said drain and bounded by the Southerly side of said Drain, about 38 feet, more or less, and Southerly by other land of said Hayman, measuring there about 38 feet, more or less, and Westerly by land occupied by Mrs Payson measuring there about seventy five feet, more or less. this conveyance to be expressly subject to an easement and right for said Hayman and his heirs and assigns to have the drain leading from his present dwelling house run and empty into the drain aforesaid, and reserving also for the term of three years a right for said Hayman to pass over said land for himself and workman for the purpose of carrying earth and other materials to fill up and raise the level of his land, if he shall think fit to do so, at any time or times during said Term. To have and to hold the above granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Caroline her heirs and assigns to her and their use and behoof forever. And I the said John for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Caroline and her heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforesaid premises, that they are free from all incumbrances. That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Caroline her heirs and assigns forever as aforesaid; and that I will and my heirs, executors, and administrators, shall warrant and defend the same to the said Caroline and her heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said John Hayman and I Abigail wife of said John, who in consideration of one dollar hereby release all any right to dower in the premises have hereunto set our hands and seals this second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three;—

Sealed, signed and delivered

John Hayman

Seal.

Abigail Hayman

Seal.

It can not be ascertained if Mrs. Francks ever lived in this house. She apparently remarried shortly after buying the house, for the tax records for the next years show Mrs. Caroline W. Horton, of Boston, as the owner of the property. The occupant is listed as Peter Ayers, seaman. This house was numbered as 23 East St. until the 1890's.

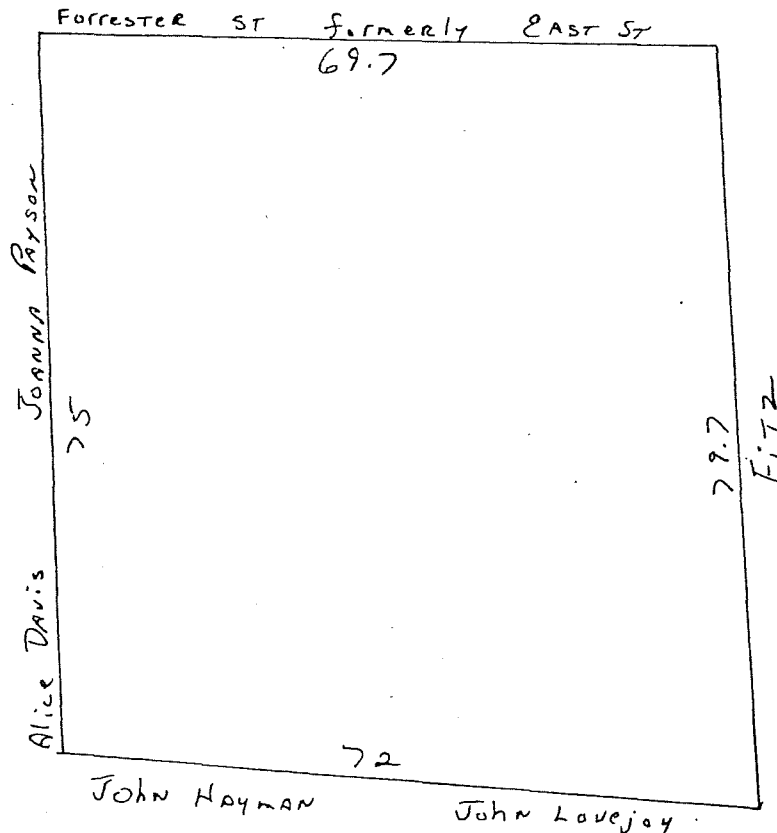
Captain Ayers was a veteran shipmaster and a native of Manchester. He sailed out of Salem for many years in the employ of Robert Brookhouse, in the West Coast of African Trade. He was on board the "Eliza" in 1820 which was the first craft to enter the River Siam.

A federal census taken in the year 1860 gives a closer look at the Ayers family:

Peter Ayers	age 65	master mariner	born Mass.
Elizabeth "	" 50		" "
William Evans	" 30	cigar maker	" "
Elizabeth "	" 27		" "
Joseph R. "	" 8		" "
Victoria B. Ayers	" 22		" "
Josephine W. "	" 19		" "
Julia Cummings	" 35	domestic	" Ire.

On Aug. 10, 1863 Caroline W. Horton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly Caroline Francks sold for \$2,025, to Thomas M. Saunders the land and building the same sold to me by John Lovejoy book 481 page 45 and the lot of land sold to me by John Hayman book 487 page 8. (book 654 page 268).

April 16, 1866 Thomas M. and Evelina Saunders sold, for \$3,000 to John W. Roberts the messuage the same estate conveyed to Caroline W. Horton book 481 page 45 and 487 page 8. The premises being #23 and is free from encumbrances except a lease to Charles Sewall for the term of one year Sept. 6, 1865. (book 701 page 84)





The tax record for the year 1866 shows:

23 Forrester Street

occupant Charles Sewall owner John W. Roberts value \$2,500

After the term of the lease was up Mr. Roberts, with his family, moved into the house. The Roberts family is found in the 1870 and 1880 census as living at 23 Forrester:

1870

John W. Roberts	age 30	fruit and confections	born Mass.
Annie	" 28	"	"
Lillie	" 3	"	"
Walter	" 2	"	"
Susan	" 40	no occupation	"

1880

John W. Roberts	age 40	fruit dealer	born Mass.
Annie	" 37	"	"
Lillian	" 13	"	"
Walter	" 8	"	"
Frederick	" 3	"	"
Harriet Moulton	" 52	aunt	"

The tax record 1870 lists John W. Roberts age 31 house value \$2,500 land \$700, 5629 feet.

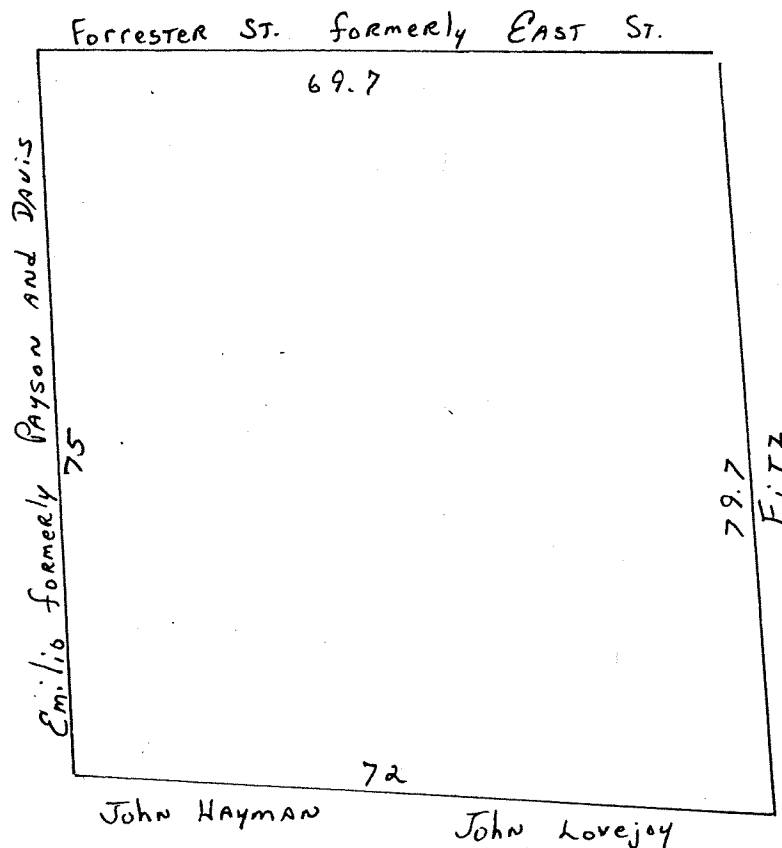
John W. Roberts died Sept. 6, 1888. The newspapers of this time give an account of his life:

John W. Roberts of the firm E.F. and J.W. Roberts, one of the largest fruit houses in New England, died at his home at 23 Forrester St. in Salem this morning from typhoid pneumonia, after a brief illness. He was in his 48th year. On the 15th of Aug. Mr. Roberts met with a painful injury, by which his little finger was pulled from the socket and a portion severed. In jumping out of the side door of a baggage car his heavy gold ring caught in-fastening and his finger was pulled from his hand. Mr. Roberts treated the matter lightly, went to the hospital and had the injury dressed, and resumed his business.

The shock to his system was, however, more serious than he supposed. He was at the store on the day following the accident, but on the next day obliged to take his bed. Typhoid fever developed and subsequently pneumonia. Mr. Roberts was the son of David Roberts of Peabody and was born in that town. He was educated in public schools and entered the fruit business early in life. For 31 years he had been engaged in the wholesale and retail fruit trade at the corner of Front and Washington Sts. in Salem. He took a deep interest in Freemasonry and had attained the 32nd degree. He was a member of Essex Lodge, Washington Chapter and Sutton Lodge of Perfection; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He leaves a widow and 4 children.

On Oct. 6, 1890 Charles Sewall, of Salem, administrator of the estate of John W. Roberts sold at public auction, for \$3,300, to Susan V. Stevens (John's sister) of Peabody, the highest bidder, the same estate owned by Caroline W. Horton. (book 1291 page 490)

On Feb. 7, 1905 the heirs at law of Susan V. Stevens late of Peabody, sold for \$1 and other consideration, the property they inherited. For reference see deed from Charles Sewall, adm. to Susan V. Stevens. (book 1769 page 290; book 1750 page 336; book 1802 page 451; and 1802 page 453)

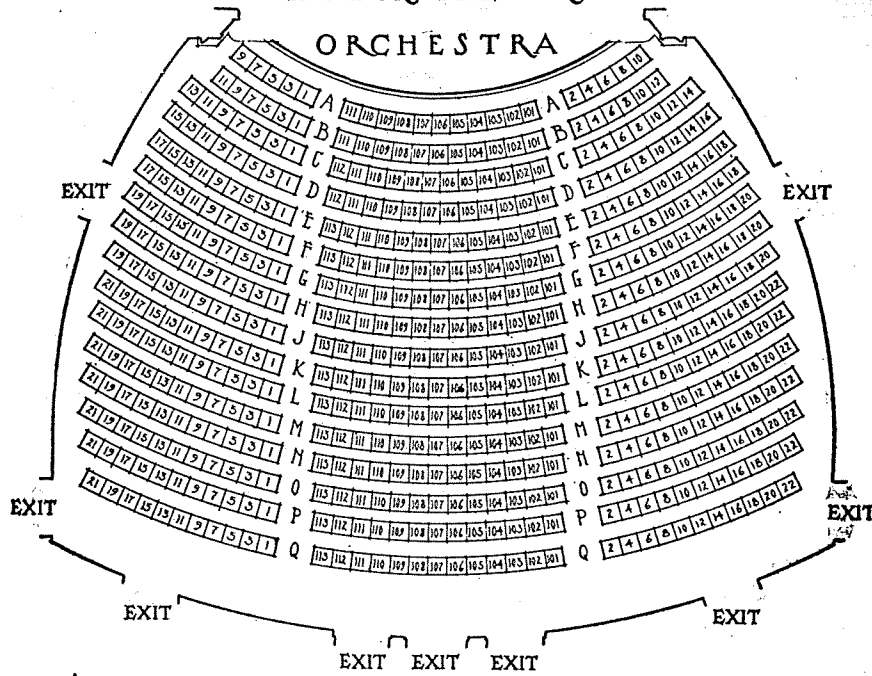


Mrs. Roberts continued to live in this house and is listed in the 1905 directory as Annie W. Roberts, widow of John, house 22 Forrester St. Also at 22 Forrester, Arthur K. Roberts, artist and Lillian E. saleswoman at 240 Essex St. (Wm Webber and Co. dry goods). The 1915 directory lists Annie W., widow of John; Arthur K. bookkeeper also artist, and Lillian E. art embroidery 244 Essex St.

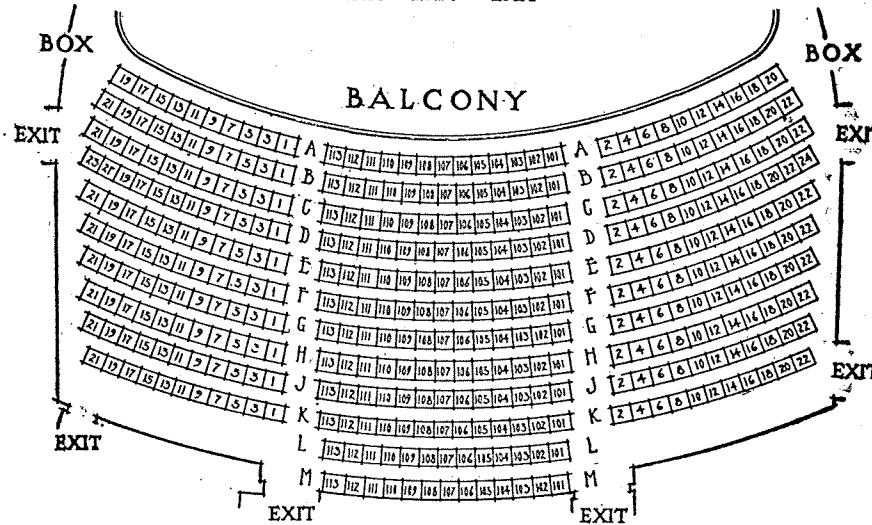
June 7, 1923 Lillian E. Roberts, unmarried, sold to Charles Johnston, my title to premises being derived as sole devisee under the will of my mother Annie Roberts, for her title see deeds 1769 page 290, 1750 page 336, 337 and 1802 page 451. (book 2554 page 567)

WILBUR THEATRE

ORCHESTRA



BALCONY



Exclusive Art Embroidery Shop

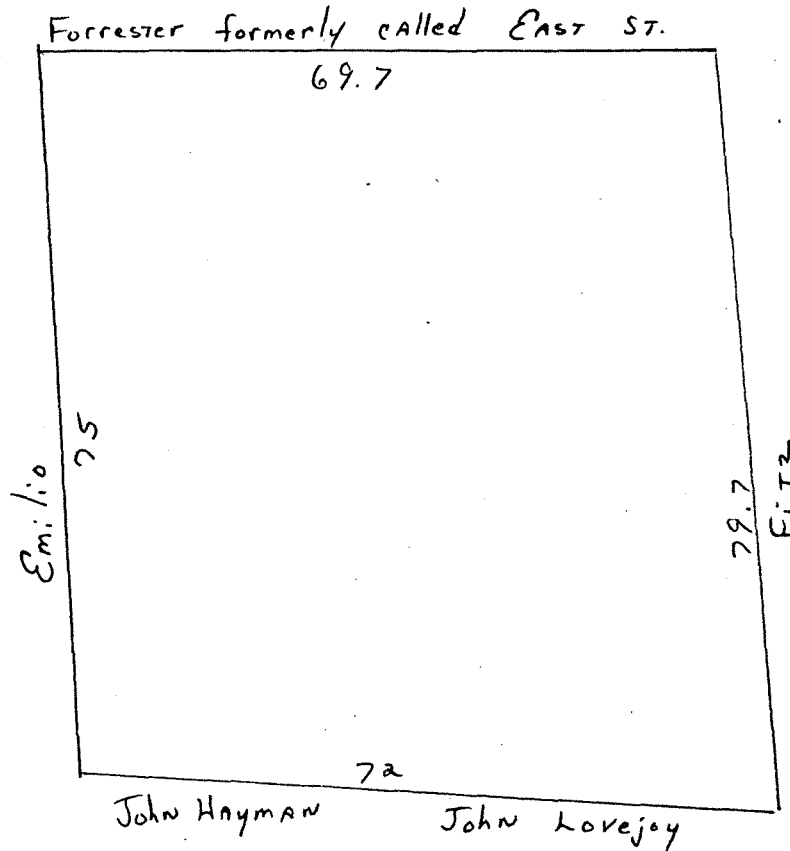
Stamped Goods and Materials for Embroidering. Crochet Cottons and Braids. Special attention given to Order Work in stamping and Embroidering, at

**MISS ROBERTS**

244 Essex Street,

Near Town House Square

Dec. 15, 1924 Charles S. and Theresa Johnston sold to Lewis C. and Lydia N. Tufts, the same conveyed by Lillian E. Roberts in 1923. Subject to a \$4,000 mortgage to the Salem Savings Bank. (book 2620 page 350)



June 20, 1927 Lewis C. and Lydia N. Tufts, husband and wife, sold to George S. and Mantie C. Wright, the same premises conveyed by Charles S. Johnston in 1924. A mortgage was obtained from the Salem Co-operative Bank, for \$8,000. (book 2727 page 131)

Oct. 2, 1945 Mantie C. Wright, widow, sold to Aaron B. and Alice M. Coose, husband and wife, the same conveyed by George S. and Mantie C. Wright, tenants by entirety by deed of Lewis C. Tufts et ux in 1927. George S. Wright having since deceased. (book 3426 page 363)

April 22, 1948 Aaron B. and Alice M. Coose sold to Robert W. Reardon the same property conveyed to Aaron by deed of Mantie C. Wright in 1945. (book 3598 page 517)

April 22, 1948 Robert W. Reardon sold to Alice M. Coose the same conveyed by deed of Aaron B. Coose even date. (book 3598 page 518)

Oct. 10, 1949 Aaron B. and Alice M. Coose, in her right, sold to Raymond L. Latinik the land and buildings at 22 Forrester St. the same conveyed by deed of Robert W. Reardon in 1948. (book 3695 page 599)

Sept. 3, 1968 Raymond L. Latinik to Raymond and Sarah F. Latinik the same conveyed by Aaron B. Coose and Alice his wife, in 1949. (book 5554 page 782)

Oct. 24, 1969 Raymond L. and Sarah F. Latinik, husband and wife, sold to John and Gladys Currie, husband and wife, for \$21,000, the same conveyed by deed of Raymond L. Latinik in 1968. (book 5646 page 549)

Sept. 21, 1973 John D. and Gladys Currie, husband and wife, sold to Mark R. and Susan E. Greenblatt the land and buildings at 22 Forrester St., the same conveyed in deed of Raymond L. Latinik in 1969. (book 6015 page 643)

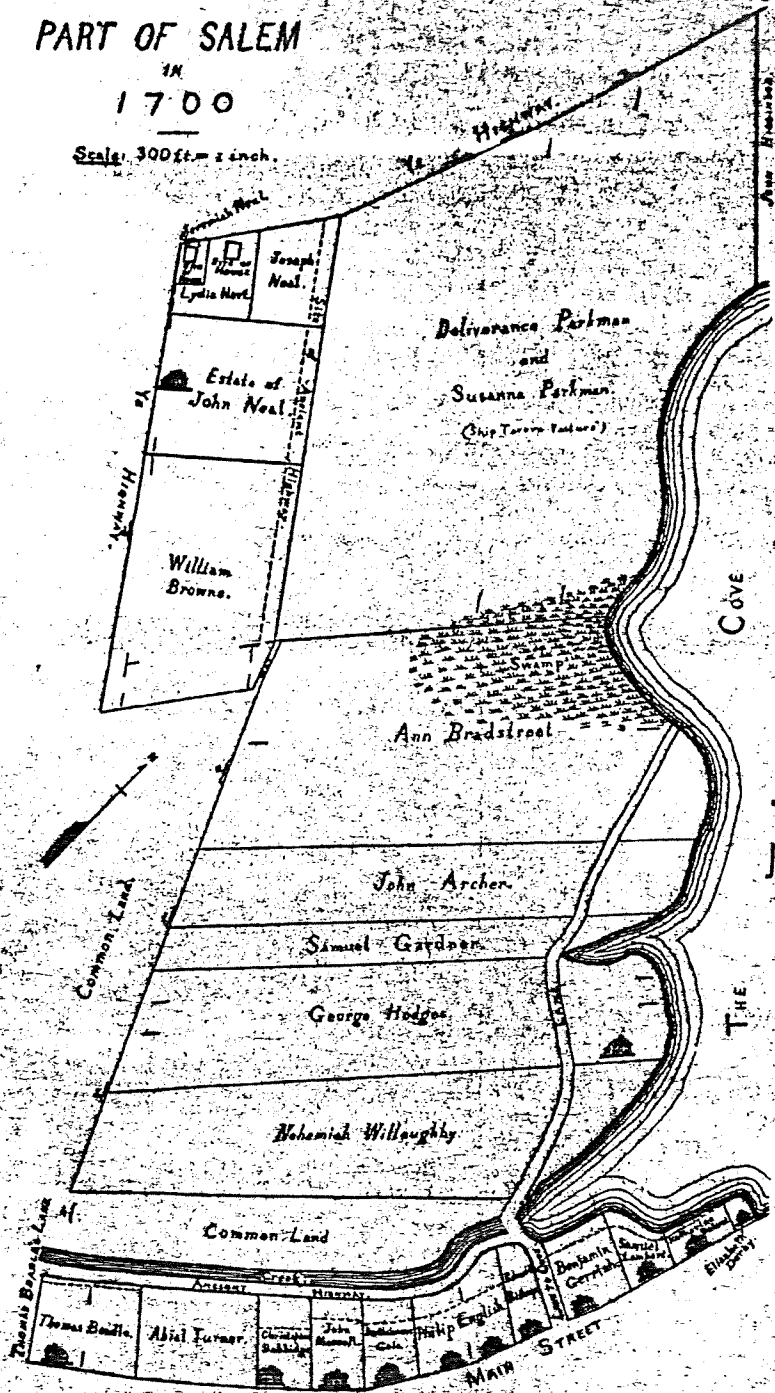
All reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds and probate numbers refer to cases in Probate Court, both located in the same building on Federal St. in Salem.

All maps in this report are not meant to be exact - just as an illustration.

PART OF SALEM

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1700

Scale: 300 ft. = 1 inch.



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