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13 CHESTNUT STREET

Built for

MRS. ELIZABETH KING

circa 1832

Research by, Joyce King October 1986

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#### 13 CHESTNUT STREET

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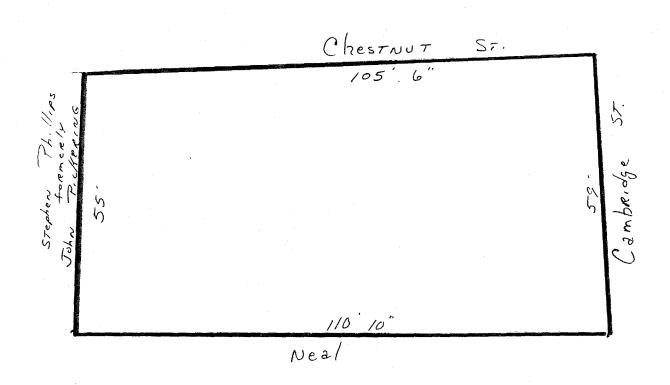
DATE - September 10, 1803

CONSIDERATION - \$607

GRANTOR (seller) - David Neal, mariner

GRANTEE (buyer) - Amos Towne, schoolmaster

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land



BOOK 181 PAGE 68

DATE - March 2, 1807

CONSIDERATION - \$5,000

GRANTOR (seller) - Amos Towne schoolmaster and Rebecca

Towne now of Bath, N.H.

GRANTEE (buyer) - Solomon Towne, mariner

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land with dwelling house and

other buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by David Neal on

September 10, 1803.

Solomon Towne mortgaged the property for \$3,000 to James King on April 30, 1821 (book 226 page 97).

Court of Common Pleas - December term 1829

James King VS Solomon Towne, lumber merchant, of Boston, Henry
Gray of Dorcester and Edward H. Payson of Salem. A plea was
entered whereas King demanded possession of the lot of land and
dwelling house (this was 15 Chestnut St. which included the
land where 13 now stands) as described in the mortgage:

North - Chestnut Street 105.6

East - Cambridge Street 59.6

South - David Neal 103.10

West - Pickering now Phillips 55

King claimed damage of \$3,000. Judgement was made that unless Towne, Gray and Payson pay \$2,242.19 to King withiu two months they would make default on the property.

March 1830 James King took possession of the premises.

James King died on June 3, 1831 at the age of 79 years. A deed was given from John G. King administrator of the estate of James King to Elizabeth King widow for the sum of \$2,300 paid to the estate (book 272 page 20).

Mrs. Elizabeth (Grant) King had the house, now 13 Chestnut St., built after her husband's death. Mrs. King lived in the house until the time of her death, which occurred in November of 1854, when she was 87 years old. She was the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Grant and had married James King on November 5, 1820.

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Salem Register May 5, 1855:

AUCTION

By order of the Probate Court

On Monday April 9th, at 11 o'clock, will be sold at Auction in

the premises:

The dwelling house No 13 Chestnut on the corner of Cambridge street, with the two story out building in the rear, and the land under and adjoining, which measures about 47 feet on the former and 100 feet on the latter street, and contains about 6,200 sg. feet. Conditions at Sale.

George Nichols

BOOK 510 PAGE 55

April 9, 1855 DATE -

\$5,500 CONSIDERATION -

GRANTOR (seller) -Timothy Ropes executor of the estate

of Elizabeth King, widow

GRANTEE (buyer) -William Silver

DESCRIPTION Land and dwelling house

Run east on Chestnut St. 46'9" then

south on Cambridge St. 99'11", then

west on land of Waters 98'9", then north 28', then east by Goss 42'5", then north by Goss 28'1", then east by Goss 17'1", then north by Goss 42' to the begining.

BOOK 510 PAGE 248

April 9, 1855 DATE -

CONSIDERATION -\$4,300

GRANTOR (seller) -William Silver, mariner

GRANTEE (buyer) -Sarah Neal widow

DESCRIPTION Land and dwelling house

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -Portion of the estate this day conveyed to me by Timothy Ropes exc. of the estate of Elizabeth King. Reserving my right to which the City of Salem is entitled to maintain a drain or common sewer.

BOOK 1139 PAGE 136

DATE - November 5, 1884

CONSIDERATION - \$7,150

GRANTOR (seller) - George R. Harris trustee under the

will of Sarah Neal widow

GRANTEE (buyer) - Cornelia L. Kittredge wife of Thomas

DESCRIPTION - Land and dwelling house. Begining at the northwest corner and run east by Chestnut St. 46'9", then south by Cambridge St. about 70' to Waters then west about 39', then south 3'6" on a line parallel with and 10" distant from the east water table of the barn standing on the premises, then west 17'll" and on a line parallel with and 10" distant from the south end of said barn, said last 3 courses being by land of Waters, then north by land of Goss 28'll", then east by said Goss 17'l", then north by said Goss 42' to the begining.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to Sarah Neal dec. by deed of William Silver recorded in book 510 page 248.

BOOK 2628 PAGE 358

DATE - February 27, 1925

GRANTOR (seller) - Thomas Kittredge of Rutherford, N.J.

GRANTEE (buyer) - Foster Rogers

DESCRIPTION - 1/2 interest in land, house and barn

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - See decription in book 1139 page 136

Cornelius Loring Kittredge died on April 10, 1899 - Probate 84504

Heirs:

Thomas Kittredge, husband

Rosefair Brooks Kittredge, daughter

Thomas Kittredge, son

Inventory:

Personal - stocks, bonds and cash \$8,260

Real estate - house and land 13 Chestnut St. \$7000 (subject to a mortgage of \$5,000)

BOOK 5163 PAGE 205

DATE -

April 14, 1964

GRANTOR (seller) -

Francis B. Kittredge trustee under the will of Foster Rogers and will of Rosefair K. Rogers

GRANTEE (buyer)

Frank A. Mason Jr. and Joan M. Mason

DESCRIPTION

Land, dwelling huuse and other buildings on the southwest corner of Chestnut and Cambridge streets.

North - Chestnut St. 46.9

East - Cambridge St. on three lines 20.45, 20.36, 29.19

South - James and Phyliss Ballow 57.3/8

West - Alfred and Margery Moses 28.10

North - Moses 17.30

West - Moses by two lines 7.85 and 34.70

For title see deed of George R. PREVIOUS REFERENCE -Harris to Cornelia L. Kittredge recorded in book 1139 page 136. Also deed John Waters to Rogers.

NOTES: 13 CHESTNUT STREET

PERI]OD: GREEK REVIVAL

"Wiswall's account of Chestnut Street says that this house was built about 1832 for Mrs. Elizabeth King by William Lummus, who also built #5-7. Prior to that, Wiswall says, the land was used as a garden by #15. Dr. Thomas Kittredge, Surgeon General of the Commonwealth, bought it in 1884, and his family continued to live there until several years ago.

It is a two-story, pitch roof house with a recessed, central front entrance up a short flight of stone steps. There is an oblong light above the door and fluted pilasters on either side of the recess. The facade is of matched boards. The bay window is undoubtedly a later addition like most of the others on the street." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

13 Chestnut - "This house, where Dr. Kittredge lived, for many years on the corner of Cambridge Street, was built on the site of an earlier house which was occupied by Mr. Amos Towne. The present house was standing in 1837, and was probably built in 1832 or 1833 and the carpenter was William Lummus. It was probably built and first occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth King, who was living there in 1837, and occupied the house until she died in 1854. She was followed by Mrs. W. H. Neal, 1857-1884. Dr. Thomas Kittredge bought the house in 1884 and died about 1923, and his daughter Mrs. Foster Rogers, still occupies it, in 1939." (Notes on the Building of Chestnut St. by Richard Hall Wiswall)

Tax records
1831 Elizb King house Chestnut \$2,000
1832 same

1833 Elizabeth King 2 houses Chestnut St. \$3,500 (this is the first mention of 13 Chestnut St.)

1834 same 1835 same

Salem Directory 13 Chestnut Street 1836 Mrs. Elizabeth King, Ezekiel Boyce laborer 1842 Mrs. Elizabth King

Salem 1850 census
13 Chestnut Street
Elizabeth King age 83, property val. \$11,000, born Mass.
Lavina Holt age 56, born Mass.
Elizabeth Whipple age 26, born Mass.
Margaret Schwab age 15, born Germany

march 72, 1923

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## DR. THOMAS KITTREDGE VETERAN SURGEON OF SALEM DIED SUNDAY

#### Deceased Was Long Active in State Militia; Served Salem as City Physician and Was on Staff of Salem Hospital 35 Years

ter an illness of three weeks.

Dr. Kittredge was born in North
Andover, April 4, 1852, the son of the
late Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Henrietta
(Watson) Kittredge. He came of a
family famous as surgeons and physicians, the members having been
practitioners in their native town al-



#### DR. THOMAS KITTREDGE

vice and assistance were engerly held in the North church Wednesday sought and were freely given in aid forenoon at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Thomas Kittredge, one of the 1875, being commissioned assistant best known surgeons, and physicians of Salem, as well as the senior member of his profession, died at his home, 13 Chestnut street, Sunday noon, after an illness of three weeks.

The Kittredge was horn in North august 10 1881

Appointed Surgeon General with the rank of brigadier general of Massachusetts, by the late Governor William E. Russell, Jan. 8, 1891, a position he held until the retirement of Governor Russell in December, 1893. In 1879, Dr. Kittredge was appointed a member of the staff of surgeons and physicians of the Salem hospital, and he so continued actively, answering all demands made upon his professional services for 35 years, until January, 1914, when he was retired, at his own request. Since then, however, he has cheerfully given of his ever, he has cheerfully given of his services when called upon, and also voluntarily assisted in times of ciner-gency, such as the epidemic of influ-enza or grip. He was a member of the Essex South District Medical society. and was admitted a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in Oc-tober, 1918, and during the World war was a member of the advisory board for this district. He was a member of the Essex Institute.

Dr. Kitredge was a dignified, polished gentleman of the old school, and his presence in the sick room, so overwhelming in itself, was at once a

#### Potent source of Comfort

and wonderful help to the patient. On the street, he had always a pleasant smile and a warm grasp of the hand for all. Besides the great loss to the community as a physician and surgeon, DR. THOMAS KITTREDGE

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went through all the hard service of
a country physician, covering in area
40 miles, and his grandfather was a
surgeon at Bunker Hill.

The Kittredge processed his medical

Surgeon at Bunker Hill.

Dr. Kittredge received his medical education at Harvard Medical school and in New York. He served in the small pox hospital at Galloup's island. Boston, during the epidemic of 1872 a son. Thomas Kittredge, Jr., of and 1873. He was assistant port physician of Boston until 1877, when he came to Salem and settled. He served Salem Loyally while city physician, during an outleast of the small pox several years ago, taking full charge, and when, since that time, there have been similar occasional outbreaks here, his advice and assistance were eagerly

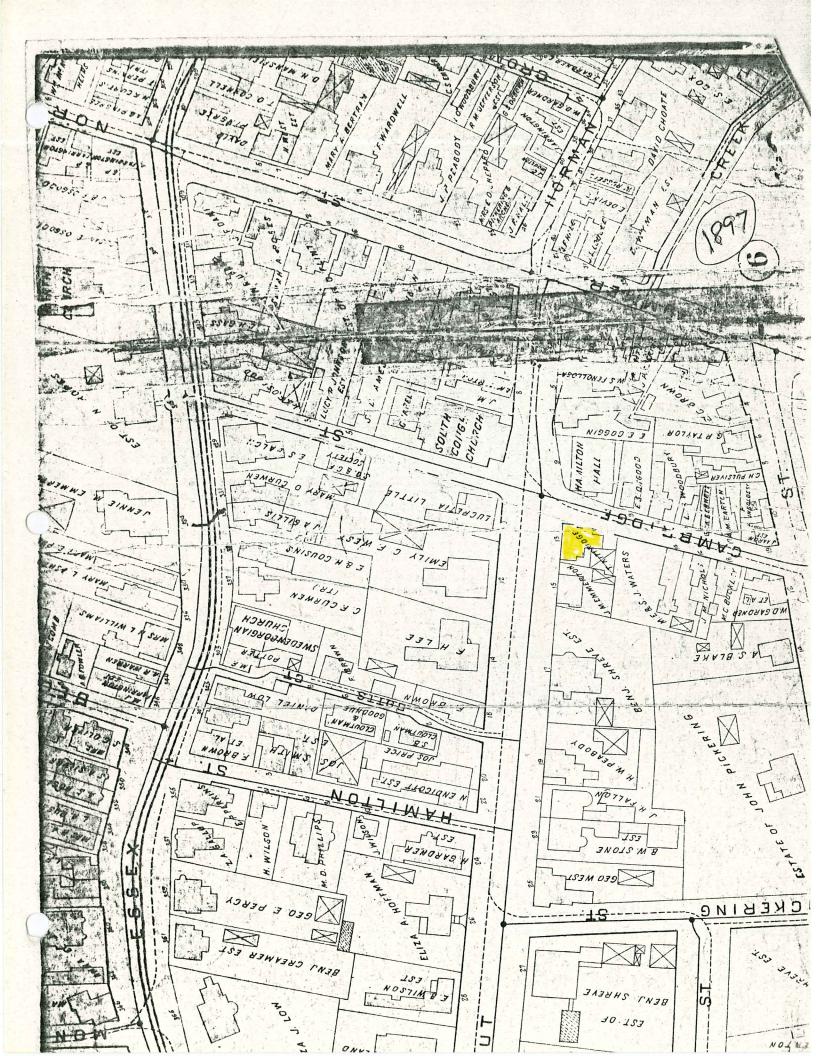
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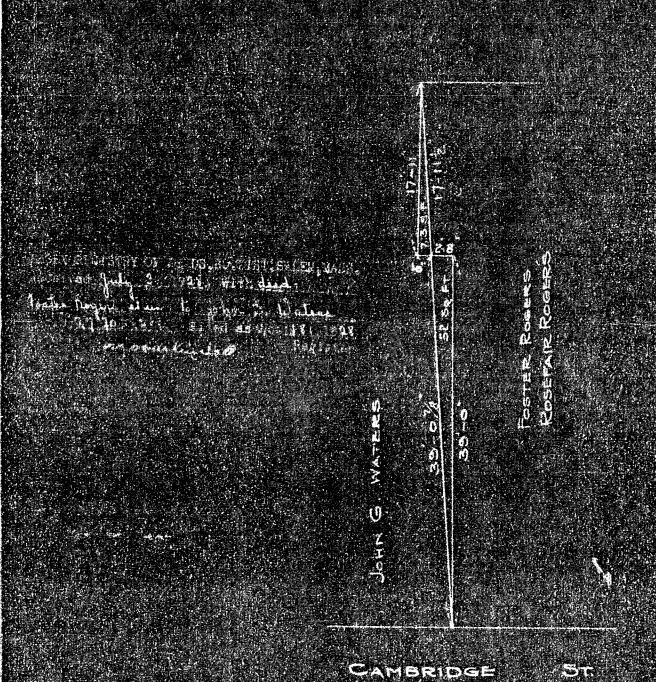
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He early identified himself with the Cochtuate lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Massachusetts Militia. entering the North Andover, and Washington military verying of the staff in furil Royal Arch chapter of Salem.









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JOHN G. WATERS & FOSTER ROGERS
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