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8 Essex Street

Built by

ARTHUR CAMPBELL, carpenter

in 1800

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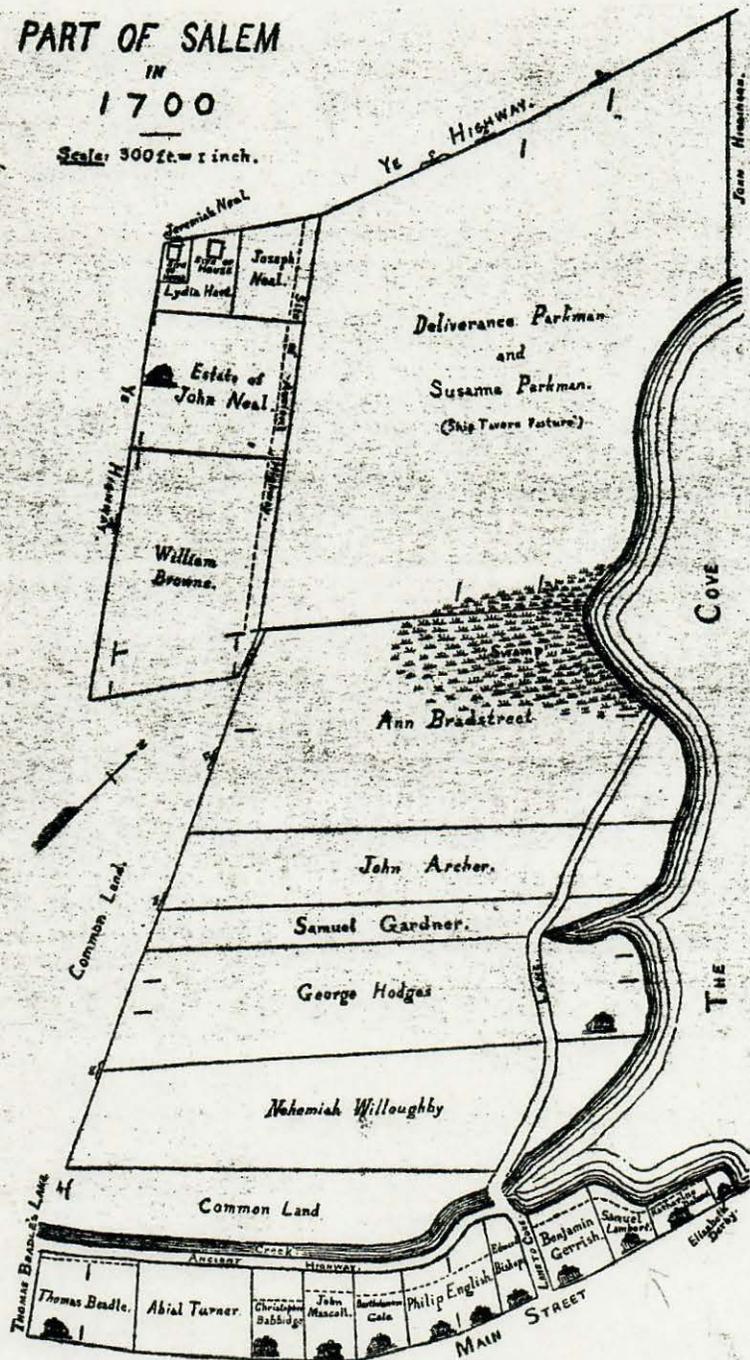
*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

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This building stands on land once called the Samuel Lambert lot:

PART OF SALEM IN 1700

Scale: 300 ft. = 1 inch.



Samuel Lambert House. This lot was granted by the town of Salem to Matthew Wood in 1667, and he immediately built on it a dwelling house, which was not fully finished Jan. 23, 1667-8. The house, having been mortgaged to Capt. George Corwin of Salem, merchant, and default in payment made, Captain Corwin, by order of Jeremiah Bootman, attorney of Mr. Wood, and Mr. Bootman sold and conveyed the estate to William Cash of Salem Jan. 23, 1667-8.¶ Mr. Cash was a mariner, and conveyed the house and land to Philip Cromwell of Salem Oct. 12, 1677.* Mr. Cromwell was a slaughterer, and, for thirty-five pounds, conveyed the estate to Jonathan Prince of Salem, cordwinder, Aug. 15, 1683.† Mr. Prince died about 1685; his widow Mary, having married John Warner of Ipswich, was appointed administratrix of the estate; and she, for thirty-five pounds and ten shillings, conveyed the house, shop and lot to Samuel Lambert of Salem, mariner, Jan. 23, 1694.‡ Mr. Lambert lived here, and died before May 19, 1729, when administration upon his estate was granted. He was succeeded by Jonathan Lambert and the latter died possessed of the estate, administration being granted on his estate Aug. 1, 1774. The house, barn and lot were then valued at eighty pounds. The house was taken down March 18, 1789. Doctor Bentley records the fact in his journal, as follows: "March 18 [1789]. A building, the property of the family of Lambert, having one room upon a floor, and the entrance in a range with the chimney at the eastern end, the whole building facing the western end of English's Lane nearly, taken down."

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 90.
 †Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 111.
 ‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 10, leaf 68.
 §Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 31.
 ¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 13, leaf 283.
 * Essex Registry of Deeds, book 93, leaf 134.
 † Essex Registry of Deeds, book 100, leaf 131.
 ‡ Essex Registry of Deeds, book 100, leaf 132.

"Essex street was called a street or highway in 1667; ye street, 1675; ye country road, 1690; ye highway or main street, 1695; the main street, 1725; and Essex street in 1796." (The Essex Antiquarian, vol. 9 pg. 72)

As shown on the map, this land was once abutted by what was then called a creek. "This creek was an outlet for the ponds and swamp which now constitute Washington square. The creek was called the cove that goeth to the neck in 1662; Tuck's cove or creek, 1663; a cove, 1667; a kind of a creek, 1675; a small creek next the common land, 1683; ye creek or town common, 1700; the creek, 1732; a small creek next ye common, 1765; flats of Collins' cove, 1791; the cove, 1794; Gerrish's gutter, 1804; the gutter, 1826; flats, 1850; creek, 1858; and the brook in 1862. So it was open to some extent until the latter date. It must have been filled very soon afterward." (The Essex Antiquarian, vol. 9 pg. 72)

1796 March 19 - Jonathan Lambert, merchant, of Salem; Samuel Woodkind, shipwright and Lydia his wife in her right; Adam Wellman, mariner; and Rebecca Wellman, spinster of Boston, sold a parcel of land (which included what is now 8 and 10 Essex street) to David Murphy, ropemaker, for the sum of \$135:

- South - by Main St. (now Essex)
 - West - by land of Timothy Wellman, formerly Gerrish
 - North - by a small creek next the common so called
 - East - by land of John Masury, formerly George Hodges
- (book 160 page 200)

1797 David Murphy built his dwelling house (now 10 Essex)

1800 Jan. 13 - David Murphy, ropemaker, sold a strip of land 24 feet wide to James Whittemore, ropemaker, for the sum of \$100 "Being part of the land I purchased of the heirs of Jonathan Lambert in their deed to me March 1796." (book 167 page 74)
(This is now 8 Essex)

1801 Jan. 27 - Arthur Campbell, carpenter, of Salem, sold for \$625 to James Dalrymple, watchmaker, "a dwelling house which stands on land of James Whittemore, Essex street, between land of David Murphy and heirs of John Masury - which said dwelling house together with all my right and title, claim and demand whatever which I the said Arthur have now or at anytime heretofore had to hold - release premises." (book 170 page 119)

This document, coupled with the notation in The Diary of William Bentley, D.D. (vol. 2 pg. 469) describing new buildings and other construction in 1800: "A House in Essex Street opposite English Street", would fix the date of 1800 to this building. The highly unusual deed of a carpenter selling a dwelling house to a third party gives one the notion that James Whittemore hired Mr. Campbell to build a house and after its construction could not pay the bill. Arthur Campbell's connection with Salem must have been brief, for he does not appear in any other documents found to date.

1802 June 14 - James Whittemore, ropemaker, sold this lot of land to James Dalrymple. (book 169 page 296)

James Dalrymple was of Scotch parentage, and came to this country in 1795 from Belfast, Ireland on the brig "Eliza". He was a watchmaker by trade and conducted a store on Washington St. In 1806 James Dalrymple married Sarah the daughter of Joseph Vincent, ropemaker.

1808 Aug. 9 - James Dalrymple purchased the adjoining property (10 Essex) from William Gray who had foreclosed on a mortgage from David Murphy (book 185 page 140). It is worth remembering that these were very hard times for anyone connected with the shipping industry because of the embargo imposed against Great Britain. The manufacture of rope was vitally dependent on fitting the vessels coming and going from local ports. With shipping curtailed the rope business, along with other seaport industries, were in the state of depression.

Some notice regarding the tenants of James Dalrymple can be found in Rev. William Bentley's writings:

"1816 May 31. Ann, of Jeremiah and Elizabeth O'Conner. Atroph. inf., 18 days. He from Ireland. She a Longeway and her mother a dau. of madam Rhue. They are Catholics. The grandmother lives in the English house next the gate. Her two daughters with her, both Longeway. Three children left, two males. Dalrymple's Building near old Neck Gate, Essex street." (Parish List of Deaths)

"1817 Oct. 23 Francis, of Jeremiah and Elizabeth O'Connor. Fever, 4 years. Catholics living among us. A female child of same parents burned in May, 1816. He from Ireland. Two children left, one male. Dalrymple's B(uilding) near old Neck Gate. Essex opp. English street." (Parish List of Deaths)

"1817 Nov. 1 Male child of Benjamin and Mary Blanchard. Atrophy, 1 year. He from Woburn, formerly a butcher. Has been troubled with rheumatism and lost the best use of one hand. She from Beverly, an Adams, second wife. They have eight children left, five sons. Dalrymple's Building, Essex street, opp. English." (Parish List of Deaths)

"1818 June 24. Child of Jeremy and Elizabeth O'Connor. Atrophy, 3 weeks. She a granddaughter of the aged Mrs. Rhue, neutral French, æt. 90. Buried a child 23 October last. Essex street near old Neck Gate, Dalrymple's Buildings." (Parish List of Deaths)

"1818 June 25 Benjamin Blanchard from Woburn. Apoplexy, 59 years. He had been in better circumstances. Had been at hard labor on the day before. Twice married; second wife dau. of Capt. Adams of Beverly. Left seven children. Essex street near old Neck Gate, Dalrymple's Buildings." (Parish List of Deaths)

"1818 June 26. B. Blanchard buried this day. He was in extreme indigence. I wrote to his brother Jesse in Marblehead. His two sons from Boston came at the time of the funeral. His father in Law Adams & Mother at the funeral. Blanchard was of a good family in Middlesex, but had sunk, being infirm. He had but a short time in his last illness. He has left 8 if not 10 children & has had a greater number." (Diary of William Bentley D.D.)

"1819 May 1. Male child of Benjamin and Mary Blanchard. Atrophy inf., 2 years. She from Beverly, an Adams. The father died June 25, 1817, from Woburn. After death of husband, she removed from Dalrymple's Building, Neck Gate, to Windmill Point. Three children, one male." (Parish List of Deaths)

The Dalrymple family also lost a child in 1819:

"July 21. Martha, of James and Sara Dalrymple. Worms, 5 years. Not long sick a pleasant child. He from Ireland, watchmaker. Holds tenements opposite English street, near old Neck Gate. She a dau. of Joseph Vincent, ropemaker. Have two children, females. Essex street." (Parish List of Deaths)

1831 (up to this time the tax records yield little information)

James Dalrymple is taxed for "3 houses and 1 small house". The tenants were listed as John Williams Jr. and Henry Perkins. The total value being \$2,000.

1836 James Dalrymple taxed for 3 houses. Tenants were Thomas and John Laskey, ropemakers at 13 Pleasant St.; Dalling Huntress, ropemaker.

1839 March 24 James Dalrymple died. This simple obituary was written: "In this city on Sunday evening last James Dalrymple Esq. in the 74th year of his age. He was a native of Ireland."

Mr. Dalrymple's estate was not probated (#7036) until 1843. Sarah Dalrymple, widow, was appointed administrator. Margaret, their only surviving daughter, approved the account. The inventory gave a list of real estate:

House and land on Essex St. (#10)	\$2,000
Two dwelling houses and land on Dalrymple Ct.	1,500
Field near William Fay's estate	50
House on Derby St. on Stoddard's land	25

1850 A federal census gives a closer look at the families:

10	Essex Street			
	Sarah Dalrymple	age	72	born Mass.
	Margaret "	"	36	" "
8	Essex Street			
	James Murphy	age	33 laborer	born Ire.
	Julia "	"	33	" "
	Mary "	"	9	" Mass.
	Julia "	"	7	" "
	Michael "	"	4	" "
	second family:			
	Hugh Flaherty	"	45 laborer	" Ire.
	Elizabeth "	"	33	" "
	John "	"	2	" Mass.
	Michael "	"	2 months	" "
	third family:			
	Thomas Hayse	"	24 laborer	" Ire.
	Mary C. "	"	24	" "
	Mary "	"	20	" "
	fourth family:			
	Patrick Flinn	"	30 laborer	" Ire.
	Mary "	"	30	" "
R8	Essex Street			
	John Fitzgerald	"	30 laborer	" Ire.
	Margaret "	"	30	" "
	Caty "	"	2	" Mass.
	Willie "	"	8 months	" "
	second family:			
	Bart Conners	"	34 laborer	" Ire.
	Catharine "	"	34	" "
	Catherine "	"	2 months	" Mass.

1856 The tax records list 8 Essex Street as vacant for repairs.

R 8 Essex St. vacant - owner Sarah Dalrymple value \$1,000.

1859 The front building #8 is still listed as vacant, while Daniel Croley age 23, Soloman Cragen age 25 and Charles Cragen age 28 are the occupants of the rear building.

1860 federal census:

#10	Sarah Dalrymple	age 83	born Mass.
	Margaret "	" 48	" "

#8 & 8R

James Paine	age 33	peddler	born Eng.
Hannah "	" 27		" "
James E. "	" 3		" Mass.
Robert "	" 1		" "
Fanny E. "	" 1 month		" "

unoccupied

unoccupied

1862 tax records:

<u>Occupants</u>		<u>Owner</u>	
#10	Sarah Dalrymple	age 87	Sarah Dalrymple house \$500
			85 X 177ft. land 700
8	vacant		" " house 200
R	Phillip Brown	age 25	" " house 200
	Joanna Collins		
	Mary Fitzgerald		

1863 April 29 - Sarah Dalrymple, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hart) Vincent, widow of James Dalrymple, died at the age of 86 years, 1 month and 15 days. She was buried in the Howard Street cemetery in the tomb of N. Appleton. (City Hall death records)

1866 tenants:

Nathaniel Powell
 Mrs. Lovedell
 Phillip Brown
 Mrs. Neagle

1868 - After the death of her mother Margaret Dalrymple must have decided to sell the property. This ad appeared in the Salem Gazette: August 25 - For Sale - Valuable Estate in Essex Street

"On Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 11 o'clock AM. will be sold on the premises. The estate #10 Essex street consisting of a two story dwelling house with the land under and adjoining. The house is in good order, is

convenient for two families, and contains 13 rooms. The land measures 43 feet on Essex street by 100 feet deep, fronting on a court.

Also the three story dwelling house next east of the above. The house has two brick ends, contains 9 rooms, and is very convenient for two families. The land measures 39 feet on Essex street, by 47 feet on a Court leading from Essex street, with half of the land in the rear.

Also the two story double house in rear of the above, with the land adjoining. The house is convenient for two families and contains 8 rooms. The land measures 90 feet on the Court.

This offers a very desirable opportunity to obtain an eligible location for manufacturing purposes, or for an investment, as tenements are very much needed in that vicinity, and with good management it must pay a large interest on the investment.

Terms easy and made known at the sale."

1869 For some reason the property was not sold at this time and Margaret Dalrymple was still the owner as shown in the tax records:

Essex street			
10 - Margaret Dalrymple		owner	house \$ 600 land 1,200
8 - Nathaniel Powell	age 48		house 300
	Daniel Scanlan		
R8 - Phillip Brown	age 32		house 200
	Mannus Foley	" 36	

1870 census:

10 - Margaret Dalrymple	age 58	keeps house	born Mass.
2nd family			
Elizabeth Webster	" 45	keeps house	" "
Caroline "	" 11	at school	" "
Caroline Perley	" 50	no occupation	" "
William H. "	" 54	printing office	" "
8 Thomas Sargent	" 44	laborer	" "
Mary E. "	" 41	keeps house	" "
Charlotte E. "	" 15	at school	" "
Thomas "	" 13	" "	" "
Horace F. "	" 10	" "	" "
George W. "	" 4	at home	" "

2nd family
 Anthony Forrest age 25 stone mason born Maine
 Margaret " " 25 keeps house " Prince Ed. IS.

8R
 Phillip Brown " 32 tanner & currier " Ire.
 Ann " " ? keeps house " "
 Catherine " " 73 keeps house " "

2nd family
 Mannus Foley " 32 shoemaker " Ire.
 Eunice " " 30 keeps house " "
 Margaret " " 19 at school " Mass.
 Delia " " 7 at school " "
 James " " 6 at school " "
 John " " 5 at home " "
 William " " 3 at home " "

1872 tax records:

- 10 - Margaret Dalrymple
- 8 - empty
- R8 - Mannus Foley
- 1/2 empty

1874 tax records:

- 10 - Margaret Dalrymple
- William H. Dalrymple age 30
- 8 - James McCarty " 37
- Edward Thompson " 23
- R8 - Clement Nichols " ?
- Hiram Parshly " "

1876 tax records:

- 10 - Margaret Dalrymple
- Charles Nealey
- 8 - empty
- R8 - Michael Roach
- Hiram Parshly

1878 tax records:

- 10 - William Dockham
- John "
- 8 - John Burnes
- R8 - Hiram Parshley

1880 census:

10 -	Lizzie Dorance	age 57	keeps house	born Mass.
	Lizzie "	" 37		" "
	Elizabeth Dockham	" 78	mother	" N.H.
	William "	" 55	brother	" Mass.
	John "	" 41	laborer	" "
8 -	Ellen Printy	" 36	keeps store*	" "
	Anñ E. "	" 28	keeps house	" "
	2nd family			
	John Prynne	" 43	teamster	" "
	Jane "	" 33	keeps house	" Maine
	George W. "	" 11	at school	" Mass.
	Edwin "	" 4	at home	" "
	Eva "	" 1	" "	" "
R8	? Sanborn	" 88	keeps house	" "
	Hiram Parshley	" 49	shoe factory	" N.H.
	Mary "	" 45	keeps house	" "
	Lizzie "	" 12	at school	" Mass.
	William "	" 10	at school	" Mass.
	Lila "	" 8	" "	" "

1887 tax records:

	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>		
10	George E. Day	Margaret Dalrymple	house	\$ 600
			land	1,000
8	Joseph Gilman, nurse	" "	house	300
8½	James Cotter, laborer	" "	house	300
	Michael " , jute mill			
	Horace Sargent, morroco worker			

1889 tax records:

	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>		
10	John Dockham	Margaret Dalrymple	house	\$ 600
			land	1,000
8	James Gilman	" "	house	300
	variety store - E. Printy			
8½	James Marston	" "	house	300
	Horace Sargent			

1893 city directory:

- 8 Miss Rosanna J. Duignan, variety store
- James Gilman, nurse
- R8 William Leonard
- John H. Nelson

* First mention of a store

1897 Miss Marguerite Dalrymple gave a address, on the life of Rev. William Bentley, from memory, without notes, on Nov. 26. before the Woman's Alliance of the Second Church, Salem, Mass. This was while she was in her 87th year. (An account of her life was printed in the Salem News on Nov. 9, 1897 see also Vol. 1 of the Diary of William Bentley)

1900 census

10 -	Margaret Dalrymple	age 88		born Mass.
	Isabelle Tate	" 56	servant	" "
	Francis Lindsay	" 59		" Eng.
	Mary "	" 57		" Ire.
	Mary "	" 35		" Mass.
8	Joseph Gilman	" 75		" "
	Mary "	" 81	sister	" "
	Rosanna Duignan	" 43		" Ire.
	Rosanna Mahoney	" 16	niece	" Mass.
R8	John Maroney	" 42	morocco dresser	" Mass
	Margaret "	" 42	wife	" Canada
	Bridget Lyons	" 22	daughter, laundress	" "
	Annie "	" 20	stepdaughter	" "
	John A. Maroney	" 8	son	" Mass.
	Joseph "	" 6	"	" "
	Agnes "	" 5	daughter	" "
	Helen "	" 2	"	" "

1901 city directory

- 8 Frank Connor, variety
- Joseph Gilman, watcher of the sick
- 8R J.J. Maroney
- Albert Harrington

1904 April 4 - Miss Marguerite Dalrymple died at the age of 93. She was born in Salem on Nov. 4, 1810. "For some 60 years she kept a private school where she fitted some of Salem's best known citizens for the grammar schools, thus, while earning her own livelihood, laying the foundation of good citizenship in the hearts and minds of future citizens of this city." (Salem Evening News - April 6, 1904)

1904 The will of Marguerite Dalrymple was probated (#94128). Gilman Andrews and M. Agnes Bishop were named executors. The will, written in 1898, directed that her property be sold and the money be used to fill many bequests to a multitude of cousins and 2nd cousins. The inventory of real estate listed:

#10 Essex St.,; #8 & 8½ rear Essex St.; 9295 sq. ft. of land; value \$3,800.

1905 tax records:

10	Goerge Moak	owner -heirs of M. Dalrymple,	house	\$ 800
8	-----	" " "	house	400
R8	William Mondez	" " "	house	600
			land	1,000

1906 Nov. 10 -Sarah E. Dalrymple, Gilman A. Andrews of Salem; M. Agnes Dalrymple Bishop, sometimes called M. Agnes Bishop of Quincy sold the property for \$4,700 to Louis Dembofsky. (book 1851 page 329)

1906 Nov. 23 - Louis and Sarah Dembozsky sold the same property to Gregoz and Eva Paszkocki. "Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Gilman Andrews exc. under the will of Margaret Dalrymple." (book 1851 page 333)

1909 city directory

- 8 M. A. Concannon, variey store
- G. Paszkowski
- R8 Mrs. H. B. Livingstone
- John Rossie

1917 city directory

- 8 Frederick and Fanny Berkowitz, variety
- R8 F. Norton

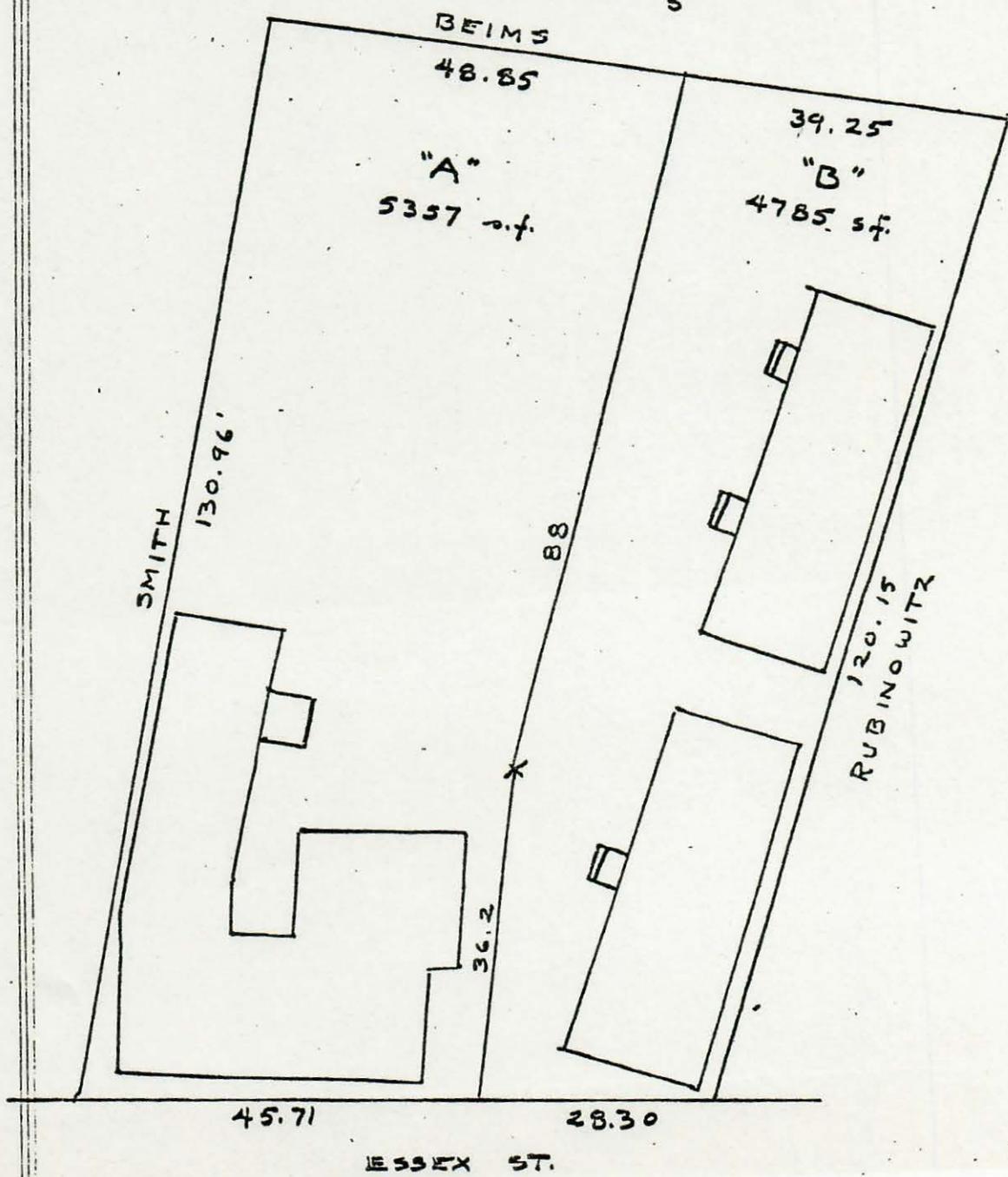
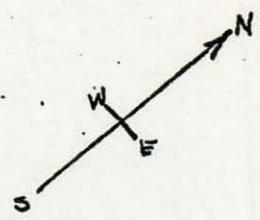
1921 city directory

- 8 J. Margolis, shoe repair
- R8 A. Peroonski
- M. Lebick
- H. Joblonski

1923 June 9 Gregoz and Eva Paszkowski sold the land and buildings #8 and 8½ Essex St. to Wladyslaw Dobrosielski. "Being a portion of the premises conveyed by deed of Louis Dembofsky on Nov. 23, 1906." Lot B -

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Plan of land of G. + E. Paszkowsky



1924 Sept. 11 - Wladyslaw Dobrosielski, unmarried, sold the land and buildings, described as lot B, to Wladyslaw Brzozowski. "Being the same conveyed by deed of Gregor and Eva Paszkowski." (book 2611 page 314)

1947 Feb. 13 - Wladyslaw Brzozowski, unmarried, sold the land and buildings, described as lot B., to Chester J. and Stacia Dzierzak. The same conveyed by deed Sept. 11, 1924. (book 3521 page 583)

1947 June 3 - Chester J. and Stacia B. Dzierzak, husband and wife, sold the property to Anthony and Mary Sieczkowski. The same premises conveyed by deed Feb. 13, 1947. (book 3528 page 44)

1950 Oct. 26 - Anthony Sieczkowski and his wife Mary, sold the property to John and Mary Olszewski. The same premises conveyed by deed June 3, 1947. (book 3780 page 148)

1964 July 27 - John Olszewski sold the property to John and Beatrice Olszewski. The same conveyed by deed Oct. 26, 1950. Mary Olszewski having since deceased. (book 5191 page 736)

1975 March 19 - John Olszewski and his wife Beatrice E. sold the property, lot B, to Frederick J. Cardella. (book 6134 page 157)

Note: Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. Both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.