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22-24 High Street

Built for

WILLIAM FABENS, mariner

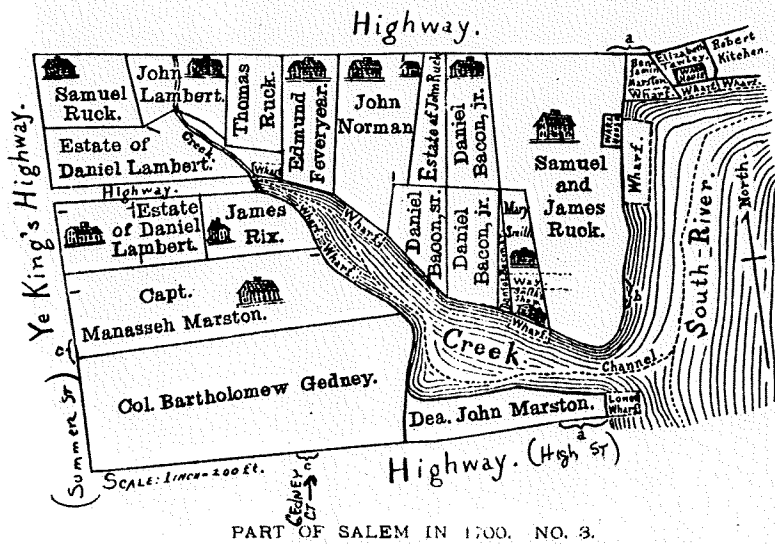
in 1804

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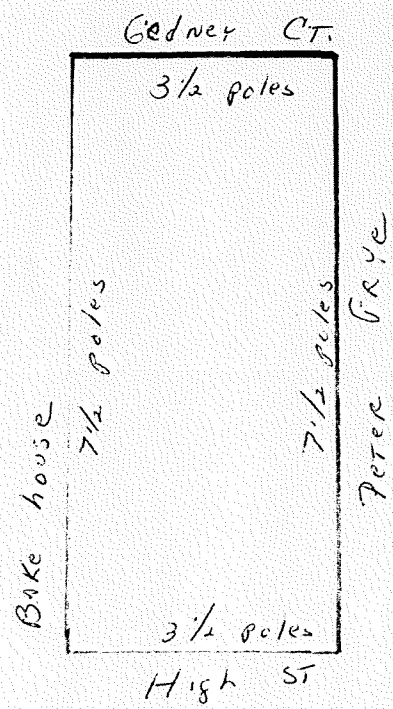
22 High Street

High street was called a lane or highway in 1664; Highway to Marblehead in 1713; Highway that leads to the southfield, 1714; Highway leading to the South mills, 1765; Way leading from almshouse to south mills, 1767; Road from almshouse to Marblehead 1784; Daniel's lane, 1790; Great road leading to Marblehead, 1788; Road from factory house to Marblehead, 1791; Road from almshouse or duck factory to Marblehead 1793; and High street, 1801. (Essex Antiquarian Vol. 4 page 17)



This house stands on a portion of what was called the Col. Bartholomew Gedney land.

1801 July 31 - Isaac Needham sold a parcel of land to William Fabens, mariner, for the sum of \$600:



(Book 169 page 106)

William Fabens was born in Salem in 1759, the son of James and Sarah (Henderson) Fabens. He married Rebecca Gray, of Saco, Me. in 1781. Mr. Fabens was a grocer in later life whose store was on High St. near Margin St. It was said that the rum Mr. Fabens sold was so much diluted he was obliged to cut it with an axe in very cold weather and sold it by weight. From his great size he was called "King Fabens" a name by which he was always known. One story passed down was that Johnny Geer, a neighbor, was a black man with a very large under lip about which the boys used to tease him asking him to let them sit on

it which annoyed him so much that he reported his grievance to Mr. Fabens, who told him not to mind what the boys said but Johnny replied "now Massa Fabens put it to yourself, suppose the boys should say to you hello Massa Fabens let me slide down hill on your belly, what would you say?"

William and Rebecca Fabens had ten children:

William	b. Dec. 1, 1782	- married Sarah Brown
Benjamin	b. Sept. 9, 1785	- " Hannah Stone, 2nd Mary Tay
Nancy	b. Sept. 19, 1788	- " Bryant Newcomb
Samuel	b. June 2, 1791	- " Euphrasie Mathey
Sarah	b. Oct. 9, 1793	- " Elisha Perkins, 2nd Sam Gardner
Rebecca	b. Feb. 21, 1796	- " Jeremiah Todd
Eunice	b. Aug. 17, 1798	- " Robert Wilson
Mary	b. March 13, 1801-	- " Samuel Upton
Harriet	b. March 16, 1806-	- " Nathaniel B. Mansfield
Charlotte	b. Oct. 11, 1811-	died Oct. 20, 1812

The construction date for this house may be found in the tax records:

William Fabens - ward 3	
1801	- house \$600 10 poles of land Wards \$100 1 common right \$40
1802	- house \$800 10 poles of land Wards \$100 1 common right \$40 house and land High St. \$300 shipping stock \$3,000; income \$600
1803	- house \$800 10 poles land \$100 1 common right \$40 house on High St. \$400
1804	- house in High St. \$800 10 poles land \$100 1 common right \$50 <u>new house \$1,200</u>
1805	- house in High St. \$800 10 poles land \$100 new house \$1,300 1 common right \$50

This house is also listed as a "building partly of brick" in the Salem Gazette Feb. 4, 1806.

1828 April 10 - William Fabens died. In his probate (#9184) Benjamin Fabens was named as administrator of the estate. (Inventory appendix A)

The successive generations carried on trade between Salem and Cayenne established by William Fabens about 1816: Benjamin Fabens about 1825, Charles H. Fabens about 1850, Charles E. and Benjamin H. Fabens about 1869. The last named removed the business to Boston in 1877.

The house remained in the Fabens family for many years. Some tenants can be found in the tax lists:

22 High Street

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Occupants</u>
1831 Ben Fabens adm. to father's estate	
1837 William Fabens est.	N.B. Mansfield (son-in-law mariner, engaged in African trade. Later connected as Director with the Maverick National Bank of Boston)
1842 William Fabens est.	James Owen, cordwainer Charles Short, maker of patent door fenders.
1845 William Fabens est.	Charles Short; Charles Short Jr.; Wm Knowlton, lumberman; Thomas W. Remond, laborer; Wm S. Hood and Cyrus Hood.

The 1850 census gives a closer look at the occupants:

Isaac Stone	age 66	seaman	born Mass.
Sally "	" 64		" "
Lydia "	" 32		" "
Abby M. "	" 24		" "
2nd family			
Joseph Fabens	" 48	master mariner	" "
Sarah "	" 42		" "
Mary E. "	" 21		" "
Joseph H."	" 8		" "
3rd family			
J.C.R. Brimmer	" 23	currier	" "
Mary E. "	" 23		" "
John A. "	" 4		" "
Edgar "	" 3		" "
Lavinia "	" 8 months		" "
4th family			
Abigail Choate	" 32		" "
5th family			
Charles Short	" 55	carpenter	" "
Lucinda "	" 24		" "
Harriet "	" 23		" "
Abbey "	" 16		" "
Emma "	" 11		" "
Julia "	" 9		" "

Tax records:

1854

owner

occupant

1/2 Est. Benj. Fabens
(died May 1850)

Joseph W. Fabens
David Stickney
Joseph Fabens Jr.
John S. Foster
Isaac Stone

1/2 Mansfield et al

1857

1/2 Caroline Fabens

Joseph W. Fabens
Daniel Weed
John H. Smith
Mrs. Foster

1/2 N.B. Mansfield et al

1860 census:

George Cloutman	age 35	pilot	born Mass.
Priscilla "	" 36		" "
Abby "	" 1		" "
2nd family			
Joseph Foster	" 50	mariner	" "
Lucy "	" 50		" "
Margaret "	" 23		" "
Sarah "	" 18		" "
Ellen "	" 12		" "
Daniel Weed	" 50	clerk	" "
3rd family			
Priscilla Stone	" 60		" "
Abby "	" 37	shoe binder	" "
Abby Plummer	" 68		" " blind
4th family			
Charles Short	" 65	carpenter	" "
Abby "	" 30		" "
Julia "	" 20		" "
Emma "	" 18		" "

Tax records:

1864

<u>owner</u>	<u>occupant</u>
½ Caroline Fabens	Charles Short age 68
house \$900; land \$600	Samuel Stillman " 52
½ N. B. Mansfield est.	Benjamin Pickering " 59
house \$900; land \$600	Amos Stillman

1865 July 19 - The estate was sold by the Fabens family to the Salem Leg Co., E.B. Peirson, president (physician) and J.H. Webb treasurer. (book 687 page 89)

The manufacture of prosthesis was much needed during this time. The great battles of the Civil War had turned thousands of robust soldiers into helpless amputees in need of limbs.

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— OF THE —
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This is the Leg which is steadily supplanting the many "best legs in the world." Send for a Circular and learn the reasons.

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The impression artfully conveyed by another advertisement, that all but two of the Legs made by Government order in Massachusetts, have been made by Palmer & Co., is **UTTERLY FALSE**.

The Salem Leg Co. is constantly filling such orders and receiving from soldiers and others, the most flattering testimonials. Address

Salem Leg Company.

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Tax records:

22 High Street
 1866 Salem Leg Co. - house \$2,000; land \$1,200
 1869 Salem Leg Co. - house \$2,500; land \$1,200
 1870 Salem Leg Co. - house \$2,500; land \$900

1871 May 9 - Salem Gazette

VALUABLE ESTATE ON HIGH STREET

On Wednesday May 10 at 11 o'clock am will be sold on the premises, if not previously disposed of at private sale:

That valuable estate situated No.22 High street consisting of a three-story Dwelling house, with the land under and adjoining, recently occupied by the Salem Leg Co. The House is in good order, and contains 16 finished rooms. The land measures 42 ft. 6 in. on High street by 70 ft. deep, extending through to Gedney Ct. where it measures 47 ft., affording ample room for another house, or for a barn or stable, as may be desired.

This estate is well located, and is admirably adapted for a boarding house.

Terms easy."

1871 May 19 - The Salem Leg Co. sold the property to John S. Edwards and John H. Bell for the sum of \$5,300. This was the same property conveyed by Caroline A. Fabens et al on July 19, 1865. (book 824 page 243)

1872 tax:

<u>owner</u>	<u>occupant</u>	
J. H. Bell	William Ryno	age 45
&	Edward Woodbury	" 38
John S. Edwards	Gilbert Haynes	" 35
house \$3,500	Benjamin Barker	" 50
land 1,200	Benjamin Barker Jr.	" 18

1873 Nov. 13 - John H. Bell conveyed his share of the estate to John S. Edwards. "The same purchased by said Edwards and myself of the Salem Leg Co. May 19, 1871." (book 893 page 232)

Tax records:

	<u>owner</u>	<u>occupants</u>
1874	John S. Edwards house \$3,800 land 1,500	Mrs. Stephen Gallison Joseph Armstrong Horatio McCully Allen Hatch Charles Stone William Ryno Benjamin Barker Benjamin Barker Jr.
1877	John S. Edwards house \$2,700 land 1,300	Benjamin Barker Benjamin Barker Jr. Edward B. Smethers Otis T. Eaton Joseph Holbrook James Mc Lauflin

1880 census:

E. B. Smethers	age 59	laborer	born	Mass.
Mary E. "	" 57	keeps house	"	"
Harriet "	" 28	works in shoe shop	"	"
Emeline "	" 25	" " " "	"	"
Joseph W. "	" 21	works in store	"	"
Martha E. "	" 16	" " shoe shop	"	"
Sarah E. "	" 5	grand daughter	"	"
2nd family				
Albert E. Emerson	" 31	driver	"	N.H.
Susan "	" 33	keeps house	"	N.Y.
Elizabeth "	" 7	at home	"	Mass.
Adaline A. "	" 5	at home	"	N.H.
Melvin "	" 3	at home	"	Mass
Lillian "	" 1	at home	"	N.H.
Merle Guphill	" 37	boarder- shoe shop	"	Canada
Addie Roberts	" 35	boarder- shoe shop	"	N.H.

3rd family

Anna McKenney	age 39	keeps house	born Nova Scotia
Alexander "	"	17 currier	" Nova Scotia
Jese Millikan	"	4	" Mass.
John Callahan	"	40 boarder- currier	" New Brunswick
Charles Cook	"	19 boarder-tin plate worker	" ?
Frederick Burnham	19	boarder- currier	" Mass.

4th family

C. D. Rogers	"	55 house painter	" Mass.
Hannah "	"	43 house keeper	" "
Edward "	"	23 works on shoes	" "
Anna L. "	"	18 " " "	" "
Ann Sheden	"	80 boarder	" "
Jenny Rogers.	"	21 house keeper	" "

Tax record:

	<u>owner</u>	<u>occupant</u>
1887	John S. Edwards	#22 Edward B. Smethurst
	house \$2,300	Amos G. Teague
	land 1,200	Stephen Bigwood
	shop Gidney Ct. \$100	#22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Charles Rogers
		Edward Rogers
		Herbert Teague

1888 March 3 - John S. Edwards master builder died. Probate docket #66126:

Real estate in his possession:

House at 49 Summer St.	\$4,000
House at 22 High St.	4,000
1 undivided half of 18 Prescott St.	1,100
1 undivided half of 20 Prescott St.	1,100
	<u>10,200</u>

Personal estate:

Various bonds and shares of stock, carriages, harnesses, sleigh, brackets, ladders and tools.	\$4,294.07
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1888 June 16 Salem Observer:

"The estate #22 High street, consisting of the large three story Dwelling House, containing 28 finished rooms, arranged for four families.

The land measures about 60 ft. on High street and runs back 111.5 ft. to Gedney court. On said court is a good frame stable which can be sold separately or with the High street estate, as parties may desire. Terms \$200 at the time of sale."

1888 June 20 - John L. Stanley, of Gloucester, trustee of the will of John S. Edwards sold for the sum of \$4,200.25 to Patrick F. Buckley the same premises described in deed book 893 page 232 from John H. Bell. (book 1226 page 477)

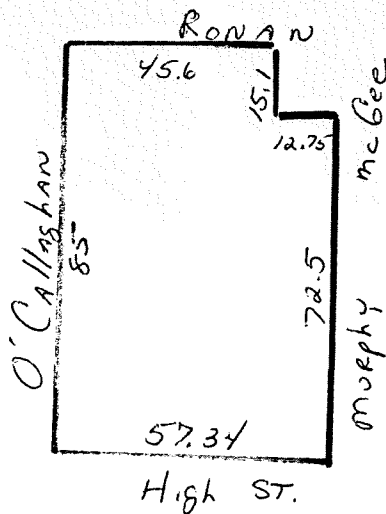
1900 census:

#22 David Hart	age 45	foreman	born Ire.
Mary "	" 44		" "
Mary "	" 18		" Mass.
James "	" 16	milk driver	" "
David J."	" 15	" "	" "
Richard "	" 13	at school	" "
John "	" 11	" "	" "
Thomas C."	" 9	" "	" "
Annie "	" 7	" "	" "
Robert E."	" 6	" "	" "
William "	" 4		" "
Jacob Manatsky	" 55	dry goods pedlar	" Russia
Fannie "	" 34		" "
Carrie "	" 14	at school	" "
Symour "	" 8	at school	" "

#24	Thomas Brown	age 29	day laborer	born Canada
	Christie "	" 35		" "
	Marion Ferguson	" 10	niece by law	" "
	John Donovan	" 29	electrician	" Mass.
	Margaret "	" 28		" Ire.
	Elena "	" 5	at school.	" Mass.

1906 Nov. 26 - Julia Buckley trustee of the will of Patrick F. Buckley sold the land and building to Charles T. Buckley. (book 1856 page 433)

1909 Nov. 30 - Charles T. Buckley sold the land and building to Max Lemkin. "Meaning to convey part of the land conveyed to me by deed of Julia Buckley, trustee under the will of Patrick F. Buckley." (book 1999 page 24)



1910 March 22 - Max Lemkin sold the land and building to Israel Lapin. (book 2007 page 225) On the same day Israel Lapin obtained a mortgage from Max Lemkin for the sum of \$2,500. This mortgage was foreclosed and the title transferred to Santo De Francesco.

1924 Oct. 20 - Santo and Candelara De Francesco sold half the property to Giovanni Falzone. The other half was sold to Guliano Napoli. (book 2614 page 382)

1935 Sept. 23 - Guliano Napoli sold his half share to Maria DiStasio. (book 3073 page 317)

1957 July 12 - Maria DiStasio, formerly Maria Falzone, and Emilo DiStasio transferred the property to Stephen Salvo and Carmelina Salvo. (book 5296 page 536)

1966 June 30 - Carmelina Salvo sold to Elmer H. and Eleanor C. Warner. "By this conveyance the said Carmelina Salvo hereby relinquishes any and all rights that she may have underlease between Maria DeStasio and Emilo DiStasio to Stephen Salvo and Carmelina DiStasio. (book 5374 page 431)

1968 Sept. 12 - Elmer H. Warner and Eleanor C. Warner sold to James A. Jackson the same premises conveyed by Carmelina Salvo on June 30, 1966." (book 5557 page 291)

1970 Jan. 30 - James A. Jackson sold to James H. Lee the same property conveyed by deed of Elmer H. Warner et ux on Sept. 12, 1968. (book 5664 page 480)

1971 Oct. 14 - James H. Lee, trustee of J & J Realty Trust sold the property to James H. Lee and Jay Alden Turner. (book 5860 page 32)

1972 Oct. 31 - James H. Lee and Jay Alden Turner, trustees of Lee and Turner Realty Trust, sold to Robert Bramble the same property conveyed in deed 5860 page 32. (book 5919 page 797)

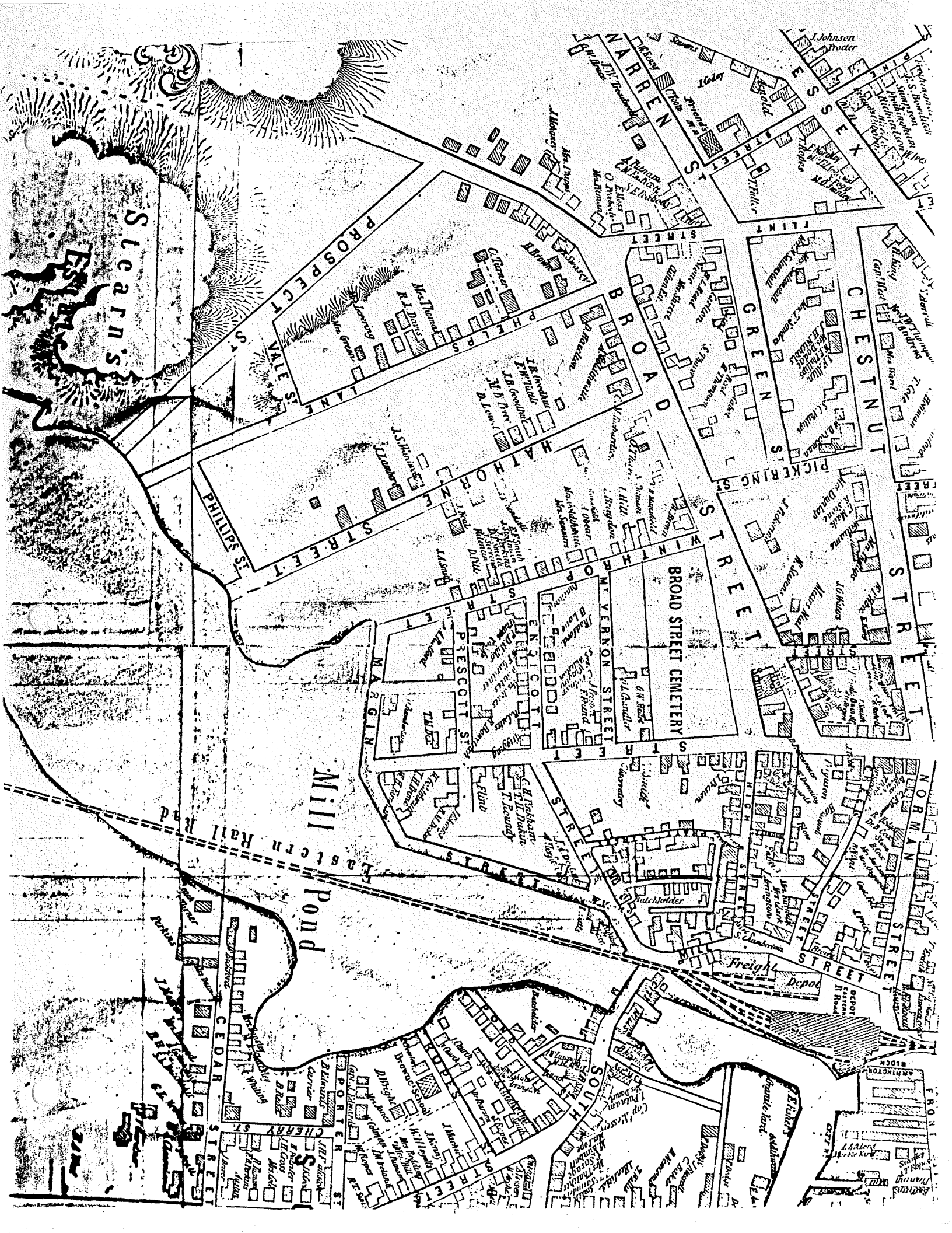
1973 Aug. 27 - Robert C. Bramble sold the property for the sum of \$76,000, to Adrienne Bouchard and Erik R. Brown. (book 6007 page 599)

1974 Jan. 14 - Erik R. Brown and Adrienne L. Bouchard sold to Erik R. and Anne Brown the land and building at 22-24 High St. (book 6040 page 457)

1978 Jan. 26 - Erik R. Brown and Anne Brown sold the property to Adriaan W. ter Meulen for the sum of \$91,500. (book 6439 page 674)

1981 May 15 - Adriaan W. ter Meulen of Boxford sold the property to Gary H. Palardy and John J. Bates for the sum of \$54,041.62 subject to a mortgage for \$70,950.38. (book 6819 page 243)

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.



Sleary's Estate

PROSPECT VALE ST

VAREN ST

SEX ST

BROAD ST

CHESTNUT ST

PHILIP ST

HAHO ST

BROAD STREET CEMETERY

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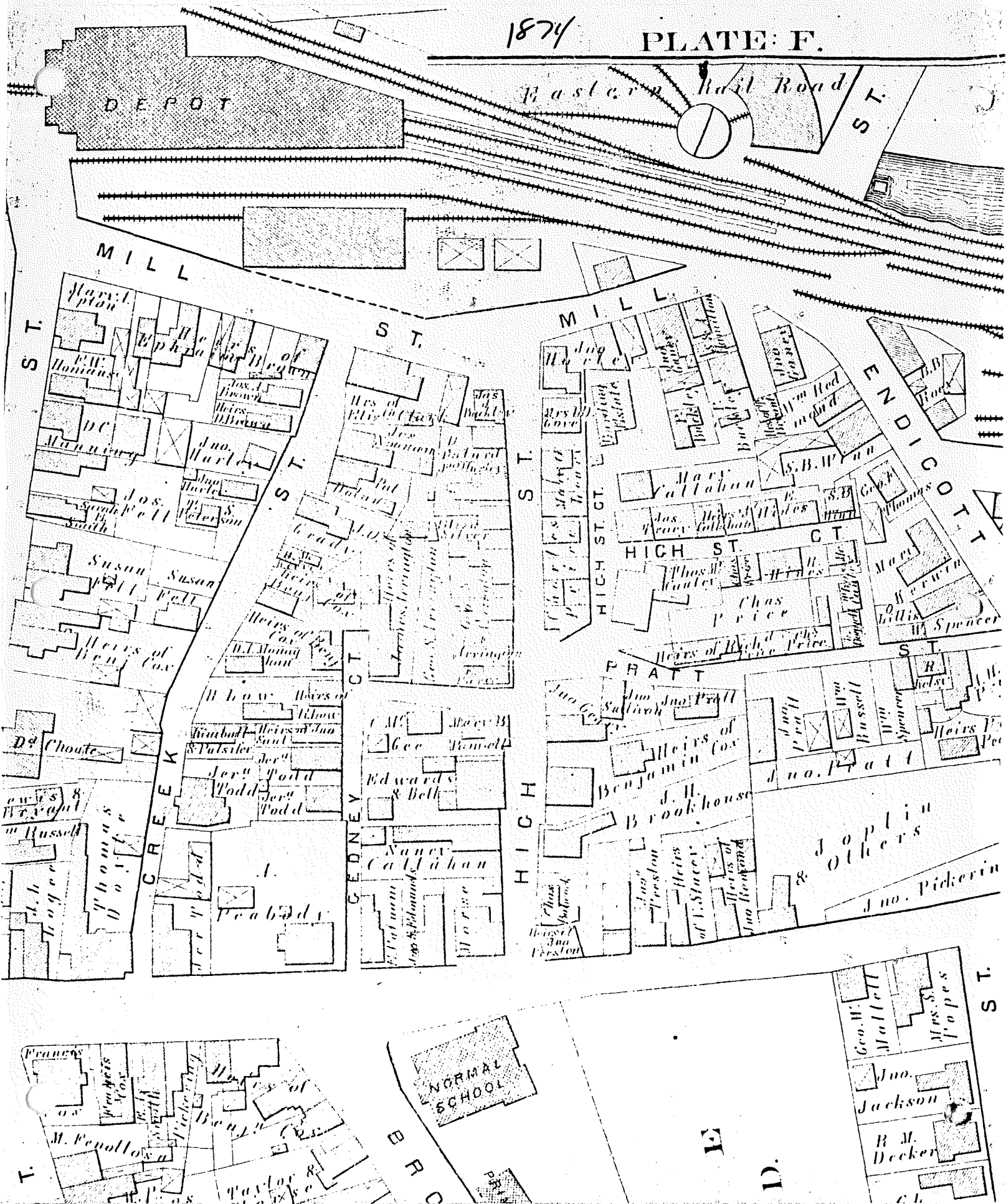
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Freight Depot

STATION

1874

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DEPOT

Western Rail Road

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CREEK ST.

HIGH ST.

HIGH ST.

PRATT ST.

GARDNEY ST.

HIGH ST.

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NORMAL SCHOOL

J. No. Pickerin

R. M. Decker

Mrs. S. Hopes

Geo. W. Mallett

J. D. Joplin & Others

J. H. Brookhouse

Benjamin Cox

J. Pratt

J. Russell

Heirs of Benj. Cox

Susan

Susan

Heirs of Benj. Cox

Jos. Manning

Mary Ann

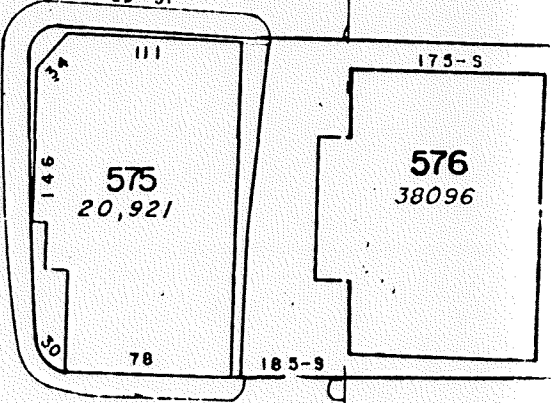
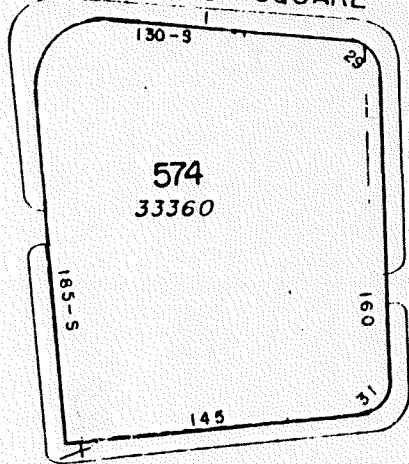
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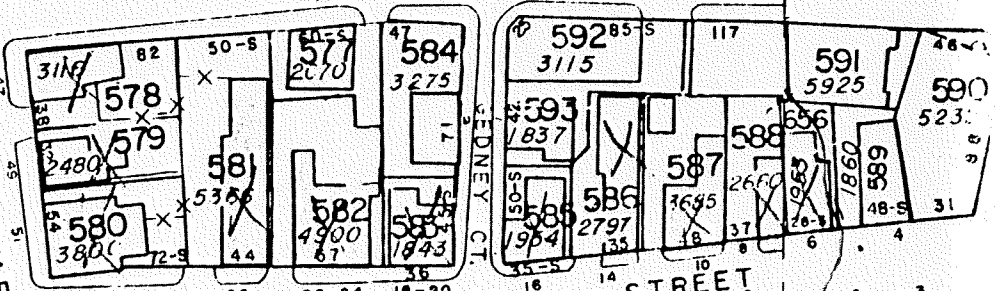
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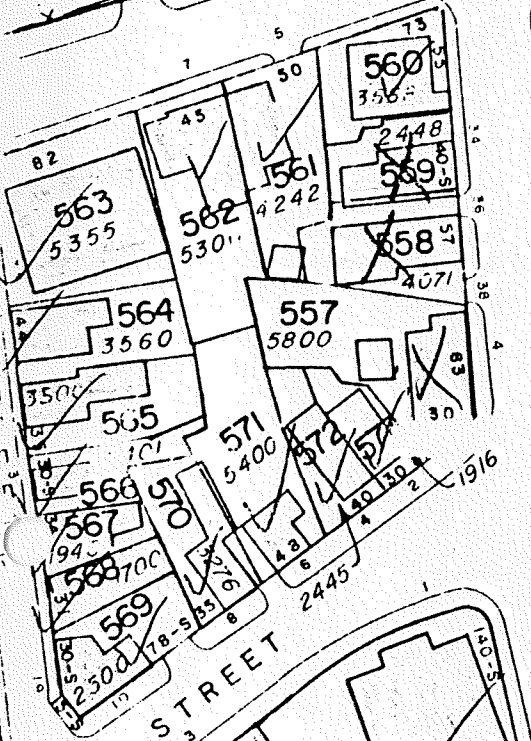
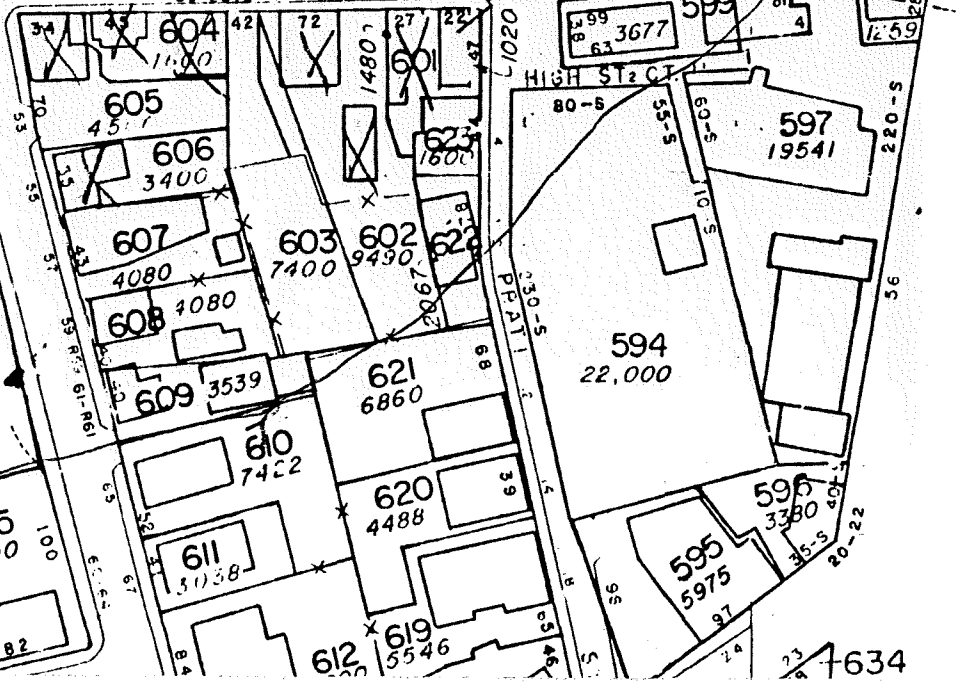
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