

7 Union St.  
Built for  
The Heirs of  
WILLIAM PARKER  
in the year 1858

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7 Union Street

This lot was part of the estate of the Watson family in the 1700's. Abigail Watson, daughter of John and Abigail (White), married William Parker, of Bradford. Until the year 1883 this (7 Union St.) and the corner lot (103 Essex St.) were in the possession of the heirs of William and Abigail Parker.

The lot on which this house stands was vacant in 1851 as shown on the map by Mc Intyre. The Salem tax records show that the heirs of William Parker paid taxes on land in Union St. until 1858. In 1858, a new house on the estate of William Parker is taxed for the first time.

Tax lists for subsequent years are as follows:

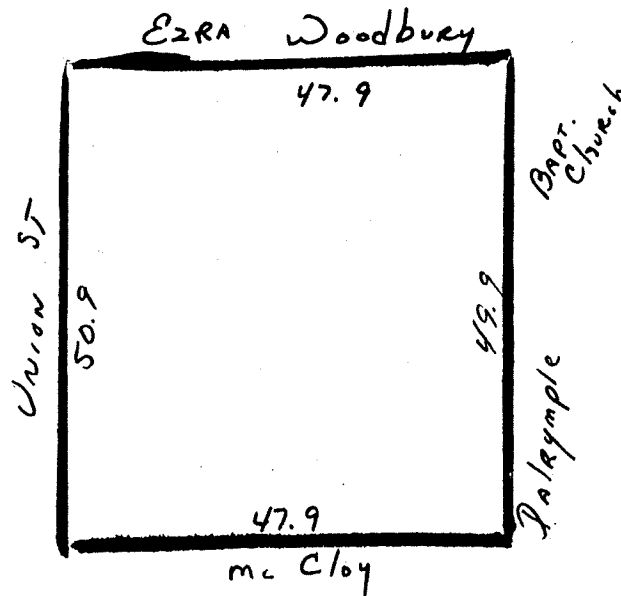
Union St.	Occupant	Owner
1860	William Clough	est. of Wm Parker
1862	Freeman Peck age 41	" " " "
	William Peck " 22	" " " "
1866	Freeman Peck " 45	" " " "
	William Peck " 26	" " " "
1871	Joseph Shaw " 51	" " " "

An ad in the Salem Gazette of 1869 describes the estate when the heirs tried to sell it:

Estate on the corner of Essex and Union and extending to Herbert St. The 3 story dwelling and barn thereon fronting on Essex St. measures 106 feet. Also, the two dwelling houses next southerly from the above, situated on Union St. and Herbert St. The dwelling house on Union St. is entirely new, convenient and a good style house. That on Herbert St. is suitable for a two family, both in good order.

George Parker

The Union St. house was not sold until May 17, 1883 when Abigail Parker, Charles Parker of Lexington, Ellen Parker, William P. Parker and Ellen Parker, of Salem, and Myra C. Harper wife of Horatio in her right, on N.Y. sold to Ambrose Paul the land and buildings for \$2,400. (book 1109 page 8)

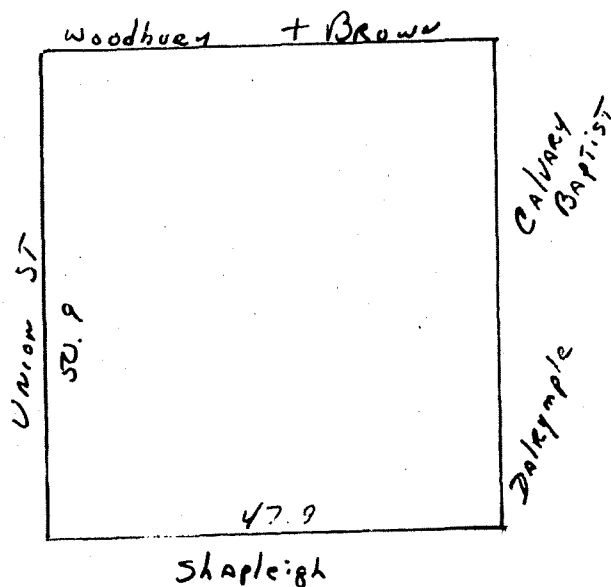


Book 1389 page 222    Ambrose Paul  
Sept. 1893            sold to  
                         Arthur Averill  
                         same conveyed to me by Abigail Parker et al  
                         May 11, 1883 book 1109 page 8  
                         (same description)

Book 1389 page 230    Arthur A. Averill  
Sept. 1893            sold to  
                         Helen A. Paul wife of Ambrose Paul  
                         same conveyed to me by said Ambrose Paul  
                         Sept. 19, 1893  
                         (same description)

Book 2360 page 437    Mary F. Goss, unmarried  
For consideration    sold to  
                         Elizabeth B. Finn, wife of William Finn  
                         same inherited by me from my mother Helen A.  
                         Paul's estate 1915. See also deed to my mother  
                         book 1389 page 230

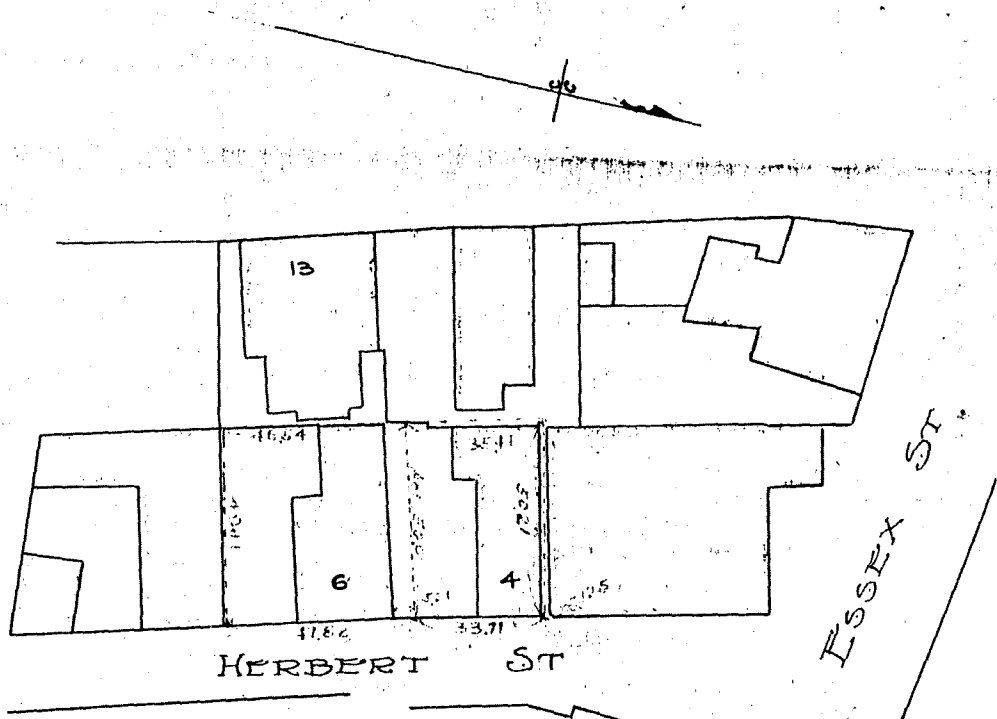
Book 2951 page 426    Edna F. Finn, known in religion as Sister  
May 1933            Elizabeth Mary, of N.Y.  
MTG.                sold to  
Roger Conant        Mary Kaminski, wife of Walter Kaminski  
Co-op Bank  
\$3,400



There is a picture at the Essex Institute showing the house at 103 Essex St. and also 7 Union St. Negative #6,853. (Library)

Reference to book and page are the deed books at the Registry of Deeds on Federal St.

the same by proper deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers absolutely and in fee simple; and such sale shall forever bar us and all persons claiming under us from all right and interest in the granted premises, whether at law or in equity. And out of any proceeds arising from such sale the grantee or her representatives shall be entitled to retain all sums lawfully secured by this deed, whether then or thereafter receivable, including all costs, charges and expenses incurred or sustained by them by reason of any default in the performance or observance of the said conditions, rendering the surplus if any to us or our heirs or assigns.



Salem July 30, 1908. Rec. & Ent. in Essex Reg.  
 Deeds (So. Dist.), With Deed Sarah M.  
 Dalrymple et al to Nora F. O'Neil.  
 Rec. B. 1927 P. 276.

attest: *William J. Frizzell* Reg.

Sachusetts, Essex ss. July 10, 1908. 190. Then personally appeared  
 at the abovenamed John Evans and Sarah Evans and  
 acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free  
 act and deed, before me, Frank H. Frizzell Justice of the Peace  
 Essex ss. Dec 7 July 15, 1908, 30m past 8 a.m. Recorded & Examined.