

9 Warren Street
built for Orrin F. Thompson, clerk
1881

This two story, wooden house with its gable end to the street was built on land near the boundary between the Pickering family's property on Broad Street and the land referred to as Thomas Maule's Meeting House Field.¹ During the seventeenth century, this field had extended all the way from Broad Street to what is now referred to as Essex Street.

The Pickering lot belonged to John Pickering early in Salem's settlement and indeed, generations of the family have lived in the seventeenth century house which still stands on the property.

Mr. Thomas Maule purchased the northern section of the lot from Mr. Benjamin Gerrish on January 22, 1683/4 and the southern section from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Spooner on November 1, 1687.² In 1688, Mr. Maule erected a meeting house for Quakers on the northwestern corner of the lot. This Quaker Meeting House faced current day Essex Street and was in use until a new building was built across the street in 1718.

Even until 1780, this area was still relatively rural with a great deal of open fields crisscrossed by major roads leading to Marblehead, Swampscott and "Ye Broadfield" to the southwest.³ Indeed, Warren Street was only laid out in or before 1806 and it was originally called Green Street. By 1869, Green Street had been renamed to Warren Street.⁴

By the middle of the nineteenth century, Henry Thompson had a farm on this land between Broad and Warren Streets with his home situated at 30 Broad Street. Salem's growth continued in its westward expansion and by 1851, there were many houses, barns and outbuildings in the area.⁵ Henry had a farm and also worked as a teamster. He and his wife had three children; Kate, Caroline and Orrin. When he died in September of 1860, his four heirs inherited the property.

The eastern section of the property is mentioned in a deed from 1873⁶ and again in 1908⁷ but the house numbered 9 Warren Street appears to have been built in 1881. The tax records do not list a new house but a penciled-in line in the 1880 Tax book reads, "Orrin Thompson in 1881" and the value of the property is raised. The Salem Directory for 1878 lists Orrin living at 30 Broad Street and the 1881 volume lists Orrin working as a clerk in Boston and living at 9 Warren Street.

¹Perley, Part of Salem in 1700. No. 5.

²Ibid.

³Phillips, Salem in the 18th century, Map-Salem around 1780.

⁴Perley, Part of Salem in 1700. No. 5.

⁵Map, Salem in 1851.

⁶E.C.R.D., Book 874, leaf 45.

⁷Ibid., Book 1912, leaf 282.

Orrin had his house built upon land that he either purchased and/or inherited from his relatives. His sister Kate married twice. First Samuel D. Chamberlain and then William W. Doherty. Kate and Samuel had a daughter Anna A. Chamberlain and when Anna died on August 23, 1892, she devised her entire estate to her uncle, Orrin F. Thompson.⁸

Orrin's other sister, Caroline A. Brown, sold him her share of the property on February 8, 1873⁹ and when she died around 1885, he inherited the rest of her portion as her sole heir at law.¹⁰

Orrin bequeathed his estate to his relative Orrin Clayton Symonds, of Danvers and he, in turn, sold the house to Olive S. Newbegin of Haverhill in 1925.¹¹

Miss Newbegin immediately sold the property to Nathalie G. Seamans, the wife of Richard D. Seamans, who were residents of Salem. The Seamans also bought other sections of the land bordering the Thompson property¹² and they owned the property until 1944 when they transferred its ownership to Salem residents Otto W. Stroemel and his wife Virginia S. Stroemel.¹³

The Stroemel's retained ownership for not quite two years when they sold the house to the Salem Hospital Corporation on May 16, 1946.¹⁴

Salem Hospital owned the house for a little over seven years and transferred the property to the Keifer family on September 25, 1953 for \$15,000.00.¹⁵ The Keifers only kept the house for five years and on August 15, 1958, they sold it to Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Flynn of Whitestone, New York.¹⁶

After Mrs. Flynn's death, Mr. Joseph Flynn owned the property until November 14, 1996 when he transferred ownership to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wathne. The Wathne's have spent a great deal of time and effort in restoring the home both inside and out and have accomplished a remarkable transformation on the property.

The Historic District surveyed stated that this property was conjectured to have housed people who worked in the Chestnut Street homes and estates but conclusive evidence has not been found. The 20th century Salem Directories did not list anyone specifically as a domestic worker although members of the families that lived in 9 Warren Street may very well have worked in any number of capacities in the homes located in the Chestnut Street area.

⁸Ibid., Book 2640, leaf 320.

⁹Ibid., Book 874, leaf 45.

¹⁰Ibid., Book 2640, leaf 320.

¹¹Ibid.

¹²Salem Plan Book 58, Plan 91.

¹³Ibid., Book 3373, leaf 280.

¹⁴Ibid., Book 3488, page 394.

¹⁵Ibid., Book 4012, leaf 405.

¹⁶Ibid., Book 4485, leaf 580.

**Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book & leaf
Transfers of title:**

E.C.R.D., Book 2640, leaf 320

Grantor: Orrin Clayton Symonds, of Danvers

Grantee: Olive S. Newbegin of Haverhill

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: "the land in Salem with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY by Broad Street fifty four and 30/100 (54.30) feet;

EASTERLY by land formerly of Preston one hundred and eighty and 90/100 (180.90) feet;

NORTHERLY by Warren Street one hundred and twenty six and 95/10 (126.95) feet;

WESTERLY by land now or late of Chambers and of Newhall one hundred and 50/100 (100.50) feet;

SOUTHERLY by said Newhall land sixty four and 40/100 (64.40) feet; and

WESTERLY by said Newhall land eighty two and 90/100 (82.90) feet, be all of said measurements more or less."

Date Recorded: June 13, 1925

E.C.R.D., Book 2640, leaf 323

Grantor: Olive S. Newbegin of Haverhill, ... being unmarried

Grantee: Nathalie G. Seamans, wife of Richard D. Seamans, of Salem

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: (A) "land in said Salem, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the

NORTHWESTERLY corner of the granted premises on Warren Street; thence running SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Chambers and by land now or late of Newhall one hundred and 50/100 (100.50) feet; thence running

EASTERLY by said Newhall land sixty four and 40/100 (64.40) feet; thence running

NORTHERLY by land this day conveyed by me to Louise B. Waters nine and 6/10 (9.6) feet to a point which is 92.5 feet distant from Broad Street; thence running

NORTHEASTERLY by said land conveyed to Louise B. Waters by a line parallel to and 92.5 feet distant from Broad Street seventeen and 5/10 (17.5) feet to land this day

conveyed by me to Ernest A. Waters and Richard D. Seamans; thence running

NORTHERLY by said last mentioned land by a line parallel to the first described line ninety five (95) feet to said Warren Street; thence running

WESTERLY by Warren Street seventy six and 95/100 (76.95) feet to the point of

beginning. Being a portion of the premises conveyed to me by deed of Orrin Clayton Symonds."

Date Recorded: June 13, 1925

E.C.R.D., Book 2860, leaf 387

Grantor: Edwin D. Towle

Grantee: Nathalie G. Seamans of Salem

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: (B) "land in said Salem with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the

EASTERLY corner of the granted premises, at the

WESTERLY corner of Parcel #4, as shown on plan... and running

SOUTHWESTERLY, bounded

SOUTHEASTERLY by land of Edwin D. Towle, 9.37 ft. to land of Healey; thence turning and running

NORTHERLY, bounded

WESTERLY by said land of Healey, 3.30 ft. to land of Nathalie G. Seamans; then turning and running

SOUTHEASTERLY, bounded

NORTHEASTERLY by said land of Nathalie G. Seamans, 8.79 ft. to the

WESTERLY corner of parcel #4 and the point of beginning."

Date Recorded: October 3, 1930

E.C.R.D., Book 2863, leaf 33

Grantor: Richard D. Seamans, and Ernest A. Waters both of Salem

Grantee: Nathalie G. Seamans (wife of Richard D. Seamans) of Salem

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: "land in said Salem, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: (C)

Beginning at the

NORTHEASTERLY corner of the granted premises, at a point in the

SOUTHERLY line of Warren Street, at land of Frank Murphy, thence running

SOUTHERLY, bounded

EASTERLY by said land of Murphy, 73.18 ft. to parcel #2, on plan...; thence turning and running

SOUTHWESTERLY, by parcel #2, on said plan, 52.23 ft. to land of Nathalie G. Seamans; thence turning and running

NORTHERLY,

WESTERLY, by said land of Seamans, 84.56 ft. to Warren Street; thence turning and running

EASTERLY, bounded

NORTHERLY by said Warren Street, 50.00 ft. to land of Murphy and the point of beginning."

Date Recorded: October 16, 1930

E.C.R.D., Book 3373, leaf 280

Grantor: Nathalie G. Seamans of Salem

Grantee: Otto W. Stroemel and Virginia S. Stroemel, ...husband and wife

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: "The land in said Salem with the buildings thereon, consisting of two parcels, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel 1

NORTHERLY by Warren Street seventy-six and 95/100 (76.95) feet;

WESTERLY by land now or late of Healy one hundred three and 35/100 (103.35) feet;

SOUTHERLY by lands now or late of Towle and of Waters eighty-four and 48/100 (84.48) feet;

EASTERLY by the parcel hereinafter described eighty-four and 56/100 (84.56) feet.

Parcel 2

NORTHERLY by Warren Street fifty (50) feet;

WESTERLY by the parcel above described eighty-four and 56/100 (84.56) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Waters fifty-two and 23/100 (52.23) feet and

EASTERLY by land now or late of Murphy seventy-three and 18.100 (73.18) feet.

Being parcel No. 1."

Date Recorded: June 21, 1944

E.C.R.D., Book 3488, leaf 394

Grantor: Otto W. Stroemel and Virginia S. Stroemel, husband and wife, of Salem

Grantee: Salem Hospital Corporation

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: Same. Being Parcel No. 1 on plan Book 58, Plan No. 91.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Nathalie G. Seamans, dated June 21, 1944 and...Book 3373, page 280."

Date Recorded: May 16, 1946

E.C.R.D., Book 4012, leaf 405

Grantor: Salem Hospital Corporation

Grantee: James M. Keifer and Elisabeth Speer Keifer, husband and wife, of said Salem

Consideration: \$15,000.00

Conveyance of: Same

Date Recorded: September 25, 1953

E.C.R.D., Book 4485, leaf 580

Grantor: James M. Keifer and Elisabeth Speer Keifer, husband and wife, of Salem

Grantee: John Joseph Flynn and Jean Cronan Flynn, husband and wife, of Whitestone, NY

Consideration: Paid

Conveyance of: "A parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon in Salem...being known as No. 9 Warren Street...bounded as follows:

NORTHERLY by Warren Street, one hundred twenty-six and 95/100 (126.95) feet;

EASTERLY by land of Murphy, seventy-three and 18/100 (73.18) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Waters, and land now or late of Towle, one hundred thirty-six and 71/100 (136.71) feet; and

WESTERLY by land now or late of Healy, one hundred three and 35/100 (103.35) feet.

Being shown as lot 1, and land of N.G. Seamsn (sic), on plan of 'Land of Seamans And Waters, Salem, Mass,...August, 1930...Book 2860, page 387."

Date Recorded: August 15, 1958

E.C.R.D., Book 13844, leaf 7

Grantor: John Joseph Flynn, surviving joint owner, of Salem

Grantee: Carl N. Wathne and Alice T. Wathne, husband and wife

Consideration: \$225,000.00

Conveyance of: "The land in said Salem, together with the buildings thereon, consisting of two (2) parcels, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel 1

NORTHERLY by Warren Street, Seventy-six and ninety-five hundredths (76.95) feet;

WESTERLY by land now or late of Healy, One hundred three and thirty-five hundredths (103.35) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Towle and of Waters, Eighty-four and forty-eight hundredths (84.48) feet; and

EASTERLY by the parcel hereinafter described, Eighty-four and fifty-six hundredths (84.56) feet.

Parcel 2

NORTHERLY by Warren Street, Fifty (50) feet;

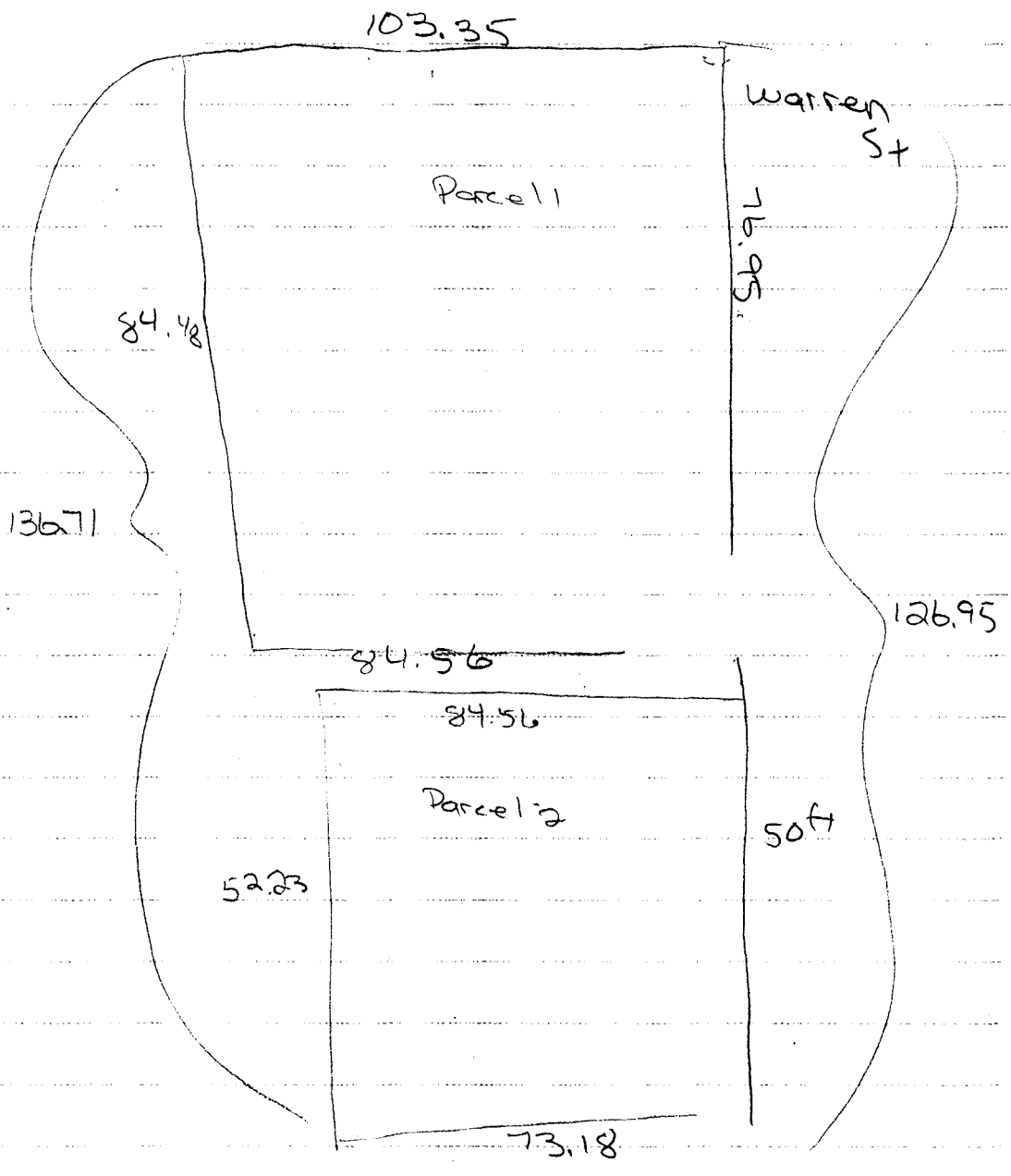
WESTERLY by the parcel above described, Eighty-four and fifty-six hundredths (84.56) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Waters, Fifty-two and twenty-three hundredths (52.23) feet; and

EASTERLY by land now or late of Murphy, Seventy-three and eighteen hundredths (73.18) feet."

Date Recorded: November 14, 1996





CHESTNUT

PICKERING

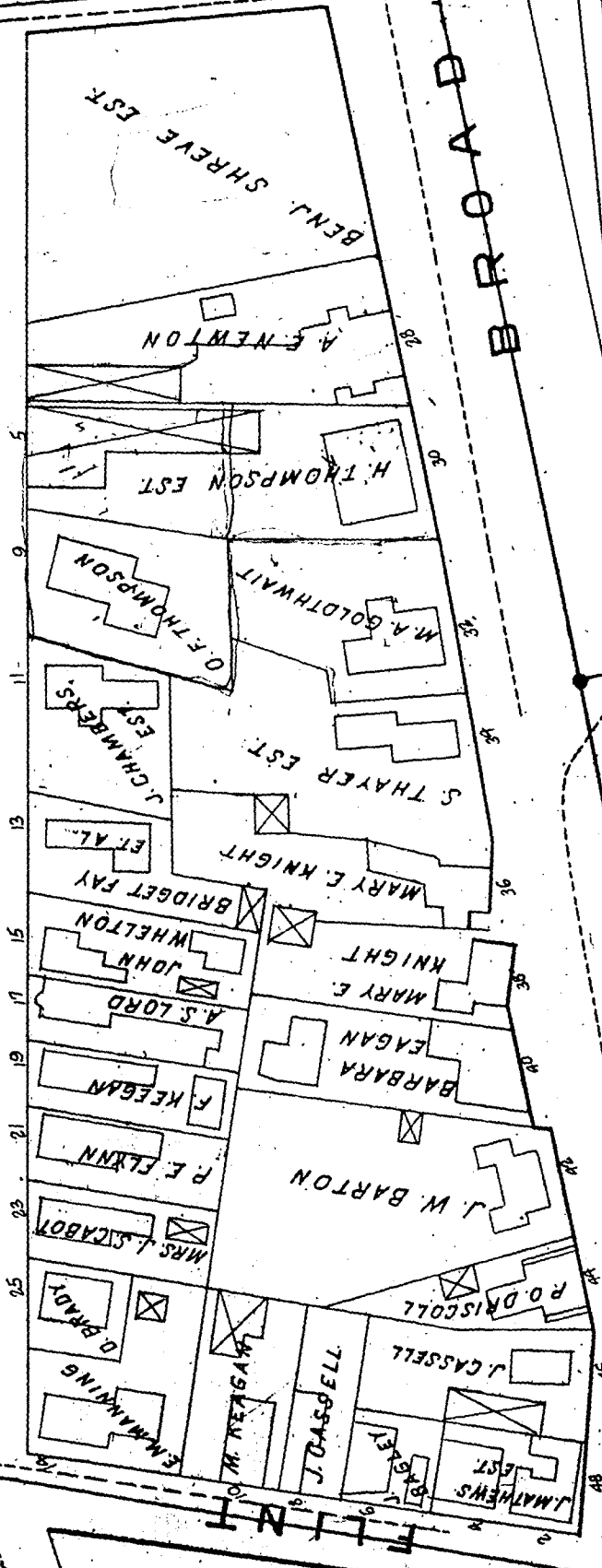
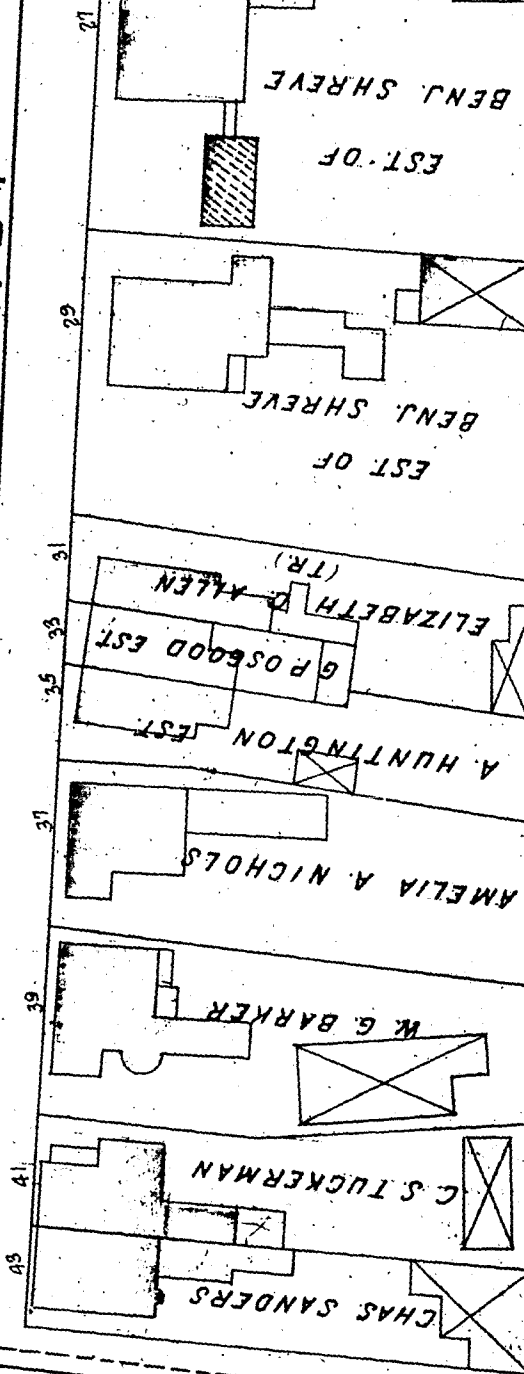
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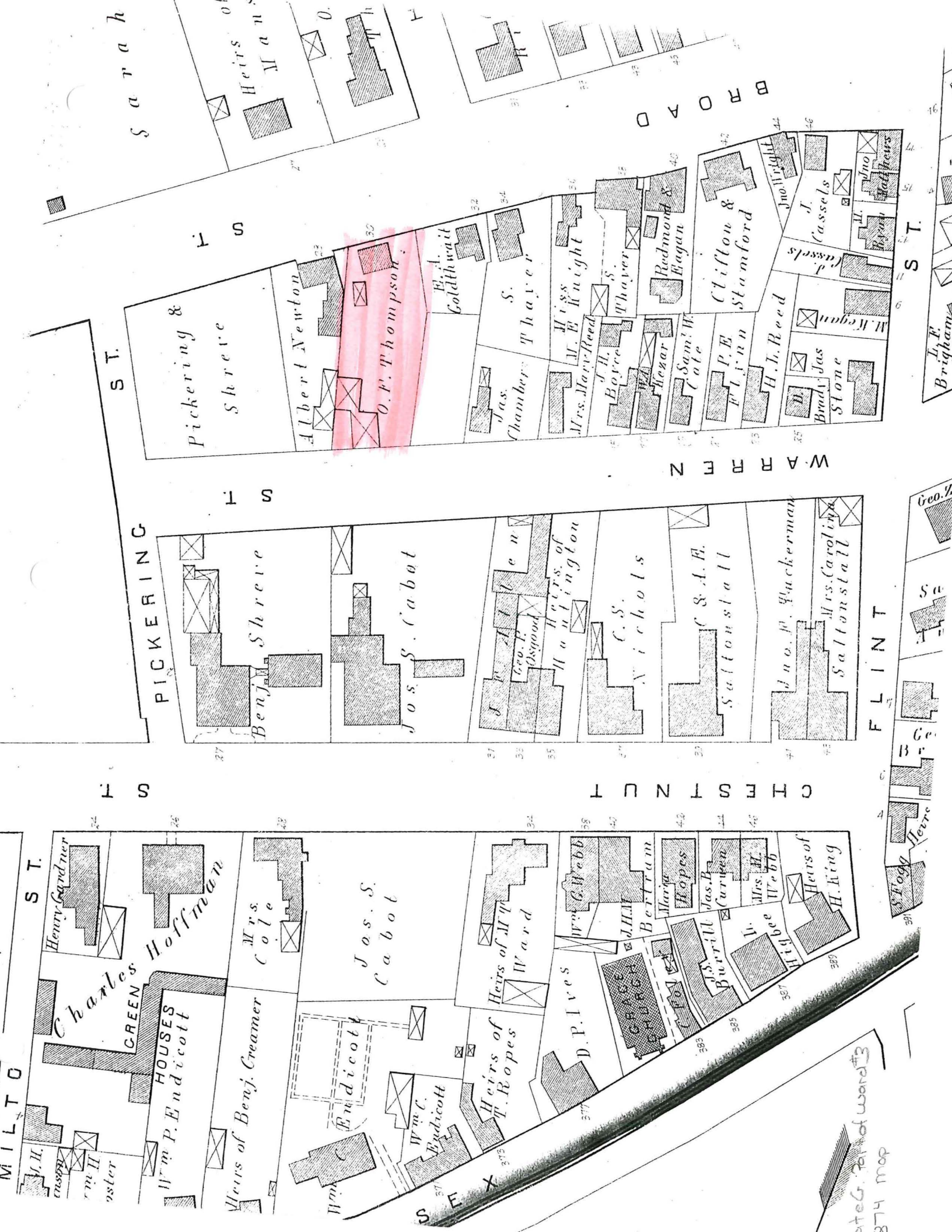
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SALEM
1807



MILTO ST

Henry Gardner

Charles Hoffman

Mrs. Cole

Jos. S. Cabot

Heirs of T. Ward

D.P. Ives

CHURCH

Maria Hopes

J.S. Burritt

Heirs of H. King

Wm. P. Endicott

Heirs of Benj. Creamer

Wm. C. Endicott

Heirs of T. Ropes

Wm. G. Webb

J.H.M. Bertram

Mrs. M. Webb

Heirs of

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Heirs of

GREEN HOUSES

Wm. P. Endicott

Wm. C. Endicott

Heirs of T. Ropes

Wm. G. Webb

J.H.M. Bertram

Mrs. M. Webb

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PICKERING ST

Benj. Shreve

Jos. S. Cabot

Geo. P. Osgood

Wm. A. Allen

Heirs of W. Huntington

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C. & A. H. Saltonstall

John W. Quackerman

Mrs. Carolina Saltonstall

Albert Newton

O.P. Thompson

El. Goldthwait

S. Phayer

Miss M. E. Knight

Mrs. Mary Reed

J. H. Boyce

Wm. Hazard

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note: 7th of ward 3
1874 map

Essex St

MAIN STREET. Quaker Meeting House.

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William Reeves.
John Richards.

Robert Kitchen.

Joseph Neale.
John Croade.

Thomas Maule.

Benjamin Marston.

John Robinson.

Samuel Shattuck.

John Cook.
William Ford.

Joseph Lovd.

Andrew Bolcher.
Estate of Samuel Woodwell.

Estate of Isazo Stearns.

HIGHWAY

Chestnut St.

Thomas Maule's Meeting House Field.

Ephraim Kompton.

Jonathan Neale.

John Pickering.

Worser St

Pickering St

Cambridge St

HIGHWAY.

Thomas Flint.

Common

Board

Lawes' Hill.

PART OF SALEM IN 1700. NO. 5.

Scale: 100 feet = 1 inch



LANE



Chestnut St.



9 Warren Street - Ward #3

1925 - Owned by Orrin C. Symonds

Henry Thompson died in Sept. 1860

He had a son Orrin F. Thompson

TAXES - 9 Warren St.

1898	Heirs of Henry Thompson	House & Barn	
1899	Heirs of Henry Thompson	House & Barn	700/(600-land)
1900	Heirs of Henry Thompson	House & Barn	700/(600-land)
1901	Heirs of Henry Thompson	House & Barn	700/(600-land)
1903	Heirs of Henry Thompson James E. Tufts	House & Stable	700/(600-land)
Warren St. Ct.			
1905	Heirs of Henry Thompson James E. Tufts Ernest M. Tufts (land-10,829)		700/(600-land)
9 Warren St.			
1907	Heirs of Henry Thompson		1000/(600-land)
7 Warren St.			
1907		Stables	
9 Warren St. Ct.			
1907	James E. Tufts		
9 Warren St. Ct.			
1909	James St. Ct.	House & Barn	1000/(600-land)
9 Warren St.			
1909	Orrin F. Thompson	House	1800
7 Warren St.			
1909		Stable	500
30 Broad St.			
1909	Orrin F. Thompson	House	1800