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401 Essex St. Salem

Book Page

5595 472 March 5 1969

Salvatore and John Lombardi of Beverly sell to William D. Little of Federal St. Realty Trust land and buildings (see plan copied below) described: bounded on the NW by Essex St. 52'; on the NE by So. Pine St. 100.2'; on SE by Lot A (of said plan) 76.33'; on W by land now or late of Barton Realty Co. 44.52'; on NW by said Company 15.45'; on SW by same., 43.2' containing 5122 sq. ft. For title see Book 4734 p. 16; 4469 p. 220

4734 16 December 30, 1960

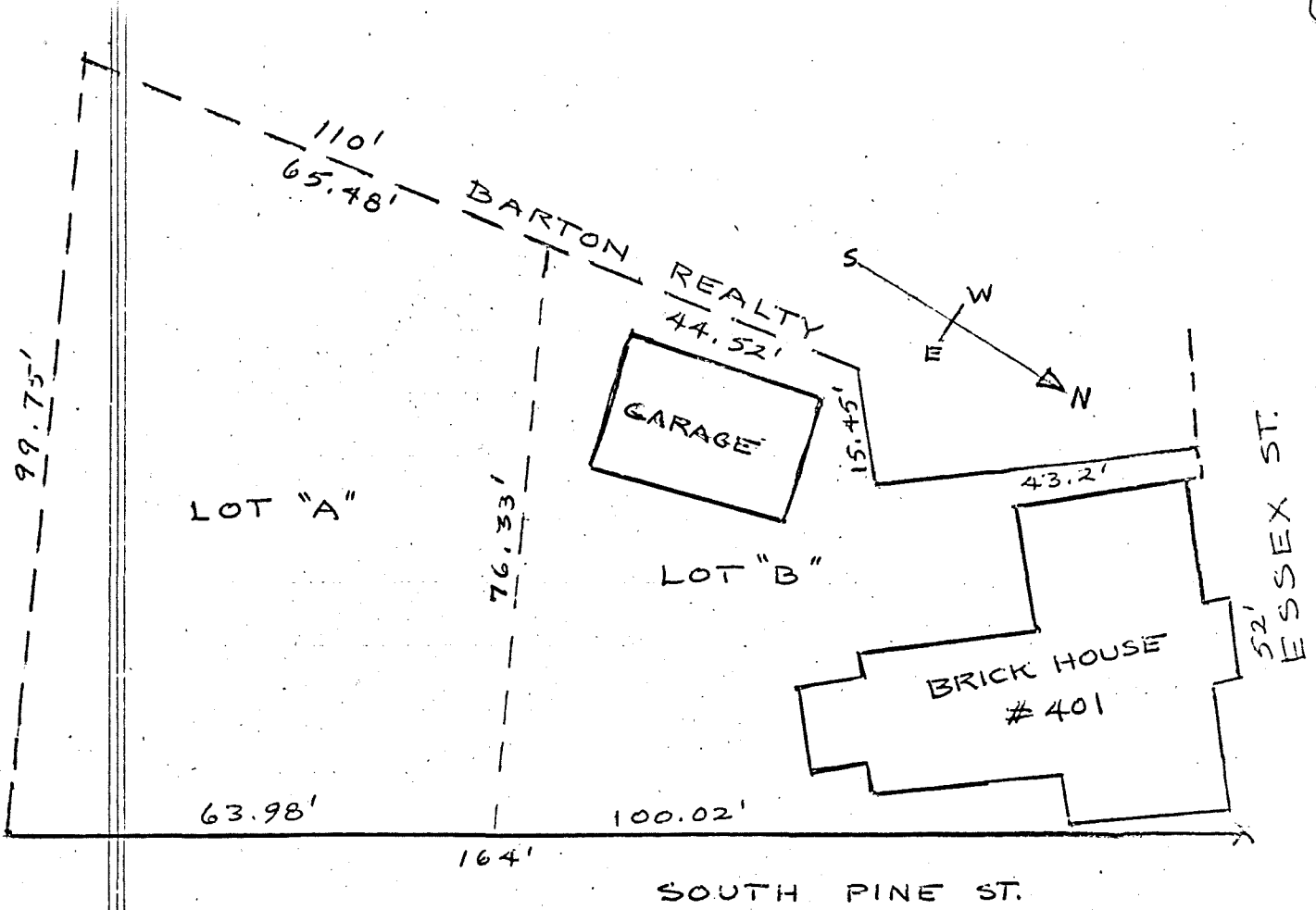
William F. and Loretta A. Nolan of Salem sell to Salvatore and John Lombardi of Beverly land and buildings shown as Lot B (plan below, Book 4322 p. 600) (same description as above) Being same premises conveyed to us Book 4469 p. 220

4469 220 June 18, 1958

Daniel F. and Constance K. Splaine of Danvers sell to William F. and Loretta A. Nolan land and buildings (same description as above) Being a portion of premises conveyed to us by Deed Book 4313 p. 440

4322 600 November 5 1956

Subdivision of land of Daniel F. and Constance K. Splaine. (copy of map on next page.)



4313

440. October 8, 1956

J. Elmer Callahan exec. under the will of Clara M. Raymond for \$16,250 sells to Daniel F. and Constance K. Splaine land and buildings described: beginning at the corner of Essex and So. Pine Sts. running almost S. 164' to land now or late of Friends' Society, bounding NE on So. Pine St.; then running nearly W 99.75' bounding S on Friends' land; then bounding on land of John M. Anderson in 3 courses running NE 110', NE 15.45', NW 43.2' to Essex St.; running E 52' along Essex St. to beginning. Being same premises conveyed Book 4216 p. 543

4216

543. October 13, 1955

Helen R. Sullivan sells to Clara M. Raymond land and buildings (-described above.)

Book
2699

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92 October 9, 1926

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Clara M. Raymond sells to Helen R. Sullivan land and buildings (described above) being same premises conveyed to me this day by Joseph Fugere in power of sale mortgage.

2699 85 October 5, 1926

Joseph Fugere holder of a mortgage given by Louise F. Carter takes possession and sells property (same as above) for \$6000 to Clara M. Raymond in 4 deeds. Being same premises conveyed Book 1416 p. 127

1416 127 July 19, 1894

Arthur P. French admin. of estate of George D. Putnam late of Salem, sold at public auction to Louise F. Carter for \$8325 property (described above) Being same premises conveyed Book 203 p. 158 and Book 1242 p. 446

1242 446 January 21, 1889

Harriet E. and B. Ward Dix of Brooklyn N.Y., Thomas F. Edmands of Boston, John R. Edmands of Cambridge for \$1 paid to each of us sell to George D. Putnam of Salem land and buildings. (same description) Being premises conveyed Book 928 p. 46 to Ellen Putnam. (The above grantees) having inherited premises from Ellen Putnam.

928 46 April 19, 1875

Sarah A. Heath of Denver Colo. formerly of Salem for \$10,000 sells to Ellen C. Putnam wife of George D. Putnam land and buildings (same as above) Being same estate conveyed me Book 724 p. 165

724 165 May 21, 1867

Elizabeth Osgood trustee under the will of Nathaniel Osgood late of Salem, mariner, dec. sells for \$7200 to Sarah A. Heath land and buildings. (same dimensions)

203 158 May 28, 1814

Henry Osborn, gentleman of Salem, for \$1960 sells to Nathaniel Osgood of Salem, mariner, land and dwelling house at Essex and Pine Sts. (same dimensions.) (abutters to the s. are Edmund Johnson and Ichabod Tucker: To the W. is Benjamin Goodhue.)

167 53 September 5, 1800

William Ward of Salem, mariner, for \$2324 sells to Henry Osborn, gentleman, of Salem that dwelling house I have leased to and which has been improved by Mr. Henry Gardner with land under and adjoining which I bought of Matthew Mansfield Book 161 p. 50, containing about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre bounding NW on Essex St; NE on land of William Lang, SE on land of Nathaniel Repes dec. and SW on land formerly of James Odell now of Benjamin Goodhue esq. and partly by land hereinafter mentioned and conveyed to said Osborn. Also a piece of land which Mansfield bought of Goodhue Book 152 p. 273 and which Mansfield conveyed to me being all the land which Goodhue owned lying 8" NE from his dwelling house running $18\frac{1}{2}'$ in from street and adjoining land just described.

161 50 September 16, 1796

Matthew Mansfield merchant, of Salem for \$2000 sells to

William Ward, mariner, of Salem that dwelling house I have here to fore leased to and which has been improved by Capt. Daniel Pierce, together with the land under and adjoining which I bought of Benjamin Gerrish (et al.) by deed Book 98 p. 167 which land contains about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, bounding NW on Essex St.; NE on land of William Lang; SE on land formerly of Nathaniel Ropes dec.; SW on land formerly of James Odell dec. now of Benjamin Goodhue esq. (also the small piece of land adjoining, 8" from Goodhue's house same as above.)

98 167 May 22; 1753

Benjamin Gerrish esq.; Benjamin Gerrish jr. merchant, with consent of Margaret his wife for £ 53 6 sh 8 p sells to Matthew Mansfield, cordwainer, a piece of land containing about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre butting NW on the main street; NE on land of John Ropes; SE on land of Nathaniel Ropes; SW on land of James Odell.

TAX RECORDS at City Hall

These records only go back to 1781. As early as 1781 Matthew Mansfield was paying taxes on a "mansion house". These taxes were fairly large compared to other assessments nearby, indicating it was a big house.

Tax Records at Institute

Ward 3	1761	Matthew Mansfield	dwelling house
"	1777 and 1779	(M. M.)	house & store val. 450, 410

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Sidney Perley - "Salem in 1700"

section #6 (area bounded by Flint, Broad, Essex & Jackson)

"Pine St. was laid out by the owners of the land in January 1, 1806, 28' wide.

Wm. Bentley - Diaries

No information

Curwin Papers "Houses built in Salem" covers years 1750 - 1773

There is no mention of Matthew Mansfield. Therefore it seems extremely unlikely that 401 Essex St. was built before 1773.

Joseph Felt - Annals of Salem Vol. I p. 414

"down to 1774 our dwellings with very few exceptions were of wood. (early brick houses listed) -- "another in Summer St. erected for Matthew Mansfield as a store in 1768 and since 1800 raised a 3rd story and much altered."

Essex Institute Historical Collection Vol. 6 p. 100

"a brick house built 3 years ago by M. Mansfield occupied by Mr. Newhall, a tinman." - from MS. of Col. Benjamin Pickman written in 1793. This building mentioned was a store located on Washington St. near Foodland.

Summary

Although Matthew Mansfield bought the land at 401 Essex St. in 1753, and sold it with a house on it in 1796 it has been difficult to pin the date of the house to a single

year. Finally a last search through Index of the F.I.H.C. (see below) produced the following:

Vol. 21 p. 223 Early Recollections of Upper Essex St. by Oliver Thayer. "The next (house) on the corner of Pine St. opposite was known by the name of the Osborn House, purchased by Capt. Nathaniel Osgood about 1807 or 1808 (deed dated 1814, actually) where he and his family resided for some years. The house was then sold and removed to (Federal) St. Upon the site, Capt. Osgood built a new brick edifice now standing."

Nathaniel Osgood in 1806 married Elizabeth Cowan. Children included Nathaniel H. b. 1807, Charles b. 1809, Elizabeth b. 1812, Lucy Ann b. 1815, and Edward A. b. 1825. His daughter Elizabeth trustee under his will sold the house in 1867.

Guessing according to Oliver Thayer's account, I would surmise that Capt Osgood and his family rented the Osborn house "for some years". Then in 1814 purchased it, removed the old and built the new one. The style of the house is consistent with the early 1800's. I would place the date of the house as c. 1815

Sally Dee, researcher

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