

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Rice

10 Monroe Street

Salem, Massachusetts

by Joan Bailey -

a vain search for house that might have
been moved to 10 Monroe Street to give
it an earlier date. (per Robert Booth 8/31/77)

PROPERTY 10 Monroe Street, Salem, Massachusetts

	Book	page
10/19/1935 - Thomas G. Rice and Mary N. Rice bought from Edgar J. Rich and Alice Atwood Coil Adm. o/e/o Alice Osborne Atwood	3055	12
4/1/1899 - Alice O. Atwood from Mary Ann Bertram	1574	63
4/9/1874 - Mary Ann Bertram from Mary E. Gould who inherited from her father Robert W. Gould decd. 1873	901	100
9/29/1826 - Robert W. Gould from Richard Wheatland from execution of a debt by law suit - damage	Ex. & Dep. 4	292
9/4/1809 - Richard Wheatland from Benjamin Carpenter	186	240
10/21/1801 - Benjamin Carpenter from Sarah Fisk "lot of land, Northwesterly running westerly on Federal St. 103 feet, westerly running southerly on land of Nehemiah Buffington measuring 95 feet, 2 1/2 inches, southerly on land of said Sarah Fisk running Eastwardly 76 feet 4 1/2 inches, easterly on land of Obid Dickerson running Northwardly 112 feet, 11 inches to the first mentioned bounds at the fence now standing". (No mention of any buildings)	170	145
3/22/1802 - Benjamin Carpenter SOLD to Margaret Murphy (\$1,500.00) "Westerly on Federal St. 103 feet, running southerly on land of Nehemiah Buffington 95 feet southerly on land of widow Sarah Fisk running eastwardly 76 feet 4 1/2 inches, easterly on land of Obid Dickerson etc. 112 feet to first mentioned bounds etc..... WITH BUILDING THEREON ON LAND WHICH I purchased from Sarah Fisk in (1801) book #170 page 145.	170	153

Thinking that perhaps the last entry was the "key" by that I mean the mortgage to build the house I sent the above information to Mrs. Rice. Subsequently, she said the house was a much earlier period according to Mr. Edwin Small (circa 1750). So, I went back to the Registry of Deeds in Salem and could find no entry of a house on that particular site previous to the above mentioned time.

I then went to the Essex Institute and poured through books and papers there, i.e. Bentley's Diary etc. - came up with nothing.

Mr. David Proper suggested that I return to the Registry of Deeds and look for a HOUSE that perhaps had been purchased by Mr. Benjamin Carpenter and the following is what I uncovered.

10 Monroe Street, Salem Massachusetts Contd.

	Book	page
2/14/1800 - Francis Bowden Dennis sold to Benjamin Carpenter	166	169

his MANSION HOUSE AND BARN with land under and adjoining in Northfields so-called bounding easterly on highway leading down to great bridge so called and there measures 46' 4 1/2", southerly on land late of Joseph Pickering 70' 8", westerly on meadow land formerly of Nathaniel Ropes, Esq. deceased 42' 1/2" and northerly the premises being the same which I purchased of Joseph Felt September 3, 1778

"I, Francis B. Dennis, to secure the payment of my promisory note hereinafter mentioned and in consideration of \$5.00 paid to me by Benjamin Carpenter of Salem, aforesaid merchant, the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge and to hereby give (there followed description of property) recorded in book #136 page 102) together with all my right in law or Equity to redeem the 1/3 part of the premises by payment of \$400 and interest to Elias Grant or his assigns according to my mtge. thereof to said Elias 8/18/1797 recorded in book #162, page 220, and together with all my right in law or equity to redeem 2/3 part of premises by payment of \$794 and interest to Cornelius Thompson 8/18/1797 recorded in book #162 page 220."

As previously stated Mr. Carpenter purchased the land in 1801, and that in 1802 he owed Margaret Crowinshield Murphy \$1500.00 as a mtge. of land and dwelling house on Federal Street. The mtge. was fully paid on Sept. 7, 1810 as acknowledged by Margaret Murphy Mansfield and William Mansfield. (Her husband, John Murphy having deceased in 1800. She re-married in 1809.)

	Book	Page
9/3/1778 - Joseph Felt sold to Francis Bowden Dennis for 800 lbs.	136	102

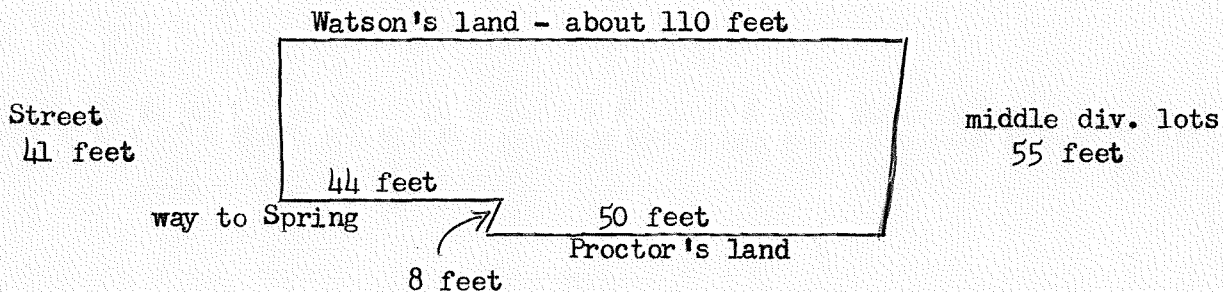
"my MANSION HOUSE AND BARN with land under and adjoining in the Northfield so called in said Salem butting easterly on highway leading down to the great bridge so called and there measured 46' 4 1/2", southerly on land late of Joseph Pickering deceased, 70' 8", westerly on meadow land of Nathaniel Ropes Esq. 42 1/2' and Northerly on land of James Punchard by a straight line to the way aforesaid together with all improvements thereon and priviledges etc....."

4/10/1762 - John Ulmer of Marblehead sold to Joseph Felt
"my MANSION HOUSE and piece of land under and
adjoining it for 80 lbs. on April 10, 1762."

(There followed the same description of land
as will be found in drawing at bottom of
this page in the last entry. This drawing
was found in that entry.)

"...to REMOVE bake house on said land and
next dwelling house OFF from said land for
his own use with the bricks of the chimney
in said bake house but not the windows in
said bake house nor the rocks under it yet
if said bake house be not removed before
the last day of October next, this reservation
is to have no effect and said self in this
case is to hold the same to his own use.

9/20/1757 Ebenezer Hawkes sold to John Ulmer of Marblehead 106 63
for 12 lbs. a piece of land lying and being
at the southerly end of said town



(Although the drawing is out of proportion,
the figures are correct.)

The above entry is the "beginning" that I traced
back to.

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August 13, 1965

Mrs. Thomas G. Rice
10 Monroe Street
Salem, Massachusetts

Dear Mary:

I have read with much interest Joan Bailey's excellent research on your title. When all is said and done, I am very much afraid that you are going to have to rely upon stylistic analysis alone. There really can be no assurance in connection with moved houses unless we have some specific reference to the moving. Surely there was no house on your lot before 1801, and if Ed Small says the house is earlier, then you can be sure it is. There are a number of little details about old houses, as you well know, which, if present, allow us to pinpoint the date with some accuracy, and when I am next in Salem, perhaps you will let me go over the house from top to bottom in an effort to see if we can't give you a more or less specific date.

With best regards,

Abbott

Assistant Director

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Mrs. Thomas Rice

10 Munroe St., Salem, Mass.

Essex County Registry of Deeds:

Book	leaf	Grantee	Grantor	Description
55	12	Thomas C. Rice ux, Mary	Edgar J. Rich and Alice Atwood Cost Adm. w/w/e of Est. of Alice Osborne Atwood	"Land with buildings thereon 10 Munroe St., Salem. Beginning Easterly Corner of Federal and Munroe Sts. First course is southerly on the easterly line of Munroe St. 70.5 ft.; thence easterly on a line at an angle of 83° 46 ft. with the first course 57.8 ft. by land now or formerly of Mary A. Bertram, thence on a line at an angle of 170° 56 ft. with the first course, 45.5 ft. by land now or formerly of Spence; thence on a line at an angle of 174° 20 ft. with the first course 40 ft. to a point in the southerly line of Federal St., thence on the southerly line of Federal St. 69.1 ft. to the point of beginning (4940 sq. ft.) being the same premises conveyed to Alice Osborne Atwood by deed of Mary Bertram dtd. 4/1/1899."
		10/19/1935		
1574	63	Alice Osborne Atwood ux of Frank Atwood	Mary A. Bertram widow	same description as above
		4/1/1899		
901	100	Mary Ann Bertram, ux of John Bertram	Mary E. Gould singlewoman	"The message in said Salem bounded northerly by Federal St., Westerly by Munroe St., southerly by land of Glover, and easterly by land of Ward. The premises having been inherited by me from my late father Robert W. Gould." (Rbt. died 1873)
		4/9/1874		
180	256	Robert Watts Gould	John Gould and Mary C. Gould (John's mother)	"Lot in Salem bounded: northwesterly in Federal St., southwestly on land of Jonathan Ireland, south- easterly on land of Benjamin Ropes Easterly on land formerly of Jonathan Ropes..... dwelling house upon the same lot o land conveyed to my grandfather, Nathaniel Gould, by deed dated August 16, 1781"
		8/24/1807		
		Note: John Gould was father of Robert Watts Gould. Mary C. Gould was mother of John Gould and ux (widow) of James Wood Gould. John Gould owned 3 undivided 7ths of lot and dwelling. Mary, his mother, in this deed released her rights to this land and house to grandson, Robert Watts Gould.		

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180	256	(Gould)	(Gould)	
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Grandmother, Mary, however, retained life tenancy in the house. She died 9/19/1849 age 86. She was daughter of Robert and Hannah Watts.				
138	240/1	Nathaniel Gould ux, Rebecca	Benjamin Ropes ux, Ruth	"A piece of land - house lot lying on back or New street in Salem containing about 27 rods bounded as follows: north-westerly on said New street 4 poles 18 links, southwesterly 6 poles on land of Jonathan Ireland, southeasterly 9 1/2 rods on land of Benjamin Ropes, easterly 7 poles on land of Jonathan Ropes.
8/16/1781				

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Vital Records:

Nathaniel Gould married Rebecca Wood - April 24, 1760. He was a cabinetmaker. children:

- James Wood, born - 3/15/1761
- John " 10/16/1763
- Joseph " 9/24/1769
- Rebecca 1774
- Thomas " 4/6/1766

Nathaniel Gould died in the same year he purchased land from Ropes: 12/6/1781 deceased. Probate Office Docket #11415:

Inventory of 3/10/1782 is enclosed. Please note: lot in Back street, claboards, shingle bricks, tiles, etc.

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Vital Records: eldest son, James Wood Gould married Mary Watts, April 17, 1782.

City Hall, Salem, Mass. Tax Records for year 1786 (several previous years are missing) shows James Gould paying taxes in Ward 4 for part of a house and he is listed as son of Nathaniel. I also checked several years thereafter, at intervals, he, James, was still paying for the same.

Note also the account of Adm. o/e/o Nathaniel Gould 7/20/1807: Rents: Mrs. Ralf Emerson and I discussed the cost of rentals in those times. According to her research, a house might well be rented for \$100 per year. A room would perhaps be rented for \$15 per year. In the building x of a house, a widow would certainly set aside room/rooms with separate egress for renters to help support her children, several of whom were minors. Mrs. Emerson is of the opinion that this accounts for perhaps 8 years' rental of a room in the house.

Mrs. Thomas G. Rice

10 Munroe St., Salem, Mass.

work done at:

Essex County Registry of Deeds; City Hall Tax Records; and Probate Records in Registry.

Conclusion:

I believe that Rebecca, after the death of Nathaniel, her husband, went ahead with the plans utilizing the help of her son, James who was 21 years of age. James married in the spring after his father died. James and his bride lived in the house with Mother Gould, brothers and sister - the house being divided $\frac{3}{7}$ ths to James, $\frac{4}{7}$ ths to his mother, the widow Rebecca.

When Rebecca died (1804) her $\frac{4}{7}$ ths went to James, the eldest son who had cared for the whole family, and his wife Mary Watts Gould. Sometime before 1807 James died, and his son John (who had in turn inherited $\frac{3}{7}$ ths of this house from his father's estate) conveyed his inherited portion to his son, Robert Watts Gould in 1807, grandmother, Mary Watts Gould releasing her rights for 10 cents to Robert at that time. Mary remained in house till she died (see page 2). Robert was married at the time, his wife's name was Betsy.

Researcher: Joan Bailey
120 Federal St.
Salem, Mass.

July 10, 1967 for Historic Salem, Inc.



An Inventory of the Estate of M^r Nathaniel Gould Gent. late of Salem. Deceased.

	£	s	d
1/4 th 1 House lot in the Back Street Cont ^y 27 Rods	97	4	0
3 Acres 20 Poles of Land in the North Field	90	0	0
1 Shop 50 £ Tools Belonging to the Shop	20	14	11
1 Stove 60 £ Sundries of Brass Furniture for Desk	17	4	12
1650 feet of Mohogany 2 1/2 th 1000 £ of Cedar 2 6 th	107	10	0
500 £ of Maple 15 th 2000 £ of Pine 25 th 500 Pechnails 36 th	6	17	0
Sundries of work Finished 2 1/2 th Chipendale Design	45	8	0
10000 feet of Merch ^{ts} Boards 2 40 th 2 1/2 th of Claboard 26	15	0	0
11 2 th of Shingles 2 14 th 17500 of Bricks 2 2 1/2 th 2 1/2 th of Tile 2 3/28	14	6	0
100 Gallons of Madera Wine 2 6 th 200 of Tobacco 9 6 th x 60	0	0	0
Mohogany Desk 2 8 th 1 2 th 4 feet table 2 4 th 1 2 th 3 feet 36 th	10	14	0
Stand 2 30 th 1 2 th Tea 2 24 th 1 Candlestand 2 1 th	2	16	0
1 Walnut Chest of Drawes 5 £ 1 2 th 50 th	7	10	0
1 Chamber Table 40 th 1 Square Table 8 th 1 Small 2 th 6 th	2	14	0
1 Round 2 th 12 th 1 Easy Chair 40 th 18 joiners Chairs 8 th	8	0	0
1 Great Chair 9 th 2 Small 2 th 4 th 1 Fire Screen 18 th 1 Trunk 2 th	1	13	0
1 Bible 30 th Sundries of Books 42 th 1 Large Looking Glass 4 £	7	12	0
1 Smaller 2 th 36 th 2 2 th 18 th 6 Pictures 9 th 12 5 of Plate 2 6/8	7	4	5
6 Pewter Platters 16 th 12 2 th Plates 10 th 6 2 th Canicle Moulds 10 th	1	16	0
2 2 th Basons & Pots 9 th 2 Black jacks 1/6 th Tin ware 12 th	1	3	0
2 2 th of Plates 12 th 1 Brass Kettle 18 th 2 2 th Skillets 10 th 2 2 th Ladles 2	2	5	0
2 Tea Kettles 6 th 1 Iron Pan 8 th Chafing Dish 3 th Toaster 3 th	1	0	0
1 Gridiron Squares Forks & Grate 4 th Tobacco tongs 4 th	0	8	0
2 Brass Candlesticks & 4 Iron 2 12 th 1 Coffee Mill 2 th	0	18	0
1 Box of Hammers 2 Flat Irons 1 Pair of Handicrafts 6 1/2 th	0	18	0
1 Pair of Bellows 2 Fire Shovels tongs & Slicc 12 th 2 Hammers 6 th	0	18	0
1 Iron Pot 1 2 th Kettle 9 th Fender & Dripping Pan 9 th	0	18	0
1 Fire Shovel & tongs 6 th 1 Pair of Dogs 6 th 1 Warming Pan 8 th	1	0	0
car ^y over	£	605	8.2

	Bro. over	Loos	8. 2
1 Pair Small Handirons, 1/		0	11. 0
2 Bed Quilts, 42/		22. 8	7. 6
3 Bedflect, w st hundred Beds. 18			9. 6
1 Bedsted, 12/			2. 0
1 Sett of Bed Curtains. Rods. 46 1/2			2. 0
4 Rugs, 12/			16. 0
9 Pair of Sheets, 12c/			6. 0
6 Table Cloths, 18/			6. 0
18 Towels, 18/			6. 0
1 Bread Tray, 2/			17. 0
2 Sives, 8/			0
1 Cloth Horse, 3/			0
3 Knives & Forks, 4/			7. 0
1 Pair of Scales, weights, & Beam, 18/			7. 0
1 Sett of Cart Boxes, 3/			11. 0
1 Horse Plough, 18/			2. 0
3 Sythes, 6/			2. 0
1 Set. Wood Jaw, & Horse, 15/			3. 0
1 Firelock, & Bayonet, 30/			15. 0
1 Old Cart, 40/			17. 6
		£	<u>663 = 5. 8</u>

Salem March 10th 1782

Dan King

Rebekah Gould Adm^r. Nathaniel Williams } Committee
 Rebekah Gould Adm^r. Abner Shippen } sworn

Essex, ss. July 11th 1782

Then Mr. Rebekah Gould Adm^r presented the aforewritten and made Oath that it contained a true & perfect Inventory of the Estate of Nathaniel Gould late of Salem Gentleman deceased so far as has come to her Honor or Knowledge & that if any thing further shall hereafter appear she will cause it to be added. before me

J. Greenleaf Prob^r

W^{ch} proved July 11 1782
 Recorded Book 35 Page 362
 Essex, ss. Probate Court
 July 21 1782
 A true copy of record
 Attest: Arthur Crawley Jr.
 Register

Amount brot Over - - - - - \$138.6

7 Pillow-cases 1-25^{or} 3 Bed quilts 7 \$ - - - - - 8.25
 2 under Bed 60^{ea} Curtains & Rods 1 \$ - - - - - 1.60
 2 Blankets 50^{ea} 7^{1/2} Sheets 3-50^{ea} - - - - - 4.00
 1 Mug 50^{ea} 3 table Cloths 60^{ea} 8 napkins 50^{ea} - - - - - 1.91
 2 waiters 75^{ea} Clothes horse 1 \$ - - - - - 1.75
 Trivets Forks & Case 50^{ea} Gim Care & a Number Butt. 1.25
 Scales & weights 1 \$ ax & wood saw 50^{ea} - - - - - 1.50
 Pitch Fork 20^{ea} Framed Pictures 60^{ea} - - - - - .80

21.5
 \$159.69

Salem October 9th 1804

Richard Ward
 Jacob Sanderson
 Robert Pele

Committee sworn

John Pynchard adm^r
 do bonis non
 at the Hon^{ble} John Pynchard adm^r
 de Oath that it contained a
 of Nathaniel Gould late
 and Antestate, so far
 as any thing further

Essex, ss.
 To Richard Ward Esq^r Deacon Jacob Sanderson
 and Mr. Robert Pele all of Salem in said County

YOU are hereby appointed a Committee to appraise (on Oath) all the
 Estate of Nathaniel Gould
 of Salem in said County
 and make Return of your Doings, together with this Warrant, into the
 Registry-Office of the Court of Probate, in and for said County.
 Given under my Hand this twenty sixth
 June
 A. D. 1804.

GREETING.
 late deceased, Nathaniel
 Day of
 11711
 October 10th 1804
 Salem deceased
 Nathaniel Gould late of
 Registry of the Court of
 Essex

[Faint handwritten notes on the left margin, possibly a list of items or a separate account.]

Inventory of the Estate of Nathaniel Gould late of Salem
in the County of Essex, Cabinetmaker, deceased, as appraised
by us the Subscribers. Viz.

Real Estate

→ A Dwelling-house and about twenty poles of Land under and
adjoining the same situate in Federal Street in said Salem

Personal Estate

\$ 3000.00.00

1 Feather Bed No. 1	wt. 74 ^{lb} @ 25 ^{cts}	\$ 18.50	
1 " " " No. 2	wt. 64 ^{lb} @ 25 ^{cts}	16.00	
1 " " " No. 3	wt. 66 @ 15 ^{cts}	9.90	
1 sacking bottom Bedstead		2.00	
1 Good Bedstead		50	
1 Small Ditto		20	47.29
1 Case of Drawers No. 1		4.00	
1 " " " No. 2		4.00	
1 Mahogany Desk		12.00	
1 - 4 foot Mahogany Table		2.00	
1 - 3 foot " " " " "		3.00	
1 - Stand " " " "		2.50	27.50
1 Maple table		.75	
1 Chamber table		2.00	
6 Joiners Chairs @ 40 ^{cts}		2.40	
1 Sewing Chair, 5 China table 1 \$		6.00	
1 Arm Chair 3 \$ 9 Old Joiners Chair @ 20 ^{cts}		2.10	
1 Bible 2 \$ & Sundry other Books 2 \$		4.00	17.25
1 Large Looking Glass		10.00	
1 Lens 1 \$ 2 Smaller 60 ^{cts}		1.60	
10 Ounces Old Silver @ 110 ^{cts}		11.00	
38 ^{oz} Old pewter @ 10 ^{cts}		5.27	
1 Iron pan 1 Kettle & 2 pots		3.00	
Tin & Earthen ware		1.50	32.37
21 ^{lb} of Old Brass & Copper @ 13 ^{cts}		2.73	
2 Brass Skillets 1.25 Ladle & Skimmer 25 ^{cts}		1.50	
Toast Iron & Tobacco Tongs 25 ^{cts} 2 Brass & 1 Iron (Candle) 50 ^{cts}		.75	
2 Coffee mills, Box-Iron heaters & flatts		.75	
1 1/2 hand-irons & Spit 1 \$ Bellows Shovel Tongs & Blue 50 ^{cts}		1.50	7.23
2 Tammels 1 \$ 1 1/2 Tongs & Shovel 75 ^{cts}		1.75	
1 1/2 Iron Logs 1.25 warming pan 1 \$		2.25	
1 1/2 Steel yards 2 \$ 1 1/2 Old hand-irons 25 ^{cts}		2.25	
Small Lot of Glass & China ware		.75	7.00

Amount carried over \$ 138.62

Amount of D^m brought over --- \$ 75
 Paid Swearing Appraisors ~~Expenses~~ --- 30
 " at Probate Office --- 1.00
 Advertising Notice of Administration --- 3.00
 D. sale of personal Estate & buying D. --- 2.00
 " Commissions on Sale of personal Estate sold ^{at Auction} --- 10.15
 " Doctor Edward A. Holyoke balance out --- 18.11
 " James Bott for Aqueduct --- 3.75
 " James Bott for Aqueduct --- 10.00
 For Cleaning Committee for sale --- 1.50
 For Time & Trouble Administering --- 35.00
 For Examining & allowing & recording this acc --- 1
 \$ 93.38

John P. Sutherland ad.
~~Exec~~

Exec. of Salem July 20th 1907 This Account being examined and
 submitted is accepted & allowed by me *W. H. M. Proba*

Will proved July 11 1782
 Recorded Book 365 Page 362
 Essex, ss. Probate Court

July 21 1966
 A true copy of record
 Attest: *W. H. M. Proba*

Essex.

John P. Pillsbury Administrator ^{de bonis non} of the Estate

of Nathaniel Gould late of Salem, Cabinet-maker,

deceased, his account of Administration of the

Estate of said deceased exhibited to Samuel Hollister

Judge of Probate, ^{in said County} of Essex, this

20th day of July, A.D. 1807.

The said Estate is Cr. - or -

- By Real Estate as per Inventory 3000.00
- By personal Estate as per Inventory 159.69
- Cash of Garrard Gale for House Rent 15.00
- Do of Elijah Northey 15.00
- Do of Edmund Gale for House Rent 15.00
- Sale of personal Estate more than Inventory 39.04
- Cash of Edmund Gale for Rent 15.00
- Do of David Mearns for Rent 10.00
- Do of Thomas Lamson for Shop Rent 12.24
- Do of Samuel of Abram Weston ~~12.24~~

The said Estate is Dr to the following charges

- W^{ts} paid at Probate Office 1.45
- for Appraising Estate 4.50
- Journey to Ipswich 2.60
- 8.75

Carried over