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102 Derby Street

Moved to this site

by the year 1850

Daniel S. Lawrence, grocer

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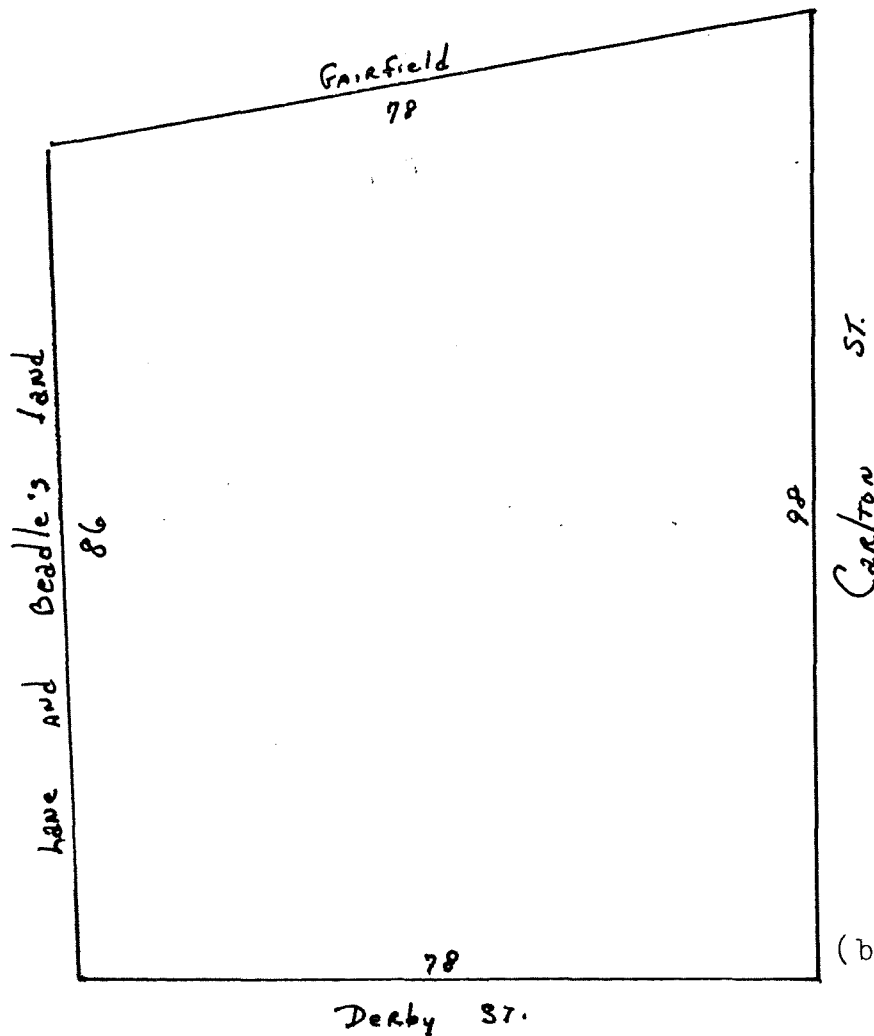
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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

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This is a simple, two story plus a pitch roof, wooden (siding) house with its gable end to the street. The house has a high brick foundation and may have been raised or moved to this location. Architectural details are few. The simple entrance is in an ell in the east side of the house. (Salem Historic Commission District Study)

Derby Street was laid out before 1768. It was called a new town way in 1768; a way leading from the Long Wharf to the ropewalk, -1770; the new lane, 1781; Fore street, 1787; and Derby Street, 1799. (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 10 page 22)

This house stands on land formerly owned by Joshua Dodge. On April 20, 1822, William P. Richardson, of Salem; Frederick Howes, of Salem; Betsy Dodge, widow of Joshua, now resident of Marsielles, France; Samuel Johnson, physician and wife Ann; and Lydia Richardson; all heirs of Joshua Dodge sold the property to William Fairfield:



(book 231 page 148)

William Fairfield, master mariner, died in May of 1825. Mr. Fairfield willed all his estate to his wife Margaret (probate #9200), who then leased out the land purchased by her husband.

It was a common practice during this period of time for a land owner to allow a tenant to move a building onto his property. This apparently was the case with this house, then numbered as 56 Derby St., According to the tax records:

1850 - #56 Derby, Daniel Lawrence - D. Gardner owns house -
Mrs. Fairfield's land (this is the first mention
of a building at 56 Derby)

The federal census of 1850 gives a clearer insight into the Lawrence family:

Daniel S. Lawrence	age 31	grocer (at 37 Derby)	born Mass.
Sarah B.	" 30		" "
Sally	" 1		" "

The Salem Street books for 1851, indicate that the Lawrence family moved sometime during that year. The next tenant, as listed in 1852, was Mrs. Oldson, widow. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hodgdon) Oldson was the widow of Joseph a restorator at 5 Washington St. for many years. The couple lived at 18 Cambridge St. until Joseph's death in 1851.

The 1860 census reveals:

Elizabeth Oldson	age 48	real est. val. \$300 -	born Ms.
Mary E.	" 17		" "
Jeanette	" 12		" "
Robert Hodgdon	" 35	tailor	" "

On Nov. 9, 1865 this ad appeared in the Salem Register:

"Building Auction - To-morrow Nov. 10 at 11 o'clock will be sold on the premises.

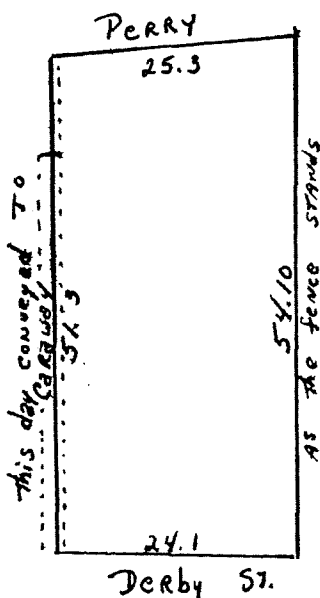
The two story dwelling house standing on leased land, situated at #56 Derby St., containing six rooms, with a good store in front, with gas and water throughout. Sale is positive, as the owners about leaving the city." (The Oldsons did not leave the city, but did move, to 1 Pine St., Salem)

The next occupants, in 1866, were Mrs. Mary J. (Arnold) Barnard, widow of Samuel and her family. The 1870 census gives additional data on the Barnards:

Mary J. Barnard	age 54	keeps house	born Mass.
Samuel	" 31	works painting	" "
Edward	" 19	hostler	" "

Margaret Fairfield, owner of the land, died on April 21, 1872. In her will, written on Dec. 17, 1871, Margaret bequeathed the land on Derby St. to her nephew, James A. Gillis.

On March 18, 1873 James A. Gillis, of Salem sold a portion of his inherited property to Mary J. Barnard for the sum of \$370. This land was entitled to the right and interest to use as a passageway the strip of land 3 feet wide and running 40 feet north from Derby St. lying west of said premises and was subject to the right of the owners of 104 Derby St. to use as a passageway a strip one foot wide by 40 feet deep.



(Book 876 page 252)

The 1880 census lists the Barnards as two units:

Mary J. Barnard	age 63	keeps house	born Mass.
Samuel	" 41	painter	" "
2nd family			
Edward Barnard	" 29	teamster	" "
Mary Ann	" 28	wife	" "
Hattie C.	" 5	daughter	" "

Mary Barnard died on March 16, 1888. Her obituary, printed on the next day, simply read "Mary J. Barnard, widow of Samuel died yesterday at the age of 72."

Mary's heirs, John W. and Caroline E. Hart; Samuel Barnard; William Barnard; and Edward Barnard, all of Salem, and Charles H. Fillebrown, of Salem, now residing in Buenos Ayres, South America, sold for the sum of \$1,035 to Thomas Hayes, the same property conveyed to Mary J. Barnard by deed of James A. Gillis. (book 1245 page 365)

The tax records and directory listings for the next few years are:
102 Derby

1900 (directory) Thomas D. Hayes and John J. Fox

1905 (taxes) Thomas Hayes - house value \$600, land value \$1,800

1907 (directory) Thomas D. Hayes, laborer and Harry Smith, driver

On Oct. 11, 1907 Catherine Hayes, of Salem, widow of Thomas, sold the property for \$1 to her son Thomas. (book 1893 page 543)

The property remained in the possession of the Hayes family until Dec. of 1957 when John L. Hayes sold to Paul J. Komenchuk the same land and building John inherited by the will of Thomas Hayes, probate #233765 (book 4425 page 370)

On Oct. 18, 1968 Paul J. Komenchuk, unmarried, sold to Paul and Roberta Houle the same premises conveyed by John L. Hayes. (book 5566 page 363)

March 12, 1979 Paul E. and Roberta S. Houle, of Gilsford, Ct. sold for the sum of \$28,900 to Robert C. Bramble the land and building. "For title see Paul J. Komenchuk to grantors". (book 6571 page 756)

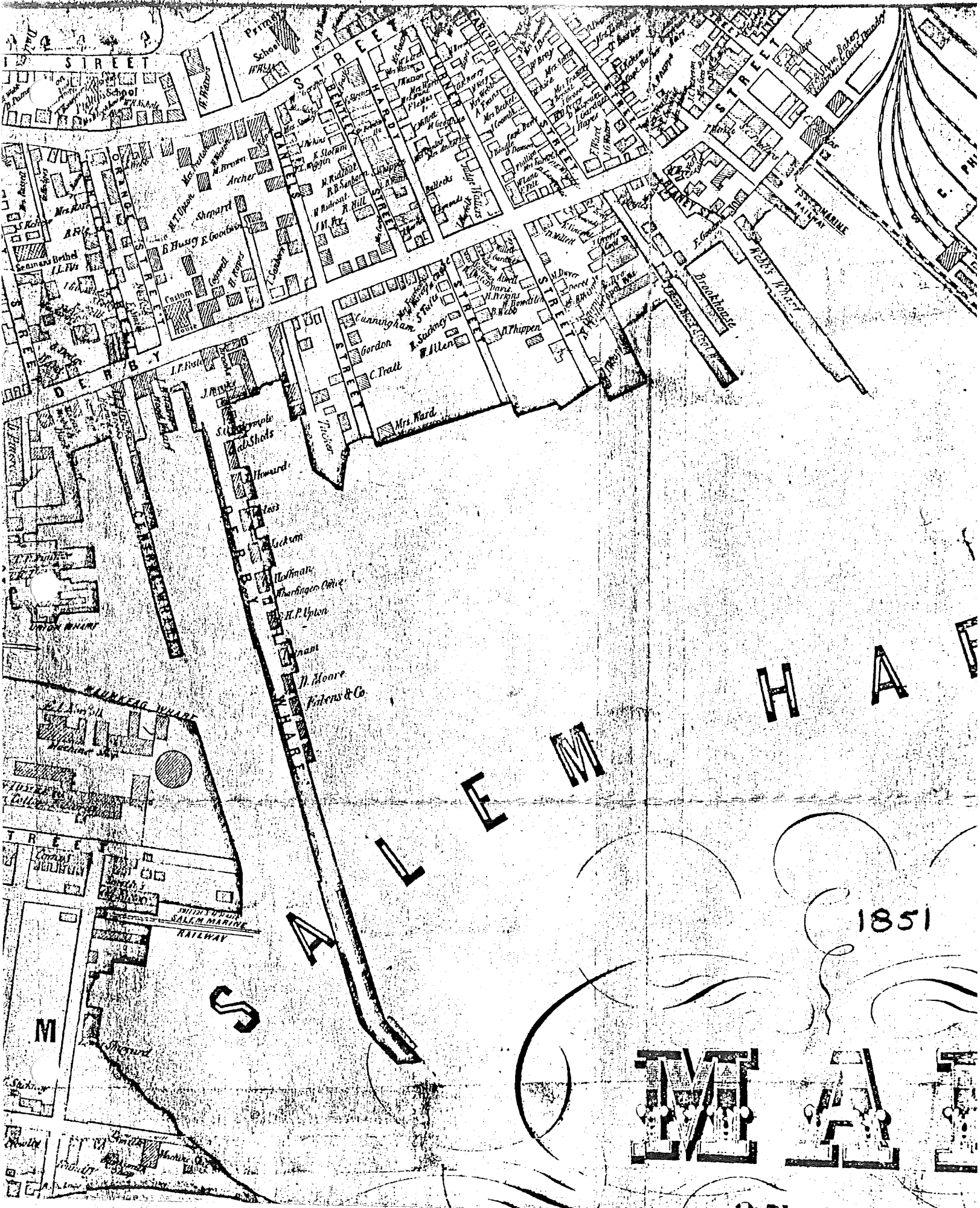
Nov. 20, 1979 Robert C. Bramble, trustee of Allyn Realty Trust, of Marblehead sold for the sum of \$56,500 to John A. Marsala of 82 Commonwealth Ave., Boston the same property conveyed in book 6571 page 756. (book 6655 page 378)

Notes:

When it has been determined that a house has been moved, the chances of finding the original date and site of construction are practically nil. Buildings were considered personal property and not required to be registered in a deed. Tax records do not mention moving. The moving permits that have been found, up to this date, are in the moving company's name and rarely give the destination. The only option is a determination of architectural style. This building has been designated, by the Salem Historic Commission District Study, as being a Federal period building (1790-1830).

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., Salem.

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D. C. Manning

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Mrs. H. H. H. Allen

W. B. B.

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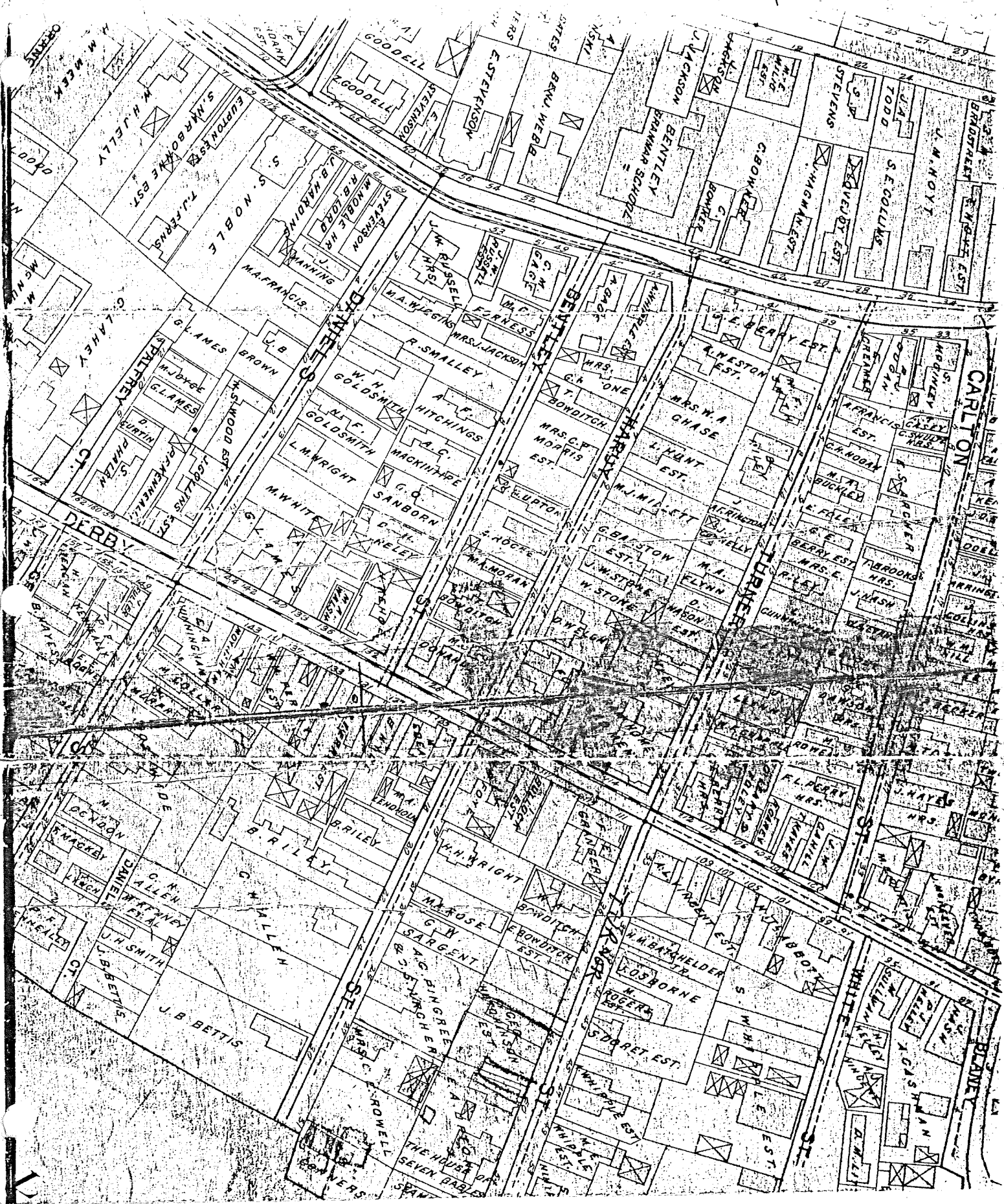
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