

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

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5 BARTON STREET

House of

Thomas R. Williams, cabinetmaker

by 1805

moved to this site in 1846

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*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,  
and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."*

5 BARTON STREET (formerly 4 Williams Street)

BOOK 186 PAGE 112

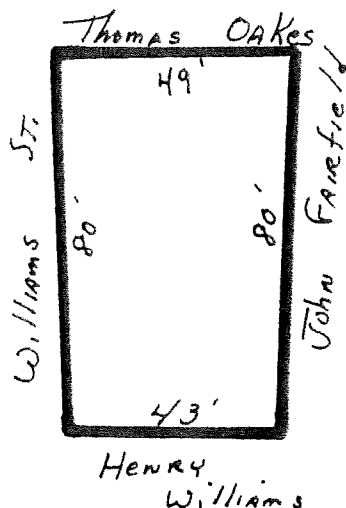
DATE - June 2, 1809

CONSIDERATION - \$830

GRANTOR (seller) - Thomas R. Williams guardian of Henry Williams non compos mentis

GRANTEE (buyer) - Jonathan Archer, trader

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land as fence now stands



This land was advertised in the Salem Gazette on the same day:

Lot of land situated on the eastern side of Williams Street, in Salem, fronting on the said street about 80 feet and being about 54 feet deep, being south of land of Thomas Oakes - Said land is part of the estate of Henry Williams, of Salem, mariner, a person represented non compos mentis, and is to be sold for the payment of his just debts and incidental charges. The sale will be on the premises, and the conditions made known at the sale.

Thomas R. Williams guardian

BOOK 186 PAGE 113

DATE - June 3, 1809

CONSIDERATION - \$830

GRANTOR (seller) - Jonathan Archer, trader

GRANTEE (buyer) - Thomas Russell Williams, cabinetmaker

DESCRIPTION - A certain peice or lot of land. The same conveyed to me by the said Thomas R. Williams

The land was then mortgaged to John Fairfield Jr. Mr. Fairfield found himself in financial difficulty and assigned the mortgage to Dr. Oliver Hubbard on June 21, 1811 (book 194 page 141). Since the mortgage remained unpaid Dr. Hubbard filed suit. He recovered judgement and possession by November 1816.

BOOK 212 PAGE 152

DATE - November 30, 1816

CONSIDERATION - \$900

GRANTOR (seller) - Oliver Hubbard, physician

GRANTEE (buyer) - Abraham True, cabinetmaker

DESCRIPTION - Land and dwelling house

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed in mortgage by Thomas R. Williams to John Fairfield recorded in book 186 page 113 and after assigned by John to said Oliver, whereon Oliver commenced his suit recovered judgement and possession.

BOOK 368 PAGE 87

DATE - June 3, 1846

CONSIDERATION - \$2,500

GRANTOR (seller) - Abraham True, gentleman

GRANTEE (buyer) - William C. Barton

DESCRIPTION - The dwelling house which I purchased of Oliver Hubbard as will appear by his deed to me November 30, 1816.

William C. Barton then removed the house from Williams Street to a newly opened street, now known as Barton Street. Mr. Barton had purchased the land from the estate of Lydia Barton.

Salem Street Department 1846-1847

June 9  
1846

This day, Mr. Halman of Danvers moved an old House from Williams Street to Bridge Street and thence into a new Street, which runs from Bridge Street to Callins Cove called

Removal of  
Abraham True's  
Old House

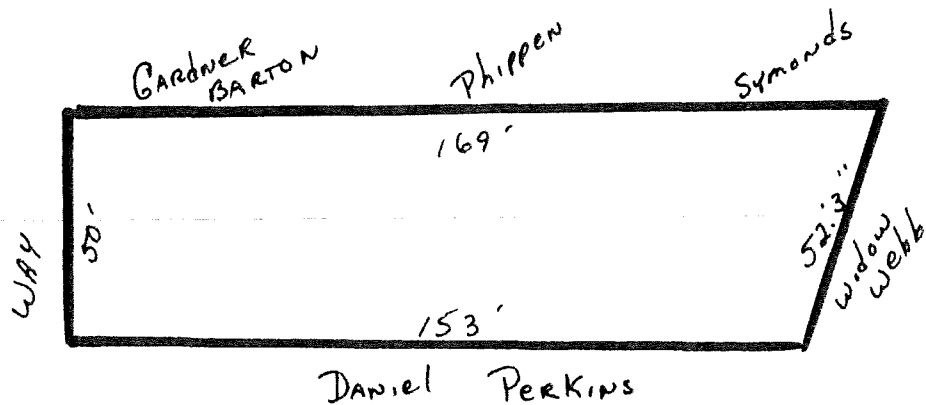
Said old House was Mr. Abraham True's which he has recently sold, with the land belonging to it to Col. George Seabury & William C. Barton, and the Building is moved on to Barton's Lot, A small Shop belonging to the same Estate was sold to James Brown of Danvers, to which place he has removed it.

BOOK 355 PAGE 201

DATE - May 5, 1845  
CONSIDERATION - \$425  
GRANTOR (seller) - Gardner Barton administrator of the estate of Lydia Barton  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William C. Barton  
DESCRIPTION - Lots of land - one of which was the lot now known as 5 Barton Street (the house was called #4 Barton St. until the street was renumbered)

BOOK 385 PAGE 94

DATE - July 8, 1847  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,500  
GRANTOR (seller) - William C. Barton, trader  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Richard Yarrington, mariner  
DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house with other buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by Gardner Barton administrator of Lydia Barton



The property was transferred to Elizabeth Yarrington, wife of Richard as recorded in book 451 page 245 and book 450 page 103.

BOOK 522 PAGE 62

DATE - November 21, 1855

GRANTOR (seller) - Richard H. Yarrington of South Abington, Mass. and Elizabeth Yarrington his wife, in her own right

GRANTEE (buyer) - Timothy Lawless, shoe manufacturer

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land, dwelling house and other buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same which was conveyed to Elizabeth on September 4, 1851

BOOK 2046 PAGE 406 and BOOK 2073 PAGE 127

DATE - October 17 and November 28, 1910

CONSIDERATION - \$1

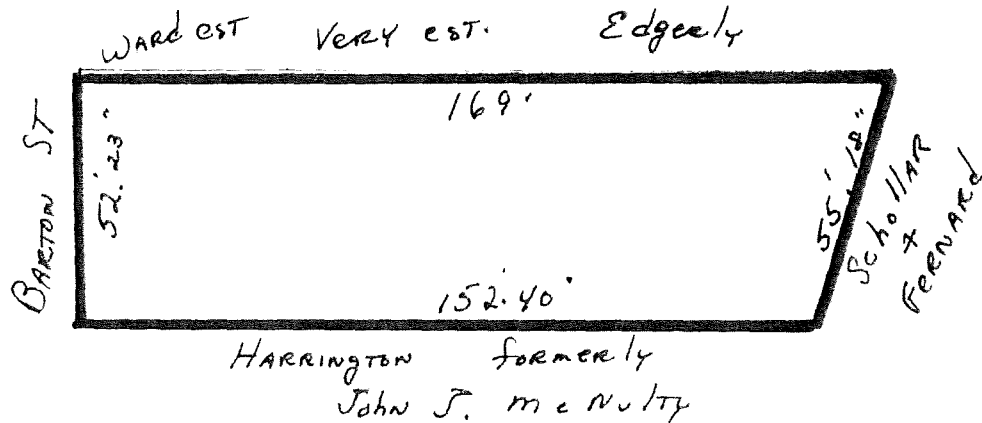
GRANTOR (seller) - The heirs of Timothy Lawless

GRANTEE (buyer) - John J. McNulty

DESCRIPTION - Land and building, being #1 of three lots conveyed

BOOK 3566 PAGE 385

DATE - September 12, 1947  
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$5,500  
GRANTOR (seller) - Eleanor M. Robinson of Attleborough  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Kenneth J. Hayes  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Reference is made to probate of the estate of John J. McNulty #183519



BOOK 4251 PAGE 584

DATE - March 1, 1956  
CONSIDERATION - none given  
GRANTOR (seller) - Kenneth J. Hayes  
GRANTEE (buyer) - E. Leonard Kane  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For my title see deed of Eleanor M. Robinson to me dated September 12, 1947

BOOK 4251 PAGE 584

DATE - March 1, 1956  
CONSIDERATION - none given  
GRANTOR (seller) - E. Leonard Kane of Danvers  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Kenneth J. and Catherine Hayes  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - See deed of Kenneth J. Hayes recorded within

BOOK 4602 PAGE 462

DATE - September 24, 1959  
CONSIDERATION - none given - mortgage \$13,800  
GRANTOR (seller) - Kenneth J. and Catherine M. Hayes  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Stanley K. and Priscilla Lipka  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises conveyed by deed of E. Leonard Kane March 1, 1956

BOOK 5512 PAGE 008

DATE - February 23, 1968  
CONSIDERATION - None given - mortgage \$18,500  
GRANTOR (seller) - Stanley K. and Priscilla M. Lipka  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Robert C. and Evadnie A. Irving  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Kenneth J. Hayes et ux September 24, 1959



BOOK 6254 PAGE 706

DATE - June 30, 1976  
CONSIDERATION - \$32,500  
GRANTOR (seller) - Robert C. and Evadnie A. Irving  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Albert J. and Alicia-Fe Belisle  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings at 5 Barton St.  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises conveyed to us by deed of Stanley K. Lipka et ux Feb. 23, 1968

BOOK 6309 PAGE 375

DATE - December 16, 1976  
CONSIDERATION - Nominal fee  
GRANTOR (seller) - Albert J. and Alicia-Fe Belisle  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Albert J. Belisle  
DESCRIPTION - Land and building 5 Barton Street  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to us by deed of Robert C. Irving et ux on June 30, 1976

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. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.

5 BARTON STREET (formerly 4 Williams Street)

MOTES:

The first mention of this house appears in deed book 177 page 52:

April 28, 1805 - Thomas R. Williams sold a dwelling house to Joseph W. Williams. This dwelling house was "standing on land of Captain Henry Williams in Williams street." The house was described as a wooden building 18' X 24' and "in the occupation of Thomas R. Williams grantor."

When the land under the house was sold, on June 2, 1809 (see deed research), no mention was made that there was a house on the property. One explanation could be that the house was the personal property of Joseph W. Williams and could not be sold with the land since it did not belong to the Henry Williams estate. Thomas R. Williams, then living in the house, intended to purchase the land and did so in the June 2nd transaction (book 186 page 113). How the house was sold back to Thomas R. Williams is not recorded. The dwelling house is definitely on this lot when the creditors of Thomas R. Williams took possession and sold it to Abraham True (book 212 page 152).

Since the house is larger than the original 18' X 24' (which the current owner says are the measurements of the portion now fronting Barton St.), the remainder of the house may have been added by Abraham True after 1816.

Thomas R. Williams

Thomas Russell Williams, the son of Henry and Abigail Williams, was born on March 30, 1783. He married Ruth Abbott on June 22, 1806.

The Youthful Recollections of Salem by Benjamin F. Browne as published in the Essex Institute Historic Collections says that there was (on Washington Sq.) "Thomas R. Williams's cabinet warehouse and manufactory; then his father, Capt. Williams's house which is now owned and occupied by William C. Barton. Thomas R. Williams and Benjamin Adams had a stable in Williams street. T.R. Williams removed to Boston and kept a boarding house. Capt. Henry Williams was a descendant from a family that in the early settlement of the town owned much of the land in that neighborhood.

Abraham True

Abraham True died on November 21, 1851. His obituary reads:

Abraham True Esq. aged 63 - Mr. True was born in Chichester, New Hampshire but came to Salem in his youth, and has been long and generally known amongst us as a most respectable and useful citizen. He was an ardent but honest politician, first as a member of the old Republican party, and subsequently of the Whig; and from the administration of General Harrison he received the commission of Naval Officer for this port. Mr. True deserved all the consideration he enjoyed, for he was a man of good sense and varied information; a man of an active conscience; a man of great kindness of heart and readiness to serve every good cause; a man who loved the praise of good men much, but the praise which cometh from God infinitely more.

Funeral from 12 Brown Street.

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Essex Rail Road

Vineyard  
Mrs Brown, Cordage Manufactory

Stearns Carriage Factory

P. English  
Primary School

A. Preston

R. Sklar

A. A. Downe  
Mrs Fairfield

Cap. Farrington

Cap. C. Waggall  
S. D. Clarke

W. Williams

J. T. Robinson

J. Goodhue

J. Ingersoll  
L. Thornäike

W. Kirkford  
Cap. Jackson

C. Finball

J. Wells

J. Starbuck

J. O'Connell

M. Plaster

W. B. Baker

J. S. Kimball

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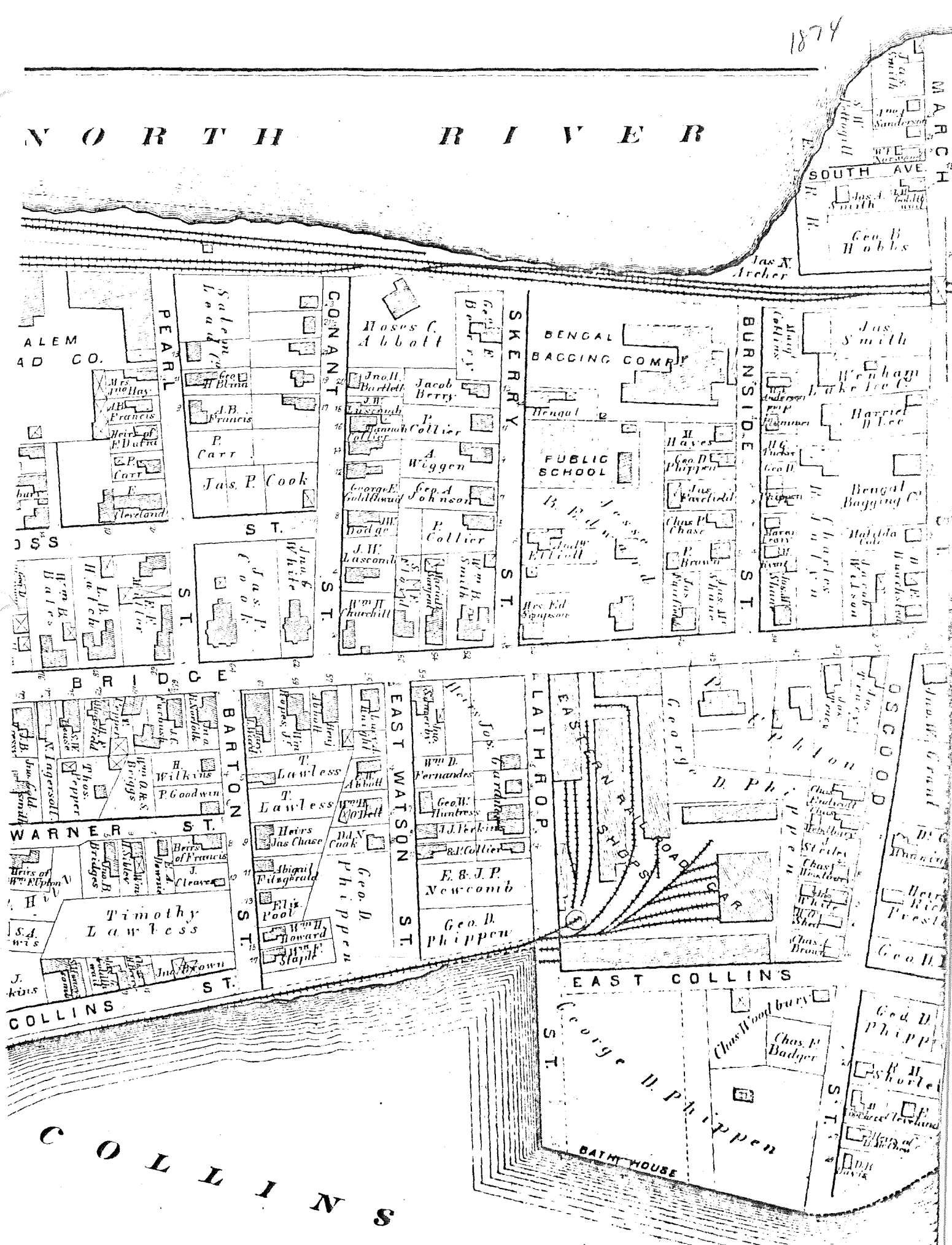
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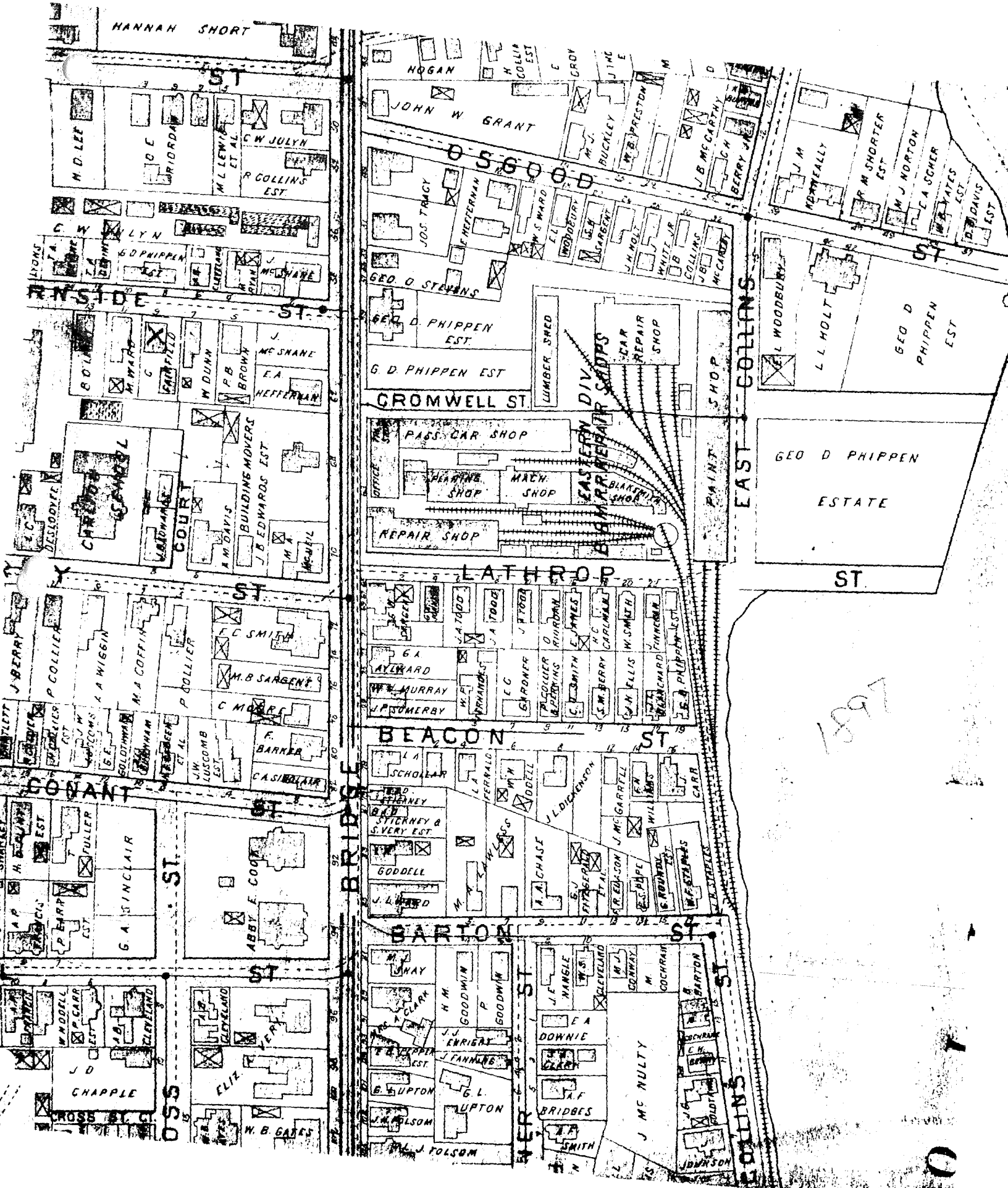
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C. W. JULYN  
M. LEWIS  
R. COLLINS EST

HOGAN  
JOHN W. GRANT  
CROX  
BUCKLEY  
J. B. MCCARTHY  
BERRY

M. J. MORTON  
L. A. SCHER  
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D. DAVIS

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J. ME SHANE  
E. A. HEFFERMAN  
W. DUNN  
P. B. BROWN

GEO. D. STEVENS  
GEO. D. PHIPPEN EST  
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LUMBER SHED  
EASTERN DIV. AUTO REPAIR SHOPS

L. L. WOODBURY  
L. L. HOLT  
GEO. D. PHIPPEN EST

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J. B. EDWARDS EST  
A. M. DAVIS

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