

# Historic Salem incorporated

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175 FEDERAL STREET

Built by

JOSHUA CROSS, housewright

Circa 1790

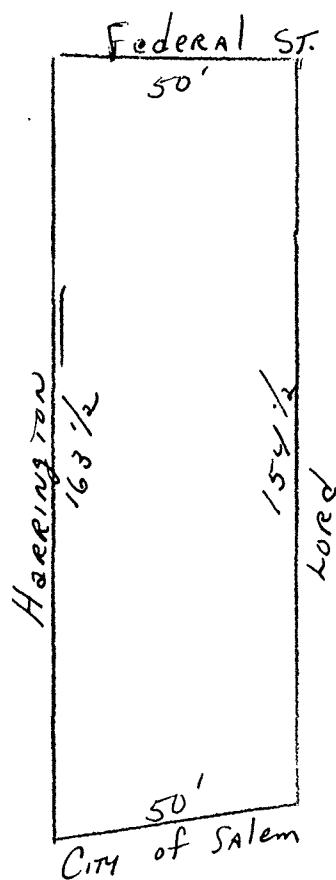
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May 1988

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

175 FEDERAL STREET

BOOK 9455 PAGE 126

DATE -	April 1, 1988
CONSIDERATION -	\$235,000
GRANTOR (seller) -	John M. and Sherlyn Anastasi
GRANTEE (buyer) -	Walter P. Dupuis
DESCRIPTION -	Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE -	For title see deed recorded in book 8566 page 268



BOOK 8566 PAGE 268

DATE - October 8, 1986  
CONSIDERATION - None listed  
GRANTOR (seller) - John M. Anastasi  
GRANTEE (buyer) - John M. and Sherlyn Anastasi  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For my title see deed recorded in  
book 7774 page 251.

BOOK 7774 PAGE 251

DATE - May 31, 1985  
CONSIDERATION - \$140,000  
GRANTOR (seller) - William J. and Karen Whitworth  
GRANTEE (buyer) - John M. Anastasi  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title of grantor see deed of  
John J. Crowley recorded in book  
6512 page 514.

BOOK 6512 PAGE 514

DATE - August 21, 1978  
CONSIDERATION - \$33,000  
GRANTOR (seller) - John J. and Helen C. Crowley  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William J. and Karen Whitworth  
of 182 Federal St.  
DESCRIPTION - Land and building  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to  
us by deed of Patrick J. Crowley and  
Mary E. Crowley on June 8, 1946 and  
recorded in book 3463 page 229.

BOOK 3463 PAGE 229

DATE - June 8, 1946  
CONSIDERATION - None listed  
GRANTOR (seller) - Patrick J. and Mary E. Crowley  
GRANTEE (buyer) - John J. and Helen C. Crowley  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Nellie R. Friend on Jan. 6, 1928 and recorded in book 2779 page 553.

BOOK 2779 PAGE 553

DATE - January 6, 1928  
CONSIDERATION - None listed (mortgage \$5,500)  
GRANTOR (seller) - Nellie R. Friend widow  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Patrick J. and Mary E. Crowley  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises which Mary B. Osgood conveyed to William R. Austin on May 11, 1880 and recorded in book 1039 page 125 and which he devised to the grantor by his last will.

BOOK 1039 PAGE 125

DATE - May 11, 1880  
CONSIDERATION - \$3,500  
GRANTOR (seller) - Mary B. Osgood widow  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William R. Austin  
DESCRIPTION - Parcel of real estate on the south side of Federal Street  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate deeded to Mary B. Osgood by Joseph Osgood guardian on August 2, 1866 and recorded in book 708 page 133.

BOOK 708 PAGE 133

DATE - August 2, 1866

CONSIDERATION - \$3,000

GRANTOR (seller) - Joseph Osgood guardian of Ebenezer Beckford an insane person

GRANTEE (buyer) - Mary B. Osgood

DESCRIPTION - Land, dwelling house and other buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate which was purchased by Nathaniel W. Osgood of Thomas Moriarty on March 23, 1830 and recorded in book 256 page 45.

BOOK 256 PAGE 45

DATE - March 23, 1830

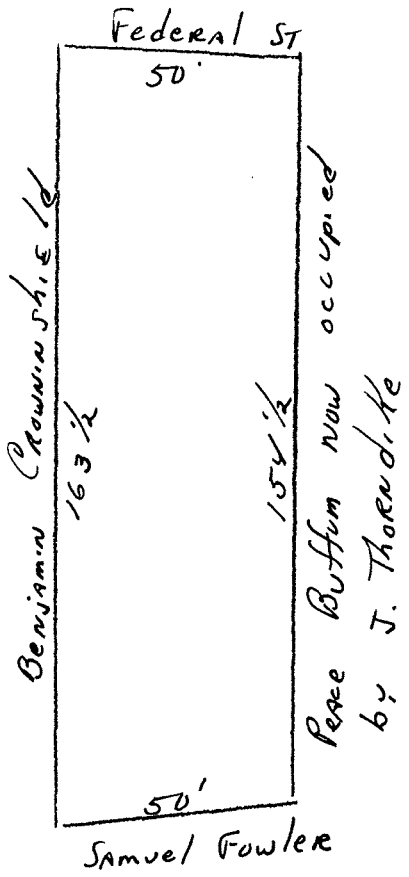
CONSIDERATION - \$1,650

GRANTOR (seller) - Thomas and Jenima G. Moriarty

GRANTEE (buyer) - Nathaniel W. Osgood

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land, dwelling house and other buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate conveyed to William Low by Michael Webb as recorded in book 195 page 126 and by the administrator of William Low to Moriarty as recorded in book 233 page 53.



BOOK 233 PAGE 53

DATE - April 29, 1823

CONSIDERATION - \$323.44 exclusive of a mortgage and the amount of the widow's dower

GRANTOR (seller) - Benjamin R. Nichols administrator of the estate of William Low

GRANTEE (buyer) - Thomas Moriarty, mariner

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land, dwelling house and other buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed on January 2, 1812 subject to a mortgage of \$359.84 and the widow's dower.

BOOK 195 PAGE 126

DATE - January 2, 1812  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,400  
GRANTOR (seller) - Michael and Sally Webb  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William Low, mariner  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land, dwelling house and other buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate (and no more) conveyed by Samuel Peters as recorded in book 192 page 144.

BOOK 192 PAGE 144

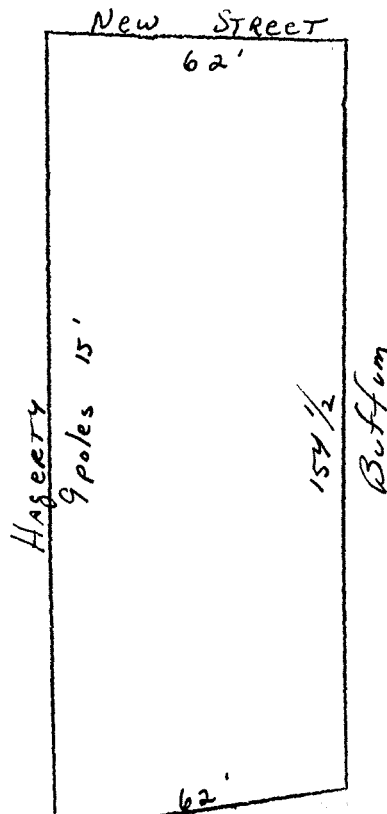
DATE - December 26, 1810  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,100  
GRANTOR (seller) - Samuel and Hannah Peters  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Michael Webb, merchant  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being part of the same land I purchased of William Cleaveland as recorded in book 168 page 87.

BOOK 164 PAGE 275

DATE - May 16, 1799  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,650  
GRANTOR (seller) - Joshua and Lydia Cross  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William Cleaveland Jr., watchmaker  
DESCRIPTION - Land, dwelling house and other buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same piece of land I purchased from Jonathan Buffum on June 13, 1783.

BOOK 137 PAGE 150

DATE - June 13, 1783  
CONSIDERATION - 60 pounds  
GRANTOR (seller) - Jonathan and Sarah Buffum  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Joshua Cross, housewright  
DESCRIPTION - Spot of land on the south side of the new street, so called, near the town bridge.






Name of Occupant or Possessor	Name of Owner	Situation of Adjoint Property	Area of Plots	Front ft.	Coarse	Number of Acres	Number of Windows
Ephraim Emerton	E Emerton	N Federal St 2 Pts					
Leau Ruffin	P. B.	W Cape Puffin S Williams	720	2		17	
Joshua Croff	Josh Croff	N Federal St # 118 S Proctor E Emerton W Croff	154				
Nath. Fisher	N Fisher	N Federal St # 60 S Franklin W Cape Puffin W Fisher	756	1		15	

ASSESSMENT CIRCA 1798 ↑

**TO BE SOLD,**  
— A very plea-



antly situated **HOUSE** in Federal Street— with the Land under and adjoining the same, being 35 poles— by feet to the front— new well finished and convenient, with a good well of water. The terms of payment will be made easy, and the time of possession agreeable to the purchaser. Inquire of **WILLIAM CLEVELAND, jun.** on the premises. Salem, Dec. 18.

"New"  
1800

On Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 1812,  
at 11 o'clock,

**W**ILL be sold at Auction if not previously disposed of at private sale, **THE DWELLING HOUSE,** with the land thereto belonging, late the estate of Capt. SAMUEL PERKINS, situated in Federal Street, next Mr. W. S. Gray. For further particulars inquire of Salem, Dec. 3. **MICHAEL WEBB.**

1812

**Dwelling House for Sale.**

**B**y order of Court, will be sold at Public Auction on Monday the 28th of April next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.—So much of the Real Estate of **WILLIAM J. OW,** late of Salem, in the county of Essex, deceased, (if so much may be found) as will raise the sum of one thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars for the payment of just debts against said estate and for incidental charges. Said Real Estate consists of a Dwelling House and Land under and adjoining in Salem, bounding northerly on Federal Street, westerly on the estate occupied by Timothy Pickering, Esq. and easterly on the estate occupied by Mrs. Jenks. The Widow's right of Dower in the premises will be sold at the same time. Sale to be on the premises, where the terms will be made known. **BENJ. R. NICHOLS,** Adm'r, with the will annexed. **J. P. SAUNDERS, Auct.** Salem, March 25, 1823. laws

1823

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NOTES:

Documentation shows that the house built by Joshua Cross was of one story in height and had 15 windows. Since the structure is now two stories plus and definitely Greek Revival (1825 - 1850) in style, it must be assumed that it was altered during that time frame. There has been no documentation found to indicate that a new structure was built on this land after 1825. Since the house was sold to Nathaniel W. Osgood, in 1830, he is the person most likely responsible for the transformation.

1790 Census (pg. 94)

Joshua Cross 1 male over the age of 16; 1 male under 16; 6 females. (The abutters listed, Nathaniel Fisher and Ephraim Emerton, place Cross as living on the lot now 175 Federal by this date)

1850 census (Ward 4 #645:974)

Nathaniel Osgood age 53; tanner; prop. val. \$4,200; b. Mass.

Mary B. Osgood age 50; b. Mass.

Joseph Osgood age 25; master mariner; b. Mass.

Caroline Osgood age 22; b. Mass.

Mary B. Osgood age 18; b. Mass.

Lucy Osgood age 16; b. Mass.

Blue & white Dining sett ware. ---	15. -
Castor tea & coffee set 2.50. - 4 waiters 2.00	4 50
plates tea service - 30.00 - toast rack. 1.50	31 50
Desk. - \$7. - Light stand 1.50 Fire sett 5. -	13 50
2 card tables 6. - Looking Glass. 4. -	10 -
5 Chairs. - 2.50 - Bellows 75. - Castor 75. -	4 -
Castor plates & dishes. 2.50. - Crockery. 2. -	4 50
9 Table cloths. 9. - 16 towels 1. - Carpet 2. -	12 -
2 voly hwg. y & l. - glass ware, 50 - mats, 60 -	2. 10
Lot crockery. ---	2 50
Mahog Dining table 3.50. - pine do. 1.25 -	4 75
Hand organ. \$10. - 2 Chairs 1. Canister 37	11 37
Lt crockery 1.50. - Tin ware. 4. Iron ware	5 50
3.50. - harness. 0.0. Lot bble & boxes. 3.0	7 50
Sleigh. - 3.0. - table, 25 - 4 Clth horses. 2.0	5 25
Lt Jugs & Domy In. 2.0. Coffin mill. 1. -	3. -
3, Kitchen table \$7. - Chest drawery. 75 -	7 75
fire sett, iron - 1.25. - 9 Chairs. - 2.50	3 75
5. brass. Canette sticks \$2.0. - Bellows. 30. -	2 30
book of glass. - 50. - Wharming pan. 1.00	1 50
Lt knives oforkes - 60. - steel <sup>as</sup> & <sup>ap</sup> <del>ap</del> 2. -	2 60
Shingles 1.0. Old beat trade 50. -	1. 50
1/2 hand iron 50. - frame of ender 50	1. -
Spent car over. \$	227 87

An Inventory of the Estate of William Pows late of Salem in the County of Essex, deceased, appraised by us the subscribers being duly appointed & sworn. - viz<sup>t</sup>

Mahogany Sideboards \$20. - 2 Chairs 7.50 -	27	50
Looking Glass. - 10. - 2 Card tables 8.0. -	18.	-
Brass Fire sett. 6.50. - Carpet 12.0. -	18	50
<del>2 pr plates canesticks &amp; snuffers 10. -</del>	<del>4</del>	<del>50</del>
2 pr do. Cans. - \$2. - pr pitchers 1. -	3.	-
Lot tumblers & wines 3.50. - pr Decanters 1.50	5.	-
Blue & white Dining sett ware. - - -	15.	-
Castor tea & coffee set 2.50. - 4 waiters 2.0	4	50
plates tea service - 30.0. - toast rack. 1.50	31	50
Desk. - \$7. - Light stand 1.50 Fire sets 5. -	13	50
2 card tables 6. - Looking Glass. 4. -	10	-
5 Chairs. - 2.50 - Bellows 75. - Castor 75. -	4	-
Canton plates & dishes. 2.50. - Crockery. 2. -	4	50
9 Table cloths. 9. - 15 towels 1. - Carpet 2. -	12	-
2 voly glass & \$1. - glass ware, 50 - mats, 60 -	2.	10
Lot crockery. - - - - -	2	50
Mahog Dining table 3.50. - pine do. 1.25 -	4	75
Handa Organ \$10. - 2 Chairs 1. Canista 37	11	37
Lt crockery 1.50. - Tin ware. 4. Iron ware	5	50
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Sleigh. - 3.0. - table, 25 - 4 Clth hors. 2.0	5	25
Lt Jugs & Demy In. 2.0. Coffin mill. 1. -	3.	-
2, kitchen table \$1. - Chest drawery. 75 -	7	75
fire sets, iron - 1.25. - 9 Chairs. - 2.50 -	3	75
5. brass. Canesticks \$2.0. - Bellows. 30. -	2	30
book of glass. - 50. - warming pan. 1.0 -	1	50
	2	60

7. 150g Netmarusa 2.00	1 set of large & small knives forks & canons	2.	-
12 silver tea spoons	1 pair sugar tongs	8.	-
1 cream pot & ladles		9	-
3 China dishes 2.50	China Screens 1.00	3	50
Basket of 2 doz plates 2.40	1 doz 2" size - 1.00	3	40
3/4 doz sauce boats .40	1/2 doz plates candlestick 1.00	1	40
1/2 doz plates baskets 2.00	1/2 doz decanter stands 1.00	3.	-
1/2 doz china tumblers 1.00	Table cloth 1.00	3	-
3 Bbl with Brans .25	vest. - pants & coat 2.00	3	25
Old writing desk 1.00	China case 1.00	3.	-
Lot twin v. 50 cigars 4.00	Old muskets 20. 1.00	1	90
Med chest. - .25	trunk & 6 blank books .50		75
wool cards .20	white, bed. dress - 2.00	2	20
2 Penny In. - 2.	Iron bound tubs. - 1.00	3.	-
Empty pipes 1.00	3 Hairys Gasks 1.25	2	25
Quadrant. f. 8.00	Booby to. 50.00	8	50
Leak Boats. . . . .		1	
			80. 52

Per my order for the above

John Barr

Jonathan P. Saunders

James H. Hugg

Benj. R. Nichols Admr.

435 13  
~~451 6 15~~  
~~75 6 17~~

Witness, as At a court of probate holden at Gloucester in and for said county on the third Tuesday.

Additional articles, personal property belonging  
to the estate of William Low dec'd appraised July  
15<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Copper Tea Kettle 2.00	Copper scales .60	2	60
Straw Hammock 1.12	Wemy Br wine 2.00	3	12
Bbl with Bottles 5 <sup> doz</sup> 3.85	Old chest .50	4	25
Dutch Ovens . . . . . 80	2 Kegs Tapioca .50	1	30
2 Box Vermacellar 3.00	1 sett of 2 Charts .20	5	
1 sett ea large & small knives forks & canives		2	-
12 silver tea spoons	1 <sup>pr</sup> silver tongs	8	-
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2 ea china tumblers 1.00	Table cloth 1.00	3	-
Bbl with Beans .25	vest - pant & coat 2.00	3	25
Old writing desk 1.00	China case 1.00	3	-
Lot tin w .50	sigars 40	1	90
Med chest .25	trunk of 6 blank books .50		75

20 <sup>do</sup> Pillow cases \$10. - Look 7 y <sup>rs</sup> . 50.	6 -
2 Pittany - \$1. - Wash stand & sewer 5.0	7
Easy Chair - 4.0. - Bedstead 4 3. -	13 50
straw beds 50. - Bed n <sup>o</sup> 2 \$12. trunk 1. -	15. -
Old Mah & Bedstead 5.0. - Bed n <sup>o</sup> 3. \$10. -	8. -
Straw bed 50. - Bureau \$6. - Look 9 y <sup>rs</sup> 1.50	11 50
8 pictures - \$4.0. - Paper trunk 50. -	1. -
40s Ivory. - 50. - 2 ps Carpeting 50. -	3. -
night table \$2. - trunk & chest \$1. -	2 00
1/2 scale. - 20. - Old Carpet 2 50. -	7 25
2 Trunks - \$2. - Bedstead 1.25. Bed \$4. -	14 31
4 Large silver spoons. 6 <sup>oz</sup> & 8 <sup>oz</sup> 1.35 -	
12 small. - 13. - 5. - 1. - 1.25 -	
	\$ 435. 63

Real Estate. Dower of widow, not excepted,  
 Dwelling & house & land situated in Fed.  
 Street. - - - valued at \$1,000. -

- 1/2 Pew in Baptist M. House. - 50. - 1,050 -

Total - \$ ~~1,485. 63~~

Salem V. July. 1822. John Barr

Jonathan P. Saunders } Appraisers  
 Daniel Perry }

Montbrook Over.		\$	227	87
Lot Lumber & Stbl. 4.	Bath & Tub 2.0	-	6	-
Col. breakfast & straw bed	\$2. - sp. wheel 50	-	2	50
Stair Carpet.	\$5.0 - Entry matt, 50	-	5	50
12 Quilts.	\$18. - Bed St. 1. - \$15. -	-	33	-
Bedstead. Dress & Counterpane		-	20	-
Carpet 5. - 2 white chairs 5.		-	10	-
2 ps Blankets \$14. - 16 ps sheets \$24. -		-	38	-
20 ps pillow cases \$10. - Look & Glass, 50.		-	10	50
2 pictures - \$1. - wash stand sewer, 5.0		-	6	-
Easy Chair, - 4.0. - Bedstead 4 3. -		-	7	-
straw bed, 50. - Bed St. 2 \$12. trunk 1. -		-	13	50
Old Mah & Bedstead 5.0. - Bed St. 3. \$10. -		-	15	-
Straw bed 50. - Bureau \$5. - Look & glass, 1.50		-	8	-
2 pictures - \$4.0. - Paper trunk, 50. -		-	11	50
4 ps Ivory. - 50. - 2 ps Carpeting, 50. -		-	1	-
Night table \$2. - trunk & chest \$1. -		-	3	-
ps scales. - 50. - Old Carpet 2 50. -		-	2	50
2 Trunks. - \$2. - Bedstead 1.25. Bed 4. -		-	7	25
4 Large pillow spoons. 6 <sup>or</sup> 8 <sup>or</sup> 1.25 -		-	14	31
12 small. - 11.3. - 5. - 1. - 1.25 -		-		
		\$	435.	63

P. P. ... ..