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Circa 1802

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25 CARLTON STREET

Built by,

THOMAS MAGOUN, shipwright

Research by, Joyce King September 1988

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

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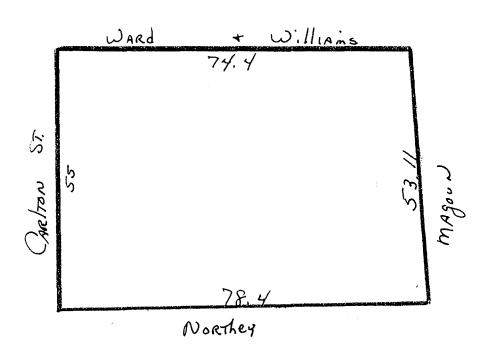
BOOK 4465 PAGE 445

DATE - June 5, 1958

GRANTOR (seller) - Pearl E. Horton

GRANTEE (buyer) - Mary E. Morin

DESCRIPTION - Land and building



BOOK 3454 PAGE 440

DATE - May 4, 1946

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Marguerite C. Mathews

GRANTEE (buyer) - Pearl E. Horton

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

BOOK 3402 PAGE 120

DATE - February 21, 1945

GRANTOR (seller) - Elizabeth C. Pedrick

GRANTEE (buyer) - Margaret J. Tobin and

Marguerite C. Mathews

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed this day by

Margaret J. Tobin

BOOK 3402 PAGE 120

DATE - February 21, 1945

CONSIDERATION - Less than \$100

GRANTOR (seller) - Margaret J. Tobin, unmarried

GRANTEE (buyer) - Elizabeth C. Pedrick of Swampscott

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - My title from the estate of Margaret

Tobin and Michael Tobin

BOOK 1185 PAGE 165

DATE - October 23, 1886 & November 12, 1886

GRANTOR (seller) - The heirs of Ittai and Horatio Perry

GRANTEE (buyer) - Margaret Tobin wife of David

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - All our right, interest and title

conveyed to Ittai Perry and Horatio

Perry by deed of Isaac Perry on

April 11, 1816.

BOOK 209 PAGE 131

DATE - April 11, 1816

CONSIDERATION - \$800

GRANTOR (seller) - Isreal Perry of Hanover

GRANTEE (buyer) - Ittai Perry, gentleman Horatio Perry, yeoman

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land on the east side of Carleton Street where the said Ittai and Horatio now dwell.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - It is the same house and land that I bought of Elisha Smith with all

the buildings, fences and

appurtanances in equal half shares. (Note: Ittai is listed as blacksmith and Horatio is listed as gunsmith in

a mortgage to Joseph Franks.)

BOOK 190 PAGE 158

DATE - August 2, 1810

CONSIDERATION - \$1,530

GRANTOR (seller) - Elisha and Mary B. Smith of Pembrook

GRANTEE (buyer) - Isreal Perry of Hanover

DESCRIPTION - My dwelling house and land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same house and land that I bought

of Thomas Magoun.

BOOK 179 PAGE 284

DATE - November 8, 1806

CONSIDERATION - \$1,500

GRANTOR (seller) - Thomas and Charlotte Magoun

GRANTEE (buyer) - Elisha Smith, trader

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

BOOK 181 PAGE 16

DATE - November 7, 1806

CONSIDERATION - \$250

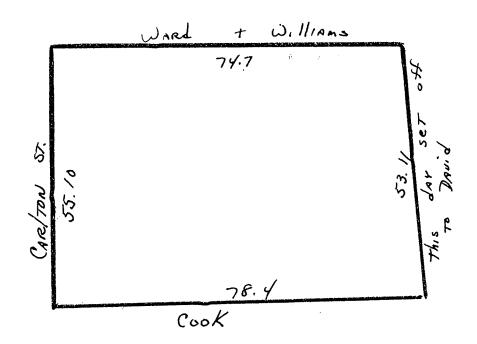
GRANTOR (seller) - David and Sally Magoun

GRANTEE (buyer) - Thomas Magoun, shipwright

DESCRIPTION - Piece of land with buildings standing

thereon.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given



BOOK 168 PAGE 97

DATE - December 15, 1800

CONSIDERATION - \$500

GRANTOR (seller) - John and Ruth Barker

GRANTEE (buyer) - David and Thomas Magoun, shipwrights

DESCRIPTION - Piece of land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

John Williams

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Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. All maps in this report are for illustrative purposes and are not meant to be exact.

"This two-story plus pitch roof clapboard house is gable end to the street, and has the large central chimney which is usually associated with the Pre-Federal period. The house is very close to the ground and has a simple entrance with a small transom above it on the north side of the house. A two-story piazza has been added to the back of the house." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

As shown in the chain of title, Thomas and David Magoun, ship carpenters, purchased this lot of land, in Dec. 1800, from John and Ruth Barker. Thomas built a house on the Carlton Street portion, while David built his house on the Becket Street end. The tax records show Thomas "Maygoone" ship carpenter as living in ward one in 1801, but he is not taxed for a house until 1802. The house was definitely built and occupied by January 8, 1803 when the Rev. William Bentley records the death of Nicholas Lane Magoun, son of Thomas and Charlotte, age 3 months from scarlet fever and throat distemper. "Carlton St."

The Rev. Bentley also records on October 29, 1803:
"This day at Barker's yard between Becket & Turners Street,
was launched a fine Ship belonging to Capt. Joseph White. The
Company of Builders, Barker, Magoons, &c. are active young men.
This is the first large Ship they have launched. She went off
beautifully."

Thomas Magoun, the son of Aaron and Mary (Church) Magoun and twin brother of David, was born in Pembroke on May 18, 1777. The twin brothers bore such a resemblance to each other that Rev. William Bentley could not tell them apart. Thomas Magoun married Charlotte Lane, daughter of Nicholas Lane a local sailmaker, on June 10, 1802. It seems entirely possible that the house was completed by the time of their marriage. Thomas sold the house in 1806 and moved to the corner of Derby and English streets.

The Perry family held ownership to this house for many years. Ittai Perry was living on Carlton Street in 1815 when a hailstorm broke 32 panes of glass in the house.

(Tucker MSS at the Essex Institute)

1837 Salem Directory
21 Carlton (renumbered around 1870)
Horatio Perry, blacksmith
Ittai Perry, blacksmith

1842 Salem Directory
21 Carlton
Horatio B. Perry, gunsmith, Phillips' wharf
Ittai, blackmith, Phillips' wharf

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1850 Salem Directory
  21 Carlton
  Horatio B. Perry, gunsmith, Blaney St.
  Mrs. Ittai Perry
 The 1850 census gives some insight as to the family unit at
 that time:
 21 Carlton
  Horatio Perry age 41, gunsmith, born Mass.
                  " 37, born, Mass. " 14, born Mass.
  Augustus "
  William "
                 " 3, born Mass.
 2nd family
  Abigail Perry age 68, born Mass.
                 " 40, born Mass.
  Abby
 1859 Salem Directory
 21 Carlton
 Abigail Perry
 Albert H. Perry, gunsmith
 1881 Salem Directory
Mrs. A. H. Perry
Miss Abbie L. Perry
1900 census
 25 Carlton
James Drew age 56, widow, teamster, b. Ire., came to U.S. 1870
Elizabeth" " 25, daughter, housekeeper, b. Mass.
2nd family
Margaret Tobin age 60, widow, b. Ire., came to U.S. 1855 John J. " 32, son, bartender, b. Mass.
Michael
                     28, son, longshore man, b. Mass.
                    25, daughter, b. Mass.
Margaret
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CARLTON STREET

"Both Perley and Bentley discussed the early history of Carlton Street. Perley wrote that it was laid out in or before 1801 and that the area around the northern end was called "Job's Field" in 1671. Bentley recorded in 1809 that "Carleton Street lately was a field upon the Cromwell estate.... It was knon above half a Century ago before the Derby street crossed it, as the Bakehouse field, from the Bakehouse standing on Essex street, and it had many Divisions before it was bought by Captain Carlton..." The street was widened in 1852.

Bentley boarded with Captain Carlton's daughter, Mrs. Crowninshield, and mentions him as having "carried Richard Derby, who was the father of E(lias) H(asket)... to sea with him as boy, seaman & mate... " The name Carlton, which is also spelled Carleton, was a distinguished and familiar one in A Captain Carleton and his vessel were reported to have been taken by French privateers in the West Indies in 1760, and later he commanded a privateer during the Revolution. Captain John Carlton was master of the ship Putnam, owned in part by Nathaniel Bowditch, when it was boarded by natives near Singapore and six of the crew were killed. Samuel Carlton was elected to the General Court in 1776 and published one of the first Salem newspapers. Michael Carlton, "minister-at-large" during the early 1800's, inspired interest in providing help for those in need; among other things, he and his family took orphans into their home when they lived on Charter Street, and this presumably led to the founding of the present North Shore Children's Friend & Family Service Society.

It would be interesting to study the development of one of the many streets opened in Salem around 1800 such as Carlton or Williams Street. Evidently it was similar to the subdivisions of today. The lots on Carlton Street are narrow, and therefore the houses are close together and usually gable end to the street. Most of them were probably built during the Federal period shortly after the street was opened, alhough the addition of Victorian trim around entrances and two-over-two windows has blurred the Federal character of the street."

(Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

