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387 Lafayette Street

Built for

THE AHERN FAMILY

by 1878

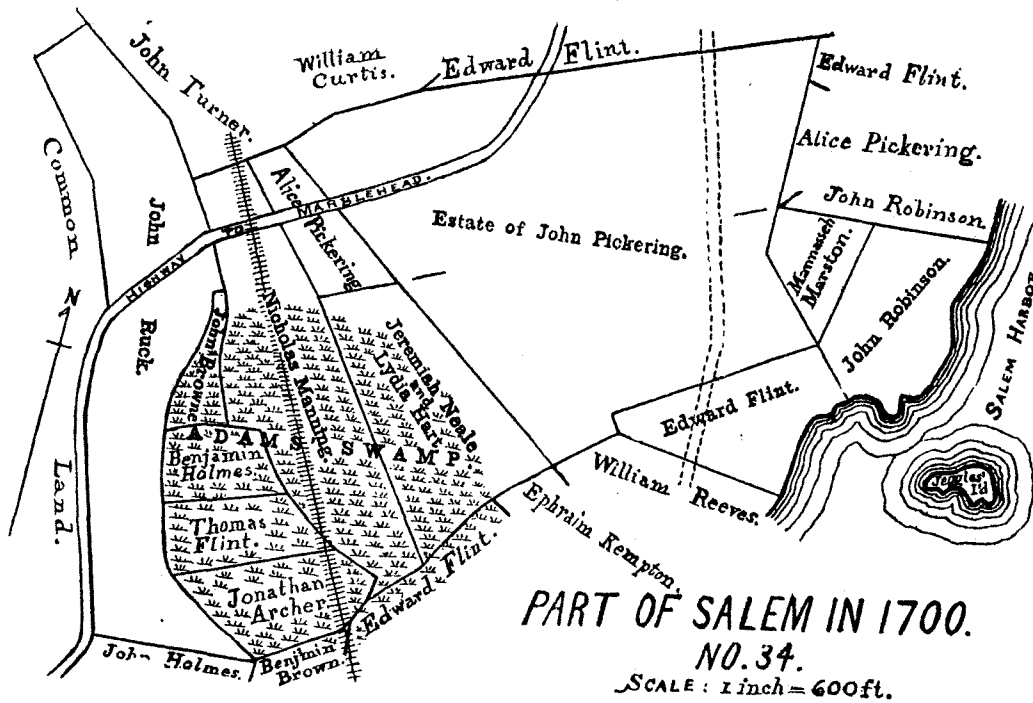
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*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

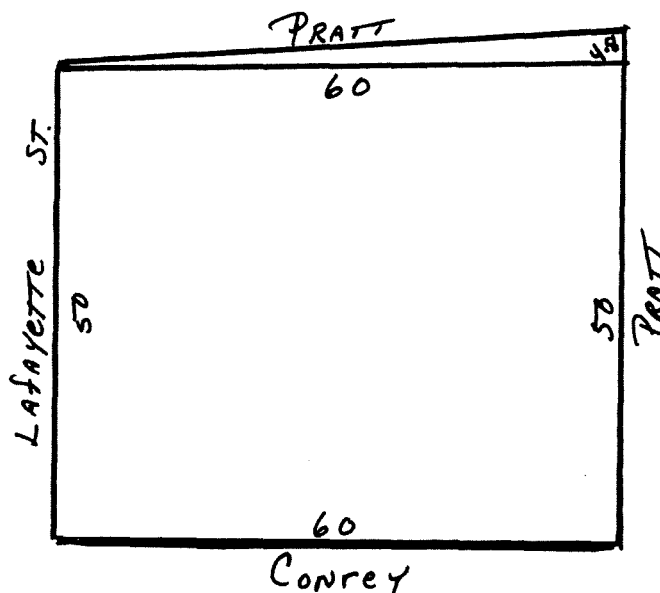
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The land on which this house stands was a small portion of the parcel called the John Pickering lot:



Lafayette or "the new road to Marblehead" was laid out in 1737. The road was occasioned, primarily, by the building of the mill at Forest river two years previously. It was called the new road to Marblehead in 1755; Fayette street in 1840; and Lafayette street since 1849. (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 12 Pg. 112)

In the early 1870's this was a part of the Pratt Farm. On Aug. 13, 1877 Samuel Pratt sold a lot of land, for the sum of \$360, to Mary J. and Joanna L. Ahern. On Jan. 19, 1878 a triangular piece of land was sold by Mr. Pratt to Mary and Joanna Ahern for the sum of \$33.60:



(book 981 page 231 & book 991 page 173)

Tax records:

191 Lafayette St. (this house was known as 191 Lafayette until the street was renumbered about 1895)

1876 - land Pratt farm

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1878 - David Herne, house \$2,500, land \$300

1879 - Heirs David Herne, house \$2,300, land \$300

1880 - (listing males over the age of 18)

Robert Ahern
Daniel C. "

owner Mrs. David Ahern
house \$2,300
land 300

1880 census:

Margaret J. Ahern	age 50	keeps house	born Mass.
Joanna L.	" 28	at home	" "
Mary J.	" 26	saleswoman	" "
Lillie	" 23	at home	" "
Robert	" 21	works in shoe shop	" "
Daniel	" 18	waiter in hotel	" "
Margaret	" 16	at home	" "
Serena	" 13	at home	" "
Anna	" 10	at school	" "

Tax records:

1883 - Robert M. Ahern	age 27	owner heirs of David Ahern
		house \$2,300
		land 300
1884 - Robert Ahern	age 28	owner heirs of David Ahern
		house \$2,300
		land 300

1896 Nov. 2 - Mrs. Margaret J. B. Ahern, widow of David, age 69 years, 5 months, 6 days, died at her residence 387 Lafayette St., after a brief illness. She was a regular attendant at the Immaculate Conception church. She leaves six daughters and a son to mourn her loss, besides a large circle of friends. She was a native of Lowell. (Salem News)

1897 March 15 - Robert M. Ahern, aged 39 years, died at his home, 387 Lafayette St. on Saturday afternoon. The deceased was born in Salem and was the son of David and the late Margaret J. Ahern, who died last November. The funeral was held from the Immaculate Conception church this morning and was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased. Burial at St. Mary's cemetery. (Salem News)

1900 census:

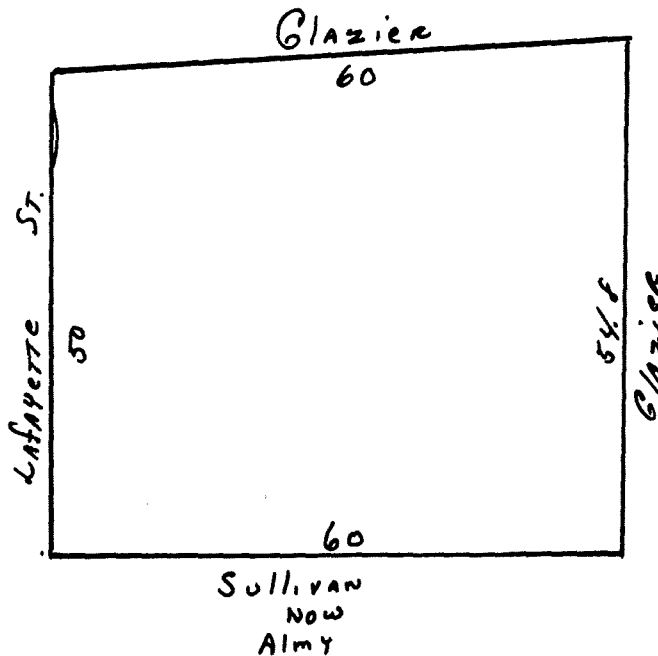
Joanna Ahern	born Aug. 1851	age 48	shoe vamer	born Mass.
Mary J. "	" Apr. 1853	" 47	sister	" "
Margaret "	" Apr. 1865	" 35	"	" "
Serena F. "	" Aug. 1872	" 27	"	" "
Anastasia V. "	" Aug. 1874	" 25	"	" "

1910 March 26 - At 387 Lafayette Street, Miss Margaret J. Ahern daughter of the late David and Margaret.

Miss Margaret J. Ahern, a greatly beloved young woman, died at her home, 387 Lafayette street, this morning, of pneumonia, after a four days illness. She was a charter member of the Father Conway Court of Forresters, and formerly a member of the choir of the church of the Immaculate Conception.

She leaves three sisters and a very large circle of friends to mourn her death. (Salem News)

1924 Sept. 2 - Joanna L. Ahern and Anna A.V. Ahern (the only remaining heirs) sold the land and building to Emma S. Almy:

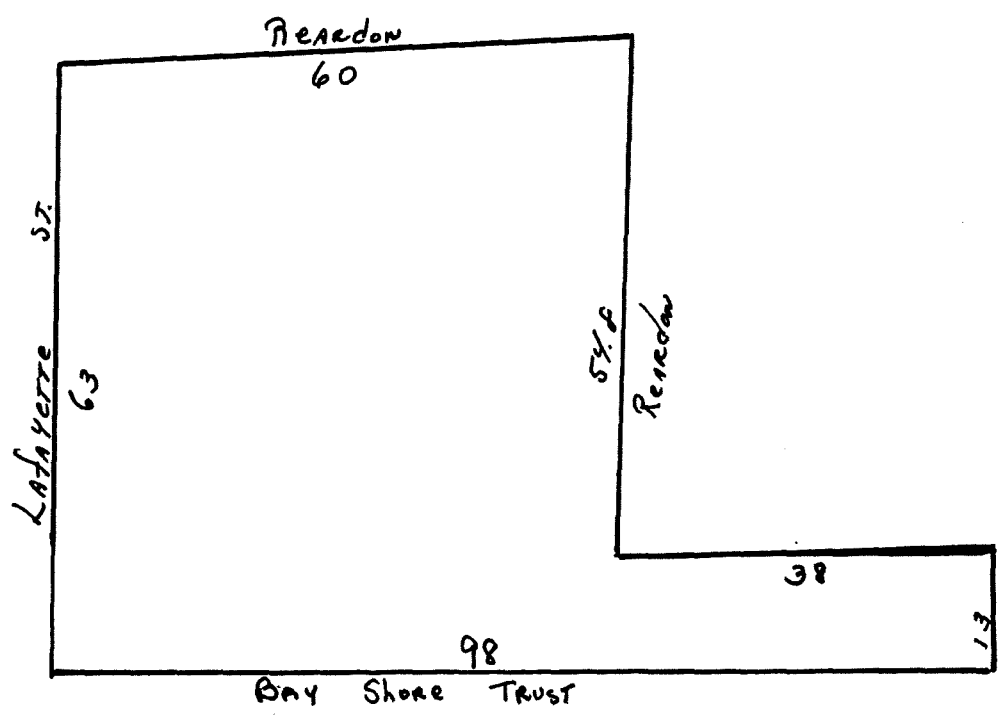


This transaction was subject to the grantor's right to occupy the premises free of rent until Oct. 1, 1924. (book 2611 page 14)

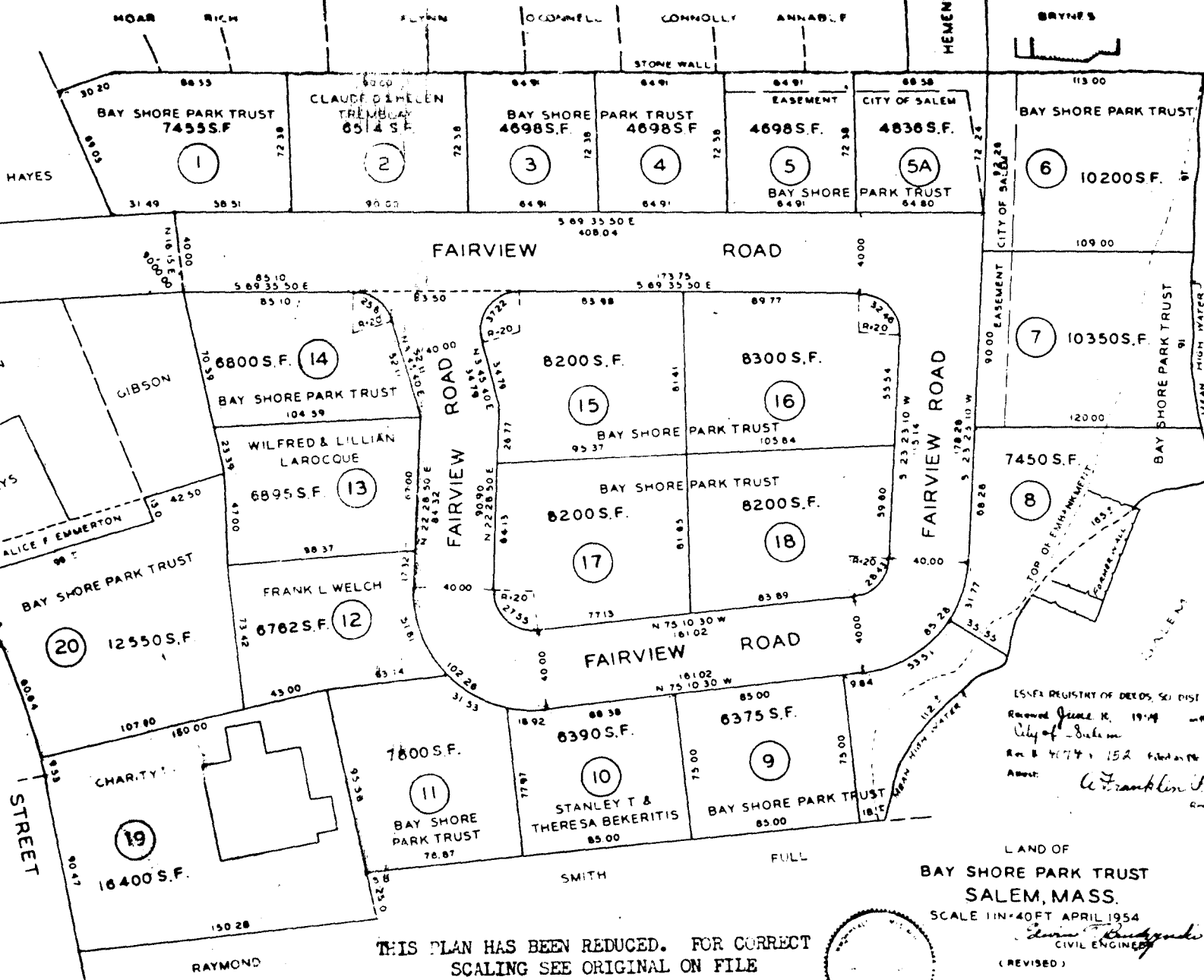
1926 July 1 - Emma S. Almy sold the land and building to Ethel R. Harkins, wife of John C. "The same conveyed by deed of Joanna L. Ahern and Anna A.V. Ahern on Sept. 2, 1924." (book 2685 page 574)
The Harkins mortgaged the house to the Salem Savings Bank. This mortgage was foreclosed in Dec. 1936. (book 3094 page 166)

1937 Feb. 3 - The Salem Savings Bank, holder of a mortgage from Ethel R. Harkins to Salem Savings Bank July 1, 1926, sold to Dorothy B. Almy and Alice F. Emmerton the land and building at 387 Lafayette St. (book 3100 page 317)

1957 Sept. 19 - The Merchants National Bank, Clarence A. Bonner and Caroline E. Derby trustees under the will of Alice F. Emmerton sold to Donald S. Emmerton the land and building on the east side of Lafayette St.



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ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS, SO DIST SALEM MASS
 Received June 10, 1954 with Indexing
 City of Salem
 Rec'd 4074 152 6/10/54 10:11 AM 1954
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 Registrar of Deeds

LAND OF
BAY SHORE PARK TRUST
SALEM, MASS.
 SCALE 1/4" = 40 FT APRIL 1954

Levin R. Boudreau
 CIVIL ENGINEER
 (REVISED)

THIS PLAN HAS BEEN REDUCED. FOR CORRECT
 SCALING SEE ORIGINAL ON FILE



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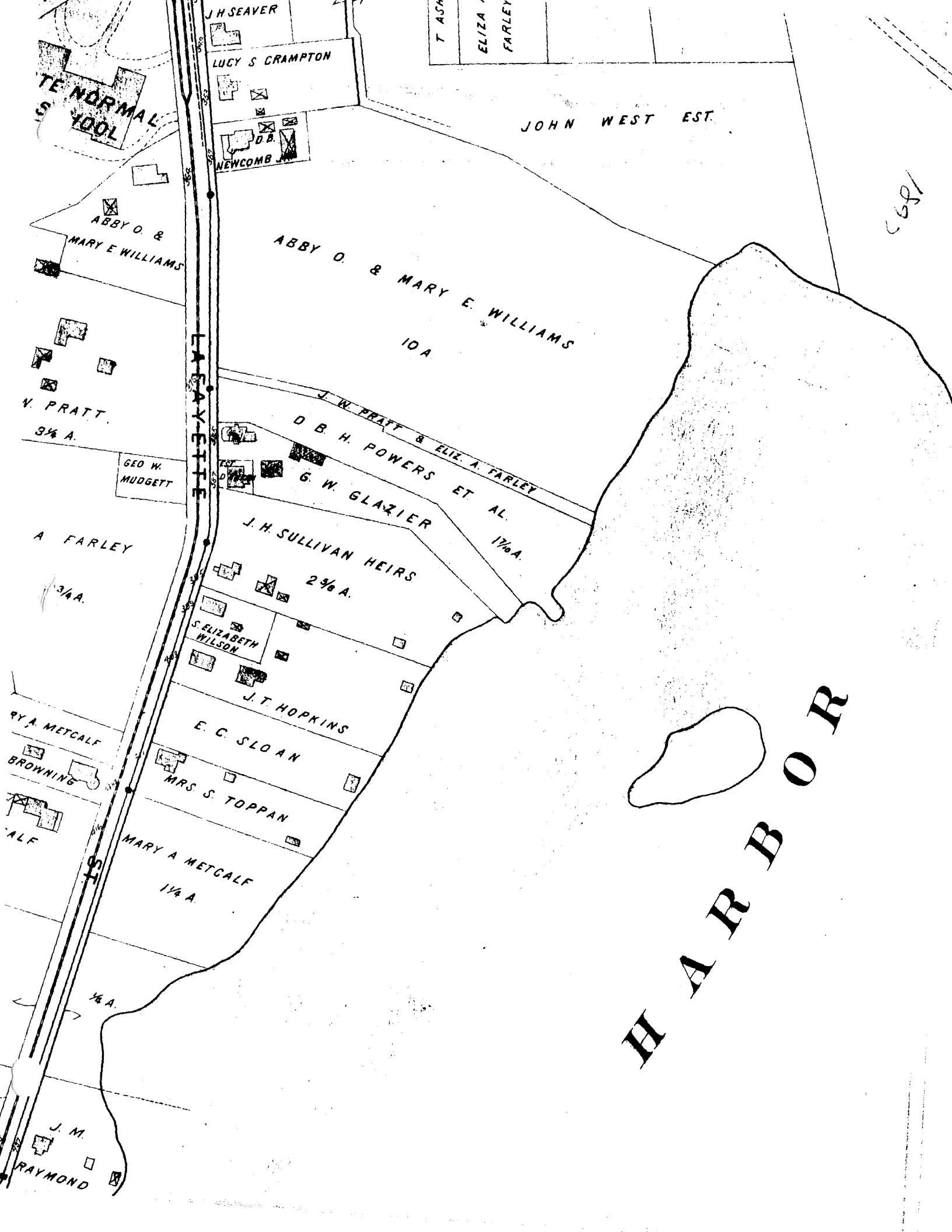
"Meaning to convey the same premises conveyed to Dorothy B. Almy and Alice F. Emmerton by deed from the Salem Savings Bank Feb. 3, 1937 book 3100 page 317 and a portion of premises conveyed to Dorothy B. Almy and Alice F. Emmerton by deed of Emma S. Almy Dec. 21, 1921 book 2928 page 271. The interest of said trustees being 1/3 acquired by will of Alice F. Emmerton and 2/3 already vested in grantee through wills of Dorothy B. Almy and Alice F. Emmerton." (book 4404 page 108)

1961 Dec. 28 - Donald S. Emmerton and Ann J. his wife sold the land and building to Robert D. Mahoney the present owner. (book 4864 page 33)

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.



PARTS OF
 OF
WARDS 3 AND 5
SALEM.



1893

T. ASH
ELIZA
FARLEY

J. H. SEEVER

LUCY S. GRAMPTON

JOHN WEST EST.

TE. NORMAL
SCHOOL

NEWCOMB

ABBY O. &
MARY E. WILLIAMS

ABBY O. & MARY E. WILLIAMS
10 A.

V. PRATT
3 1/4 A.

GEO. W.
MUDGETT

J. W. PRATT & ELIZ. A. FARLEY
D. B. H. POWERS ET AL.
G. W. GLAZIER
17 1/2 A.

A. FARLEY
3 1/4 A.

J. H. SULLIVAN HEIRS
2 1/2 A.

S. ELIZABETH
WILSON

J. T. HOPKINS

RYA. METCALF

E. C. SLOAN

BROWNING

MRS. S. TOPPAN

ALF

MARY A. METCALF
1 1/2 A.

1/2 A.

J. M.
RAYMOND

H A R B O R



39

NAPLES ROAD

FAIRVIEW RD.

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HARBOR VIEW TER.

LAFAYETTE

HEMENWAY RD. (SHORE RD.)

125 G HARBOR
SALEM HARBOR

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