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**8 Andrew Street**

Built for

Captain Samuel Masury, circa 1804, Mariner

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The Bowditch House

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8 Andrew Street RATING: THREE. PERIOD: FEDERAL

"Siding over the clapboards and a pediment supported by metal braces conceal the Federal characteristics of this house. Under the pediment the front door is framed by pilasters and a fanlight. Evidently the house was built by Captain Samuel Masury. According to B.F. Browne, this house was plastered on the outside at first -- an innovation in Salem at that time-- but the plaster did not stand up and was removed, being replaced with clapboards." (Historic District Study 2:1)

"Benjamin F. Browne in an article in the Essex Institute Historical Collections said that the land now Andrew Street was first owned by Captain Joseph Gardner, who was slain fighting the Narragansett Indians in 1675. It was then sold to Joseph Andrew, whose grandson sold it about 1780 to William Browne, who had a tannery here until 1802 when he opened up Andrew Street and sold house lots. Mr. Browne mentions that when he was young, water came up to Milk Street occasionally and that there was a spring east of the street and a stone wall at the end of it by Cove (Webb Street did not exist then)." (Historic District Study 2:1)

As mentioned above, William Brown (also Browne) and his son, Benjamin, carried on a tannery business on their large parcel of land. An entry in Rev. William Bentley's diary, on September 3, 1812, details the life of William Browne. "Died-William Browne, a Deacon, Warden of the Second Church, aet 79 ... In his youth he learned the Taylor's trade & was distinguished by the name of his occupation from the W. B. of the first family in Salem. He practiced his trade for many years at the head of Union wharf in a small building belonging to the Browne estate ... Br. Browne then removed to a shop which he bought upon a water lot at the foot of Curtis street below Derby street, & he purchased a

- house in Curtis street in which he lived above 30 years & in which he died. By engaging in a little shop & of an uncommon economy, he retailed groceries & kept boarders till he purchased the part of the Andrew Estate eastward of Washington Square, of the Town swamp above the Common. Here he carried on the Tanning business for several years with one of his Sons & upon the rise of real estate he laid out Andrew street & still possesses several lots & dwelling houses as well as other buildings upon it. He married three times & had three excellent wives." " He was small in person, active, & on Monday

last was in every part of town. He said, since a time last winter, he was often faint & he · · · fainted last week in his field. His indisposition last winter seemed lethargic inclining to paralysis but without any visible effect after his recovery. It was of the same kind when he died. He lay Tuesday & Wednesday in sensible & died this day at 11 a.m. A man of the best affections to his family ~ much maligned." (Bentley 4: 113)