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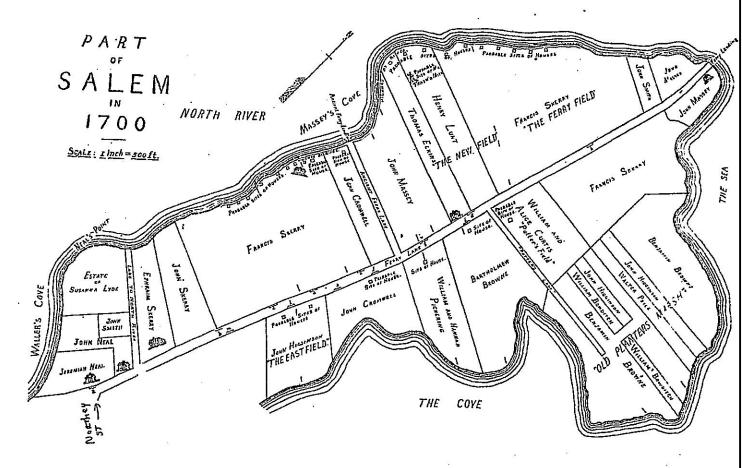
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ll Northey Street
Built by,
MILES SEARLE, housewright
in 1808

Research by,
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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."

11 Northey Street

This house stands on a portion of land owned by the Neal family early in Salem's history:



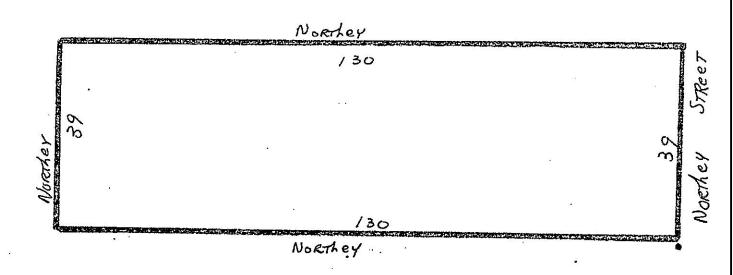
Jeremiah Neal House. John Neal of Salem, yeoman, early owned all the land shown on the map southwest of Lemon street. Upon this part of the lot in 1670 he built a dwelling house, in which lived his son Jeremiah Neal, carpenter. John Neal died in 1672, having devised the house and this part of the lot to his son Jeremiah Neal. Jeremiah Neal died in 1722, possessed of the house and lot. In 1735, in the division of the estate, this was assigned to the deceased's son Jeremiah Neal, the house being then called "an ancient building," and valued at two pounds. The house was gone before 1749.

John Neal House. This lot was a part of the lot of John Neal, and in his will, dated May 3, 1672, and proved June 28, 1672, to his son Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter, he devised this portion of his lot. Jeremiah Neal released the lot to his son John Neal of Salem, carpenter, for seven pounds, Nov. 10, 1693.* John Neal probably erected a house and barn thereon immediately, and conveyed house, barn, and land to his brother Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter, for one hundred and fifty pounds, Nov. 18, 1702.7 Jeremiah Neal, for one hundred and seventy pounds, conveyed the same estate to John Lemmon of Salem, mariner, April 25, 1749.‡

Northey Street was laid out on April 16, 1807 by an agreement between Abijah Northey, Moses Hale and Ezra Northey, through land which had been in the Northey family for many years:

"Said Abijah, Moses and Ezra doth covenant and agree to lay out a street through their land bounding on Bridge street and the North River (commonly known by the name as Windmill point)." The street was to be 45 feet wide "always to be kept open without any obstruction". They also agreed to put their fences on the street within 30 days. (book 181 page 165)

1808 March 5 - Abijah Northey, merchant, sold a lot of land to Miles Searle, housewright, of Salem, for the sum of \$560. This lot was described as being on a new street which runs from Bridge St. to the North River and is now called Northey Street. The land was measured to be 160 feet north from Bridge St. and was sold "with building thereon."



(book 183 page 174)

1808 tax records:

"Miles Searl, unfinished house - Northey St. \$500"

It is clear from the tax records that Miles Searle completed the house now known as #11 Northey St. Whether Mr. Northey started to build a house and sold it unfinished or the building referred to in the deed was an out building may never be determined. (Mr. Northey did not advertise the sale in the local papers.)

Miles Searle, the son of Samuel and Mehitable (Burpe) Searle, was born in Ipswich on April 22, 1782. After completing the house, Mr. Pearle probably moved in with his bride, Sarah Stanley, whom he married on June 4, 1808. Miles Searle was involved in other real estate transactions - 2 for his parents property in Rowley, one involving a house and land on Andrews St. (1806-1807) and one on liver St. (1809-1811). (Little else has been found regarding Miles Searle.)

1820 Sept. 16 - Miles and Sarah Searle, of Newburgh, N.Y., sold for the sum of \$1,075 to Asa Lamson Jr., trader, "the lot of land on Northey street I purchased of Abijah Northey on March 5, 1808 with a dwelling house now standing." (book 224 page 153)

Asa Lamson was born on Oct. 27, 1792, the son of Asa and Debby (Cox) Lamson. Mr. Lamson married on Sept. 9, 1814 Rebecca Vickery of Beverly.

The couple moved to Salemin May of 1817 with their two year oldson Edward. Four other children followed: Charles (b. 1817), George A. (b. 1821), Frederick (b. 1824) and Rebecca (b. 1828). The Lamsons took up residence at what is now 30 Northey St. and remained there until Sept. 29, 1820, when they moved into the house purchased of Miles Searle. (This house was called #5 Northey until the street was renumbered about 1896.)

The Lamsons lived in this house until 1827 when they moved into a "new" house on the opposite side of Northey St. Asa Lamson operated the local grocery store at the corner of Bridge and Northey street. He was an ardent astronomer and spent a great deal of time recording scientific details in his journals. (These journals and some addition papers are preserved at the Essex Institute.)

Documentation regarding the early years of Mr. Lamson's ownership of this house were found on loose pages from an account book:

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The first public records regarding tenancy can be found in the Salem directories:

1837 - Samuel Clark, painter; Mehemiah Roberts, mariner 1842 - John Luscomb, mariner

1843 Nov. 19 - Charles Lamson, son of Asa, married Elizabeth L. Andrews. The couple took up residence in this house.

1844 - Charles Lamson, watchmaker; Samuel Kemp, sailmaker 1846 - Charles Lamson, watchmaker; C. C. Dotey

1850 census:

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1854 tax records:

Occupant						
Charles Lamson John W. Dodge	•	As	a Lamson	Jr.	value	\$2,800
1857 Charles Lamson Henry W. Canterbury		11	π		п	ŧī

1860 census:

Charles Lamson	age	42	watchmaker	born	Mass.
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(Rev. Spaulding was the minister at the Universalist Church from March 4, 1860 to Nov. 28, 1869)

Tax records:

7	occupants .		Owner			
1861 -	Charles Lamson	Λsa	Lamson	Jr.	value	\$2,500
	Charles Berry	20 . 0	• •		0.	
1866 -	Charles Lamson	Asa	Lamson	Jr.		
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1870 census:

Charles Lamson	age	52	watchmaker	born	Mass.
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George A. "	11	24	watchmaker	ţt	11
Sarah "	11	20	no occupation	11	11
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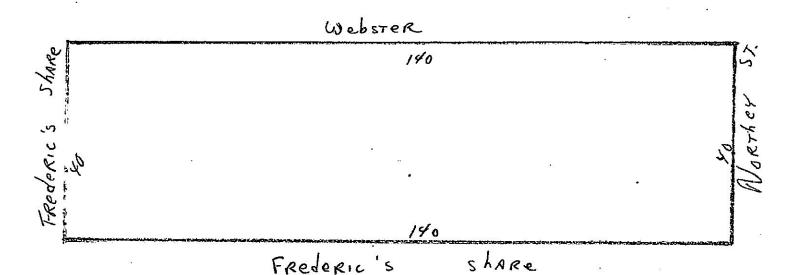
1870 May 14 - Asa Lamson Jr. died. The probate #44834 listed his heirs as:

Charles son
Edward F. "
Frederick "

Rebecca Wallis daughter

(The Essex Institute has in its collections a silhouette of Asa Lamson Jr. and several account and scrapbooks)

1870 June 21 - A division of Asa Lamson's real estate was made. Charles was given the house at 5 Northey St. as his share:



(book 800 page 10)

ASA LAMSON JR.

Schedule of Real Estate in detail.

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It may be of interest, because of its close proximity, to make note of the greenhouse located in the rear of this property belonging to Frederic Lamson:

"One entered a wicket-gate a short distance below the corner of Bridge street, on the left hand side, and following a narrow path came to the greenhouse which was built on a decided slope towards the river (now filled land). A jangling bell announced your arrival, and before you was a steep path heavily graveled and broken at intervals by a series of steps. Various Chinese jars and flower pots adorned the path; and on either side at right angles, two small glass houses opened, filled with a medley of blooms. A sudden decline brought you to the end of the path, where Mr. Lamson could usually be found in his little ramshackled pottingshed. If not, nowever, you could retrace your steps, cross to the opposite side of the street, where he lived with his sister, and enquire his whereabouts. His camellias were famous, great trees of red, pink, striped and white The latter were in great demand as bridal adornments. this connection, Mrs. Pickering, told me that when one of her aunts was married in 1852, Mr. Lamson furnished the "camillas" as he called them, and the bride's sister broke off a tiny branch and placed it in water, where it formed roots; this plant is still alive and in the possession of the bride's daughter. Many a trip I have made to "Lamsons" and brought home masses of tea roses in flower and bud at the cost of a pittance, and as he cut them I can hear him murmuring, "Elegant! Elegant!." (Salem Garden Club)

1871 tax record
occupant
Charles Lamson age 54
Charles A. " " 25

owner

Charles Lamson house \$1,900 39 X 138 land 700

The next change occurred in 1873 occupant

Charles Lamson George A. "

Mary Jocelyn

owner

Charles Lamson house \$2,200 39 X 138 land 800

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28 Elizabeth 30 Sarah

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1883 tax record owner occupant house \$1,800 Charles Lamson age 65 Charles Lamson land 37

1890 March 12 - Charles Lamson, the veteran jeweler, died at his residence on Pleasant St. last evening, after a long illness. He was born in Salem and has always resided there. For a very long period he was the custodian of the city clocks. He was a gentleman of quiet habits and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Lamson conducted a jewelry store near the corner of Washington and Essex streets. About a year ago Mr. Lamson had a very narrow escape from death, falling down in front of a team, while crossing the street, but the horse stepped over him without causing him any bodily harm, although his nerves were much shaken by the occurrence. Mr. Lamson was connected with the fire department for forty years, and was a member of Exchange Co. No. 6 in the days of the old hand tubs. He was a member of the common council in 1858-9 and in 1862-3-4-50

He leaves a daughter and one son, the latter being Assistant City (Funeral Saturday at 2:30 from 5 Northey Messenger George Lamson. St.) (Salem Observer and Register)

1890 tax record . . . occupant George A. Lamson

owner

Heirs of Charles Lamson
house \$1,800
land 600

1890 city directory listing
George A. Lamson assistant messenger, city hall
Sarah Lamson sub. asst. Public Library
Sarah U. Lamson

1899 March 12 - George A. Lamson died at the age of 51 years, 9 months and 26 days. (no obituary found)

1900 census

Elizabeth Lamson age 48 widow born Mass.

Charles " 10 at school " "

2nd family

Sarah Lamson " 50 seamstress " "

1903 August 2 - Sarah U. Lamson and Charles A. Lamson sold the property to Robert W. Hill. "The same estate conveyed to Charles Lamson by Frederic Lamson and Rebecca Wallace and Edward F. Lamson. Inherited by us as heirs of Charles. (book 2222 page 558)

1910 census

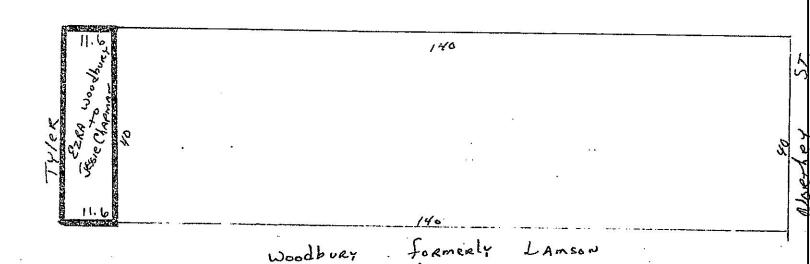
	Sarah Lamson	age	60	seamstress	•	born	Mas	ss.
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1913 city directory listing
Charles Lamson removed from the city
Sarah Lamson moved to Orange St.

1913 Sept. 5 - Robert and Grace E. Hill sold the property to Stephen L. Whipple. The same estate conveyed by Sarah U. Lamson and Charles A. Lamson. (book 2227 page 191)

1920 June 1 - The heirs of Stephen L. Whipple sold the land and building to Jessie S. Chapman, wife of Stephen L. Whipple. (book 2452 page 557)

1930 April 24 - Ezra Woodbury, unmarried, sold a small parcel of land to Jessie Chapman:



(book 2843 page 281)

1948 Eeb. 26. William O. Chapman, well known Salem banker, husband of the late Jennie S. (Dyer) Chapman died at his home, 11 Northey street, yesterday.

Born in Salem Nov. 2, 1858, Mr. Chapman was the son of the late John O. and Charlotte A. (Crosby) Chapman, and grandson of the late Hon. John Chapman, for many years editor and publisher of the Salem Register. He was educated in the local public schools and attended Salem High school, leaving in his senior year to enter the Salem Savings bank.

In 1880 he left the Salem Savings bank and went to the Mercantile National bank, where, three years later, he became a teller and in 1892 was elected cashier of the bank. In 1893 Mr. Chapman was elected cashier of the Asiatic National bank when the late Charles S. Rea resigned to accept the treasurership of the Salem Savings bank, and remained in this position until the Asiatic was merged with the Naumkeag National bank in 1909 and he was elected a director and appointed cashier of the new bank. In 1914 he was made treasurer of the Naumkeag Trust company and continued in that position until May, 1937, when he retired.

Mr. Chapman served as treasurer of the Essex Institute for 33 years, resigning that position in 1922. He served in the old Salem Common Council in 1890 and 1891 and on the school board in 1907, 1908 and 1909.

Surviving him are a son, John A. Chapman of Framingham, Mass. two daughters, Mrs. Clarence H. Heyman of Cleveland, O. and Miss Mary Chapman of Newark, N.J. and three grandchildren.

Mr. Chapman was a member of the Second Unitarian church, of Starr

King lodge, F. and A. M., Essex Institute, Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Essex lodge of Odd Fellows.

His funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Full Memorial chapel." (Salem Evening News)

1948 Oct. 20 - Horace S. Follansbee, of Swampscott, executor of the will of William O. Chapman, sold the land and buildings at 11 Northey St. for the sum of \$8,700, to Robert Gonyea. (book 3628 page 518)

1959 Sept. 30 - Robert E. Gonyea sold the land and buildings to Arthur S. and Lavina V. Bell. (book 4604 page 519)

1962 Sept. 27 - Arthur S. and Lavina V. Bell sold the property to Mildred Green and Isabel Sullivan. (book 4989 page 246)

1965 Sept. 20 - Mildred Green and Isabel G. Sullivan sold the land and buildings at 11 Northey St. to Winston and Gloria Davis. (book 5303 page 189)

1982 June 25 - Winston and Gloria Davis sold the land and buildings to Edward P. Purtz Jr. and Julie A. Lufkin-Purtz. (book 6948 page 689)

SISTER

Salem Octogenarians Had Much Means.

Didn't Cash Checks, but Lived as if They Were Poor.

WereFrederickLamsonand Mrs Rebecca Wallis.

SALEM, April 3-Mrs Rebecca Walls, widow of James A. Wallis, and Frederick Lamson, her brother, are dead at their home, 6 Northey st. She passed away at 1:35 p m yesterday. His death occurred at 1 this morning.

Mrs Wallis was born in the house in which site died, June 7, 1853. She was educated in private schools and was exceptionally well read and pleasing in conversation. She married James A. Wallis, a trusted clerk of the Eastern railroad company, in 1855. He died four years later. During the past 50 years she had lived in the old homestead:



THE LATE FREDERICK LAMSON.

THE LATE FREDERICK LAMSON.

She had been in foeble health for a long time previous to her death.

Frederick Lamson was born in Salem March 2. 1824, his parents being Asa and Rebecca (Vickery) Lamson. He was educated in private schools, and when 16 years of ago entered the employ of the Salem bank as clerk. There he remained five years. Subsequently he engaged in the raising of grapes and flowers. He made two trips to Europe. He was a life members of the Essex institute, and was a member of the Beverly historical society.

Some years ago he made a generous gift of silver plate and china to the Essex institute. He lost \$4000 by the failure of the South Danyers national bank in 1800. He was never married.

Mr Lamson had been suffering from the effects of shock for many months. He, as well as his sister, had ample means, yet it was not until within a few weeks that they would sanction the employment of a nurse. Their lives as a whole were exceptionally retired.

No light was ever seen in their home at night, previous to within a few weeks. Checks puyable to him months ago he refused to indorse to secure the money. He owned stock in the local cotton mills, banks and other institutions. He also leaves money on deposit in sayings banks.

Recently Mrs Wallis, for some reason unknown, declined to secure money on a check due her for interest in a local bank. She was interviewed by one who knew her for the express purpose of getting her to urge her brother to have his checks cashed, and at that time an uncashed check in her name was seen lying in a waste basket.

The parents of Mrs Wallis and her brother were affiliated with the North Unitarian church, and for years they themselves attended services held in that church. It is stated by a bank official that Mrs. Wallis and her brother were well known to the older people of Salema.

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