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17 River Street

House of BENJAMIN BECKFORD, fisherman

by 1757

possibly 17th century

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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

Since there is very little documentary evidence directly relating to this house before 1757 architectural evidence must be used to date this house. Chamfered beams, nogging in the north wall and other details indicate an earlier building. I would suggest calling in an expert on 17th century construction from the Soc. for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

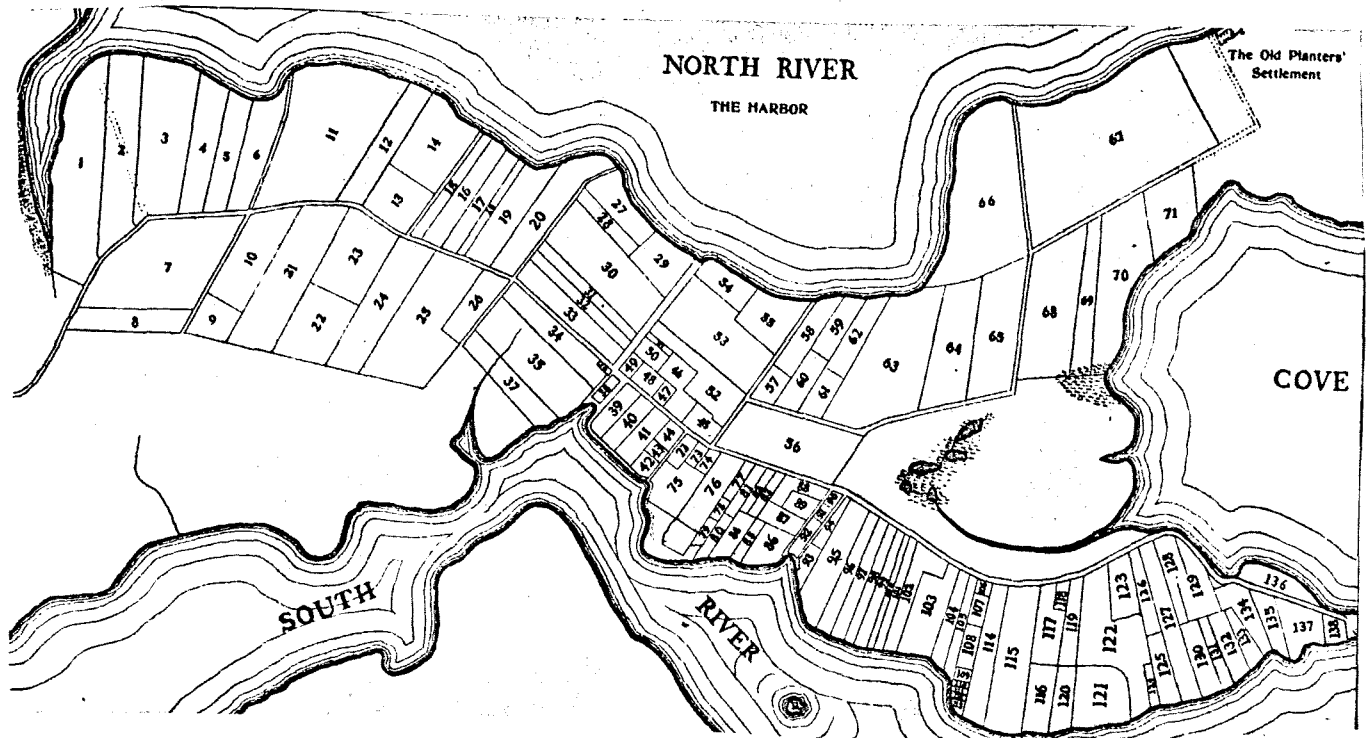
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17-17½ River Street

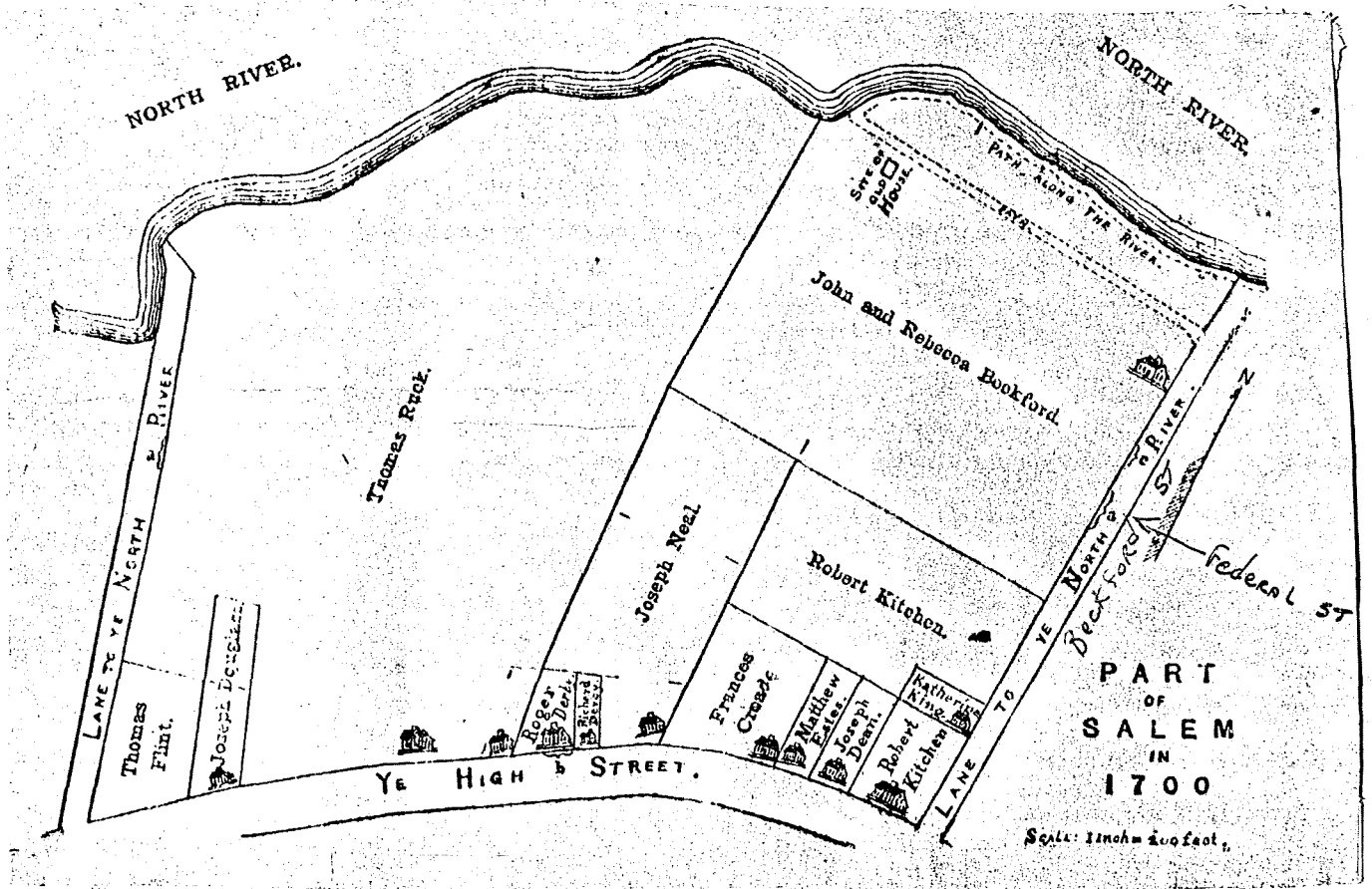
"River street was called a way in 1739; road, 1773; private road, 1778; lane, 1782; and River street in 1796." (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 7 pg. 116)

Although the name River street hardly seems to apply to this high and dry road today, during Salem's early history this was a way bordering on a beautiful, broad river, clean and so deep that vessels were built and launched at the head of it. The area around River street was known as Cape Driver, for the land which jutted out into the river was occupied by the Driver family. At the end of this street was a sandy beach where carts passed to gather sea-weed and sea-grass. A large sand bank was favorite playground.

The land on which this house stands was very early owned by Thomas Trusler (#14 on the map):



The land is described in the Essex Antiquarian as the John and Rebecca Beckford lot:



John and Rebecca Beckford House. § That part of this lot lying east of the dashes was owned by Thomas Trusler, who died March 5, 1654. His widow Elinor Trusler died in 1655, having devised the house and lot to her son Edward Phelps. Mr. Phelps lived in Newbury, and, for twenty-five pounds, he conveyed the estate to Thomas Robbins of Salem July 2, 1657. ¶ Upon Mr. Robbins' decease, before 1694, the estate descended to his niece and heir Rebecca Pinson. Mr. Pinson died in July, 1695, having devised his estate to his wife Rebecca. In the inventory of his estate, the house, barn and land were appraised at one hundred pounds. Mrs. Rebecca Pinson survived her husband, and married secondly, Joseph Boobier of Marblehead; and, for thirty pounds, they conveyed to Rebecca, daughter of William Pinson, and wife of John Beckford of Marblehead, Jan. 11, 1698-9, ¶ the estate then being in the possession of George Hacker, as tenant. Mr. and Mrs. Beckford removed to Reading, where he was a yeoman: and conveyed the house and land

around it to their son John Beckford, jr., of Salem, shoreman, July 23, 1739.* The house was probably gone soon after. The exact site of the house, as it stood in 1700 is uncertain, it may have been on the narrow way some two hundred feet westerly of the place where it is marked on the map.

That part of the lot lying west of the dashes was a part of the Richard Bishop lot, and was devised in the nuncupative will of Mr. Bishop, who died in 1674-5, to his son Thomas Bishop for his life and the remainder in fee to the latter's son Richard Bishop. Thomas Bishop lived in Manchester, and was a wheelwright. For forty pounds, he conveyed it to Robert Kitchen of Salem Dec. 22, 1691. † Thomas Bishop's son Richard released his interest in the estate to Mr. Kitchen Feb. 7, 1692-3. † Richard Bishop's house stood upon the northern end of the lot, according to his will, but was probably gone before the latter date. Mr. Kitchen apparently conveyed the lot to John and Rebecca Beckford about 1700, and it was thenceforth a portion of the Beckford lot.

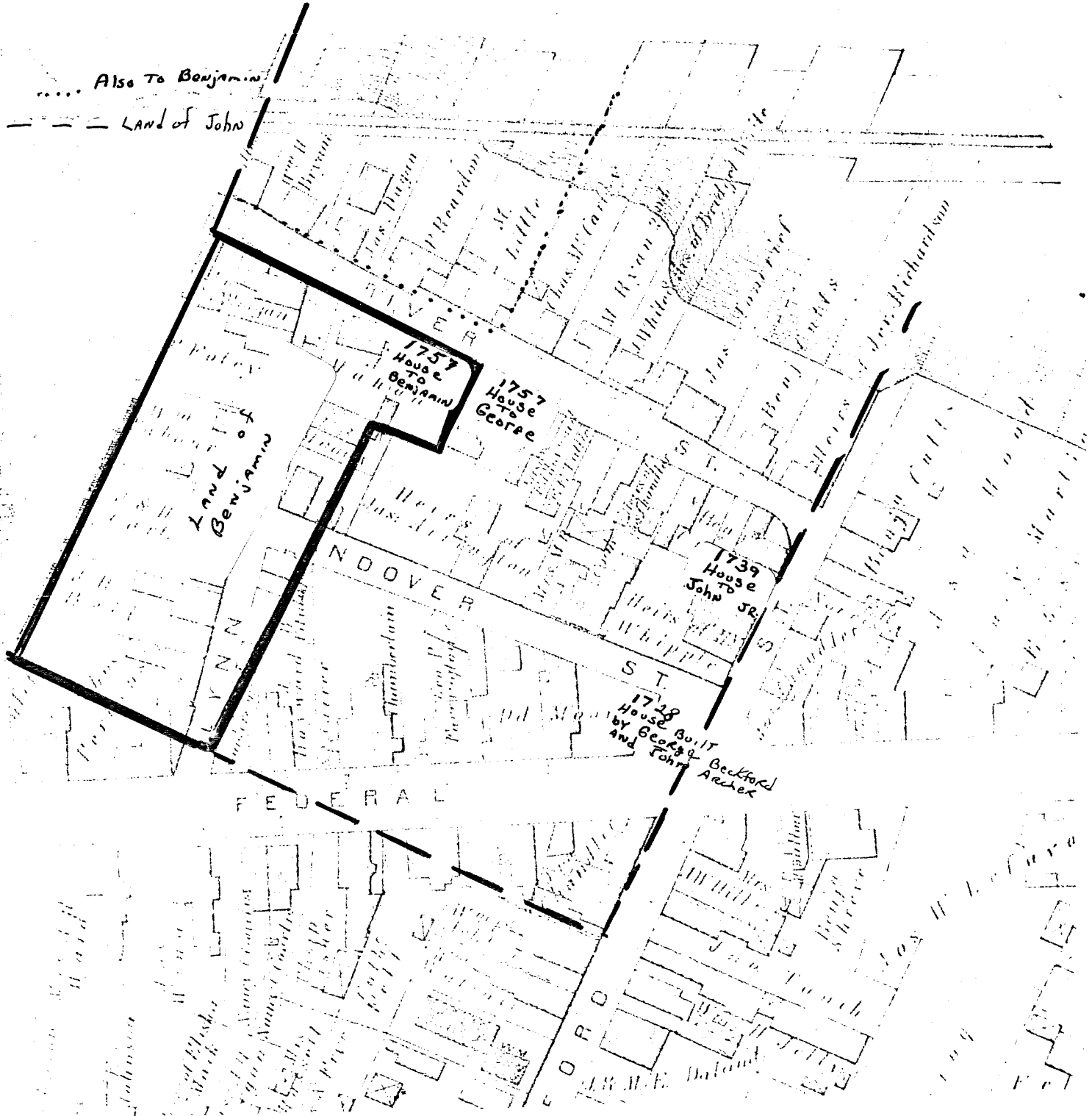
1698/9 Jan. 12 - Joseph Boobier of Marblehead and Rebeckah Boobier his wife relict of William Pinsent, late of Salem and executrix of the late will of said William Pinsent, sold the "messuage" containing about three acres of land with a dwelling house, barn and out housing to John Bickford and Rebeckah his wife. Rebeckah was the only child of the late William Pinsent. (book 13 page 62) (appendix A early documentation and genealogy data)

John Beckford (Bickford), the son of George and Christian Beckford, was born at Marblehead about 1674. His occupations were recorded as fisherman, brickmaker, shoreman and yeoman. Mr. Beckford married Rebecca Pinsent, the daughter of William and Rebecca (Greene) Pinsent, on Feb. 8, 1697/8. The couple settled in Salem where on Dec. 8, 1717, he and wife Rebecca were baptized and received to the First Church with seven of their children.

Beckford children:

George born July 5, 1700
John born Sept. 15, 1702
Rebecca born Feb. 26, 1705
William born March 4, 1706
Bethiah born Feb. 2, 1708
Benjamin born Aug. 30, 1711
Ebenezer born May 18, 1715
Priscilla born Aug. 8, 1717
Mary born Nov. 22, 1719
Sarah born Dec. 18, 1721

Over the years John and Rebecca sold portions of their homestead to their sons. By 1757 the entire three acres had been doled out with a large lot including a dwelling house (17 River St.) being sold to Benjamin Beckford:



1757 March 21 - As shown, John Beckford, formerly of Salem then of Reading, and Rebekah his wife sold "a Dwelling House and a Lot of Land under & adjoining in Salem af^d in y^e occupation of y^e s^d Benjamin containing about one hundred seventy two poles & an half of their late Homested" to Benjamin Beckford. (book 104 page 122) (appendix B)

Benjamin Beckford, fisherman and yeoman, was born on Aug. 30, 1711 and married Mary Collins, on Dec. 6, 1733. (Mr. Beckford is first taxed for real estate in 1735, apparently as a tenant. Other than being in Ward 4 the location of this real estate is not known.)

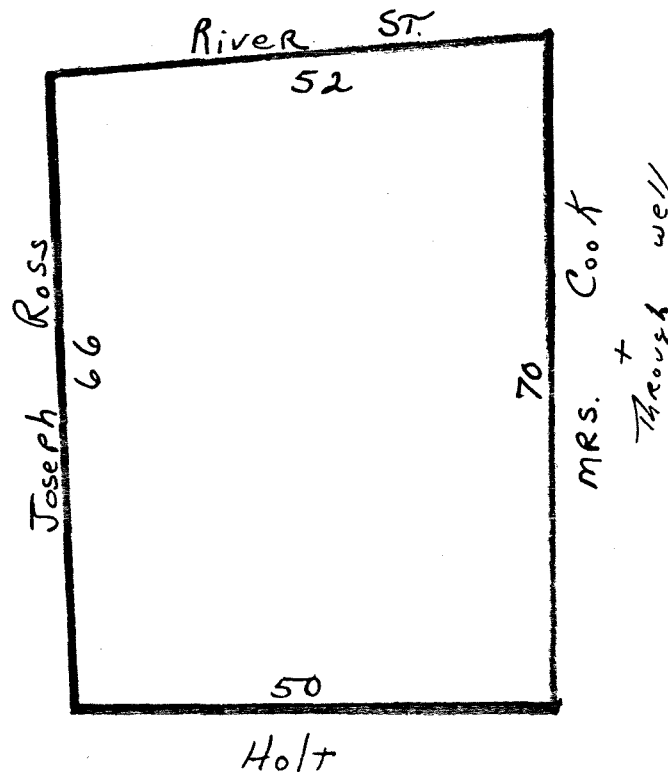
Benjamin and Mary had children: Mary, Benjamin, Adoniram, Hannah, James and George.

Benjamin Beckford married as his second wife, Lydia (Cheever) Legro Norris, on Oct. 2, 1750. Mrs. Norris' children were Sarah, Elizabeth, James and Henry Norris.

1773 May 28 - Benjamin Beckford, a member of of the Society of Friends, died and was buried in the "plain and decent manner of Friends" in the Friend's Burying Ground. In his will, Lydia was devised "the entire use of two chambers in my House and of the small garden by it and as much room in the cellar, garret and wood-house as will be sufficient for her use, so long as she shall remain my widow." Three house lots were granted from the "Bridge Lot" and the residue, both real and personal, were devised to his son Benjamin Beckford. (appendix C)

1778 - Much of the estate was sold by Benjamin Beckford Jr. and in April 1783 he was sued by Joseph Southwick. An appraisal of the property was made. This house (17 River St.) was described as "an Old house and the land under it & adjoining to it in said Salem containing about three poles be it more or less bounded Northerly on the afores^d lane west on Phillips's land Easterly on the yard where the well stands southerly on the widow Bickford's Garden." (appendix D) (Lydia Beckford also sued, appendix E)

1796 Sept. 6- Benjamin and Sarah Bickford sold the land, dwelling house and other buildings to Lydia Bickford for the sum of \$34:



(appendix F)

1804 Jan. 28 - Lydia Beckford died at the age of 100 years, 5 months.

The Rev. William Bentley made note of Mrs. Beckford in his diary:

31. This day I had an opportunity to enquire of the daughter of the late Lydia Beckford respecting her deceased mother and I ascertained the following particular facts. Lydia Beckford, who was buried yesterday, was in her family name Lydia Chever. She was born in the house which was possessed by her Brother Peter Chever, till the present generation. And by Capt. Prat who bought it but afterwards removed to Orford, N. H. It was sold & he moved into Oliver street. It stood on the N.W. side of the Common at the entrance of what is now called Oliver street, has been carried back & enlarged. It was 50 feet in from the road. The door entered on the western side, room & bedroom front. It was of two low stories, & had a kitchen behind. At 17 years of age Lydia married Mr. Legro whose grandchild now lives. She had but one child by Legro. At 26 years of age she married Mr. Norris, a Brother to the Grandfather of the present generation & descendant of the Minister & Schoolmaster. By him she had four children, of which only one remains, who is married to John Archer. At 37 she married Benjamin Beckford, but by him she had no children & she had lived about 31 years a Widow, chiefly with her daughter and as a Nurse chiefly among her own posterity. From the account of her daughter she had full health through life. She was a woman of the full size, muscular, not fat, but fleshy, strong, patient of labour, equal yet persevering, not aspiring, yet active, & contented. The family of Chever still continue to hold a great part of the antient patrimony & in the family name. Nothing has been sold by persons of the name. The late deceased is an example that early marriage does not necessarily shorten life. Her husband Legro came from Cambridge. Her husband Benjamin Beckford was Brother to the Aged & venerable Deacon Beckford, who has died since I came to Salem, & was the father of Eb: Beckford, &c. & many children.

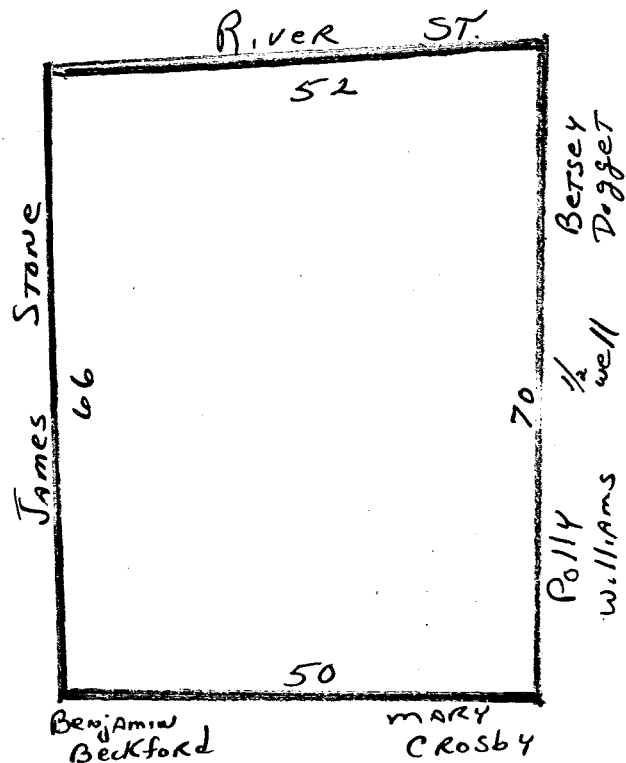
By will (#2284), written Oct. 26, 1796, Lydia Beckford bequeathed all of her estate, both real and personal, to John Archer and his wife Elizabeth (daughter of Lydia).

Capt. John Archer was a coaster, fisherman, mariner and shoreman. He married Elizabeth Norris on June 28, 1758. Elizabeth died on April 3, 1814 at the age of 80. Captain John Archer died on Sept. 18, 1819.

1828 April 19 - The heirs of John Archer sold the land and dwelling house to John Archer, cabinetmaker and James Archer, mariner.

John Archer then sold his rights to James Archer "the same conveyed to Lydia Beckford on Sept. 6, 1796." (book 247 pages 269-270)

1830 April 29 - James and Elizabeth Archer sold the land and dwelling house to John Snelling:



(book 257 page 23)

Captain John Snelling was a native of Newfoundland, but resided in the U.S.A. since 1784. Captain Snelling died on June 28, 1833 at the age of 60. His wife, Lydia (Archer) Snelling died on Oct. 1, 1833 at the age of 57.

1834 April 14 - The heirs of John and Lydia Snelling sold the land and dwelling house to Susan Marston for the sum of \$540. "The same estate John Snelling bought of James Archer on April 29, 1830."

(book 273 page 297)

1836 directory

17 River St. - Susan Marston, tailoress

1842 directory

17 River St. - Susan Marston

John Phelps, sash and blind maker at 12 Federal St.
(this shop was located in the rear
of the Peirce Nichols House.)

1850 census

Susan Marston	age 67	born Mass.
2nd family		
Michael Barry	" 30 currier	" Ire.
Eliza "	" 29	" Mass.
Sarah "	" 5	" "
John H. "	" 3	" "
Margaret "	" 16	

1853 tax

Susan Marston 3 houses (15 $\frac{1}{2}$ River, 17 River and 10 Lynn streets)

1857 Nov. 22 - Mrs. Susan Marston died leaving a will in which many monetary bequest were made (appendix G). The property was to be sold to fulfill her wishes.

1858 tax

17 River St.

James May age 50

Estate of Susan Marston - \$1,200

1858 Sept. 1 - The heirs of Susan Marston sold the dwelling house and land to Thomas Perkins. Mr. Perkins was a wealthy merchant having his residence at 124 Federal St. The real estate assessed to Mr. Perkins was: 124 Federal St. valued at \$3,000; Brick storehouse \$400; 7 Ash St. \$2,000; 10 Lynn St. \$1,000; 17 River St. \$600; 21 North St. and a lot of land on Walter St. no value given.

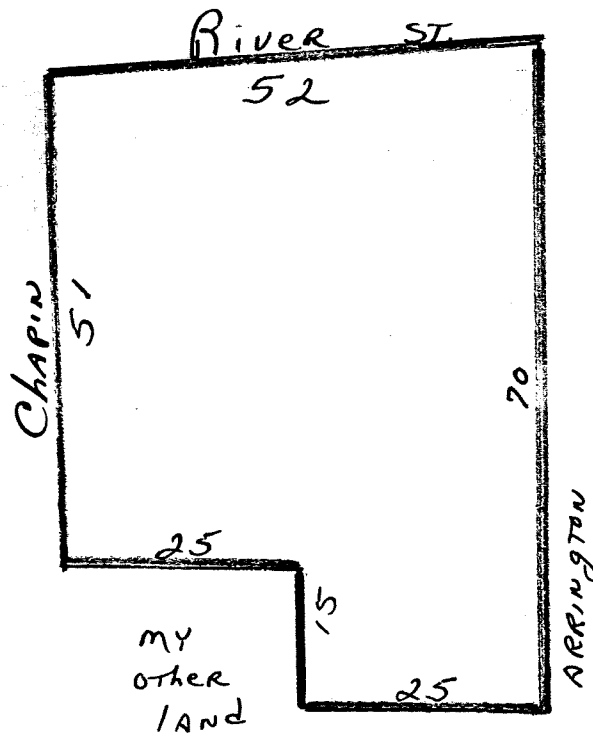
1860 census

James Lawrence	age 25	currier	born Ire.
Hannah "	" 24		" "
John "	" 1		" Mass.
2nd family			
James Shortell	" 29	currier	" Mass.
Mary "	" 28		" "
Anna "	" 5		" "
Ellen "	" 4		" "
Thomas "	" 2		" "

1866 tax

<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Michael Kenney	Thomas Perkins
	house \$350
	land 350

1869 July 6 - Thomas Perkins sold the dwelling house and land to Ann McMahon. "The same purchased by Perkins except a jog piece 15'X 25' sold to Mary Jackson et al."



(book 776 page 162)

1870 census

Michael McMahon	age 35 laborer	born Ire. (County Clare)
John "	" 25 currier	" "
Bridget "	" 20	" "
Ann "	" 66 keeps house	" "

2nd family

Henry McGee	" 30 butcher	" "
Margaret "	" 28	" "
William "	" 9 months	" Mass.
Margaret "	" 2	" "
Mary Ann "	" 4	" "

1872 tax

<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Michael McMahon	Ann McMahon
Patrick Sullivan	house \$900
John McMahon	land 600

1880 census

Michael Boyle	age 40	currier	born Ire.
Anna "	" 25	keeps house	" Nova Scotia
Bessie "	" 4	daughter	" Mass.
Charles "	" 3	son	" "
Louisa "	" 1	daughter	" "

2nd family

John McCabe	" 24	plumber	" N.H.
Anne "	" 22	keeps house	" Mass.
William "	" 4	son	" "

1884 August 4 - John "McMeahon" was granted a building permit to build an "addition" to the dwelling house at 17 River St. This then became 17½ River St. (Building Permits at the Essex Institute)

1886 tax

Occupants

John McMahan

Owner

Ann McMahan
house \$1,100
land 400
addition 200

1887 tax

#17 John J. McMahan

Patrick Lynch

Ann McMahan
house \$1,300
land 400

#17½ James Landers

John Doyle

1890 tax

#17 John J. McMahan

#17½ James Landers

Edward Morris

John J. O'Keefe

Ann McMahan
house \$1,300
land 400

1892 March 5 - Ann McMahon, the widow of John, died at the age of 90 years. John J. McMahon and Mrs. James Landers then became the owners of 17-17½ River St.

1900 census

				<u>Came to U.S.</u>
#17	Amos Sullivan	age 77	born Ire.	1860
	John Whiting	" 25 grandson	" Eng.	
	(illegible)	" 17 grand daughter	" "	1884
	Delia Leahey	" 43 laundress	" Ire.	1873
#17½	John McMahon	" 52 city worker	" "	1864
	Katherine "	" 42	" "	1874
	John "	" 15	" Mass.	
	Patrick "	" 14	" "	
	Annie "	" 11	" "	
	Mary "	" 8	" "	
	Katherine "	" 10	" "	
	Margaret "	" 6	" "	
2nd family				
	James Landers	" 44 currier	" Ire.	1882
	Bridget "	" 48 variety store	" "	1868
	James "	" 20 nephew, general labor	" "	1895
	Ellen "	" 17 niece, shoemaker	" "	
	Minnie "	" 13 niece, at school	" "	

1905 tax

	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
#17	Robert Carson	Mrs. James Landers
	Thomas Carson	John J. McMahon
	Charles Carson	house \$1,300
		land 500
#17½	John J. McMahon	
	James Landers	
	John J. McMahon Jr.	
	Patrick Landers	

1910 census

#17	Edward Jacobs	age 28	teamster	born Mass.
	Mary	"	" 27	" "
	Sara	"	" 2	" "
	daughter no name - new born			" "
	Kathleen Connelly	" 15	sister-in-law	" "
2nd family				
	John Robinson	" 42	blacksmith	" Canada
	Anna	"	" 30	" "
	Earl	"	" 7	" "
#17½	James Landers	" 55	grocer (own shop)	" Ire.
	Bridget	"	" 53	" "
	John J. McMahon	" 66		" "
	John	"	" 26 city worker	" Mass.
	Patrick	"	" 24 fireman shoe fact.	" "
	Annie	"	" 22	" "
	Katherine	"	" 20 stenographer	" "
	Mary	"	" 18 stenographer	" "
	Margaret	"	" 16	" "

1917 May 13 - James Landers died. This obituary notice appeared in the local papers:

"James Landers died at his home, 17½ River St. this morning. He was the son of Patrick and Ellen (Donnelly) Landers, and for years conducted a grocery store (10 River St.)."

He was born in Ireland and served as a member of the constabulary in his native land. He was a thorough student of the Emerald Isle and its history. He leaves a widow, Bridget (McMahon) Landers.

1972 July 26 - The property passed from the McMahon family when Rita McMahon sold the land and buildings (12 Lynn St. and 17-17 $\frac{1}{2}$ River St.) to Laurence C. Post Jr. and Donald Koleman for the sum of \$20,000. (book 5880 page 170)

1975 Aug. 26 - Laurence C. Post Jr. and Donald Koleman sold the land and buildings at 17-17 $\frac{1}{2}$ River St. to Nancy Witham. (book 6175 page 624)

1976 August 12 - Nancy L. Witham trustee of 17-17 $\frac{1}{2}$ River St. Trust sold the land and buildings to Robert C. Bramble of Allyn Realty Trust. (book 6268 page 557)

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.

Benezer Kattom January 4th 1698 before me Joseph Kattom
and of Nath. Sewall Reg

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Joseph Probert and Rebeckah his wife to Joseph Probert his wife
1698

Be it known unto all men by these presents that Joseph Probert
of Marblehead in the County of Essex in New England & Rebeckah Probert
his wife relict of William Piment late of Salem Deceased & executrix of
y^e last will and Testament of said William Piment Deceased for & in
consideration of y^e summe of thirty pounds current money of New England
to him of said Joseph Probert & Rebeckah Probert well and truly paid
by John Bickford of Marblehead & Rebeckah his wife daughter of said
William Piment Deceased & her & in consideration that y^e said Bickford is
this day become bound to y^e said Probert & Rebeckah his wife to pay
all y^e Debts that yet remaine owing from y^e Estate of said William Piment
Deceased & to leave him harmless relating to y^e same as also in consideration
of y^e Right Title & Interest which y^e said John Bickford & Rebeckah his
wife hath to y^e Estate of y^e said William Piment Deceased y^e said Rebeckah
being his only Heir whether as he is heirs to him or by virtue of y^e
Last will & Testament of said William Piment Deceased or any other ways
 WHATSOEVER For & in all y^e Considerations aforesaid & herewith they y^e said Joseph
Probert & Rebeckah Probert his wife here fully & lawfully consented & gave
Bargain & sold and do by these presents give grant Bargain sell assign
affirm let over & confirm unto y^e said John Bickford & Rebeckah his
wife their heirs Executors admors & assigns For ever all that our Messuages
or Tenement Situate in Salem aforesaid being bounded Northwestly with y^e land
of Thomas Ryck Northeastly of River Southwesterly on y^e one Southerly

EARLY HISTORY

Lot owned by Thomas Trusler.

²Thomas Trusler lived on the westerly side of Beckford Street. He was in Salem in 1638, and probably came in 1629. In 1649, he was excused from training on account of his age. He married Eleanor, widow of — Phelps. She may have been a Moulton, as he speaks of "father Moulton." He had a daughter in England in 1654. He died March 5, 1653-4; and she died before June, in the spring of 1655.

His widow Elinor Trusler died in 1655, having devised a house and lot to her son Edward Phelps.

Edward Phelps sold a dwelling house and three acres of land to Thomas Robbins. (book 13 page 61, see next page)

Thomas Robbins first appeared in Salem in 1641, at the age of twenty-three;

Thomas Robbins
Walter Price

Thomas Robbins

and Walter Price² had come from England in the spring, having brought with him a servant, named John Watkins, who died within six or seven weeks after landing.

¹Thomas Robbins was born about 1618; carpenter; married, first, Isabel —, probably a widow, as she had a son in 1657; she died Oct. 9, 1674; married, second, Mary (Gould), widow of Richard Bishop March 11, 1674-5; probably no children; they were both living in 1681. Mr. Robbins had a sister, who married — Greene, and had a daughter named Rebecca. The latter married, first, William Pinson Feb. 27, 1675-6; and after his death she married, second, Joseph Buber of Marblehead Jan. 1, 1696-7.

Mr. Robbins' estate descended to his niece Rebecca Pinson.

¹William Pinson, born about 1648, was a fisherman and husbandman; lived in Salem as early as 1676; married Rebecca Greene (daughter of sister of Thomas Robbins) Feb. 27, 1675-6; died July —, 1695; she married, secondly, Joseph Boobier of Marblehead Jan. 1, 1696-7; in his will he mentions William Pinson, minor son of his kinsman Thomas Pinson; children: 1. William, born March 26, 1677; 2. Rebecca; married John Bickford.

Mrs. Pinson married 2nd Joseph Boobier. The Boobiers conveyed the property to John and Rebecca Beckford.

The west portion of John Beckford's lot was early owned by Richard Bishop. Thomas Bishop conveyed the lot to Robert Kitchen in 1691. (book 9 page 69) Robert Kitchen conveyed the property to Thomas Robbins in 1695.

¹Richard Bishop was a husbandman; lived in Salem; married, first, before 1635, Dulzabella —, who was born about 1607; she died in Salem Aug. 23 (24), 1658; married, second, Mary Gould, July 22, 1660; she was born about 1611; he died in Salem Dec. 30, 1674; his widow, Mary, married Thomas Robbins; children: 1. Mary, born about 1635; married John Darling (called John Barret or Barbant); 2. Thomas; lived in Manchester; wheelwright; married Lydia —; died Oct. 15, 1694; she was his widow in 1702; had children; 3. Nathaniel; lived in Easthampton, Long Island, N. Y.; was dead in 1686; 4. John; lived in Southampton, Long Island, N. Y.; husbandman; was living in 1686.

Edward Phelps to Tho: Robbins Entred Jan^y 27: 1697th

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Know all men by these presents that I Edward Phelps of Newbery
in the County of Essex for and in Consideration of Twenty five pound
On hand paid before the Ensealing hereof by Thomas Robbins of
Salem have and doe by these presents bargain sell aliene assigne
and set over unto the said Robbins his Heires Executors & Assignes
for Ever one Dwelling house together with three acres and half
of Land more or Less wherein the said house standeth Situate and
Lying between the house and Land of Richard Bishop and
the Lane on the East Putting upon the North River and thence up=
wards to the high way Southwards with all the appurtinances
thereto Belonging and doe hereby promise to defend the title
thereof against all matter of & sons from by or under me Lay=
ing Claime unto the same. In Witness whereof I bind me
myne Heires Executors & Administr^{rs} the 2^d July 1657 /

ined & sealed & Delivered

Edward Phelps & seal

In Presence of _____
Elias Hileman
Edward Mitchel sen^r
in the presence of
Steph: Sewall R^g.

Edward Phelps acknowledged this
Writing (before the Court now In Salem
2^d July 1657) to be his act & Deed
as attost: Elias Hileman Cler^k

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John Bickford Clerk
Benj^r Bickford
Low
Keying
Stamp

To all People, to whom these Presents shall come, Green
Know Ye, That *John Bickford* formerly of Salem in said County
of Essex now of *Rebecca* in the County of Middlesex Woman
and *Rebecca* his wife

For and in Consideration of the Sum of *Twenty* pounds in full Right and Lawful Money
to *John* in Hand before the Enfealing hereof, well and truly paid by *Benjamin*
Bickford and *Salem* *Dickerman*

the Receipt whereof *they* do hereby acknowledge
and *them* selves — therewith fully satisfied and contented; and thereof, and of every Part
and Parcel thereof, do covenante, acquit and discharge *John* the said *Benjamin*
& *his* Heirs, Executors and Administrators
forever by these Presents: HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and
confirmed; and by these Presents, Do freely, fully and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell,
aliened, convey and confirm, unto *John* the said *Benjamin* & *his*

of *land* under adjoining in *Salem* of *in* *division* of *land* *Benjamin* containing about one hundred *square*
feet *land* *John* half of *John* (late *Homes*) *land* bounded northerly on *way* eleven *feet* *the* quarter *way* on *land*
the *Samuel* *Libbey*, about *thirteen* *feet* *the* *land* of *Samuel* *Libbey* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
partly on *land* of *George* *Bickford* & *land* of *John* *Bickford* now conveyed to *John* by *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
about *seven* *feet* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
& *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
by a *wood* *line* *running* *through* *the* *middle* *of* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
part of *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
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in *Common* *of* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Bickford *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
aforenamed — also all *the* *right* *in* *that* *part* *of* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford*
which *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
the *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*

To have and to hold the said granted and bargained Premises, with all the
Appurtenances, Privileges and Commodities to the same belonging, or in any wife appertaining
to *John* the said *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Heirs and Assigns forever. To *his* and *his* only proper Use, Benefit and Bechoof forever
And *that* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
the *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant, promise and grant to and with
the *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*

Heirs and Assigns, that before the Enfealing hereof, *they* are the true sole and lawful Owners
of the above-bargained Premises, and are lawfully seized and possessed of the same in *their*
own proper Right, as a good perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple: And have in
themselves good Right, full Power and lawful Authority, to grant, bargain, sell, convey
and confirm said bargained Premises in Manner as aforesaid; and that *to* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Benjamin *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Heirs and Assigns, shall and may
from Time to Time, and at all Times forever hereafter, by Force and Virtue of these Pre-
sents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly Have, Hold, Use, Occupy, Possess and Enjoy the said
demised and bargained Premises, with the Appurtenances, free and clear, and freely and
clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of, from all and all Manner of former or other
Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leases, Mortgages, Wills, Entails, Joitures, Dowries,
Judgments, Executions, or Incumbrances of what Name or Nature soever, that might in any
Measure or Degree obstruct or make void this present Deed.

Furthermore *they* the said *John* *Bickford* first named *Rebecca* *his*
his *land* *wife* for *them* *selves* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Executors and Administrators, do Covenant and Engage the above demised Premises to *John*
the said *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford* *the* *land* of *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Heirs and Assigns, against the lawful Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons whatsoever, forever
hereafter to Warrant, Secure and Defend by these Presents. *John* *Bickford* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford*

do here to put their hands
Signed sealed &c.
in presence of
The Paper being stamped with
a four penny Stamp
and 4 words hundred George Salem
being interlined
John Marsh inter
Amos Upton

John L Bickford
Rebecca Bickford

Middlesex 25th April 1757 The witness named *John*
Rebecca *Bickford* appeared and acknowledged *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford*
Infirmment ble: *John* *Bickford* *the* *land* *of* *Benjamin* *Bickford*
before me *John* *Nichols* Just of Peace

Copy put on Record August 11th 1757 *John* *Nichols* Just of Peace
by *John* *Nichols* Register

Principally, & first of all, I give & recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it; and my Body to the Earth, to be buried according to the Direction given to my Executor hereafter named.

And touching the worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give & devise the same in the following Manner.

In the first Place I give to my well beloved Wife Lydia my two best Beds & Bedding & Bedsteads, with a Suit of China, Curtains, & Curtain Rods, a high Case of Drawers, a Desk, a walnut oval Table, one dozen of my best Chairs, including the great-Chair, a brass Kettle, a Warming-Pan, my best looking-Glass, two square Pine Tables, a woollen, and a linen Spinning-Wheel, a Pot-Pot-Hooks & Trammel, a pair of ^{an Ironing-Box & Heaters, Shewer, Toaster, Flesh Fork, Lamp, two Candlesticks} of Dog-Andersons, a Shovel, & pair of Tongs, all my Pewter, except the two Gallon-Basons, a Meal-Chest, & great Cup-Board; all the foregoing Articles forever, to her own Use. I also give her, in Lieu of her Dower, one Quart of new Milk a Day, One Pound of Butter, four Pounds of brown Sugar, two Quarts of Molasses, ^{four Feet of Wood} & six Pounds of Beef or small Meat, a Month, & fifty six Pounds of Pork a Year; all good in their Kinds, & to be delivered daily, monthly, & yearly, as they are given, by my Executor herein after named,

when requested, so long as she shall remain my Widow. Also the entire Use of two Chambers in my House & of the small Garden by it, & as much Room in the Cellar, Garret & Wood-House as will be sufficient for her Use, so long as she shall remain my Widow.

I give & devise to my Son-in-law Samuel Peters and my Daughter Hannah his Wife, & to their Heirs, a Lot of Land near the Town-Bridge, in said Salem, where said Peters's House stands, the Lot to be four Poles in front, & to carry the same Width into the Rear, as far as the Channel of the

the Pond called Bickfords Pond, bounding southeasterly on Land of the Heirs of my Brother George Bickford, & on all other Sides by my own Land. I also give to said Samuel & Hannah all that is charged to them or either of them in my Books, & discharge them from all Demands therefor.

I also give & devise to my Grandson Adoniram Bickford ^{his Heirs} & his Heirs a House-Lot joining to that given as above to my Son Peter & his Wife, on the Northwestern Side of it, to be three Rods & a half Rod in Front, & to carry the same Width into the Rear as far as the Channel of the Pond aforesaid. But I give the Use & Profit thereof to my Son Benjamin Bickford during the Life of my Daughter Mary.

I give & devise to my Grandson James Bickford, ^{his Heirs} a House-Lot of three Rods & a half Rod in Front, & to carry the same Width into the Rear as far as the Channel of the Pond aforesaid; this Lot lies northwestward of that given as above to my Grandson Adoniram, & joins to it. But I give the Use & Profit thereof to my Son Benjamin Bickford during the Life of my Daughter Mary.

I give to my Grandson Robert Neal twenty Pounds lawful Money, to be paid him at the Decease of my Daughter Mary (if he survives her) by my Executor hereinafter named.

All the Residue of my Estate, both real & personal, I give & devise to my Son Benjamin Bickford ^{his Heirs}. And I appoint him sole Executor of this Will & Testament. And I hereby direct him to pay all my Debts, & the Legacies herein given; comfortably to support my Daughter Mary as long as she lives; & to bury me after the plain & decent manner of Friends, in the Friends Burying-Place in Salem: I having given to my said Executor so large a Portion of my Estate to enable him to bear these Charges.

In Witness whereof I hereto set my Hand & Seal the seventh Day of May in the Year of our Lord 1773.

Signed, Sealed, & declared by said Testator to be his Last Will & Testament, in

Benjamin Bickford

Presence of us,
(sixteen Words being interlined in the Paragraph of the Bequest to his Wife, & two Lines & three Words added to it) ^{his Heirs also interlined above.}

Tim. Pickering jun^r
Benj. Pomeroy
Samuel Panchard

An Inventory of the Estate of Benjamin Pickford late of Salem Yeoman deceased.

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Two Beds, two Bolsters, three pillows, w th 136 th at 1/1.	£6.16.				
Two Under-Beds 4/1. Lint of China curtains 25/.	Rods 6/.	two Bedsteads 2.	5.		
Two Coverlets 12/.	a Rug 1/.	pair Blankets 5/.	five pair Tow Sheets 25/.	} 2.9.	
			one pair Cotton Sheets 6/.		
High Case of Drawers 30/.	Dish 3/6.	Walnut oval Table 10/.	12 Chairs 16/.	4.12.	
Brass Kettle 20/.	Warming-Pan 8/.	Looking Glass 8/.	two fine Sables 6/.	2.2.	
Two Spinning-Wheels 6/.	Iron pot, pot-Hooks & Trammel 4/6.	pair Andirons 2/6.		13.	
Ironing-Board & Beaters 2/6.	Shavers & Shaver 2/6.	Flesh Fork, Lump & two candlesticks 1/6.		6.6	
Shovel & Songs 3/.	29 th Pewter 20/.	Meal-Chest 2/.	Cup-board 1/6.	1.15.6	
				20.19.0	
Chest of Drawers & small Trunk 7/.	Frying Pan 1/6.	Gridiron 1/.	Spit 2/.	} 14.6	
			Dripping-Pan 3/.		
Brass Skillet 1/6.	Fin Ware 4/6.	Iron Baking-Pan 2/.	Dish Kettle 2/.	Tea Kettle 4/.	14.
Two pair Tongs & shovel 3/6.	Bellows 1/.	Candle-stand 1/.	Glass & Crockery Ware 5/.		10.6
Two large Pewter Basins 10/.	Table Cloths & 3 Napkins 12/.	Apparel 3/.			3.0.0
Sheet, Box, Bedstead, Under Bed, 2 Bread-Trays, & 3 Meal Bags					10.
Sickle 1/6.	two Scythes 4/.	Meal Chest 4/.	102 th dry Fish 10/.	80 th old.	} 2.6.10
			Iron 10/.	old Junk 4/.	
				80 th Oacum 13/4	
Looking-Glass 5/.	pair Andirons 7/.	Trammel 3/.	two Guns 16/.	Case & Bottle 4/8.	1.15.8
Chest of Drawers 2/8.	Lig. iron Vite Bowl 1/.	Spoon-Mould Marking 9/.			6.8
Books 23/.	five Chairs 5/4.	Lantern 2/.	Scale & Weights 1/8.		1.12.0
Steel-Yard 1/4.	a Feather Bed & Bolster 30/.	Bedstead 2/.	pair Towels 3/4.		1.16.8
Almost a Barrel of Pork £3.6.0.	Soap 5/.	Cider 12/.	old Cask 6/.		4.9.0
Lead Leads & Lines 9/.	three Pecks Salt 1/4.	Weavers loom & Gear 18/.			1.8.4
A rag Rug & three Blankets					19.4.10
Carpenter's Tools 20/.	Husbandry Tools 10/.	2 wood measures 1/.			7.11.
Iron Crow 6/.	Beech & Wedges 3/.	two old axes 1/8.	Spade 1/.	hart Wheel 1/6.	1.7.8
Small Saw 3/.	Handled 1/6.	Iron Pot & Pot-Hooks 3/.	two bows £9.8/.		9.15.6
Two large Silver Spoons w th 2.17.2.	a small Pig 10/.				1.10.
					14.4.2
Homstead containing about 1/4 Acre of land, with a Building & person					240.
Two Lots of land in North-Fields, about 3 1/2 Acres					70.
Lot of Land by the Town Bridge					120.
One Common Right & 4/5 th of one in the Great Pasture, at £10.					a Righty £ 484.14.0
					18.

We having ^{been first sworn} carefully viewed the Articles above mentioned, shewn to us by the Executor, & have appraised the same according to our best Skill & Judgment, as is above written. Salem June 18th 1773.

2 Aug^r 1773 Benjamin Pickford & ed: John Beckford

Exec^r of Aug^r 2^d 1773 then Benj^r Pickford. Jim. Pickering jun.
 Esq^r presented the afore written & made oath that
 it contains a true & perfect Inventory of the Estate
 of Benj^r Pickford ^{as far as he has come to his hands}
 knowledge & that if any more shall hereafter appear
 he will insert to be added to the same. Benj^r Lynde Esq^r Prob^r

Southwick vs Bickford Execution

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Shoes June 17-1799 Edward Southwick as Executor of Joseph Southwick the Creditor in the Execution has recorded do acknowledge that all sums necessary to redeem the estate on which the execution was levied have been duly paid, and do hereby in my said capacity release & discharge said estate for any claim arising from or said levy

Spice p. Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Sheriff of our County of Essex his Under Sheriff or deputy Greedling Whereas Joseph Southwick of Danvers in the County of Essex Tanner By the Consideration of Our Justices of our Court of Common Pleas holden at Ipswich forth within our County of Essex aforesaid on the first Tuesday of April last recovered Judgment against Benjamin Bickford late of Salem in said County Lordwainier for the sum of Thirty five pounds Seventeen Shillings & nine pence lawful money Debt & one pound fourteen Shillings & eight pence Cost of said as to us appears of record whereof Execution remains to be done We command you therefore that of the goods Chattels or lands of the said Benjamin within your Precinct you cause to be paid & Satisfied unto the said Joseph at the Value thereof in Money the aforesaid sum 237. 12. 5 in the whole with one Shilling & six pence more for this Writ & thereof also to satisfy your self for your own fees & for want of goods chattels or lands of the said Benjamin to be by him shown unto you or found within your Precinct to the Acceptance of the said Joseph to satisfy the sums aforesaid we command you to take the body of the said Benjamin & him commit unto our Goal in Salem Ipswich or Newbury Port in Essex aforesaid & detain in your Custody within our said Goal until he pay the full sums above mentioned with your fees or that he be discharged by the said Joseph the Creditor or otherwise by Order of law hereof full not & make return of this writ with your doings therein in our said Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Salem within our County of Essex aforesaid upon the first Tuesday of December next Witness Benjamin Greenleaf Esq. at Salem the Eleventh day of October Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred & eighty three Isaac Osgood Clerk

Essex 10 October the 29. A.D. 1783 personally appeared Messrs Benjamin Daland Steven Goodhue & Stephen Cook I were sworn & affirmed faithfully & Impartially to appraise such Real Estate & the rents of Real Estate such as shall be shown to them by the Creditor Southwick to satisfy this Execution with all fees & set out the same as far as may be by meets & bounds We the subscribers being chosen before me John Pilsnering Just. Peace & sworn as above have carefully viewed a small dwelling house with the land under & adjoining to it in said Salem together with the flats to be used to low water mark the upland containing about sixteen poles be it more or less bounding southerly on the lane leading toward the North River there measuring fifty eight feet westerly on Drivers land Northerly on the North River Easterly on land of Joseph Tolls the same being the land & building now Occupied by Mile Pool We have also viewed an old house & the land under it & adjoining to it in said Salem containing about three poles be it more or less bounded Northerly on the aforesaid lane westerly on Phillips's land Easterly on the yard where the well stands southerly on the widow Bickfords Garden & have also viewed said yard & well all shown to us by the Creditor Southwick as the property & Estate of the Debtor Benjamin Bickford to wit the said yard & well as an Estate to be used in Common by the heirs of Benjamin Bickford the debtor being one of them & the heirs of Joshua Bickford the residue due of the premises being wholly the debtors property & Estate encumbered with the debtors mothers Lawdower & shown to us as such And we have appraised a first mentioned house land & flats with the use of the yard & well aforesaid in Common at thirty three pounds lawful & have set those off by meets & bounds as aforesaid & we having found that said old house & the three poles of land aforesaid cannot be divided & set out by meets & bounds have appraised the rents thereof toward Satisfaction of this Execution & fees & are of opinion that one years rent thereof is worth eight pounds nine Shillings & five pence and we have therefore set off the Estates improvements use & rents aforesaid in the whole appraised at & amounting to Forty one pounds nine Shillings & five pence in full Satisfaction of this Execution Interest & all fees Costs & charge in the whole amounting to the same sum Benj. Daland Received of Binsley Stevens Surin & possession of the houses Estate & Rents aforesaid in full Satisfaction of this Execution & Costs Joseph

Steph. Goodhue
Steph. Cook

teenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

Signed sealed & deliv^d in presence of
Joseph Whipple Geo. R^d. Minot

James Lovell &
Mary Lovell

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Suffol^{ts}. October. 17. 1792. Then personally appeared James Lovell and Mary Lovell above named and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument by them subscribed to be their free Act and Deed before me George Richards Minot Just^{ices} of Essex Rec^d Oct^r. 20. 1792 & recorded & exam^d by John Pickering Neg^{ro}

Essex^{ts} Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Sheriff of our County of Essex
Under Sheriff or deputy greeting. Whereat Lydia Bickford of Salem in the
County of Essex widow by the consideration of our Justices of our Court of Com-
mon Pleas holden at Salem for and within our County of Essex aforesaid on the
first Tuesday of Decem^r. 1783 recovered Judgment against Benjamin Bickford
Salem in the same County Cordwainer for the sum of seventy seven pounds ten
shillings lawful money damage & one pound seven shillings & six pence cost
suit, as to us appears of record whereof Execution remains to be done we command
you therefore that of the goods chattels or lands of the said Benjamin within your
precinct you cause to be paid and satisfied unto the said Lydia at the value
thereof in Money the aforesaid sum being £ 78^{..} 17^{..} 6 in the whole, with
one shilling & six pence more for this writ &c. and thereof also to satisfy
yourself for your own fees. And for want of goods Chattels or lands of the
said Benjamin to be by him shewn unto you or found within your precinct
to the acceptance of the said Lydia to satisfy the sum aforesaid. We command
you to take the body of the said Benjamin and him commit unto our Goal in
Salem Ipswich or Newbury-Port in our County of Essex aforesaid and detain in
your custody within our said Goal until he pay the full sum above mentioned
with your fees or that he be discharged by the said Lydia the Creditor or otherwise
by order of Law. Hereof fail not and make return of this writ with your doing
therein into our Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Ipswich within our County
of Essex aforesaid upon the first Tuesday of April next. Witness Benjamin Greenleaf
Esq^r at Salem the second day of January Anno Domini One thousand seven
hundred and eighty four
Isaac Osgood. Clerk

Essex^{ts} Jan^y 5. 1784 Then Benjaⁿ Galand Addison Richardson & Stephen Cook freehold
in said County were sworn faithfully & impartially to apprise such real estate of
debtor Benjamin Bickford within named as shall be shewn to them by the Credit
within named as shall be sufficient to satisfy this Execution & all fees and to set
the same by meters & bounds
before John Pickering Just^{ices}

We

The subscribers being chosen and duly sworn as herein mentioned have carefully viewed
 the land shewed to us by Lydia Beckford the creditor as the property and estate of B
 Beckford debtor. We do appraise the same at eighty three pounds with all the ap
 purtenances thereto belonging and have set out the same by metes and bounds in full satis
 faction for this execution and all fees it being eighty three pounds and is situated in
 the following manner, viz. in Beckford lane so called bounded on S lane to the
 northward to the eastward S land of the heirs of George Beckford fourthly on land for
 the Deacon Beckford to the westward on land of Phillips and so to the lane first
 mentioned - excepting what priviledges are already granted, excepting the two
 chambers which are in reversion for S Beckford at the decease of the S Lydia
 Beckford with the priviledges which were granted to the S Lydia Beckford for
 the use of the S two chambers by her late husband deceased's will as witness
 our hands this fifth day of January 1784

Jan^y 11th 1784 This day rec^d possession of the house
 and land above mentioned of Binsley Stevens
 Sheriff in full satisfaction of the execution with
 all fees & charges

{ Benjⁿ Daland
 Addison Richardson
 Stephen Cook
 Lydia X Beckford
 Mark

On Jan^y 11th 1784 I have caused three indifferent discreet men freeholders in the
 County aforesaid to be sworn as above one which was chosen by the creditor viz
 Stephen Cook, Benjⁿ Daland & Addison Richardson by myself, the debtor
 being absent & neglecting to chuse one, who afterwards viewed the above des
 cribed house & land which was shewnto them & to me by the creditor to be the
 property of the debtor within name & I have extended this execution on the
 same as is above described & bounded by the appraisson & by them appraised
 eighty three pounds which is the amount of this execution & fees and
 I delivered firm & possession of the same to the creditor in satisfaction
 & is exom all which appears by her receipt with the other writings above
 I return this execution satisfied. Binsley Stevens D Sheriff.

1792 Rec Oct^r 20. 1792 & recorded & exam^d by John Pickering Reg^r

~~This Indenture made and entered into this twenty second day of June in
 the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty seven, between Larkin
 Hornbush of Beverly in the County of Essex Esq^r of the one part and Edmund
 Giles Cooper Thomas Saunders Baker & Esther his wife Hugh Pike mariner and
 Sarah his wife all of said Beverly being all the heirs of Edmund Giles of said Beverly
 of the other part. Whereas the said Larkin and the said Edmund Giles decea
 sed owned & held in severalty certain parcels of land lying in Beverly being in the
 whole about eight Acres and thirty eight poles which they purchased the said Larkin
 and the said Edmund deceased of and it being for~~

... and received in presence of
 Silas Little Timothy Jewett
 Rec^d August 30th 1796 Then personally appeared the
 said named Jeremiah Jewett Jr & his wife, Elephaz
 Hannah Chapman, Benjⁿ & Ruth Jackman & John
 Parker, Benjⁿ Tenney & Lydia Tenney and acknowledged the
 within instrument by them signed & saw to be their free
 will before me Silas Little Just Peace
 etc in the simple interlined before signing
 Rec^d Sept 6 1796 & recorded & examined by John Pickering

Sarah Jewett
 Elephaz Chapman
 Hannah Chapman
 John Parker
 Ruth Jackman
 John Barker
 Benjⁿ Tenney
 Lydia Tenney
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know all Men, that I Benjamin Dickford of Salem in the County of Essex and in the State of Massachusetts, in
 consideration of thirty four dollars paid me by Lydia Dickford of Salem aforesaid widow, the
 receipt whereof I do acknowledge and for other good and valuable considerations me hereunto
 moving have granted sold and conveyed and do by these presents grant sell and convey
 lease and forever quitclaim to the said Lydia and her heirs and assigns forever, a dwelling house
 in Salem aforesaid with the land under and adjoining the same, together with the other buildings
 standing upon the same land and all the liberties and privileges belonging to said dwelling house
 said, said land being bounded as follows, to wit, easterly on river street fifty two feet
 westerly on land of Mr Cook seventy feet, westerly on Holt's land fifty feet, northerly on land
 of Joseph Ross sixty six feet. To have and to hold the granted premises with the appurtenances
 unto the said Lydia and her heirs and assigns forever. And I the said Benjamin do hereby covenant for
 myself my heirs executors and administrators with said Lydia and her heirs and assigns, that she and
 her heirs and assigns, shall ^{from} henceforth forever, quietly have and peaceably enjoy the granted
 premises, without any suit, claim, hindrance or demand of me the said Benjamin or my
 heirs or assigns or of any other person or persons by any way or means claiming or to claim
 the granted premises or any part of the same by or under me the said Benjamin. And I
 with wife of said Benjamin in consideration of one dollar paid me by, and which I have re-
 ceived of said Lydia Dickford the granted, do hereby release and quitclaim to her and her heirs and
 assigns all my right to dower ^{of the} in the granted premises. In witness whereof we the said Benjamin
 and wife have hereunto set our hands and seals the sixth day of September in the year
 of our said seven hundred and ninety six
 Benjamin Dickford of a fe
 Sarah Dickford of a fe
 signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
 Silas Little Timothy Jewett
 interlined Sarah Dickford his and wife
 Rec^d September 5 1796 Then Benjamin Dickford and Sarah Dickford acknowledged the for-
 within instrument to be their free will before Silas Little Just Peace
 Rec^d Sept 6 1796 & recorded & examined by John Pickering

Massachusetts - Widow, being sick and weak in Body, but by the goodness of
God, of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, do make, constitute and declare
this present writing to be my last Will and Testament in form and Mann-
following - That is to say: 6

I order and direct, that all my just Debts and rea-
sonable Funeral charges shall be paid by my Executor, hereinafter named, out of my
Personal Estate, as soon as may be after my Decease

And as to all the Estate, Real and Personal, Houses, Lands, Goods and
Effects whatsoever of which I shall die seized and possessed, I do hereby give,
devise and bequeath the same and every part thereof as follows - Wit:

To my Brother, Abraham Wendall and his Wife, the Income of One Thousand
Dollars, during their Lives - After their decease, to go to City of Salem as a fund
the Income of which to go to the support of Old Men & Women.

To my Brother, Thomas Wendall of Farmington, State of Maine - One Hundred
Dollars.

To the Children of my Sister, Abigail Ingalls of Townsend - (Massachusetts), Five
Dollars to each of them.

To the Children of my Sister, Helen Durant, Ten Dollars to each of them.

To my Niece, Mary Jackson - Fifty Dollars.

To my Niece, Susan Sumson - Three Hundred Dollars.

To Ephraim Brown and his three sons - Three Hundred Dollars, to each of them

To my Niece, Susan Goodwin of Boston - One Hundred Dollars.

To Nancy Richardson, Wife of Jeremiah Richardson, One Hundred Dollars.

To the Samaritan Society, of Salem - Fifty Dollars.

To the Seaman's Widow and Orphan Association of Salem - Fifty Dollars.

To the Widow, Mary Davis - Fifty Dollars.

To the Widow, Abigail Dimond - Fifty Dollars.

To Julia, Daughter of Edward & Julia Barnard - One Hundred Dollars.

To Sophia Grover - Fifty Dollars.

To Abraham Jackson - Fifty Dollars.

To Moses and Ellen Upton - Fifty Dollars to each of them.

To Lucy Ann Russell - Twenty five Dollars. Turn over

To Hannah Plummer - Fifty Dollars. _____

To the Salem Seaman's Orphan & Children's Friend Society - One Hundred Dollars. _____

Elizabeth Simpson - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Lucrecia Nelson - Wife of Samuel F. Nelson - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Lucinda Chappell - Wife of John D. Chappell - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Hannah Phelps - Wife of William Phelps - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Mary Chandler - Wife of Joseph D. Chandler - One Hundred Dollars. _____

To Julia Barnard - Wife of Edward Barnard - One Hundred Dollars. _____

To Lucy Peirce - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Benjamin Herbert, son of Edward & Julia Barnard - One Hundred Dollars. _____

To Jane Taylor - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Catherine Crooks _____ Daughter of Mary Jackson. Fifty Dollars. _____

I order that my clothing be divided as equally as may be, between Susan Goodwin, Julia Barnard and Nancy Richardson. _____

I likewise give, devise & bequeath to Sally Church - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Mrs. Atkins, wife of William Atkins - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Susan Beely - Fifty Dollars. _____

To the Salem Mechanic Association, Portrait of George Washington - _____

And I do hereby revoke and declare void all other or former Wills by me at any time heretofore made - And I do hereby appoint Edward Barnard of Salem my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. _____

In Testimony whereof I do set my hand & seal, to this my last Will & Testament; this Sixth Day of December A.D. 1848 - _____

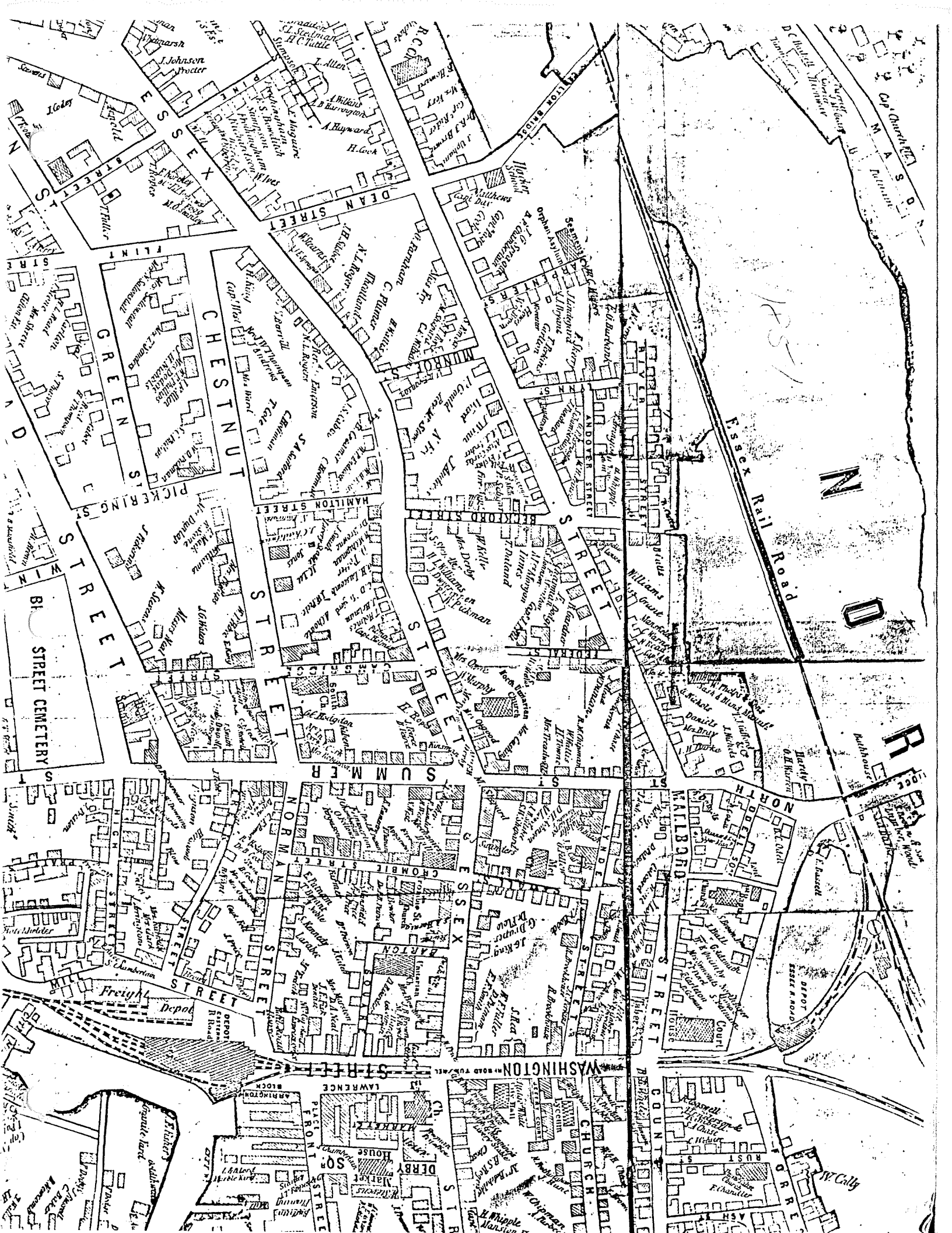
Signed, Sealed, published & declared, as her last Will & Testament, by Susan Marston in presence of us; he in her presence, and in the presence of each her, and at her request, have hereunto set our hands & signatures as witnesses of the same - This Sixth Day of December 1848 - _____

Susan Marston

Nathan Frye.

William Selby sr

Thomas O. Halbur...



1874



RIVER

ANDOVER

FEDERAL

ESSEX

LYN

BECKFORD

S. COVING

Mrs. A.R. Ward

Winn

Nancy Courless

Thos. Waller

Wm. Ashlon

Wm. Wallace

J.R.M.E. Dalam

H. Jelly

Richd Price

Geo. B. Loring

Mrs. Sarr

Jas. W. Lef

Benj. Shreve

D. Poley

Wm. Tabour

M. & D. McCarthy

J.H. Bell

Thos. Perkins

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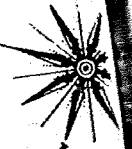
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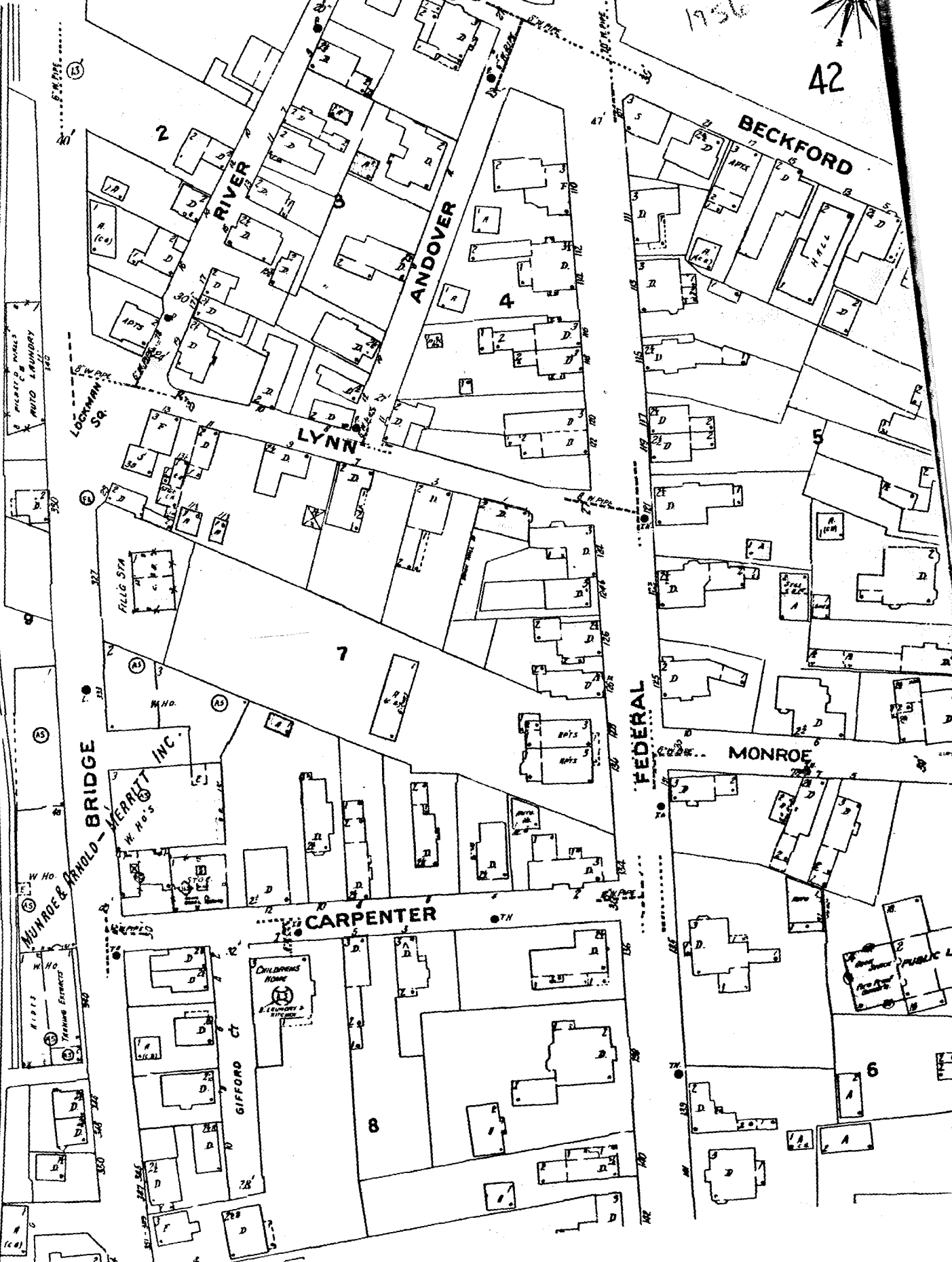
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Samuel Simonds (sometimes Symonds) was born in Salem, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cook) Symonds, on Feb. 26, 1793. He married Sarah Skerry on Dec. 31, 1816. The couple made their home at what is now 131 Bridge St. Their children were:

Sarah E.	b. July 27, 1817
Samuel C.	b. June 26, 1819
William	b. July 16, 1821
Edward A.	b. Feb. 1, 1824
Mary C.	b. March 18, 1826
Charles	b. Oct. 1, 1828
Ellen M.	b. Feb. 16, 1831
Caroline	b. Sept. 29, 1833
George W.	b. Oct. 5, 1835

Mr. Simonds, painter, hardware dealer and later grocer, died on August 27, 1863. His obituary notice, in the Salem Gazette, simply reads: died at age 70 years, 6 months.

It appears that the buildings, on the land when Mr. Simonds purchased it, were removed by him shortly after the sale in 1836. The architectural style of this house is definitely Greek Revival and is described in the Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation, page 14 as:

#137 Bridge Street RATING: TWO PERIOD: GREEK REVIVAL
This is a two-story plus pitch roof, wooden house with its gable end to street. The entrance in the Greek Revival style is in a small ell to one side of the house and is reached by passing through a covered portico with columns which are later than the Greek Revival period. There is a triangular shaped window in the peak of the gable end.

This is confirmed by the deed from Mr. Simonds to Nancy Babbidge, on Jan. 24, 1838. He sold the land and buildings "as house and woodhouse now stand." This phrase is used to indicate a change since the last transaction. The house first appears on the tax records in 1837 when it is penciled in at the end of the listings.

Ann Babbidge h(ouse) Bridge St.

Samuel Symonds is taxed for h(ouse) \$2,300 (131 Bridge)

~~land under shops~~ (this is crossed out in pencil to show that he no longer owns the land.)

1850 census

Warren G. Rayner	age 33	commission merchant	born Mass.
Catherine "	" 30		" "
Kate L. "	" 7		" "
Anna K. "	" 5		" "
J. Warren "	" 3		" "
George F. "	" 1		" "
Nancy Babbidge	" 60		" "
Margaret Quinney	" 12		" "

EAST CHURCH (Dexter Clapp)

"Rev. Dexter Clapp, installed as colleague with Dr. Flint December 17, 1851, was born July 15, 1816, in Easthampton, Mass.; graduated at Amherst College, 1839, and at the Cambridge Divinity School in 1842; was ordained pastor of the Unitarian Church in Savannah, Ga., November 26 1843, and continued in the ministry there for a few years, after which he was settled over the Second Church in Roxbury (First in West Roxbury) five years. He was minister of the East Church twelve years, till February, 1864, when he resigned on account of ill-health. He died July 26, 1868. During his ministry in Salem his society was united and strong. It was with sincere regret that his resignation was accepted. He was a spiritually-minded man, an earnest preacher, and a high ideal of ministerial duty made both his pulpit and his pastoral services acceptable and effective."

(History of Essex County, by Hurd)

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This agreement entered into this sixth day of July, A.D. 1854 by & between Agreement,
Nathaniel Griffin merchant, and Dexter Clapp, Clerk, both of Salem in the County of
Essex withered that whereas by force of certain covenants heretofore ex-
ecuted between said Griffin & one Samuel Simonds of said Salem original owners

of the estate of said Clapp situate at the corner of Bridge & Winter streets in said
Salem, said Clapp's estate is incumbered with a restriction, saving the house
of said Griffin from being obstructed in its view, for a certain distance on
Bridge & Winter streets aforesaid westerly of the house of said Clapp. Now
for the purpose of explaining more fully the nature of said restriction, it is
agreed by the said Griffin for himself, his heirs & assigns, that he, the said
Dexter Clapp, his heirs & assigns shall & may grant, or sell, portion of said
Clapp's estate, any laws not preceding you, and one half foot in height. In
witness whereof the parties hereto set their hands & seals on the day &
year above written.

Nathl. Griffin seal
Dexter Clapp seal

In presence of Joseph G. Waters &
Essex, 20. July 10. 1854. When the above, named S. Clapp & N. Griffin acknowledged the
above to be their free act & deed. Before - Joseph G. Waters Jus. Pac.

Essex, 20. July, 1854. 16 m. East of Mr. Deane's, Co. Ephraim Brown Cleric

Parkman of Salem, merchant.* Mr. and Mrs. Parkman owned the lot a number of years after 1700.

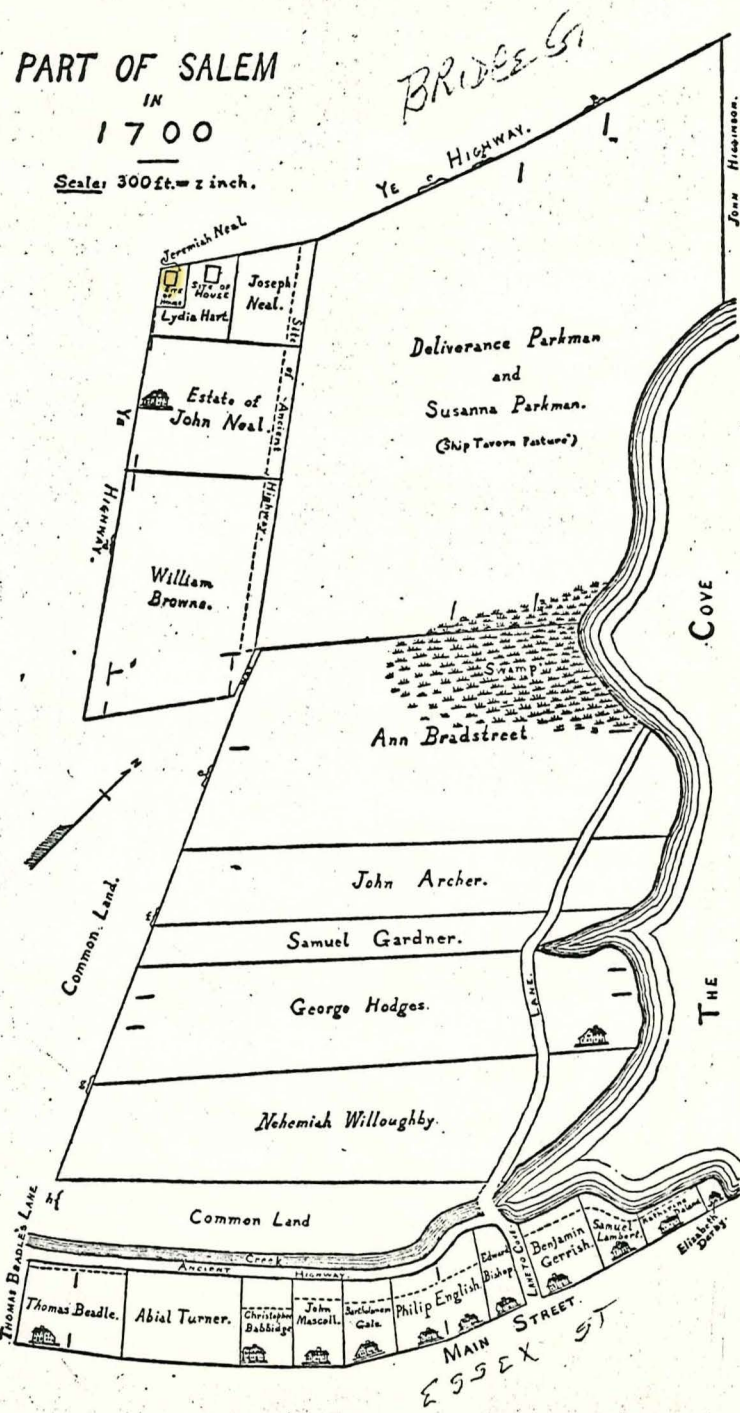
Jeremiah Neal Lot. This was a portion of the ancient Tuck lot, which was owned by Nicholas Howard, a fisherman, in the early settlement of the town. On this corner was his dwelling house. The depositions of Edward Gaskin, aged about seventy, and Francis Skerry, aged sixty-six years or thereabouts, severally testify "that Nicholas Hayward had to his Knowledge a house plott, on which he y^e said Hayward did live upon, when he came first to Salem, this sd house plott scituate & lying in Salem, upon the west corner of John Neales land, which lyeth as I goe from Salem Ipswich ward on the right hand: this abouesd p^lcell of ground or house plott being bounded on the east or south east corner with the well w^{ch} was in y^e sd house plott, & westerly neere upon a square home to y^e sd Neales now standing fence by the road, & from y^e sd well neere upon a square to y^e sd Neale's now standing fence sotherly, & further he saith not. Taken upon oath 22: 3 mo: 74. Wm. Hathorne Assistant."† Mr. Howard (or Hayward) removed to Beverly (then called Cape Ann Side) about 1641, but retained the house and lot. The house was probably gone soon afterward. After his death, his son Nathaniel Hayward of Salem, for twenty shillings, conveyed the lot, namely, "that house plott which yet is well known y^t my father Nicholas Hayward did live on, when he did live in Salem towne," Dec. 14, 1681.‡ The narrow strip on the southwestern side of the lot, being about two feet wide at the southern end and running to a point at the other end, was granted to Jeremiah Neale Jan. 24, 1681, as hereinafter stated.‡ Mr. Neale owned the lot until after 1700.

Lydia Hart Lot. This lot was a portion of the Tuck lot, which was owned by

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 13, leaf 102.

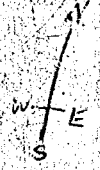
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‡Book of Grants, Salem Town Records, page 140.



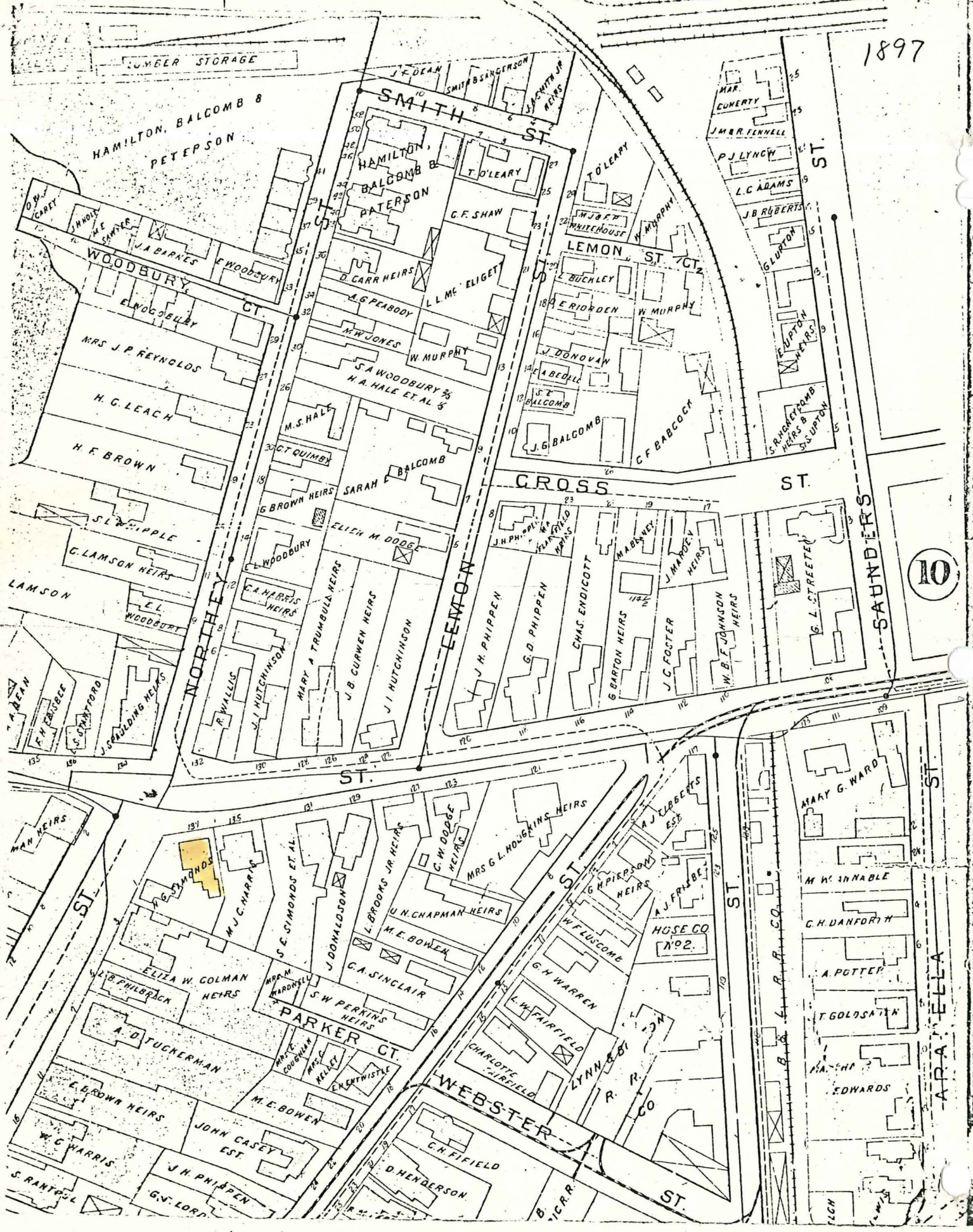
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