

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

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17 Mall Street
Built for
JOHN FAIRFIELD, merchant
by 1810

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

17 Mall Street

The land on which this house stands was owned by the Williams family in the 1600's. Mary (Williams) Lambert had, as her share of the estate, the entire west and part of the east side of what is now called Mall St. Mrs. Lambert died in December 1795 at the age of 90. Her heirs sold the property to Joseph Lambert, who then transferred the title to Isaac Very (book 160 page 263).

On March 14, 1799 Isaac Very sold the land extending from the North River (since filled in, now Bridge St.) up to and including what is now 7 Mall St. to Daniel Abbott, ropemaker (book 166 page 74).

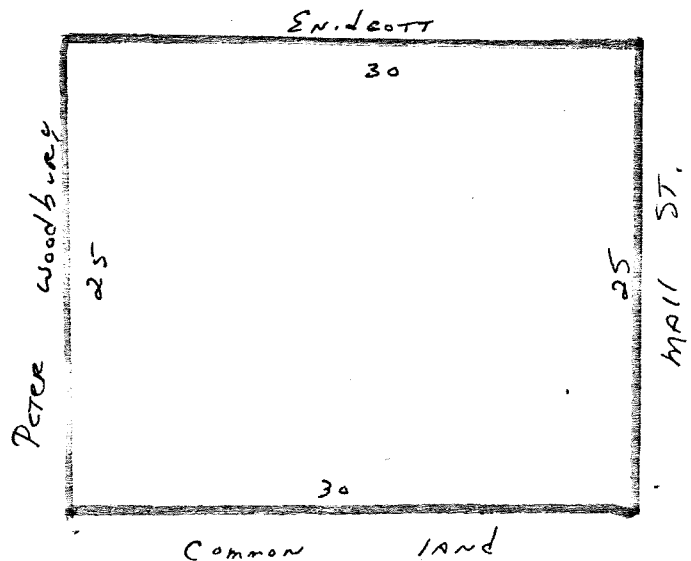
A ropewalk was built on this land and operated at various times by Daniel Abbott, Timothy Berry, Elias Duparr, Edward Tuttle, William Guilver and Thaddeus Gwinn. The walk remained until 1806 when Thaddeus Gwinn moved his ropewalk to the area of March St. and sold the land to John Fairfield (appendix A). (James Duncan Phillips describes a ropewalk in Salem and the Indies as: "a building as long as the longest rope desired, and for long cables this meant something like two hundred and eighty yards (740'); thus a ropewalk was a conspicuous object in the landscape. They also had to be straight. In the earlier days they had been shorter, but increased with the size of ships.")

Mr. Fairfield then proceeded to lay out a street through the land and for a short time it was called Fairfield St. The first mention of a dwelling house on this land appears on March 15, 1810 when John Fairfield mortgaged several parcels of land to John Gardner, one of which is described as: "A strip of land with three dwelling-houses thereon which land I bought of Thaddeus Gwinn." (17 Mall St. is one of the three.) (book 189 page 188)

Mr. Fairfield also obtained several mortgages from the Essex Bank and on March 16, 1816 he signed over all rights to and in this property to the bank (book 189 page 220). The bank kept the land and buildings for several years before selling. The title since the bank's ownership is as follows:

Book 221 page 110
May 14, 1819
\$350

The Essex Bank sold the land and building to Peter Barras, retailer. Mr. Barras then mortgaged the same to Joseph Chipman Ward for \$200:



Also the privilege of a passage 7 feet lying between house and house next south. Also the right to using the pump by the street between the houses sold to Joseph Jaques (#15) and Francis H. Boardman (#13). The same I purchased of the present director of the Essex Bank.

Book 251 page 91
Oct. 25, 1828

Elizabeth Harris the only child and sole heir of Peter Barras, deceased, sold the land and dwelling house to Jacob Lendall.

Book 328 page 30
Nov. 9, 1841
\$515

Jacob Lendall, cabinet maker, mortgaged the property to George Wheatland and several others. "The same estate conveyed by Elizabeth Harris recorded in book 251 page 91."

Book 340 page 208
during 1845

George Wheatland took over the property and purchased the other outstanding mortgages held by Pond in book 307 page 169, Lamson in book 309 page 30 and Groves in book 340 page 209.

Book 361 page 80
Nov. 21, 1845

George Wheatland sold all his rights to and in the property to Nathaniel Jackson.

Book 454 page 220
Dec. 29, 1851
\$1,200

Nathaniel Jackson sold the "messuage" on Mall St. to Joseph B. Morris. The same estate conveyed to George Wheatland by deeds of Jacob Lendall and by deeds recorded in book 307 page 169, book 309 page 30, book 340 page 209. "The land and building as now fenced in and occupied."

Book 454 page 217
Dec. 29, 1851
\$1,100

Joseph B. Morris mortgaged the property to Nathaniel Jackson. "The same estate this day conveyed by Jackson."

Book 702 page 176
April 23, 1866

John Nichols administrator of the estate of Nathaniel Jackson sold the land and building to Andrew Jackson and Ellen L. Arvedson, wife of George. "The same conveyed by mortgage recorded in book 454 page 217 which has become foreclosed."

Book 702 page 275
April 23, 1866

Andrew and Elizabeth Jackson and George and Ellen L. Arvedson sold the real estate to William P. Wood. The same conveyed by John H. Nichols adm. of the estate of Nathaniel Jackson.

Book 1554 page 570
August 16, 1898

Warren C. Wood, of N.Y., sold the land and building to Lucy E. Colson "Being part of the estate of my father William P. Wood."

Book 1649 page 429
Sept. 3, 1901

Lucy E. Colson, widow, sold the land and building to Ebenezer Ames. The same premises conveyed by Warren C. Wood on Aug. 16, 1898.

Book 2520 page 345
July 24, 1922

Ernest and Nellie Barton sold the land and building to Charles S. Johnston. The same premises conveyed by Lucy E. Colson to Ebenezer Ames on Sept. 3, 1901. Ebenezer Ames died in July 1903 leaving only next of kin and heirs Nancy E. Ames, widow, now deceased and Nellie Barton daughter.

Book 2527 page 576
Sept. 26, 1922

Charels S. and Theresa N. Johnston
sold the land and building to Nettie L.
Smith and Grace A.S. Lutts. The same
conveyed by Nellie Barton on July 24,
1922.

Book 2564 page 580
August 9, 1923

Nettie L. Smith and Grace A.S. Lutts
sold the land and building to William
Odell. "Meaning to convey the premises
conveyed by deed recorded in book 2527
page 576."

Book 2667 page 69
Dec. 24, 1925

Mary J. Odell sold to Catherine M.
Richard. "For title see will of my
husband William F. Odell. Also deed
to my husband recorded in book 2564
page 580."

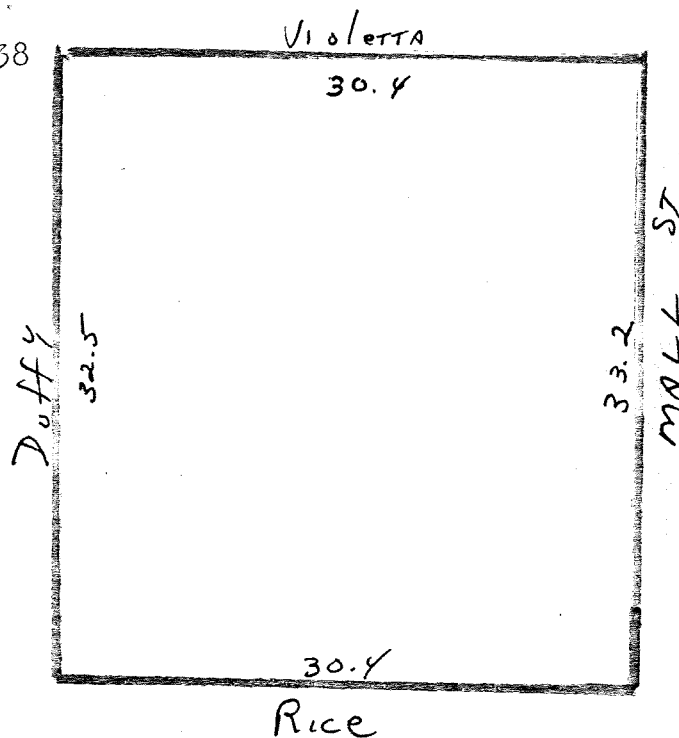
Book 3018 page 42
Nov. 24, 1934

Salem 5¢ Savings Bank holder of a
mortgage from Catherine Richard on
Nov. 20, 1929, by power conveyed to
Salem 5¢ Savings Bank will be sold
at public auction.

Book 3216 page 138
May 2, 1940

Salem 5¢ Savings Bank sold to Margaret
Colbert the land and building:

Book 3216 page 138
(cont.)



Book 3241 page 225
Dec. 5, 1940

William H. Colbert and Margaret T.,
in her own right, sold the land and
building to Alice M. Hogan and Ruth
Hogan.

Book 3932 page 213
Oct. 17, 1952

Ruth M. Hogan and Alice M. Green,
formerly Alice M. Hogan sold the land
building to Rose M. Girard. Rose M.
Girard, being a straw, then conveyed
the land and building to John F. and
Alice M. Greene.

line to Oliver's Street so called and bounds first mentioned, and bounded South-
partly by land of Jeremiah Shephard and partly by land of Mary Oliver **A**
priviledges and appurtenances to same belonging. To have and to hold the
aforegranted premises to the said John Fairfield his heirs and assigns, to his & their use
and behoof forever. and we do covenant with the said John Fairfield for ourselves and
our executors and administrators with him and his heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully
seized in fee of the aforegranted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that we have
good right to sell and convey the same to the said John Fairfield, and that we will warrant
and defend the same premises to the said John Fairfield and his heirs and assigns forever
against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof the said
Thomas Sampson and William Goodhue and Salome Sampson and Abigail Goodhue
have hereunto set our hands and seals this fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and six.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us.
The word "from" was interlined before signing.
Moses Kimball Ebenezer Kimball.

Thomas Sampson ----- seal
William Goodhue ----- seal
Salome Sampson ----- seal
Abigail Goodhue ----- seal

Essex Co. August 7. 1806. Then the above named Thomas Sampson & William Goodhue
acknowledged the above instrument to be their free act and deed before me

Prebil Savage Just. of Peace

Essex Co. Dec. February 24. 1807. Recorded and Examined by Amos Choate Reg.

ad. Quinn
to
J. Fairfield

Know all Men by these Presents That I Thaddeus Quinn of Salem in the County of Essex
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Respectively, in consideration of one thousand dollars
paid me by John Fairfield of Salem aforesaid Merchant, the receipt whereof I do hereby ac-
knowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said John Fairfield his he-
irs and assigns forever, a certain piece of land situate in said Salem, and is bounded as
follows to wit: beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the land of said Fairfield, from
thence running Southwesterly thirty two feet and six inches, and bounding N.W. on
the high way, thence running Southeasterly twenty feet, thence East northerly nine
feet, to a stake, that is nineteen feet West southerly from the land of said Fairfield, thence

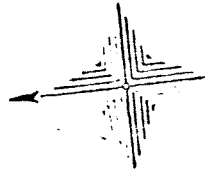
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running Southeasterly eighty nine feet and nine inches, to a stake, that is eighteen feet
 and nine inches. Westerly from said Fairfields land, and is bounded on the three last
 lines of land of Elias Dupar, thence running West-Southerly, twenty nine feet and six
 inches to Hodggen's land, and bounded N.W. on land of Dupar, thence running Southeasterly
 ninety nine feet and six inches to the land of Teate, and bounded Westerly partly by land
 of Hodggen and partly by the land of Thomas then running East-northerly twenty five
 feet and three inches and bounded Southeasterly on land of Teate, thence running
 Southeasterly fifty feet, and bounded Westerly on land of Teate, thence running east-north-
 erly three feet to a stake, that is fifteen feet Westerly from said Fairfields land, from
 thence running on a straight line to the land of Isaac Verry, and bounded Westerly
 partly by land of Deverex, and partly by Gale and Patons land, thence running East-
 northerly fifteen feet to the land of T. Combs, dec^d and bounded Southerly on said Verrys
 land, thence running on a straight line to Northwesterly to the corner and bounds first
 mentioned, and bounded Easterly partly by land late Combs dec^d and partly by said Fair-
 fields land, it being the same land that Elias Dupar and Daniel Abbot conveyed to
 me by their deeds, recorded in the Registry of Deeds Book 167 leaf 240 and 266 with all
 the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging. To have and to hold the granted pre-
 mises with the appurtenances to the said John Fairfield and his heirs and assigns to his &
 their heirs and assigns forever, and I the said Thaddeus Gwinn, for my self my heirs, execu-
 tors and administrators, do hereby covenant with the said John Fairfield and his heirs and
 assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free of all incumbrances
 that I have good right to sell and convey the same, to the said John Fairfield, and that I will
 and my heirs, executors and administrators shall, warrant and defend the same to the said
 John Fairfield, and his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of
 any persons. And I Meroy the wife of the said Thaddeus Gwinn for the consideration of one
 dollar paid me by the said John Fairfield, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do release
 all my right to dower or thirds in the premises, to the said Fairfield and his heirs & assigns
 forever. In witness whereof we the said Thaddeus Gwinn and Meroy his wife, have hereunto
 set our hands and seals, this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and six.

signed, sealed & delivered

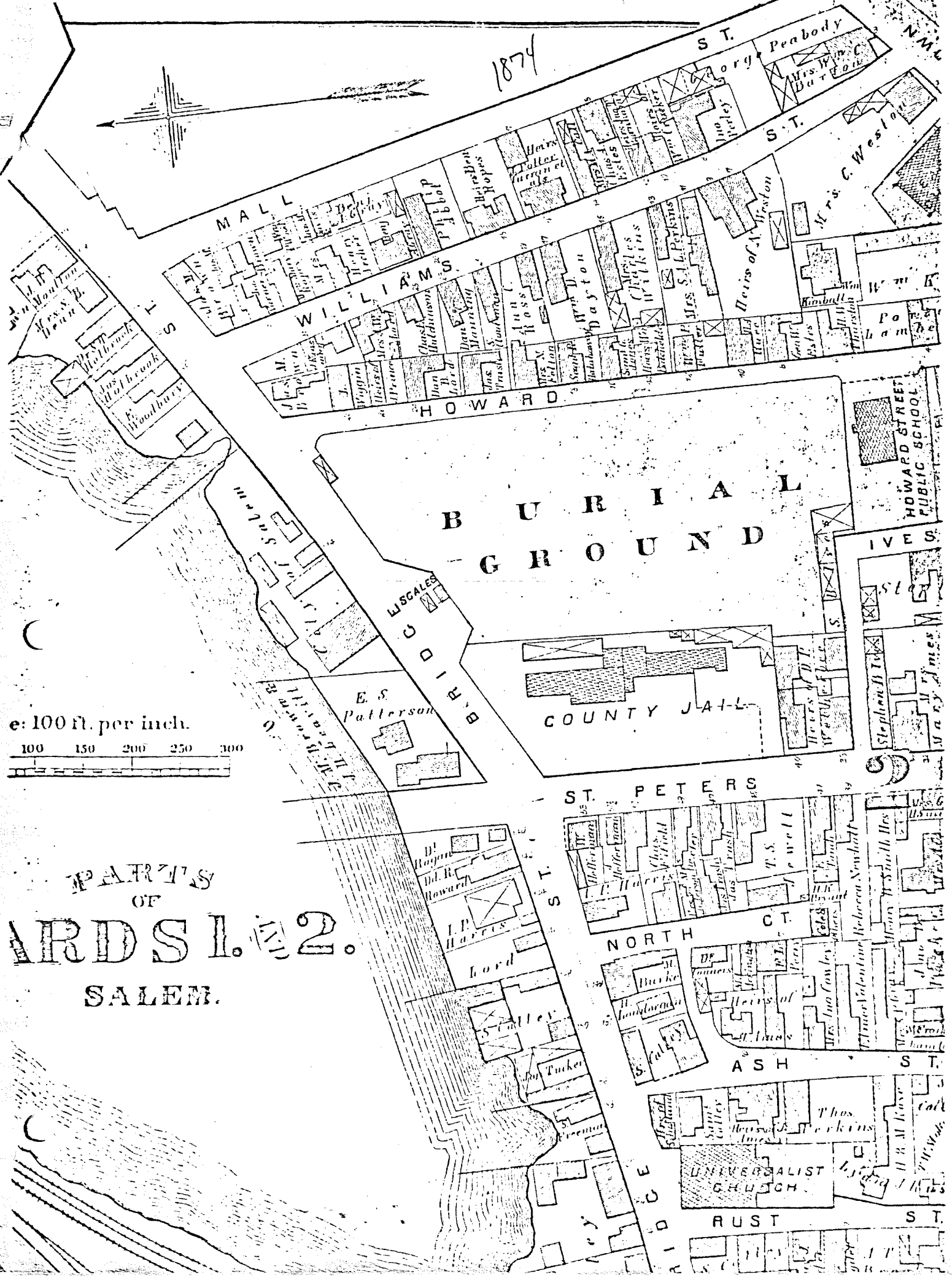
Thaddeus Gwinn ---- seal
 Meroy Gwinn ---- seal

1874



Scale: 100 ft. per inch.
100 150 200 250 300

PARTS OF MAPS 1. & 2. SALEM.



MALL

WILLIAMS

HOWARD

BURIAL GROUND

COUNTY JAIL

ST. PETERS

NORTH CT

ASH ST

RUST ST

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

HOWARD STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

ST. GEORGE Peabody
Mrs. Wm. C. Dutton

Mrs. C. Weston
Kinball
Wm. B. Po
hamber

IVES
Stephens
Wm. J. Ames

Rebecca Newhall
Mrs. J. M. Hall
Mrs. J. M. Hall
Mrs. J. M. Hall

Thos. Perkins
Mrs. M. L. Lave
Mrs. J. M. Hall

Mrs. Wm. Woodbury
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