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Sidney Perley provides an early history of the land beneath 395 Essex Street in his article, "Part of Salem in 1700. No. 6," in The Essex Antiquarian (vol. 5, no. 3, p. 36). On the accompanying map, we see that the land belonged in 1700 to Ensign Edward Flint, yeoman, who had inherited it in 1673 upon his father William's death.

Upon his own death in 1711, Edward's tenth child, Sarah, inherited the half acre immediately underlying what would later be 395 Essex Street. She kept the land for eleven years, and then sold the land to Jacob Willard, as appears in the deed below:

**BOOK 39 PAGE 203**

**DATE-** June 19, 1722

**CONSIDERATION-** £80 Current Money of New England

**GRANTORS-** Jacob Willard of Salem, tanner, and Sarah his wife, one of the daughters of Ensign Edward Flint late of Salem, deceased

**GRANTEE-** Paul Raymond of Salem, potter

**DESCRIPTION-** "... a certain piece or parcel of Land & situate lying & being in Salem aforesd. containing about half an acre be the same more or less, butted and bounded as followeth, viz. Northerly on the Main Street, Westerly on land of Elizabeth Dean, Southerly with the land of Thomas Flint, Easterly with the land of Robert Orange ..."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** None

**NOTE-** Paul Raymond was born in Beverly of Mary (Kettell) and William Raymond (or Raiment), Jr., being baptised March 10, 1694/5 ("Beverly First Church Records," Essex Institute Historical Collections, vol. 37, p. 349). Between 1723 and 1730, Paul's and his wife Tabitha's four children

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were baptised in Salem's First Church (E.I.H.C., vol. 7, p. 230 ff.). In 1725 he was Constable in Salem, collecting the taxes assessed in his ward for that year (tax assessor's street book: 1725). By 1736 his family had removed to Bedford (E.I.H.C. vol. 15, p. 379). The tax records are ambiguous, but imply that the Raymonds may have had a house at 395 Essex Street as early as 1723; it was certainly present by 1730, as the following deed shows:

BOOK 60 PAGE 191

DATE- January 27, 1730/31

CONSIDERATION- £500 Province Bills

GRANTOR- Paul Raymond of Salem, potter

GRANTEE- George Needham of Salem

DESCRIPTION- "All that my Messuage situate in Salem aforesd. consisting of a Dwelling House, barn, outhouseing and about half an Acre of Land be the same more or less as it is now fenced in butting Northerly on the Main Street, Westerly on Land of Eliza. Dean, Southerly on land lately Thos. Flint's, Easterly on Land of Robert Orange . . ."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

BOOK 68 PAGE 226

DATE- October 30, 1735

CONSIDERATION- £450

GRANTOR- George Needham of Salem, inn-holder

GRANTEE- Paul Raymond of Salem, potter

**DESCRIPTION-** "All that my Messuage situate in Salem aforesd. consisting of a Dwelling House, Barn, outhouseing and about half an acre of Land be the same more or less as it is now fenced, butting Northerly on the Main Street, Westerly on Land late of Elizabeth Dean, dec'd., Southerly on land lately Thos. Flint's and Easterly on Land lately Orange's . . ."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** "... which I purchased of Paul Raymond by deed dated [January 27, 1730/31] . . ."

**BOOK 71 PAGE 151**

**DATE-** July 6, 1736

**CONSIDERATION-** £500 Province Bills

**GRANTOR-** Paul Raymond of Bedford, gentleman, "with the consent of Tabitha my wife"

**GRANTEE-** Hannah Hathorne of Salem, widow

**DESCRIPTION-** "All that my Messuage situate in Salem aforesd. consisting of a Dwelling House, barn, out House & about half an acre of Land be the same more or less as it is now fenced, butting Northerly on the Main Street, Westerly on Land of John Ropes (late Eliza. Dean's), Southerly on land of Nathaniel Ropes (late Thos. Flint's) and Easterly on Land of Timo. Lindall Esqr. (late Orange's) . . ."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** "... which I purchased of George Needham by deed dated October the Thirtieth 1735 . . ."

**BOOK 74 PAGE 64**

**DATE-** October 11, 1737

**CONSIDERATION-** £500

**GRANTOR-** Hannah Hathorne of Salem, widow

**GRANTEE-** Miles Ward, Jr., of Salem, joiner

**DESCRIPTION-** "Dwelling House with out houses & land thereto adjoining and belonging, situate in Salem aforesd., containing half an acre more or less as it is now fenced, butting Northerly on the Main street, Easterly on Land of Timo. Lindall Esq., Southerly on Land of Nathaniel Ropes and Westerly on Land of John Ropes . . ."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** None

**BOOK 136 PAGE 221**

**DATE-** June 11, 1778

**CONSIDERATION-** £880

**GRANTOR-** Miles Ward of Salem, gentleman [and Hannah, his wife]

**GRANTEE-** Isaac White of Salem, merchant

**DESCRIPTION-** ". . . my late dwelling house situate in the westerly part of the main street in said Salem with all the out houses & land thereto adjoining and belonging, containing half an Acre more or less as it is now fenced, bounding northerly on the main street, easterly on land late of Timothy Lindall Esqr. deceased, southerly on land late of Nathaniel Ropes Esqr. deceased & westerly on land of John Ropes . . ."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** None

**BOOK 144 PAGE 227**

**DATE-** May 3, 1785

**CONSIDERATION-** £296.5s

**GRANTOR-** John White of Billerica, administrator of the goods and estate of Isaac White, late of Salem, merchant

**GRANTEE-** Walter Price Bartlett of Salem, merchant

**DESCRIPTION-** "... a certain messuage & tenement situate in the main street in Salem aforesd. with the land thereto adjoining being about half an acre more or less with the dwelling House, out Houses & all the buildings standing & being on the premises, the whole enclosed with a fence and is bounded northerly on the main street, easterly on land late of Timothy Lyndall Esqr. deceased, southerly on land late of Nathaniel Ropes Esqr. deceased & westerly on land of John Ropes."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** None

**BOOK 153 PAGE 164**

**DATE-** September 6, 1791

**CONSIDERATION-** £230

**GRANTOR-** Walter Price Bartlett of Salem, merchant

**GRANTEE-** Josiah Austin of Salem, cabinet-maker

**DESCRIPTION-** "... a certain Messuage & Tenement situated in the main street in Salem aforesaid with the land thereto adjoining being about half an acre more or less with the dwelling house, out houses & all the buildings standing & being on the premises, the whole enclosed with a fence, bounded [then same as previous deed] ..."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** "... being the same that I bought of John White of Billerica ... esquire, as administrator of the goods & estate of Isaac White late of Salem aforesaid, merchant, deceased intestate ..."

**NOTE-** Son of Charlestown's carver John Austin, Josiah Austin in 1779 joined Salem's prominent Sandersons as partner in a "cooperative business venture in which cabinetmakers, carvers, gilders, turners,

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upholsterers and many other craftsmen contributed their respective parts in the making of furniture for exportation to southern states, the East and West Indies, South America, and Africa -- wherever a cargo could be shipped to best advantage." (Clunie's "Furniture Craftsmen of Salem . . . in the Federal Period," E.I.H.C. vol. 113, p. 192; and especially Swan's "Elijah and Jacob Sanderson, Early Salem Cabinetmakers . . .," E.I.H.C. vol. 70, p. 323 ff.)

Increased tax assessments imply that Austin improved the property (£3 in 1793, £3.5 in 1794, and \$1200 in 1795, where house "and shop" is first mentioned). An early nineteenth-century memory recalls 395 Essex Street as Austin's dwelling, with cabinet shop attached (Jonathan Tucker, Esq., "Our Old Houses. Reminiscences . . . 1807 to 1810," Salem Gazette, Nov. 19, 1875).

Josiah Austin bought additional small pieces of land abutting his property to the west and fronting on Essex street, from James Barr of Salem, yeoman, for £5 in 1792 (Book 154, Page 274) and from Jabez Smith, house carpenter, for \$15 in 1803 (Book 173, Page 37).

BOOK 217 PAGE 174

DATE-	June 2, 1818
CONSIDERATION-	\$2000
GRANTOR-	Josiah Austin of Salem, gentleman
GRANTEE-	James Silver of Salem, merchant
DESCRIPTION-	". . . a certain piece of land situate in Salem aforesaid containing about fifty poles of land be the same more or less, with the dwelling house standing thereon bounded as follows, viz., northerly on Essex Street, easterly on land of Capt. John Andrew formerly land of the Rev'd. Thomas

**DESCRIPTION (cont'd)-** Barnard deceased, southerly on land of Capt. Jabez Smith, and westerly on land partly on land of Capt. Jabez Smith and partly on land of said Silver to Essex Street aforesaid or however the same may be bounded."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** None

**BOOK 237 PAGE 101**

**DATE-** May 19, 1824

**CONSIDERATION-** \$2300

**GRANTOR-** James Silver of Salem, merchant

**GRANTEE-** Charles Hart of Salem, master mariner

**DESCRIPTION-** "... a certain piece of land situate in Salem aforesaid with the dwelling house, the eastern half of the wood house, the eastern half of the necessary thereon standing, bounded as follows, viz, beginning at the northeast corner on land of Andrews, then running southerly on said Andrews land one hundred and six feet to land of James Silver, then westerly on said Silvers land forty five feet and three inches to said Silvers land, then northerly on said Silvers land ninety one feet and eleven inches to Essex street, then northeasterly on said street fifty four feet to the bounds first mentioned ..."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** None

**NOTE-** A recollection of early nineteenth-century Essex Street states that after being occupied by Mr. Austin (with cabinet shop attached), the "house was sold years afterward, and put in fine order by Capt. Charles Hart," adding elsewhere that Hart was captain "of Brig New Priscilla, which was taken by pirates near Cuba in 1829, the crew never being heard from" (Oliver Thayer, "Early Recollections of the Upper Portion of Essex Street," E.I.H.C. vol. 21,



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pp. 212, 223). Tax records show no improvement before Hart's death (Austin's house and shop was valued at \$1000 in 1807; the house was valued at \$800 in 1827 and in 1828, when Hart was listed as "missing"). However, in 1830 Mrs. Frances Hart's real estate was assessed at \$1600; it appears that his widow made the improvements. She remarried, becoming Mrs. Frances Hart Grafton, and her children later sold the house:

BOOK 396 PAGE 279

DATE-

May 2, 1848

CONSIDERATION-

\$2300

GRANTORS-

Charles Hart of Providence, R.I.; Edward A. Hart of Boston; Nathan Todd and his wife Francis M. Todd, both of Rowley

GRANTEE-

Ezra Northey of Salem

DESCRIPTION-

"A certain lot of land, with the dwelling house & all other buildings & improvements thereon standing situate in Salem aforesaid, on Essex Street, bounded as follows; beginning at the Northeast corner on land now or formerly belonging to heirs of the late John Andrews deceased & running Southerly on said land one hundred & six feet to land now or formerly belonging to the heirs of the late James Silver deceased; then Westerly on said last mentioned land forty five feet & three inches, to land now or formerly belonging to [James Silver's heirs]; then Northerly on said land . . . ninety one feet & eleven inches, to said Essex Street; then Northeasterly on said Street fifty four feet to the first mentioned bound."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

NOTE-

In the 1851 Map of Salem, the house ("E. Northey") is portrayed with no additions to the rear.

DATE- June 23, 1866

CONSIDERATION- \$1500

GRANTOR- Rebekah Northey Buffum, wife of Henry Buffum of Melrose

GRANTEE- William Northey

DESCRIPTION- "... my undivided half of a certain lot of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon standing situate in Salem aforesaid on Essex Street ... and bounded ... as follows [then same as previous deed]"

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- "... being the same which was conveyed to our late father Ezra Northey by Francis H. Grafton [sic], Charles Hart, Edward A Hart, Nathan Todd and Francis M. Todd by Deed dated [May 2, 1848, in] Book 396, leaf 279"

NOTE- On September 21, 1867, William Northey bought adjoining land from Samuel P. Andrews for \$1025. Lying east of Northey's house, it measured 27'2" along Essex St. on its north side, 108' along Northey property on its west side, 36' on its south side and 116'9" on its east side, both sides abutting other property of Samuel Andrews (Book 733, Page 64).

Significant improvements were underway; tax records assess the house at \$1500 in 1865, at \$2500 in 1866, '67, and '68, and at \$3000 in 1869. By 1874, the house had its long south extension (see map, 1874 Atlas of ... Salem). The smaller, east extension was apparently added between 1874 and 1897 (see map, 1897 Atlas of ... Salem).

DATE- January 6, 1926

CONSIDERATION- \$1 and other valuable considerations

**GRANTORS-** Edward A. Northey of Boston and William E. Northey of Salem, trustees under the will of William Northey, dec'd, late of Salem

**GRANTEES-** Leverett S. Tuckerman and Linda S. Tuckerman, his wife, both of Boston

**DESCRIPTION-** "... the land on Essex Street in said Salem, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: northerly by Essex Street, eighty-one (81) feet two (2) inches; easterly by land now or late of Andrews, one hundred sixteen (116) feet nine inches; southerly by land now or late of Harrington and Northey, eighty-one (81) feet three (3) inches; and westerly by land now or late of Runette, late of Northey, ninety-one (91) feet eleven (11) inches. All of said dimensions being more or less."

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** "See deed to William Northey from Rebekah Northey Buffum, date June 23, 1866 and recorded ... Book 713, Page 151; deed to Ezra Northey ... Book 396, Page 279 and deed to William Northey ... September 21, 1867, ... Book 733, Page 64."

**BOOK 3354 PAGE 104**

**DATE-** November 5, 1943

**CONSIDERATION-** Paid

**GRANTORS-** Leverett S. Tuckerman and Linda S. Tuckerman of Salem, husband and wife

**GRANTEE-** Clara M. Kaminski of Everett

**DESCRIPTION-** "... the land at 395 Essex Street in Salem with the buildings thereon ..." [then, same as previous deed]"

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** "... conveyed to us by Edward A. Northey and William E. Northey, Trustees under the will of William Northey by deed dated January 6, 1926 ... Book 2669, Page 99."

**BOOK 3354 PAGE 105**

**DATE-** November 5, 1943

**CONSIDERATION-** Paid

**GRANTOR-** Clara M. Kaminski of Everett

**GRANTEE-** Linda S. Tuckerman of Salem

**DESCRIPTION-** Same as previous deed

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE-** "... conveyed ... by Leverett S. Tuckerman and Linda S. Tuckerman dated November 1, 1942 ... Book 3354, Page 104."

**BOOK 3572, PAGE 23**

**DATE-** October 17, 1947

**CONSIDERATION-** Paid

**GRANTOR-** Linda S. Butler of Middleton

**GRANTEE-** Priscilla Belknap Moore of Salem

**DESCRIPTION-** Same as previous deed

**NOTE-** "... the said Linda S. Tuckerman having since been divorced from Leverett L. Tuckerman ... and having subsequently married Warren H. Butler."

**BOOK 3873, PAGE 164**

**DATE-** January 30, 1952

**CONSIDERATION-** Paid

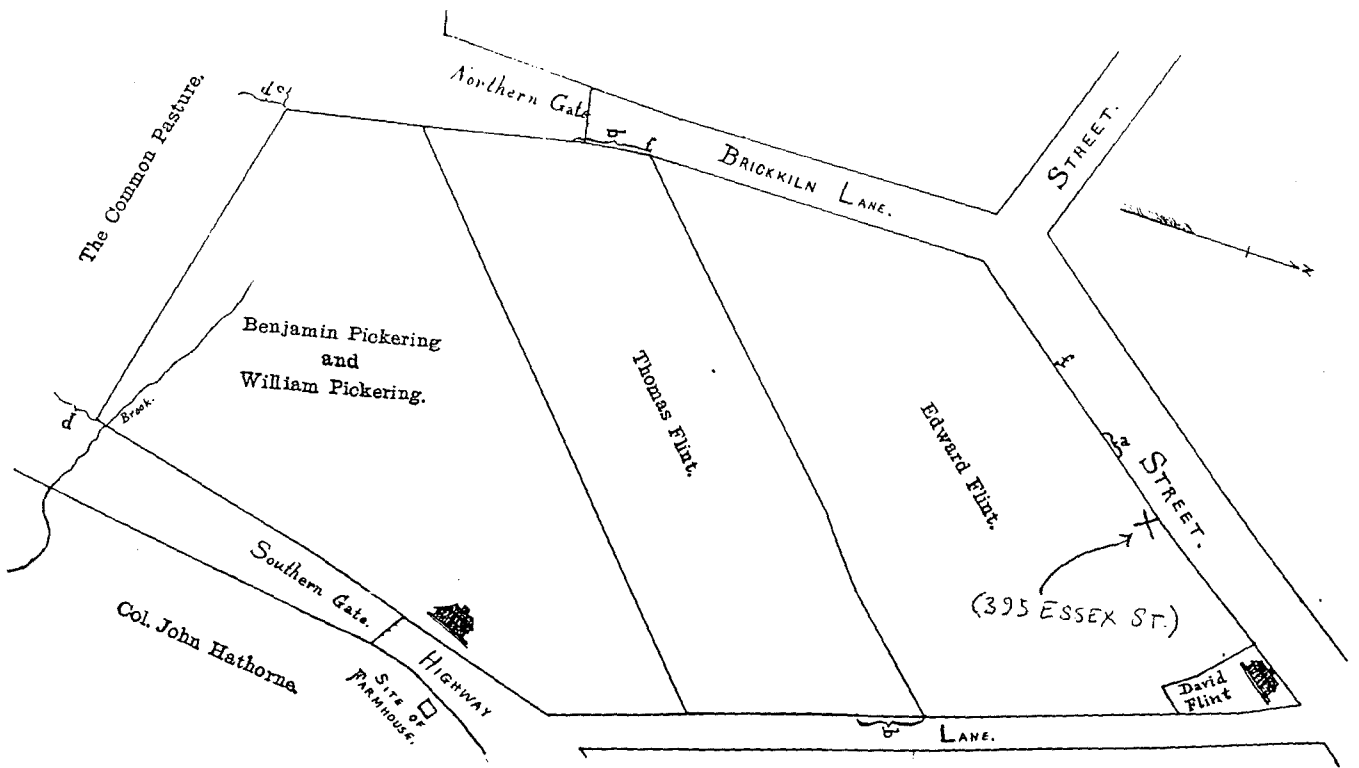
**GRANTOR-** Priscilla Belknap Moore, being unmarried, of Salem

**GRANTEES-** Roland L. Audette and Pauline L. Audette, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, both of said Salem

**DESCRIPTION-**

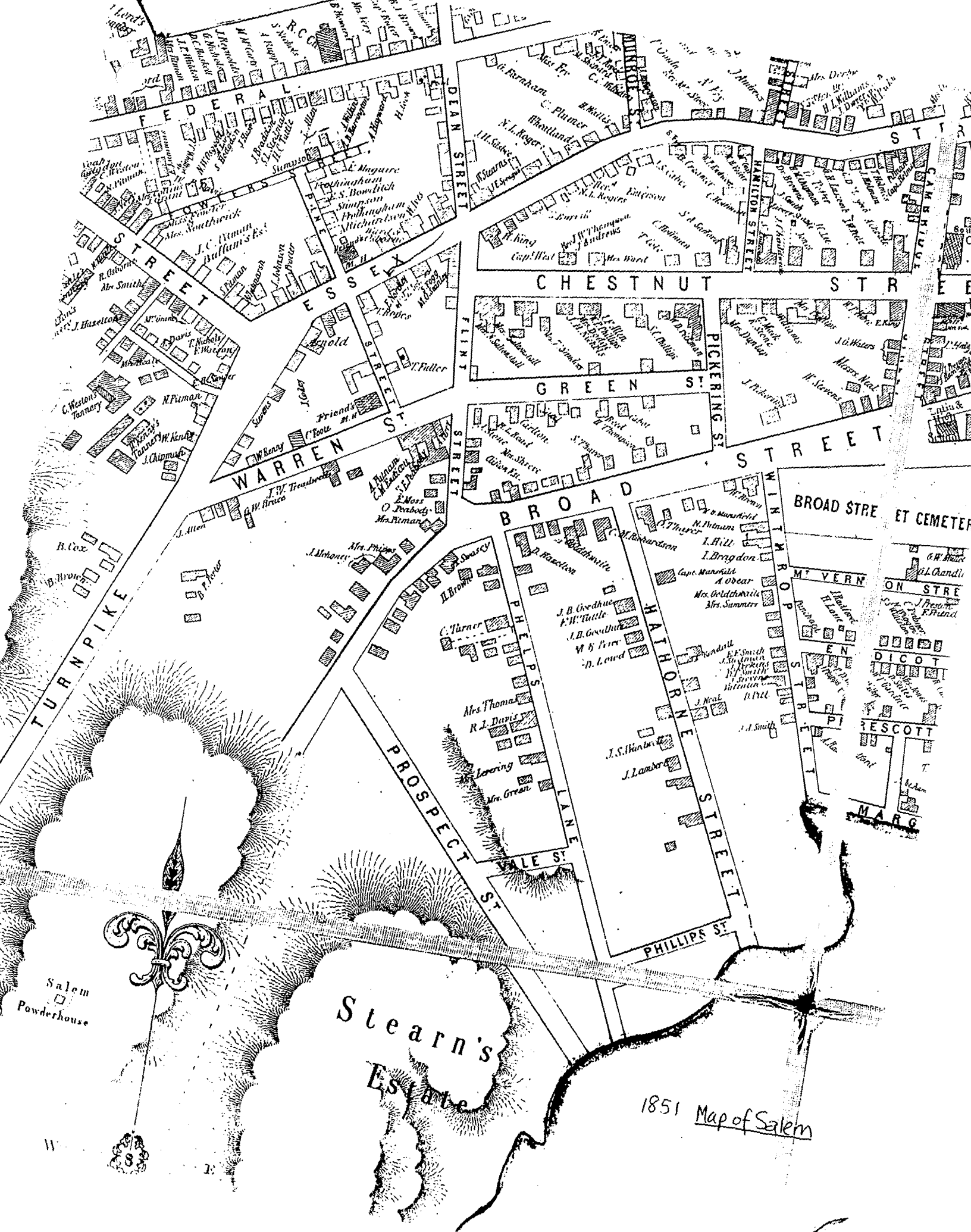
**"The land in said Salem, with buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: northerly by Essex Street, eighty-one (81) feet two (2) inches; easterly by land now or formerly of Andrews, one hundred sixteen (116) feet nine (9) inches; southerly by land now or formerly of Harrington and Northey, eighty-one (81) feet three (3) inches; and westerly by land now or formerly of Runette, formerly of Northey, ninety-one (91) feet eleven (11) inches."**

**PREVIOUS REFERENCE- Book 3572, Page 23**



PART OF SALEM IN 1700. NO 6.

Scale: 200 ft = 1 inch.



**FEDERAL STREET**  
**ESSEX STREET**  
**BROAD STREET**  
**TURNPIKE**  
**WARREN STREET**  
**PROSPECT STREET**  
**DEAN STREET**  
**CHESTNUT STREET**  
**GREEN STREET**  
**BROAD STREET**  
**MINOR STREET**  
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Salem Powderhouse

Stearn's Estate

1851 Map of Salem

WOOD BUILDING

TABLE OR SHED

HOUSE

PIPES & DRAINAGE

CROSSING AT GRADE

UNDER PUBLIC ROAD

OVER PUBLIC ROAD

RAILROAD

RAILWAY

PLATING

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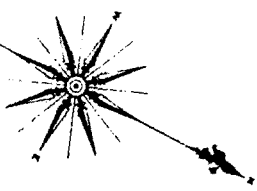
1897, ATLAS OF THE CITY OF SALEM, MASS. 1:100'



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1957, Salem Mass  
(Sanborn)  
1" : 50'

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BOSTON

ESSEX

FOWLER

S. PINE

N. PINE

ESSEX

Cemetery

FLINT

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BONNICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

