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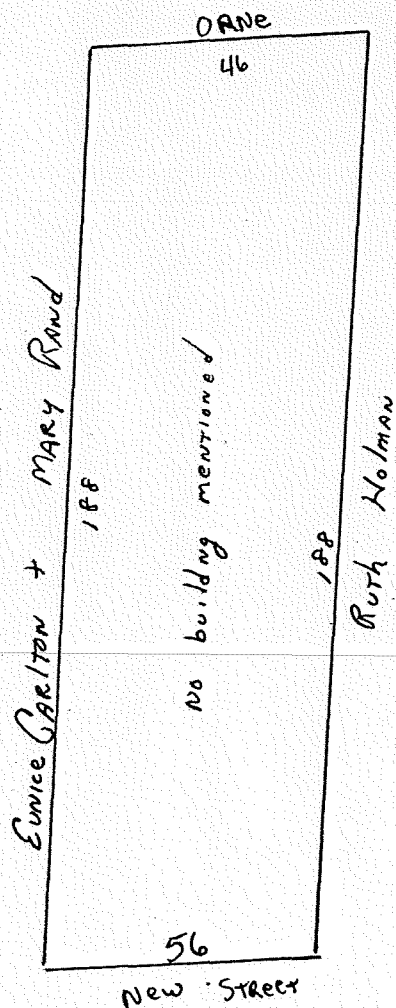
14 Lynde Street
Built for,
EBENEZER BECKFORD, merchant
by the year
1788

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August 1980

*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

14 Lynde Street

The lot on which this three story Federal style mansion stands was part of the estate owned by Lewis Hunt, mariner in 1699. Mr. Hunt's house stood on the corner of Lynde and Washington streets. The title was passed down to Mr. Hunt's son William in 1731. William Hunt died in 1780 possessed of the mansion house, bake house, barn and land. A division of his real estate took place on July 16, 1782. In this division his daughter, Hannah (Hunt) Beckford, wife of Ebenezer was assigned this parcel as her share in the estate:



(book 139 page 163)

The tax records indicate that the house now known as 14 Lynde St. was built by the year 1788:

1786-7	Ebenezer Beckford	- house \$160, wharf \$75, "house lot (Hunt) \$150", 4 common rights \$32
1788	"	" - house he lives in \$140, wharf \$50, <u>new house</u> \$403, common rights \$32
1789	"	" - homestead \$500

Hannah Hunt and Ebenezer Beckford were married on May 26, 1772. The couple had four children, Lewis, Mary, Eunice and Ebenezer, when they built their new home on Lynde Street. Hannah died in Jan. of 1807, leaving the property to Ebenezer. Dr. William Bentley recorded the death of Ebenezer in his diary on Feb. 16, 1816:

"He (Ebenezer) was a man of great prudence, but a most excellent Overseer of the poor, an office he held 30 years. When he retired all the poor lamented it. This was the most observed and best part of his life. In his manners he was kind and in his opinions safe. His Theological sentiments were enlightened and had good influence on his temper. In State parties he was on the side of power, but never against right and order. In his domestic character he was exemplary, but not most blessed in his children. On the mother's side has been a family derangement which has been visible in many branches of the family. He is very much lamented."

By the will of Ebenezer Beckford (probate #2261) this property was bequeathed to his son, Ebenezer H. Beckford. It was described in the inventory as "The mansion house and land with all other buildings thereon, \$3,500". His whole estate was valued at a little less than \$125,000. (see appendix A - inventory of contents of house)

The property remained in the possession of Ebenezer H. Beckford but under the guardianship of Nathan Robinson and later Joseph Osgood. In accounts filed in probate case #2262 (Ebenezer Beckford, non compos mentis) the upkeep of the house is recorded:

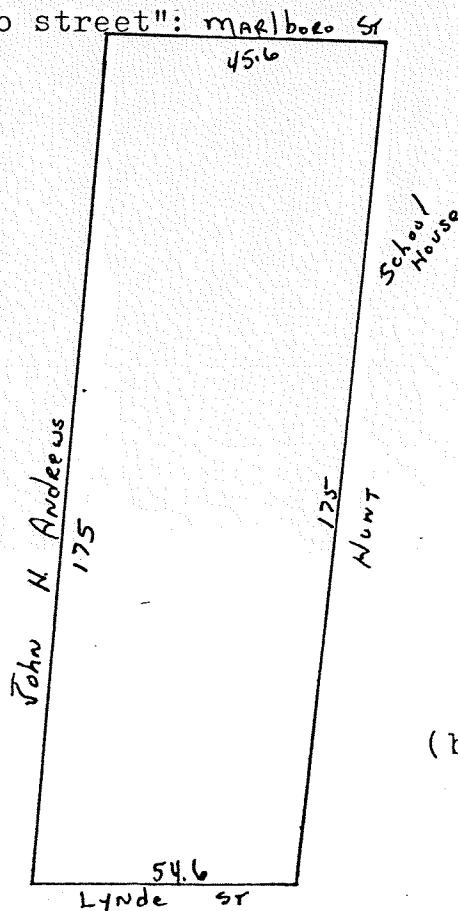
1817

May	- Jno Hutchinson labor at house	\$ 6.50
	Goodhue & Warner, paper for house	10.08
	Simon Shiliber and wife for cleaning house	3.25
	Whipple for paper	14.25
June	Wm E. & I. Hacker lumber for house	23.62
	George Smith	5.52
	Robt Cloutman, nails	8.94
July	Brooks, lumber for repairs	30.76
	Repair of drain	1.25
Oct.	Josiah Dodge for carpenters work on house and out house Lynde St.	51.62
	aquedeuct bill	3.75
	insurance on house	17.00
Dec.	Wm Luscomb, paint and paper	179.87

1818			
March	-	Edward Slocum, mason work on chimney	\$ 2.80
		Sam Flint for carting gravel to the estate	6.00
		Jona Smith, repairs on pump	- - -
June		York Morris, labor at house	1.00
		S. Friend, whitewash at house	6.00
July		Wakefield for paint and floors and setting glass	13.05
Sept		Amos Lamson for window blinds	10.00
		Jos Cloutman for locks	3.02
		insurance	17.00
1821		painting	20.00
1823		Edward Brown, carpenter work	4.85
		" " " "	25.27
		Henderson and Barr, paint at house	10.00
1825		two double windows and repairs	16.67
		Phelps blinds	22.75

After this date the accounts are not detailed. According to the information contained in this probate case, Mr. Beckford was boarded at Andover and the house was rented out. One of the tenants during the 1830's was the distinguished lawyer, Rufus Choate. Although he was only in residence for a year or two the house assumed the distinction of being known as the "Rufus Choate House". (Photo at the Essex Institute, Neg. #117)

On May 8, 1841 Joseph Osgood, as guardian of Ebenezer H. Beckford, sold to Caleb Smith, the highest bidder, for a consideration of \$8,000, "the mansion house of the late Ebenezer Beckford, Esq. lying between Lynde street and Marlboro street":



(book 325 page 77)

Caleb Smith was a merchant engaged in foreign trade, a large part of which was with Zanzibar. Because of this he was often called "Zanzibar Smith". He also established a sperm oil and candle factory, once located on Harbor Street, in 1835. The census of 1850 gives a closer insight as to the Smith family at that time:

Caleb Smith	age 63	man. of oil and candles	born Mass
Henry W. "	" 30		" "
Marianna "	" 28		" "
Charles F."	" 15		" "
Hannah Hallaghan	" 21		" Ire.

This house was formerly number 12 Lynde St. as indicated in the tax records and directories:

1850

12 Lynde St. - Caleb Smith
Henry Smith
Francis E. Smith (in California)

1853

12 Lynde St. - Caleb Smith, house value \$4,500
Charles Smith

In Nov. of 1853 the Salem Street Department was called upon to reconstruct Mr. Smith's walkway:

"Mr. Flint and his men laid edge stones and a brick side walk in front of Mr. Caleb Smith's house in Lynde St. which is quite an improvement in front of his house over the old rough flagg stone which have laid there ever since Mr. Ebenezer Beckford's day the former owner of the estate.

Mr. Smith has also built a new fence in front of his said estate this also improves the looks and convenience of house and yard in front of said house". (Street books stored at the Essex Institute)

The census of 1860 reveals that the Smith family has dwindled:

Caleb Smith	age 74	value of real est. \$5,000
	"	" personal 500
Mary Smith	" 69	

The tax records for 1865:

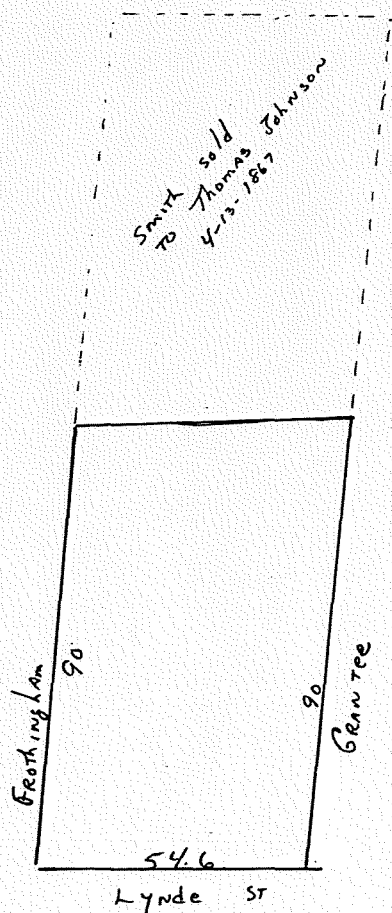
Caleb Smith - house & barn 12 Lynde St. value \$1,200
8850 feet of land " 1,000

1870 Caleb Smith house \$2,000
barn 200
land 4435 feet \$1,400 (a portion was sold in 1867)

In 1870 Caleb, age 84 and Mary, age 79 are still the occupants according to the census. Shortly after the census was taken, Caleb Smith passed away. In his probate (#53419) Mr. Smith's property was inventoried as:

messuage Lynde street	\$6,000
furniture	75
watch	30
books	10

After the death of Mr. Smith, his heirs sold the Lynde street estate to William Hunt, on April 19, 1871. Mr. Hunt owned the adjoining premises on the east.



(book 821 page 216)

The house is listed as vacant for the year 1871, the owner being William Hunt, valued at \$2,200 - land \$1,400.

In 1872 Samuel S. Johnson age 59, Samuel A. Johnson age 24 and E. Frank Johnson age 23 are the tenants of record.

On March 24, 1873 William Hunt sold for the sum of \$6,000 to Susan S. Northend, wife of William D., "the messuage in Salem, bounded southerly on Lynde street, westerly on land of Frothingham, northerly on land of Thomas H. Johnson and easterly by the fence separating the estate from other land of mine, it being part of the Smith estate, so called." (book 877 page 258)

The following is a sampling of taxes:

1877 W. D. Northend 53, owner	house value \$3,400
Wm. W. Northend 19	land value 1,100

1886 Wm D. Northend, lawyer age 63	owner \$3,200 - land \$1,100
Wm Northend, architect " 28	

1888 William Northend age 65 (this year the street was renumbered this house was given its present number 14)

1900 William Northend age 77	house value \$3,200
Frances Benjamin age 19	land value 1,600

On Aug. 31, 1923 Susan S. Northend, widow (called Susan Sr.) sold to Susan S. Northend Jr. the same estate conveyed in deed 877 page 258. Meaning to include all furniture, fixtures and everything else in the house belonging to me. (book 2569 page 293)

Susan S. Northend Jr. died on Dec. 16, 1934 (appendix B - inventory of probate #180995) (appendix C & D Northend family data)

On Oct. 10, 1935 Merrill Griswold, of Boston and Eliza S. Austin of Salem executors of the will of Susan S. Northend sold to James A. Toleos of Salem, #14 Lynde St. (book 3053 page 36)

May 25, 1964 James A. Toleos of Salem sold to Donald R. and Olga V. Steward of Beverly, the same conveyed by deed 3053 page 36. (book 5173 page 203)

Jan. 15, 1971 Donald R. and Aiga V. Stewart sold to Steven Kipuros the same conveyed to them by deed of James A. Toleos. (book 5739 page 709)



Note: Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds, all probate numbers can be found in Probate Court. Both are located in the same building on Federal St., Salem. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact - just for illustration purposes.

MARY HARROD NORTHEND

AUTHORITY AND WRITER ON COLONIAL HOMES OF
NEW ENGLAND

CHARLES ARTHUR HIGGINS, LL. M.

The winning of victory out of almost years of defeat is what impressed me most strongly as the accomplishment of one Massachusetts woman, Mary Harrod Northend, the famous authority and writer upon American historical and colonial homes, and their settings and furnishings.

In the quaint old side street of Lynde in Salem, I found Miss Northend surrounded by her inherited and accumulated treasures. Here we talked of her early struggles, her successes and her hopes. I found a bright, happy little woman with sparkling eyes and ready voice, which belied the gathering crown of silver about the brow of this clever, determined piece of interesting femininity.

The author relates that in girlhood and young womanhood, she was a semi-invalid, and consequently her school days were brief and intermittent. She had reached a mature age, when, after various efforts toward self-support, an incident in her social life led her to attempt literary work.

It was after a house party, some dozen years ago that Miss Northend was searching for someone to record the occasion in verse; she could find no one, and was forced to do it herself. Miss Northend says that she turned out a couple of bits of "doggerel" but they were accepted as "poems," and from that period she determined to enter the literary field in earnest. She relates that her intimates, knowing her educational deficiencies, frankly endeavored to discourage her, saying it would be wasted effort, and for a time their prophecies seemed true. Her manuscripts were politely returned by magazine editors, with her autograph and address cut from the page and pasted on the outside of the envelope, because they could not decipher the writing nor, probably, read any of the contents. A typewriter was the ultimate remedy for that.

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Then Miss Northend began a campaign in the magazine departments of the metropolitan dailies and received her first encouragement some dozen years ago from the Sunday editor of the Boston Herald. Her kodak furnished the first illustrations but were far from satisfactory and the embryo author was wise enough to devote her energies to the story side. Later she hired a professional photographer to accompany her on copy-producing excursions. By polishing and repolishing her efforts, this woman of meagre educational opportunities, has brought herself in fifteen years to a position of known ability and recognized authority, and to a point where the demand for her work is beyond her physical powers.

Last year over one hundred and fifty articles were published in various magazines that appear in every household. Her second book, "Historic Homes of New England," followed quickly after her earlier work, "Colonial Homes and Their Furnishings." Each is a pretentious volume of beauty and rich with a wealth of illustrations. Through the urging of her publishers, Little, Brown & Co., Miss Northend brought out the earlier volume in seven weeks time, an act made possible only by the existence of the most wonderful collection of negatives in the country, bearing upon colonial and historic homes, which now numbers nearly sixteen thousand.

Her work is most often seen in the *Ladies Home Journal*, to which she is a constant contributor. But some thirty-seven different periodicals have a call for her work. At the present time she has in preparation two articles for the *Century*, one on the "Value of Summer Camps," and another on "North Shore Gardens"; also an article for the *Outlook*, "Why Mothers Should Send Their Girls to Summer Camps." Her third book, which is now "on the ways" will be devoted to the subject of "Remodeled Farm Houses", to embrace not only New England houses, but examples in other states as well.

While Miss Northend's writings are familiar to the average reader, yet her principal feature is photographic work for magazines, and much of her time, more especially during the summer months, is devoted to traveling all over New England getting beautiful homes, grounds, and other pictures to be used during the winter months, taking from 2000 to 3000 pictures each year.

She claims that much of her success in this work resulted from the fact that she always gives personal supervision to everything, and while it entails an immense amount of work and takes a great deal of time, yet the

same perseverance which has stood her well in life has brought her to a place where she can claim a position of her own in the pictorial magazine work of today. She often spends from an hour to an hour and a half in one room, arranging small insignificant details, to make a complete whole.

She maintains that magazines and newspapers have whims as well as people, and one particular line must be followed carefully, if one would be successful. One year, elaborate gardens and houses are in demand, while the next year the hand swings backward and practical things such as small houses, back-door gardens, and "before and after" views, are used. Miss Northend also claims that the pictorial end is being made more and more of, and it is an education to any person to study this line of work, both practically and through magazines, which tell the story by photograph far better than words can.

To accomplish the amount of work she does, Miss Northend rises in the early hours, often before five o'clock, and, too frequently, burns the candle far into the night. She has in her employ a great part of the time, a stenographer, several file clerks, and a salaried photographer, besides other assistants.

When asked to what particular cause she attributed her success, Miss Northend replied: "Oh, to my friends, the citizens of my home town, Salem. Had they not thrown open their homes for my inspection and reproduction, I would have been nothing." But modest and grateful as the little lady is, had not her own perseverance and hope won for her sufficient evidences of success-attaining ability, Salem pride would not have allowed mediocre efforts to have given publicity to its firesides; but now the owners of those beautiful Salem mansions are as proud of the fame and authority of their author as they are of her subject matter. Miss Northend has been repeatedly urged to make her abode in New York; but she states that nothing can make her forsake the city that has so kindly aided her to fame.

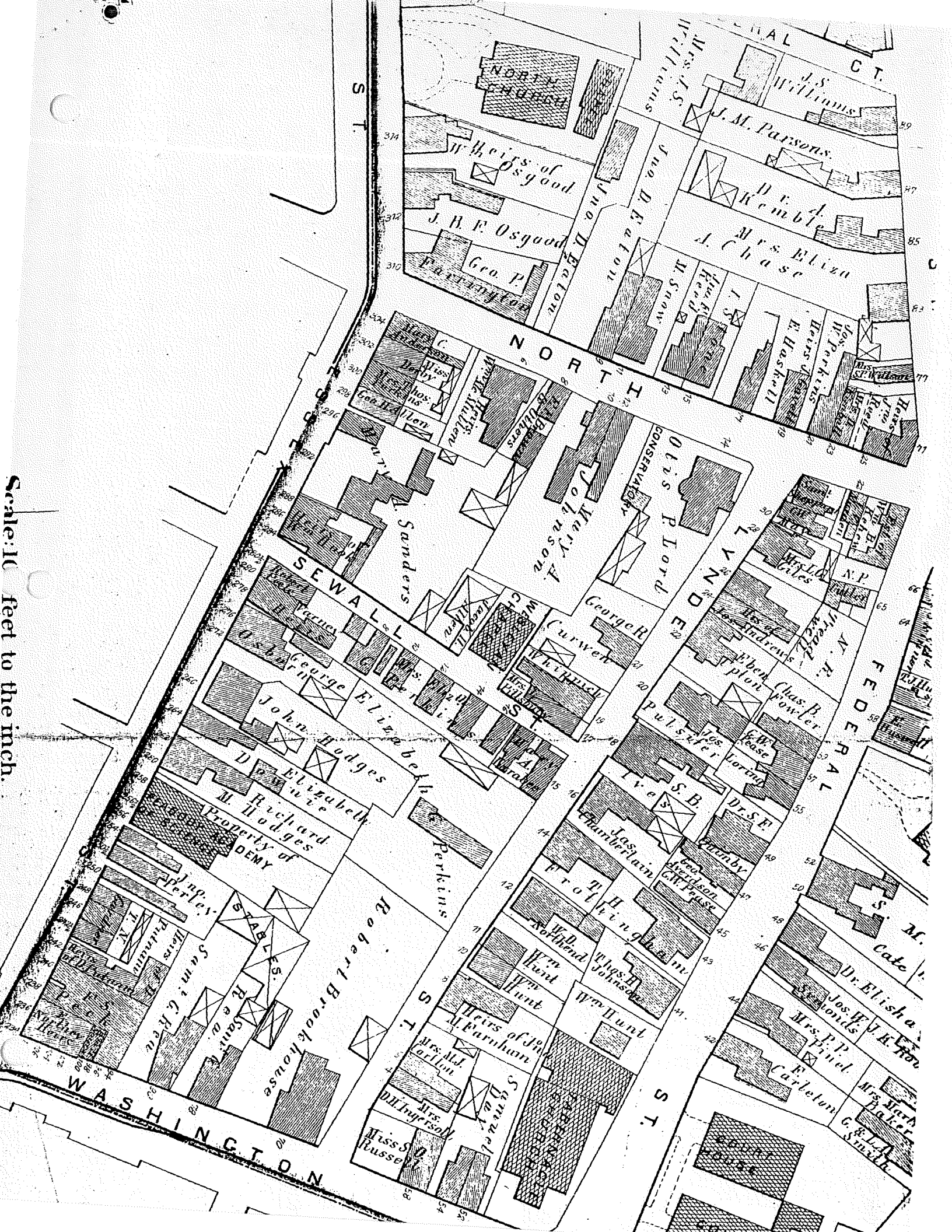
Another secret of her authoritative position is proof of the old adage, "Blood will tell." William Dummer Northend, her father, was a celebrated criminal lawyer of New England, and as author of "The Old Bay Colony," was known as one of the most accurate historical writers of the period. A descendant of Governor Dummer of colonial days, and blood kin of the Longfellow and Lowells. From old Newburyport, the Wheelwrights and Harrods were the ancestors on her mother's side.

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So this brief sketch proves that efforts that were at first considered the riding of a hobby, have passed into the full position of an honorable profession. For Miss Northend's boundaries of research, description and illustration are not limited to the exterior or interiors of four walls, but to every detail connected with the fitting. Chapters are written on doorknockers or andirons; wall papers receive historic treatment that is educational, gateways, lintels, windows, stairways, fireplaces, porticoes, china, glassware, silver, pewter, furniture and draperies, as well as the gardens and walks, have received that dignified treatment that causes her articles and works to be read by the architect, the designer, the expert in every furnishing trade and profession, and sought after by the historian, the student, the artist and the booklover of every degree.

Wisely this little lady early resolved to break the rigors of her constant labor by bringing to her side pleasant friends and enlightening converse, and so each Friday evening finds gathered in her rooms, a select coterie of literary and artistic workers, happy over Miss Northend's brewing of the tea.

Scale: 10 feet to the inch.



SUSAN S Northend

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Schedule of Personal Estate in Detail.

	DOLLS	CTS
<u>Bank Accounts</u>		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Salem, Mass. Account No. 31845	5242	09
Salem Savings Bank, Salem, Mass. Account No. 20343	1023	92
Warren Five Cents Savings Bank, Peabody, Mass.	544	70
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, Charlestown, Mass., Account No. 174526	2852	55
Merchants National Bank, Salem, Mass., checking account standing in the name of Frances S. Benjamin, Conservator of the Estate of Susan S. Northend	306	13
<u>Stock and Co-operative Bank Shares</u>		
10 matured shares Roger Conant Co-operative Bank Salem, Mass. @ \$200	2000	00
10 paid-up shares Roger Conant Co-operative Bank Salem, Mass. @ \$200	2000	00
10 paid-up shares Salem Co-operative Bank, Salem, Mass. @ \$200 a share	2000	00
1 share Salem Athenaeum, Salem, Mass., @ \$50.00	50	00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Cash in house, 14 Lynde Street, Salem, Mass.	1	16
Balance of income due from Harvard Trust Co. as Trustee under the will of Ellen H. Northend	34	26
Household Furniture, Furnishings and Personal Effects at 14 Lynde Street, Salem, Mass. as appraised by Ralph S. Merrill, special appraiser c/o Merrill Griswold, 13 Marlboro St. Boston, Mass.	1034	50
1 small diamond ring, Tiffany setting	20	00
1 Gold and Topaz brooch - old style	5	00
Note of J. Rae Soper, Salem, Mass.	140	00
	<u>\$ 22151</u>	<u>31</u>

Real Estate

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THE COMMISSION BEGINS ITS WORK. Members Will See the Actual Work of Mining Coal, and Investigate the Conditions Before Hearing Any Testimony.

The commission appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the causes leading up to the great coal strike and to arbitrate the grievances, arrived at Scranton, Pa., yesterday.

Mitchell Day Celebrated. Yesterday was celebrated throughout the coal region as Mitchell day, being the day of the death of the settlement of the great strike in 1900.

TOWN OF READING HAS A MYSTERY. Murder Which Threatens to Rival the Blondin Case in Interest Occurred There Yesterday; Unknown Woman the Victim.

The town of Reading has a murder mystery on its hands which promises to rival in interest the Blondin murder, which resembles in more than one feature.

BU L D I N G I N P E A B O D Y. Upward of 30 acres of the most desirable residential land in Peabody, situated on Mount Pleasant, have been bought by Joseph N. Smith of Lynn.

DEATH OF AN INVENTOR. Walter T. Forbes, Sr., of Atlanta, Ga., Succumbed to Paralysis in This City.

ANOTHER POLITICAL CLUB. A number of voters of Ward One met last evening, at the office 10 Charter street, for the purpose of forming a political club.

POLICE BLOTTER. There was one arrest, Thomas Ambrose, drunk, in addition to the lodgers at the police station last night.

PRUDENT PEOPLE PURCHASE AT PRICE'S. THE way a TRUSS fits and the ease and comfort it affords is of great importance to a ruptured man.

LAL A BIGGA TO SUR. Address Charged With Conspiracy of H. M. Bennett, Will Go to the Authorities.



Miss Laura Biggar, the actress, who tried to get hold of the estate of the late William M. Bennett of Middlebury by setting on the fire that she was married to him and had given birth to a child by him.

THE MAYORALTY CANDIDATES TOO. Will Try to Find Which of Them Is the Strongest Vote-Getter.

A MASS CAUCUS POSSIBLE HAD TRO. At last evening's meeting of the committee of citizens who have been discussing mayoralty candidates, it was decided to invite the several candidates to each name five friends to enter a caucus for the purpose of ascertaining the strongest possible candidate, and probably hold a mass caucus at which the voters will be given an opportunity to select a candidate.

THE WEATHER REPORT. First Snow of the Season Fell Yesterday Afternoon; Freezing Point Reached.

Snow in the last 24 hours indicated the near approach of winter, though the atmospheric conditions this forenoon were such as to cause us to expect about 1.30 o'clock yesterday with the temperature about 44 degrees, a light snow flurry surprised the city and fell through the members of the community whose coat bins are low.

AT DISTRICT COURT. One solitary drunk lined up before his honor at district court this morning. He was Thomas Ambrose of Salem, and another flurry of snow gave further promise of the departure of the autumn season.

SOUTH FIELDS GOLF CLUB. There will be a Halloween party at the club house of the South Fields Golf Club Friday evening.