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18 River Street

Built by

Stephen Driver, Housewright

ca. 1777

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18 RIVER STREET

PART ONE: THE LAND

BOOK 9 PAGE 234

DATE- July 2, 1657

CONSIDERATION- 25 pounds

GRANTOR- Edward Phelps of Newbury

GRANTEE- Thomas Robbins of Salem

DESCRIPTION- One dwelling house together with 3 1/2 acres, situated between Richard Bishop's house and land (on the west) and the lane (Beckford Street) on the east, butting upon the North River and thence upwards to the highway southwards, with all the appurtenances.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None.

NOTE- Thomas Trusler, brickmaker in Salem perhaps as early as 1629, first owned the land (and the house, which probably lay between what is now Andover Street and River Street). Trusler died March 5, 1654 and his widow Elinor died in 1655, leaving the property to Edward Phelps, her son by first marriage.

Mr. Phelps lived in Newbury, and so sold the estate to Thomas Robbins, a carpenter in Salem. Born about 1618, Robbins married first, Isabel ____, who was probably a widow. She died October 9, 1674, and Robbins remarried March 11, 1674/5 to Mary (Gould), widow of Richard Bishop (perhaps a more credible route for the passage of Richard Bishop's land to the heirs of Thomas Robbins than that given by Perley, Essex Antiquarian, Vol. VII, p. 123). They probably had no children. Mr. Robbins had a sister, who married __ Greene, and who had a daughter named Rebecca, who married William Pinson on February 27, 1675/6.

DATE- April 19, 1681

CONSIDERATION- That William Pinson provide for Thomas Robbins and his wife Mary for the duration of Robbins's natural life.

GRANTOR- Thomas Robbins of Salem

GRANTEE- "My kinsman William Pinson, and his wife Rebecca (who is my sister's daughter)"

DESCRIPTION- "All and singular my goods, chattells, lands, housing, cattell, money, plate, dues, debts, rings, household stuff, brass, pewter and all other my substance whatsoever, moveable and immoveable ... excepting what I have alreddy given and disposed by my will"

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None.

NOTE- This reciprocates the agreement given by William Pinson to Thomas Robbins in Book 10. Page 94 and dated April 18, 1681.

William Pinson was born about 1648, and lived in Salem as early as 1676. He was a fisherman and a husbandman. As mentioned, he married Rebecca Greene in 1675/6; they had two children: William, born March 26, 1677 (who presumably died young), and Rebecca. William Pinson, Sr. died in July of 1695. His widow Rebecca remarried, on January 1, 1696/7, to Joseph Boobier of Marblehead. On February 8 of the following year, her daughter Rebecca married John Beckford (Bickford) of Marblehead.

DATE- January 11, 1698/9

CONSIDERATION- 30 pounds and the assumption of any remaining debts owed by the estate.

GRANTOR- Joseph Boobier of Marblehead and Rebecca his wife, widow of William Pinson (or Pinsont), late of Salem.

GRANTEE- John Bickford of Marblehead and Rebeccah his wife, daughter of William Pinson.

DESCRIPTION- Our messuage or tenement situated in Salem, bounded northwesterly with the land of Thomas Ruck, northeasterly the River, southeasterly on the lane and southwesterly partly with the land of Robert Kitchen and partly with the land of Joseph Neale; containing about 3 acres more or less with the dwelling house, barn, out-housing, orchard, fences, privileges and appurtenances (and water-courses), being at present occupied by George Hacker the tenant.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- It being the estate of said William Pinson, first husband of Rebecca.

NOTE- John Beckford (Bickford) of Marblehead, was a fisherman, brickmaker, shoreman and yeoman. He and his wife Rebecca moved to Reading about 1735, and were living there in 1757. They had ten children: George (b. July 5, 1700), John (b. Sept. 15, 1702), Rebecca (b. Feb. 26, 1705), William (b. March 4, 1706), Bethiah (b. Feb. 2, 1708), Benjamin (b. Aug. 30, 1711), Ebenezer (b. May 18, 1715), Priscilla (b. Aug. 8, 1717), Mary (b. Nov. 22, 1719), and Sarah (b. Dec. 18, 1721).

DATE- March 21, 1757

CONSIDERATION- 93 pounds, 6 shillings, 8 pence

GRANTOR- John Bickford, formerly of Salem, yeoman, and
Rebecca his wife

GRANTEE- Their son Benjamin Bickford of Salem, fisherman

DESCRIPTION- A dwelling house and a lot of land occupied by
Benjamin, containing about 172 1/2 poles, bounded
northerly on the way (River Street) 11 1/4 poles,
westerly on land late of Samuel Sibley about 19
poles, southerly on land of Samuel Ropes and
Jonathan Ropes 8 poles, then easterly on land of
George Beckford and land of John Bickford
(conveyed to them same date and grantors as this
deed) about 19 poles and 12 feet, then southerly
on land of John and George Bickford a little more
than 4 poles by a crooked line running through the
middle of the well to the way [River Street]
aforesaid ... also one third part in common of the
wharf and warehouse by the North River and the
flats under the same ... also all their right in that
part of the bank by the part of the homestead ...
which Benjamin now occupies.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- It being part of their late homestead in Salem.

NOTE- The "bank," mentioned in the last three lines of this
deed, included that portion of land on the north
side of River Street now underlying the house at
18 River Street.

Benjamin Beckford, fisherman and yeoman,
married (first) Mary Collins on December 5, 1733;
they had six children: Mary, Benjamin Jr.,
Adoniram, Hannah, James, and George. Benjamin
Sr. married (second) Lydia, widow of James Norris,
on October 2, 1750. He died May 28, 1773, and
Benjamin, Jr. was executor of the estate.

18 RIVER STREET

PART TWO: THE HOUSE

BOOK 131 PAGE 237

DATE- July 2, 1773

CONSIDERATION- 18 pounds [and 5 shillings]

GRANTOR- Benjamin Beckford [Jr.] of Salem, cordwainer, and Sarah his wife

GRANTEE- Stephen Driver of Salem, housewright

DESCRIPTION- "... a piece of Land in ... Salem bounded westerly on Land in my Possession said to belong to the estate of the late Edward Kitchen Esqr., southerly on the Road [River St.] five Poles and four Links, easterly on my own Land, northerly to high water Mark with the Appurtenances, the said Land continuing the same vizt. five Poles and four Links, & the whole contains twenty-two Poles and one-half Pole."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

NOTE- Stephen Driver, son of Stephen and Susanna (Pope) Driver, was baptised in First Church, Salem, December 20, 1741. He married (first) Hannah _____, who died before 1770, leaving one child, and (second) Elizabeth Lawrence, daughter of Richard and Mary (Stinger) Lawrence of Marblehead. Elizabeth was baptised in Marblehead's First Church on November 11, 1739, and died in Salem before 1812, leaving six more children. Stephen died on October 27, 1830, aged ninety-one.

From The Driver Family: A Genealogical Memoir of the Descendents of Robert and Phebe Driver of Lynn, Mass. (New York: John Wilson & Son), 1889, we find that a small point of land jutting into the North River near Stephen Driver's house was called Cape Driver, "by which it and the vicinity are still known," and that Stephen Driver himself was called 'Cape' Driver to differentiate him from his second cousin Stephen Driver Jr., also of Salem.

NOTE (Continued)-

The precise date that Stephen Driver built the house at 18 River Street is uncertain. No house is mentioned in a mortgage of the land conveyed (Book 133, Page 118) from Driver to James Smith of Marblehead, on July 18, 1774; nor is it listed in the Salem tax records for that year, and no tax records exist thereafter until 1777.

On June 24, 1777, Driver repaid the mortgage on the land, and the tax records for 1777 (Ward 4) list Stephen Driver with "a small House," almost certainly the original 3-bay portion of 18 River Street.

However, the land purchased in the deed above, fronting about 95 feet on River Street, was large enough to encompass both 18 and 20 River Street (see 1874 Map). We will also see that in 1810 Driver sold 170 feet of land along River Street (with no record of how or when he acquired the additional property), complete with three houses and a shop [18-24 River Street], but the tax records mention only one house from 1777-1792, and only "part of a house" from 1793-1811. The dates of all of these structures must therefore remain somewhat cloudy. Nevertheless, the following deed provides relatively clear dating for 18 River Street.

BOOK 157 PAGE 2

DATE-	June 27, 1786
CONSIDERATION-	2 pounds, 18 shillings
GRANTOR-	John Woodberry of Salem, housewright, and Elizabeth his wife
GRANTEE-	Stephen Driver of Salem, housewright
DESCRIPTION-	"... a piece of land ... bounded ... southerly on a lane [River Street] there measuring twelve feet; westerly on land of said Driver there measuring five poles; northerly on the north river, so called, there measuring twelve feet; and easterly on my land, there measuring five poles..."
PREVIOUS REFERENCE-	None

NOTE- Stephen Driver presumably purchased this additional easterly strip of land (marked on the Map, 1874, by the jog in River Street) to accommodate the addition at the rear (north side) of the house at 18 River Street, which he extended east to the edge of his new (and current) boundary.

BOOK 162 PAGE 38

DATE- November 28, 1796

CONSIDERATION- \$37.69

GRANTOR- Lydia Beckford of Salem, widow

GRANTEE- Stephen Driver of Salem, housewright

DESCRIPTION- "The easterly front room of the dwelling-house, in which the said Stephen now lives ... bounded by the walls of said room with the land under the same [with] privelege of passing and repassing the front door and entry ways and the back door, and a privelege in the yard ..."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- "The premises being part of the real estate of Benjamin Beckford dec'd, which I levied an execution upon in the hands of Benjamin Beckford [Jr.,] executor of said deceased on the twenty-fourth day of August [1796,] Book 161 Leaf 43"

NOTE- Benjamin Beckford Jr. sold a good deal of his father's land, and by 1778 was living with his wife Sarah in Canterbury, N.H., first as a yeoman and then as a cordwainer. However, by 1783 he was back in Salem. He was placed in debtor's prison several times: once by his stepmother Lydia, whom he had apparently never compensated for her share of her husband's estate. She survived her husband by over thirty years, dying finally in 1804, aged 100 years and five months.

Whether or not the above deed refers to the house at 18 River Street is unclear.

DATE- September 30, 1807

CONSIDERATION- \$425.00 [and \$1.00]

GRANTOR- Stephen Driver of Salem, housewright, and wife Elizabeth

GRANTEE- Benjamin Punchard of Salem, Inspector

DESCRIPTION- "... a certain lot of land ... bounding Southerly on River Street fifty feet, Westerly on my own land and running Northerly to the North River, Northerly on the River aforesaid fifty feet, thence running Southerly bounding Easterly on land of Robert Wallis, to the Street aforesaid with the dwelling House and other buildings thereon ..."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

NOTE- This is a mortgage for 18 River Street. Benjamin Punchard, born September 20, 1735, was a shoreman, fisherman, yeoman, and inspector of customs. He married (first) Priscilla Beckford, eighth child of George Beckford (elder brother of Benjamin Beckford, Sr.) and Elizabeth (Batter), on September 5, 1757. Priscilla died April 27, 1775, and Punchard remarried, to Priscilla's first cousin Rebecca Beckford (1738-1800), daughter of (Benjamin's and George's brother) John Beckford and Elizabeth (Hayward).

Benjamin Punchard had seven children; the eldest, William, was born December 7, 1758. William's eldest child, Mary, would eventually marry Ebenezer Worcester, a future owner of 18 River Street.

DATE- April 21, 1810

CONSIDERATION- \$600 [and \$0.10]

GRANTOR- Stephen Driver of Salem, housewright, and wife Elizabeth

GRANTEE- Elizabeth Williams of Salem, widow

DESCRIPTION- "... a certain lot or parcel of land situated on river street ... bounded ... as follows to wit, southerly on said river street one hundred & seventy feet, westerly on land of the heirs of Shillaber dec'd, extending thereby from said street to the north river, then running northeasterly by said river to land of Robert Wallis, then running southerly and bounding easterly on land of said Wallis to river street aforesaid; with three dwelling houses and a Shop and all the other buildings thereon standing ... together with all the flatts lying northerly of the premises which belong thereto ..."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- "... the premises being in part subject to a mortgage to Benjamin Punchard, dated 30 September 1807. Recorded in Book 182 Leaf 1, to secure the payment of \$425 and interest ..."

NOTE- As mentioned above, there is no record of how or when Stephen Driver extended his holding from 107 (95 plus 12) feet to 170 feet.

Elizabeth (Brown) Williams (c.1762-1840), daughter of Samuel Brown of Marblehead, was the widow of Dr. Isaac Williams (1755-1808), whom she had married in 1781. She lived at 292 Essex Street, and leased 18-24 River Street and a number of other properties. From a lease dated 1815 (Book 208, Page 228), we do know that the Drivers continued to live on the land, renting the westernmost of the three houses (22 River Street), between the shop (24 River Street) and the house (20 River Street) "lately occupied by said Driver."

DATE- September 14, 1812

CONSIDERATION- \$481.43

GRANTOR- Benjamin Punchard of Salem, gentleman

GRANTEE- Ebenezer Worcester of Salem, housewright

DESCRIPTION- A certain tract or parcel of land situate in Salem, bounded southerly on River Street fifty feet, westerly by Stephen Driver's land and running northerly to North River, northerly by the River fifty feet, thence running southerly bounded easterly on land late of Robert Wallis, now of William Knight, to the bound first mentioned, with the flats, the dwelling-house and all the buildings thereon.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- All rights included except the right of Stephen Driver to redeem the premises.

NOTE- Worcester bought this right from Stephen Driver for \$150.00 (also September 14, 1812, Book 198, Page 173). On the same date, he mortgaged the property back to Benjamin Punchard for \$480.00 (Book 198, Page 174).

Ebenezer Worcester was born in Hollis, N.H., on April 30, 1781. As mentioned above, he was Benjamin Punchard's grandson-in-law, having married Mary (Punchard), born September 15, 1786. He was a carpenter in Salem, a charter member of the Salem Charitable Mechanic Association (1817), and a member of the Essex Guards (from 1814). He married, secondly, Elizabeth (Fabens) Gerrish on March 16, 1826, and was residing in Stoneham before his death in 1844.

Punchard in turn sold the deed back to Worcester on August 29, 1815, for \$1.00 "and for divers other good causes and considerations," (Book 207, Page 113), and Worcester immediately sold 18 River Street back to Elizabeth Williams for \$1.00 "and in consideration, that ... Elizabeth has ... agreed to reconvey the granted premises, together with a

NOTE (Continued)- certain parcel of Real Estate adjoining ... to ... Ebenezer ... as soon as [she] shall have obtained legal possession ...", adding that now 18 River Street was subject to a mortgage to Joseph Peabody for \$400.00 (again, Book 207, Page 113).

BOOK 208 PAGE 220

DATE- November 28, 1815

CONSIDERATION- \$815.00, and divers other good causes and considerations

GRANTOR- Elizabeth Williams of Salem, widow

GRANTEE- Ebenezer Worcester of Salem, housewright

DESCRIPTION- "A certain lot of land situate on river street in ... Salem, bounded ... as follows, viz. southerly on said river street one hundred and seventy feet, westerly on land of the heirs of Shillaber deceased, extending thereby from the said Street to the North river, then running northeasterly by said river to land of Robert Wallis then running southerly and bounding easterly on land of said Wallis to river street aforesaid, with the dwelling houses and a Shop and all other buildings thereon standing ... together with all the flatts lying northerly of the premises which belong thereto..."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- "... it being the same estate of which the said Elizabeth obtained judgement for Possession at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas ... at the September Term A.D. 1815, ... and afterwards received legal ... possession of the same [on November 28, 1815]."

NOTE- Ebenezer Worcester mortgaged the property back to Elizabeth Williams on the same date for \$815.00, noting that the premises were still mortgaged to Joseph Peabody for \$400.00 (Book 208, Page 221). All three houses belonged to Elizabeth upon her death on February 28, 1840; her probate inventory lists "House & Land in River St. [18 River Street] occupied by Brown & others --- \$500.00." 20 River Street, occupied by "Walch & others," was valued at \$450.00, and 22 River Street, "occupied by Haskell & others," was valued at \$400.00.

NOTE (Continued)-

The Salem Directory for 1836 and '37 lists Henry Brown, mason, at 18 River Street. He was presumably a relative of Elizabeth (Brown) Williams; her nephews Samuel, James Jr., John and William Brown were all stonecutters living at 115 Old Boston Road. Hannah Walsh, widow, is listed at 20 River Street. (William Haskell, cabinet-maker, was living at 379 Essex Street in 1837, and living at 20 River Street by 1842.)

BOOK 320 PAGE 145

DATE-

August 18, 1840

CONSIDERATION-

\$2954.11

GRANTORS-

Lucinda Brown of Marblehead, single woman, daughter of Samuel Brown of Marblehead, and Sally Brown, John Brown, Samuel Brown, Elizabeth Brown, William Brown, Isaac Brown and George T. Saunders and Mary Ann his wife in her right, children of Samuel Brown of Salem

GRANTEE-

James Brown, Jr., son of Samuel Brown of Salem

DESCRIPTION-

"[11 parcels, including] another parcel of land with three dwelling Houses and other buildings thereon situate in River Street in said Salem, bounded as follows, beginning at the Southwest corner of the same thence running South 81° East 170 feet 1 inch, bounded Southwesterly on River Street, thence running by land of Phelps North 4°30' East 143 feet 6 inches as far as the upland extends, thence continuing the same course to the channel of the North River, thence by the channel of said River to land of Frederick Howes, thence by said Howes's flat lands to the upland, thence South 2° West 52 feet 4 inches bounded Westerly by said Howes's land."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE-

"All the above-named parcels of land were devised to us by the last will and testament of Elizabeth Williams late of Salem widow deceased."

DATE- September 8, 1841

CONSIDERATION- \$1565.00

GRANTOR- James Brown Jr. of Danvers, yeoman

GRANTEE- George T. Saunders of Salem, merchant

DESCRIPTION- "... two dwelling houses, and the land under and adjoining the same, bounded Southerly 96 feet on River Street, -- Westerly by a line from River Street to the channel, Northerly, running North 3'20' West, bounding West on my other land, Northerly on North River, and East on land of William Phelps ..."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

NOTE- The Salem Directory for 1837 shows George T. Saunders, merchant [and his wife, Mary Ann; Elizabeth Williams's niece] residing at 39 Chestnut Street; by 1842 they are living at Elizabeth Williams's old house at 292 Essex Street.

DATE- November 23, 1852

CONSIDERATION- \$850.00 [and \$1.00]

GRANTORS- George T. Saunders of Salem, merchant [and Mary A. Saunders, his wife]

GRANTEE- Hannah Walsh of Salem, widow

DESCRIPTION- "House No. 18 in River Street in said Salem, with the land under and adjoining, now occupied by said Grantee and bounded Southerly on said River Street, Westerly by land of Chew or Nichols, Northerly by the North River or by Flats conveyed to the Essex Rail Road and Easterly by Estate owned or occupied by Phelps ..."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

NOTE- As noted above, in 1837 Hannah Walsh was living at 20 River Street; by 1842 she had moved to 18 River Street, where she was accompanied by William F. Walsh, cordwainer, probably her son. The 1846 Salem Directory lists Hannah and William F. Walsh, as well as Elizabeth Walsh and John J. Walsh, also a cordwainer. By 1850 Elizabeth had left; by 1855 only Hannah remained at 18 River Street.

BOOK 553 PAGE 177

DATE- May 22, 1857

CONSIDERATION- \$1150.00

GRANTORS- Hannah Walsh, John J. Walsh, and Wm. Francis Walsh, of Salem

GRANTEES- James Gannon and William Gannon, of Salem

DESCRIPTION- Same as above

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- "Being the same as conveyed to Hannah Walsh, by George T. and Mary A. Sanders, ... Book 473, Leaf 111."

NOTE- Between 1859 and 1864 Margaret Gannon, widow, lived at 18 River Street, accompanied first by John Gannon, laborer (1859), then by James Gannon (sic), laborer (1861 and '64). By 1866, James Gannon, gardener, was listed alone there.

BOOK 699 PAGE 128

DATE- March 6, 1866

CONSIDERATION- \$925.00

GRANTOR- James Gannon of Salem, and William Gannon of Roxbury

GRANTEE- Nancy Riorden [or Reardon], wife of John Riorden, and Patrick Riorden, laborer, both of Salem

DESCRIPTION- Same as above

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- "Being the same premises conveyed to us by John J. Walsh and others, ... May 22, 1857 ... Book 553, Leaf 177"

NOTE- Nancy's son John lived here from 1869 through 1872, then moved to California. Her son Patrick lived here next, until 1878. Nancy is listed here from 1878 until her death in January of 1882. The Salem Directory then lists various tenants including Joseph Ar-Chung ('81), Patrick Buckley ('82-'83), and Patrick Callahan ('86-'89, '95-'96), all carriers; Mrs. Eliza Drew ('82-'90), Mrs. Ellen Graham ('82-'91), and Mrs. Catherine Burke ('86-'87), all widows; and Alphonse Levesque ('86-'91), hairdresser.

Patrick Reardon, coachman, returned here from 1893 until his death in 1906, boarding together with his sister Mrs. Catherine (Reardon) Kuster ('95-'00), and with Mrs. Margaret Morris ('93-'96), both widows, Robert Carson ('97-'00), carrier, and Frederick Grimes ('03-'07), fireman at Gifford's Lumber Mill on Bridge Street. Upon Patrick's death on October 22, 1906, he left the house to his sister Catherine's son, John F. Kuster.

BOOK 1882 PAGE 461

DATE- July 16, 1907

CONSIDERATION- \$1.00 and other valuable considerations

GRANTOR- John F. Kuster of Salem

GRANTEE- Thomas F. Coughlin of Salem

DESCRIPTION- "... a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate in ... Salem and bounded ... as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner thereof on River Street at land now or formerly of Little, thence running Westerly by River Street on two courses about fifty-two feet to Lynn Street, thence running Northerly by Lynn Street about forty-four feet to Bridge Street, thence running Easterly by Bridge Street about fifty-nine feet to said land now or formerly of Little about sixty-six feet to River Street and the point begun at."

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- James Gannon et. al. to Nancy Riorden et. al., March 6, 1866, Book 699, Page 128. "The title of the grantor in the above premises was acquired by him as legatee under the will of Patrick Reardon late of Salem, deceased."

NOTE- Thomas Coughlin lived here in 1909 with Frank J. Connors while both were clerks at D. G. Whelton & Co., grocers (307 Essex St.); by 1910 Coughlin was a tacker living at 38 Mason, and Connors was a mortuary dresser, living at 34 Proctor Street. Among the numerous tenants were William Tucker, stone polisher (lived here between 1908 and 1918), Elie Sirois, foundryman (1912 to 1917), Mrs. Jennie M. Hanscom, widow (1916 to 1919), and Ann Coughlin, widow (mother of Thomas?) (1917 to 1921).

BOOK 2512 PAGE 376

DATE- April 28, 1922

CONSIDERATION- Unspecified

GRANTOR- Thomas F. Coughlin [and wife, Annie E. Coughlin] of Salem

GRANTEE- Frances Healey of Salem

DESCRIPTION- "Salem, with the buildings thereon, said to be numbered 18 River Street [then same dimensions as above]"

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- Book 1882, Page 461, and Book 699, Page 128

NOTE- Frances Healey lived at 18 River Street with her nephew James J. Maguire, a cook, from 1922 until her death in 1927, whereupon Maguire bought the house.

DATE- January 5, 1928

CONSIDERATION- \$1400.00

GRANTOR- Charles A. Murphy of Salem, executor of the will of Frances Healey, late of Salem

GRANTEE- James J. Maguire of Salem.

DESCRIPTION- Same as above

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- None

NOTE- James J. Maguire lived at 18 River Street with tenants Frank Very, laborer (1930, Esther L. Nichols (1933-'34), and Frank O'Brien, laborer (1935). Upon his death in 1935, Maguire still owed the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank \$1100.00 on the mortgage granted to him the same date he purchased the house (Book 2749, Page 493). The Bank retained the house (Book 3317, Pages 251-252) until 1943, leasing to the Braults and the Burgesses (1936), and the family of Adjutor J. Gauthier, laborer and chauffeur (1937-1943).

DATE- January 20, 1943

CONSIDERATION- Unspecified

GRANTOR- Salem Five Cents Savings Bank

GRANTEES- Moses Alpers of Salem, and Rebecca Singerman of Peabody

DESCRIPTION- Same as above (Parcel 10 of this deed)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- Book 2749, Page 493

NOTE- Moses Alpers worked with I. Dubin & Co., insurance in Salem and was president and treasurer of the Salem Rialto Theatre. Rebecca Singerman was corporate clerk and then treasurer (1944) at Elm Hill Realty Co. of Peabody.

NOTE (Continued)- They leased 18 River Street to Lena M. and William V. Bernson, GE in Lynn (1944-'45), Frank L. Wilkins, cellarman (1945), Florence E. and Lawrence B. Cooper, leatherworker (1946), and Mrs. Helen O'Shea, widow (1947-'48) and Mrs. Melba Miller, leatherworker (1947-'52).

BOOK 3569 PAGE 478

DATE- October 3, 1947

CONSIDERATION- Unspecified

GRANTORS- Moses Alpers of Salem; and Rebecca Gordon of Lynn, as trustee of the Ethel Gordon Realty Trust, under an instrument of trust dated March 1, 1943; Book 3325, Page 235

GRANTEES- Michael A. Kennedy and Anna M. Kennedy of Salem, husband and wife

DESCRIPTION- Same as above

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- Book 3321, Page 532 (and deed from Rebecca Singerman to Ethel Gordon Realty Trust, March 3, 1943, Book 3325, Page 243)

NOTE- Michael J. Kennedy was a salesman at Salem Smoke Shop through 1952; by 1954 he had opened Mike's Variety at 18 River Street, which remained until his retirement and death in 1974. He and Anna had two children: John W. Kennedy, soda clerk (1951-'54) who left home, married, and began working for the Ford Motor Company, Somerville, in 1955; and James M. Kennedy, airplane worker (1952-'55), who by 1958 had left home and married, working in fleet service for American Airlines.

Tenants were Mrs. Melba Miller (through 1952), the family of John Herlihy, employee at Salem Gas Light Co. (1949), William Verette, cook (1950-1953), Mrs. Agnes H. Deloury (1954-1961), Dolores (1962-1973) and Victor (1962-1972) Morrison, caretaker, Albert J. Perkins, manager at Eaton the Druggist (1974-'75), and Kenneth Towney, painter (1976).

BOOK 6432 PAGE 15

DATE- December 9, 1977

CONSIDERATION- One dollar

GRANTOR- Anna M. Kennedy (unmarried)

GRANTEES- John W. Kennedy, a 70% interest and to James M. Kennedy, a 30% interest as Tenants in Common, "Reserving to myself a Life Estate"

DESCRIPTION- Same as above

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- Book 3569, Page 478

NOTE- Anna M. Kennedy continued residing alone at 18 River Street.

BOOK 9684 PAGE 369

DATE- September 2, 1988

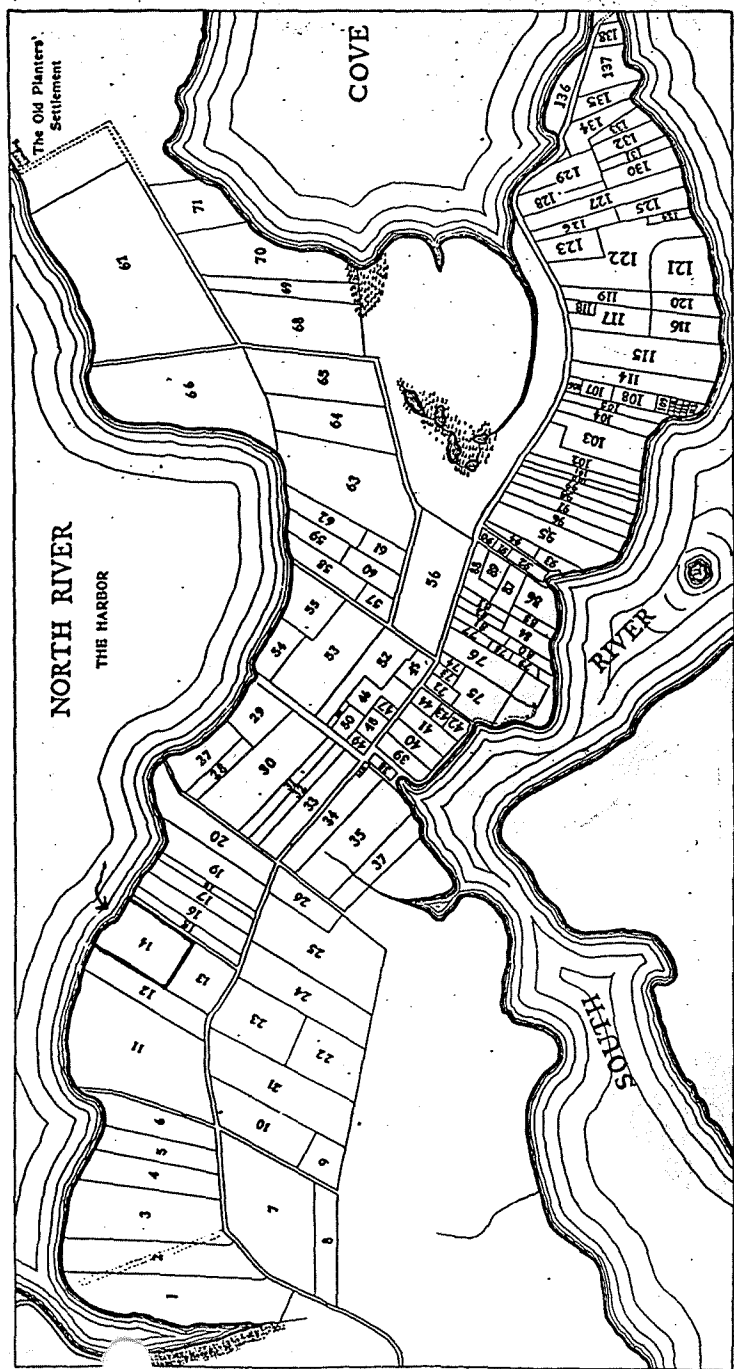
CONSIDERATION- \$71,000.00

GRANTORS- John W. Kennedy, James M. Kennedy, Anna M. Kennedy

GRANTEE- Jeremiah J. Jennings

DESCRIPTION- Same as above

PREVIOUS REFERENCE- Book 6432, Page 15

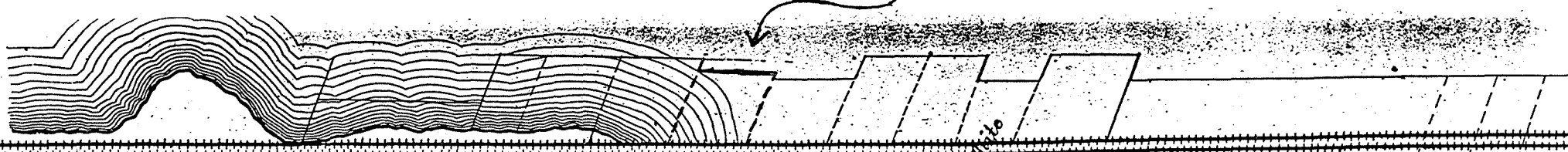


LAYOUT OF THE TOWN.

tween the house and barn at the Rea-Fowler homestead, then past the Burley house, crossing Burley Street, and running on the northerly side of Cherry Hill, then by Trask, Cabot, Cedar and Cherry streets to Main Street, in Wenham, where it connected with the path running easterly of Wenham Lake. These paths were the ways of least resistance in which to pass to the various peninsulas and rivers, lakes and coves of the region. They were undoubtedly originated by animals, then used by the Indians and finally adopted by the English settlers, as they were the best land routes as probably centuries of use had proved. These various paths were crooked and long, but they were comparatively level and were the most feasible routes, passing around the hills, swamps, rivers and arms of the sea. A map, showing some of these through routes, was found some years ago by Henry Fitz Waters of Salem in the Sloane collection of maps in the British Museum, in London. It was made about 1633, but its delineator is unknown. So much of it as was included in original Salem is herewith reproduced, slightly reduced.

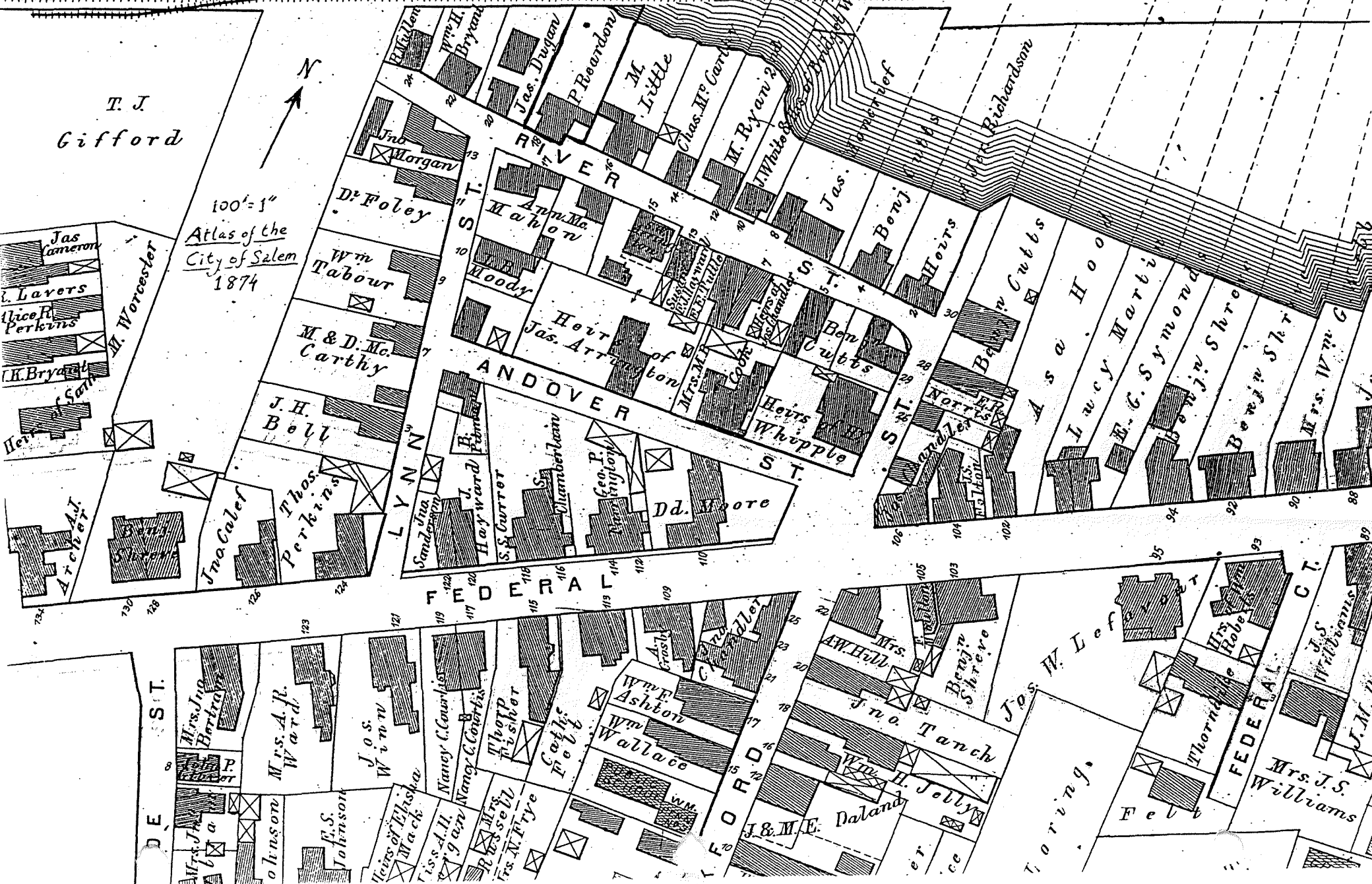
No record of the first layout of Salem is known to exist. The plan of the layout of that part of Salem known as the "town" has been prepared by tracing the land titles to the earliest date possible. The recording of deeds began too late to give the earliest changes of titles. Most of the earliest lots were two acres each, and soon after (before 1635) they were limited to one acre. Apparently the two-acre lots were on the North River and those of one-acre were along the South River and easterly of Central Street. Some of the lots shown on the plan were the aggregate of several original small ones, and in some instances several small ones constituted one original lot. The lot marked B. G. is the original burying ground. The lots are numbered only so that they can be here referred to intelligently. They were not so designated on the records. The following is a list of the names of the various owners of the lots at the dates stated, which is the earliest information that has been obtained. The scale of this map is one inch to eleven hundred and forty feet.

1. Thomas Trusler, 1654.
2. John Alderman, 1657.
3. Robert Moulton, 1640.
4. Henry Rennalds, 1655.
5. Philip Verrin, 1650.
6. William Bacon, 1640.
7. Thomas Goldthwaite, 1650.
8. Townsend Bishop, 1646.
9. Thomas James, 1652.
10. John Reeves, 1680.
11. Thomas Spooner, 1640.
12. Richard Bishop, 1657.
13. Thomas Robbins, 1663.
14. Thomas Trusler, 1653.
15. Thomas Cole, 1679.
16. Samuel Belknap, 1663.
17. Allen Kennison, 1647.
18. Jeffrey Massey, 1664.
19. Philip Verrin, 1649.
20. William Williams, 1637.
21. Robert Cotta, 1673.
22. John Pickering, 1657.
23. Michael Shaffin, 1638.
24. Thom-



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