

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

# Historic Salem Incorporated

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72 ESSEX STREET

Built for

JONATHAN ARCHER, peruke maker

by 1797

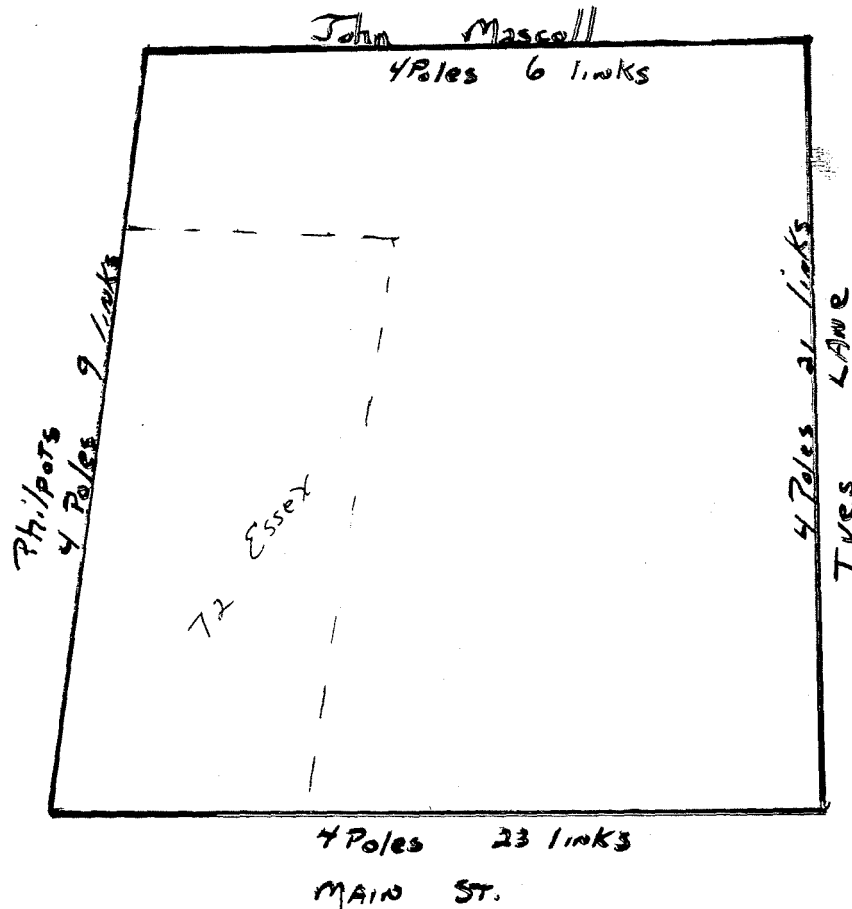
Research by,  
Joyce King  
December 1984

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

72 ESSEX STREET

BOOK 114 PAGE 101

DATE - April 1760  
CONSIDERATION - 44 pounds, 16 shillings  
GRANTOR (seller) - Richard Prince, housewright  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Jonathan Archer, perukemaker  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land - "saving the shop now standing and the liberty to remove by April 23, 1760"

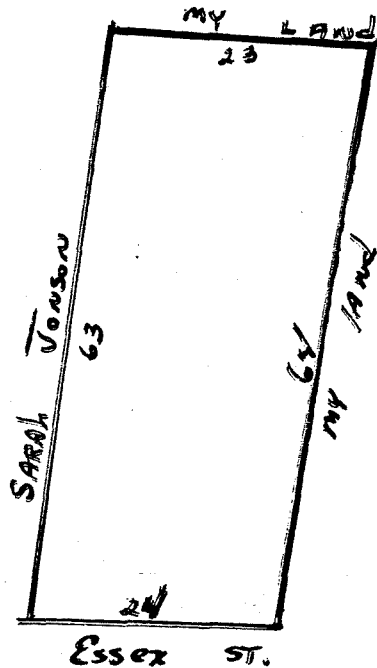


Jonathan Archer died on August 28, 1797 (will and inventory - appendix A & B). Over the next few years, the heirs of Jonathan Archer conveyed their shares in the estate to James Archer and his sister, Sarah Millet (book 179 page 199, book 211 page 54 book 225 page 40 and book 248 page 122).

BOOK 236 PAGE 189 (appendix C)

DATE - Oct. 1823  
CONSIDERATION - \$400  
GRANTOR (seller) - Sarah Millet  
GRANTEE (buyer) - James Archer, mariner  
DESCRIPTION - "Part of the estate left me by my honored father Jonathan Archer"

James then conveyed a portion of the estate back to Sarah, for the sum of \$250:



Sarah Millet died on March 30, 1831 at the age of 63. Her probate (appendix D) lists a dwelling house and land valued at \$800.

BOOK 301 PAGE 98

DATE - June 6, 1837  
CONSIDERATION - \$150  
GRANTOR (seller) - Andrew Millet of Boston, gentleman  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William Millet of Salem, cooper  
DESCRIPTION - same dimensions but reversed  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - being the homestead of my late mother

DATE - Dec. 23, 1837  
CONSIDERATION - \$320  
GRANTOR (seller) - Alexander and Ruth Hill and Sarah Nichols  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Willim Millet of Dover, N.H.  
DESCRIPTION - 2/5 part land and builing Essex St.  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - as deed book 301 page 98

BOOK 303 PAGE 201

DATE - Dec. 23, 1837  
CONSIDERATION - \$400  
GRANTOR (seller) - William Millet  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Sarah Nichols  
DESCRIPTION - 1/2 land and building  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - same

BOOK 301 PAGE 161

DATE - April 6, 1840  
CONSIDERATION - \$400  
GRANTOR (seller) - William Millet of Dover, N.H.  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Sarah Nichols  
DESCRIPTION - 1/2 the land and building where Mrs. Palfray now lives and the said Sarah Nichols owns and is living in the other part  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - As in deed given me of 1/5 part by my brother Andrew Millet June 6, 1837

BOOK 337 PAGE 162

DATE - Oct. 22, 1842  
GRANTOR (seller) - Sarah Nichols  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William H. Nichols  
DESCRIPTION - Same  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None

BOOK 337 PAGE 169

DATE - Oct. 22, 1842

CONSIDERATION \$160

GRANTOR (seller) - William Henry Nichols, cooper

GRANTEE (buyer) - Sarah Nichols, widow

DESCRIPTION - For term of life - three rooms in a house situated in Essex St. #72. Said rooms being the pantry chamber - the kitchen chamber and the bedroom chamber with privilege of occupation garret, 1/2 cellar and yard and also the privilege of using the front and back stairs.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The above being part of the estate conveyed this day by said Sarah,

BOOK 444 PAGE 245

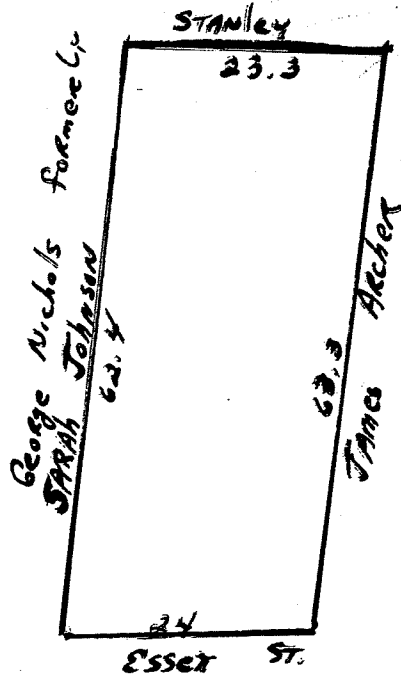
DATE - April 17, 1851

CONSIDERATION - \$1,250

GRANTOR (seller) - William H. Nichols

GRANTEE (Buyer) - George Nichols

DESCRIPTION - Land and dwelling house. Except use and occupation of a certain portion of the premises by Sarah Nichols, widow, for life as were conveyed by me on Oct. 22, 1842 book 337 page 169.



PROBATE #48190

George O. Nichols

Inventory: 3 story dwelling house

74 Essex and dwelling house 72 Essex.

BOOK 453 PAGE 217

DATE -

Nov. 25, 1851

CONSIDERATION -

\$1,500

GRANTOR (seller) -

William H. and Elizabeth Nichols,  
John Nichols, Charles and Lucy Hill,  
Joseph A. and Sarah Danforth, and Asa  
Whitney,

GRANTEE (Buyer) -

John H. Young, mariner

DESCRIPTION -

all right in real estate,

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

None

PROBATE #58002

John H. Young

\$50 each to son John and daughter Priscilla. The rest to wife Mehitable and her heirs.

BOOK 755 PAGE 192

DATE - Sept. 14, 1868  
CONSIDERATION - \$500  
GRANTOR (seller) - Charles H. Young of Beverly  
GRANTEE (Buyer) - George F. Getchell, cooper  
DESCRIPTION - 1/2 the estate - same bounds.  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None

BOOK 832 PAGE 119

DATE - July 29, 1871  
CONSIDERATION - \$800  
GRANTOR (seller) - Henry F. and Louisa Young  
GRANTEE (Buyer) - George F. Getchell  
DESCRIPTION - 1/2 of dwelling house and land  
North - Archer  
East - Archer  
South - Essex St.  
West - George A. Nichols  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same conveyed to me by deed of Charles H. Young Sept. 14, 1868 book 755 page 192,



PROBATE #97688 -

George F. Getchell

Died Oct. 20, 1905.

\$50 to grandchild Dora Hayes

All the rest to wife Emma,

PROBATE #153359

Emma D. Getchell

All real estate to brother Daniel B.

Real. Inventory:  
house and land 72 Essex  
value \$1,600  
furniture \$100

BOOK 2739 PAGE 89

DATE -

Sept. 17, 1927

GRANTOR (seller) -

Daniel B. Real

GRANTEE (Buyer) -

Grace E. Richardson

DESCRIPTION -

Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

Same premises conveyed to George F.  
Getchell by deed of Henry F. Young on  
July 29, 1871 book 832 page 119.  
See also Probates #97688 & #153359  
and book 755 page 192.

BOOK 5924 PAGE 564

DATE - Nov. 13, 1972

GRANTOR (seller) - Mary L. Andrews administrator of the estate of Grace E. Richardson.

GRANTEE (Buyer) - Donald Koleman and Laurence C. Post

DESCRIPTION - Same - with a passage reserved on the west side of the premises for the use of the adjoining estate.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises conveyed to Grace E. Richardson deceased on June 3, 1972 by deed book 2739 page 89.

BOOK 6175 PAGE 639

DATE - Aug. 26, 1975

GRANTOR (seller) - Laurence C. Post Jr. and Donald Koleman

GRANTEE (Buyer) - Nancy L. Witham

DESCRIPTION - Same

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same conveyed to us by deed of Mary Andrews administrator of the estate of Grace E. Richardson on Nov. 13, 1972 book 5924 page 564.

BOOK 6268 PAGE 556

DATE - Aug. 12, 1976

CONSIDERATION - For consideration paid of a mortgage.

GRANTOR (seller) - Nancy L. Witham, trustee

GRANTEE (buyer) - Robert Bramble, trustee

DESCRIPTION - Land and building - same

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises conveyed to me by deed of Laurence C. Post Jr. and Donald Koleman, trustees of Old Salem Realty Trust on Aug. 26, 1975 book 6175 page 639.

BOOK 6345 PAGE 385

DATE - May 4, 1977

CONSIDERATION - \$32,500

GRANTOR (seller) - Robert Bramble, trustee

GRANTEE (buyer) - Mary E. Hyland

DESCRIPTION - Same

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises conveyed by deed of Nancy L. Witham, trustee, on Aug. 12, 1976 book 6268 page 556.

BOOK 6918 PAGE 452

DATE - March 23, 1982  
CONSIDERATION - \$66,000  
GRANTOR (seller) - Mary E. Hyland  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Derek J. Cavanaugh and Ellen S.  
Dalton.  
DESCRIPTION - Same  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Title reference see book 6345 page  
385.

BOOK 7313 PAGE 370

DATE - Jan. 12, 1984  
CONSIDERATION - \$84,000  
GRANTOR (seller) - Derek J. Cavanaugh and Ellen S.  
Dalton.  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Joan Lillie  
DESCRIPTION - Same  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same conveyed by deed of Mary Hyland  
on March 23, 1982 book 6918 page 452.

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.

NOTES:

72 ESSEX STREET

PERIOD: FEDERAL.

"It is difficult to date this small, simple gable-end-to-street house. It has two stories plus a pitch roof, and the clapboards are covered with siding. The entrance is through the east side and has simple pilaster trim." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

ARCHER (History of Salem by Sidney Perley)

Jonathan the son of Jonathan and Abigail Archer was baptized Oct. 22, 1732. He married first Bethiah Very (published March 13, 1756); and second, Elizabeth Silsbee July 11, 1773. He died Aug. 28, 1797, his wife Elizabeth survived him, and was deceased the next year.

Children:

Jonathan bpt. Jan. 9, 1757; married Rachel Woodman

Bethiah bpt. May 21, 1758

Mary bpt. Feb. 8, 1761; married Elisha Gunnerson, Jacob  
Norman and John Peters

James born in 1762; married Elizabeth Archer

Elizabeth married William Cook Jr.

Nathaniel

Sarah born in 1768; married William Millet

As stated above, this house was very difficult to date. Jonathan Archer purchased the land in 1760 and at the time of his death, in 1797, had a dwelling house, shop and barn. The list of houses built in Salem from 1750-1773 shows a Jonathan Archer built a house in 1763 and another in 1764. Since there were two Jonathan Archers in Salem during that time it is very difficult to determine which Jonathan did what.

We do know that Jonathan, owner of this land authorized, in item 6 of his will, that the western half of his land "which is west of my mansion house" could be sold for the support of his wife. One would gather from this description that the mansion house was on the very corner of Pleasant and Essex. Since the location of the shop is never defined we can't be sure that 72 Essex was the shop, but it is a good possibility.

Sally Dee lent her architectural expertise to this case and after a inspection of the interior we feel that this house (or at least a portion of it) was on this land by 1797. The central portion of the house seems to be earlier than the rooms fronting the street. Many details have been changed, but the house certainly retains its old-time charm.

This is the last will and Testament of me Jeremiah

Archer of

Item I Order all my just debts and funeral charges to be first paid by my executor here after named

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife after payment of my debts and funeral charges, all my personal Estate, of what kind soever, excepting what I have herein given to my Son Jonathan

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said Wife, all my real Estate so long as she shall remain my Widow and no longer she permitting and allowing my Daughter Bethiah to live with her my said Wife and furnishing her my said Daughter with all such necessaries as she may from time to time want and be unable to procure by her Industry, my said daughter being unable

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan, all the Tools Utensils and furniture of my Shop including my part of the same

Item I give bequeath and devise unto my said Wife, all my real Estate, of what kind or kind soever, excepting as is before given to my wife unto my Children Bethiah, James, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth and Nathaniel, and their heirs respectively forever, to be equally divided between them share and share alike

Item And I do hereby fully authorize and empower my executor here after named to make sale and dispose of the Western half of my land which is West of my Magnificent house, if they should think it necessary for the comfortable support and maintenance of my said Wife and they are hereby fully empowered to make execute good and sufficient deed or deeds thereof in the simplest manner, the money arising therefrom, to be applied first towards such support and maintenance of my said Wife

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Wife Elizabeth and my said son Jonathan Archer to be executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking



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ing, annulling all former Wills and Testaments by  
me at any time heretofore made and her by declaring  
this to be my last Will and Testament —

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& Seal this seventeenth day of October Anno domini  
twentieth hundred and eighty nine —

Signed sealed published  
and declared by the said Jo-  
nathan Archer the Testator as  
and for his last will & Testament  
in presence of us who have here-  
to subscribed our names in his  
presence and in the presence  
of each other

John Ward

Berry Ward

Wm. Ball

of Jonathan Ascher late of Salem Peruke  
maker deceased

Viz<sup>r</sup> his dwelling house and twenty one Poles  
 of Land under & adjoining with the barn  
 and Shop standing on I Land 1866. 66  
 one Pew in Gallies of East meetinghouse 5.00  
 half of a Pew end of do 5.00  
 Walnut Case of Drawers 5/ 4 feet Table 9/ 8.00  
 maple Table 1/25 Six lurch Chairs @ 175 cents 4.75  
 Large glass 11/ Smaller glass 7/ 18.00  
 nine Kitchen Chairs & 1 great do 2/50 2.50  
 one bed bolster & Pillow 15.50 @ 1/45 26.55  
 one bed & bolster 69 @ 1/33 one bed & bolster 62 @ 1/34 28  
 one small bed & 1 Pillow 42 @ 1/33 2 bed & pillow cord 1/50 1.50  
 2 Under beds 1/50 2 bed & pillow 3/ Green Curtains & Valance 8.00  
 1 P<sup>r</sup> blanket 3/ Green Quilt 1/75 blue do 1/75 Calico do 2/ 6.50  
 Counter Pin 1/75 2 Old blankets 1/ 2.75  
 4 16 Cotton Sheets @ 2/50 3 P Sheets @ 2/ 16.00  
 8 6 Pillow Cases @ 20 one Table Cloth 1/50 3.10  
 2 Table Cloths 1/75 wearing Apparel 10/41.75  
 one half Shop Cloth Tools & Stove 10/ Old Buck 1/75 10.75  
 Kitchen Table 1/75 one chest 1/75 Meal Chest 1/60 3.00  
 old Chest of drawers 1/75 Croquet Saw 9/ 3.75  
 bread Tray 1/75 Case with 8 bottles 1/75 Pottles & spoons 1/75 2.25  
 18 Junk bottles 1/40 Tray & Rolling Pin 1/25 0.65  
 Coats horse 1/25 brass kettle 3/ and iron Stir Tong 1/7.25  
 and iron Shovel & Tong 1/50 2 Frying Pans 1/7.25 90.75  
 2 Copper Tea kettles 2/ Iron Pot 1/ Iron kettle 1/62 8.62  
 Skillet & Pan 1/50 bellows 1/30 Warming Pan 1/10 2.55  
 Spit & fender 1/25 2 P<sup>r</sup> flat Irons 1/50 2.25  
 2 Lette Curtin rods 1/75 2 Candlesticks & Snuffers 1/75 2.50  
 Flesh fork & Scumner 1/25 Towel & Hammer 1/40 0.65  
 basket & Old iron 1/50 Market & Pouch 3/ Tive 1/12 3.62  
 Stove & floor brush 1/38 Lamp 1/20 Lantern 1/25 0.78  
 dripping Pan & Pale 1/75 Cullender & Coffee Pot 1/60 1.35  
 4 Pieces of Linen ware 1/25 Tea Pot 1/50 Old Pewter 39 @ 1/15 6.60  
 8 Table Spoons 15 1/2 ounces 5 Tea Spoons 2 1/2 do 6.50  
 carried over \$ 2173 .2



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Foot brought over

2133.2

3 Tumblers / 20	China cups & Saucers / 25	0.45		
19 Pieces of Crockery / 1.50	Candle stand / 50	1.70		
1 Dozen knives & Forks / 75	28 Cards / 1.50	7.25		
2 bibles 3 / 1 book / 50	tub & box / 18	Iron shovel / 75	4.43	
bucket & wedges / 75	Cow 20 /	hay 9 /	fire bucket 2 / 50	32.25
Two Trammels 1.50	Coffee mill 1.25			
			2.75	
				42.83
				\$2174.85

Salem May 1 1798

Jon<sup>a</sup> Mafory

Bery<sup>a</sup> Ward Jr

Wm Brown

Committee sworn

Jon<sup>a</sup> Archer Jr

Exor

Essex Co Salem June 26<sup>th</sup> 1798  
 Jonathan Archer  
 Executor presented the above written & made Certificate  
 it contains a true and perfect Inventory of the  
 Estate of Jonathan Archer late of Salem Peruke  
 maker deceased so far as he has come to his  
 hands or knowledge & that if any thing further  
 shall hereafter appear he will come it to be ad-  
 ded.

Before me J. Mott. Clerk

1798  
May 1

RECORDED

Millet

Know all men by these Presents, That I Sarah Millet wife of James Archer County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of four hundred dollars paid me by James Archer & said

wease and forever quit claim unto the said James Archer his heirs and assigns of my right, title, interest and claim in and upon a part of a certain with the and adjoining situated in said Salem and is bounded southerly on on land formerly of Philpot southerly on land of Nathaniel Knight, easterly on Street, it being a part of the estate left me by my honorad father Jonathan a certain piece of land in said Salem, and bounded as follows, westerly on Johnson six feet, northerly on land of Nathl. Knight twenty two feet, easterly on James Archer, southerly on my land twenty two feet. Together with all the title, interest, use, property, claim, and demand whatsoever of the said granted premises I now have, or at any time heretofore had, of, in and to the apportionances, or to any part thereof, or which at any time heretofore has been held, occupied or enjoyed as part or parcel of the same. So have and to hold the granted premises with the apportionances to them the said James Archer heirs and forever, And I Sarah Millet do hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators grant to and with the said James Archer and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in manner following, that is to say, that the premises are free from incumbrances done or suffered by me, that he shall from henceforth forever quietly and peaceably have and enjoy the released premises with the apportionances without any claim or hindrance of me or of any person or persons claiming or who by any way may claim the same or any part thereof by force or under In witness

I the said Sarah Millet have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of October in our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. Sarah Millet

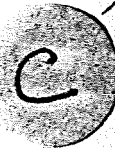
signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of us  
Benj. Merrill  
William Jackson

Essex ss. Dec 9. 1824. Then the abovesaid Sarah Millet acknowledged the above instrument to be her free act and deed before me Benj. Merrill Justice of the Peace

Essex ss. Received December 21. 1824. recorded and examined by Amos Church

Know all Men by these Presents, That I James Archer of Salem in



and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of Two hundred and fifty dollars paid to me by Sarah Millet wife of said Salem in said County, the receipt of I do hereby acknowledge, and for divers other good causes and considerations hereunto made to grant and remise, release and forever quit claim unto the said Sarah Millet her heirs assigns forever, a certain piece of land situated in Salem aforesaid bounded as follows, to wit on land of Sarah Johnson running northly, sixty three feet to my land, then running northly by three feet, then running easterly on my land sixty four feet, southerly on Essex street twenty to the bounds, with all the building thereon. Together with all the estate, right, title, and use, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said granted premises which now or at any time heretofore had, of, in and to the aforementioned premises, with the appurtenances, or to any part thereof, or which at any time heretofore has been held, used, occupied or enjoyed as part or parcel of the same. To have and to hold all the said granted premises with the appurtenances to her the said Sarah Millet heirs and assigns forever.

I the said James Archer do hereby for myself heirs, executors and administrators covenant and grant to and with the said Sarah Millet and her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns the premises following, that is to say, that the premises are free from all incumbrances done or made by me, that she shall from henceforth forever quietly and peaceably have and enjoy the said premises with the appurtenances without any lawful claim or hindrance of me or of my heirs or assigns claiming or who by any way or means may claim the same or any part thereof by, from or under me. And I Elizabeth Archer wife of the before mentioned James in consideration of one dollar do hereby relinquish unto her all my right of dower in the above described estate.

In witness whereof we the said James and Elizabeth have hereunto set hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

James Archer ..... seal  
 Elizabeth Archer ..... seal

Witnessed and delivered in presence of us  
 Benj. Merrill  
 James Jackson

Essex ss. Dec: 9. 1824. Then the abovesaid James Archer acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed before me Benj. Merrill Justice of the Peace.

Received December 21. 1824. recorded and examined by \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to a warrant from your honor, we, the subscribers, the Committee therein named, having been first sworn, have made the following

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF

Sarah Hillis

late of Salem in said County, widow deceased, intestate, as shown to us by the Administrator

REAL ESTATE

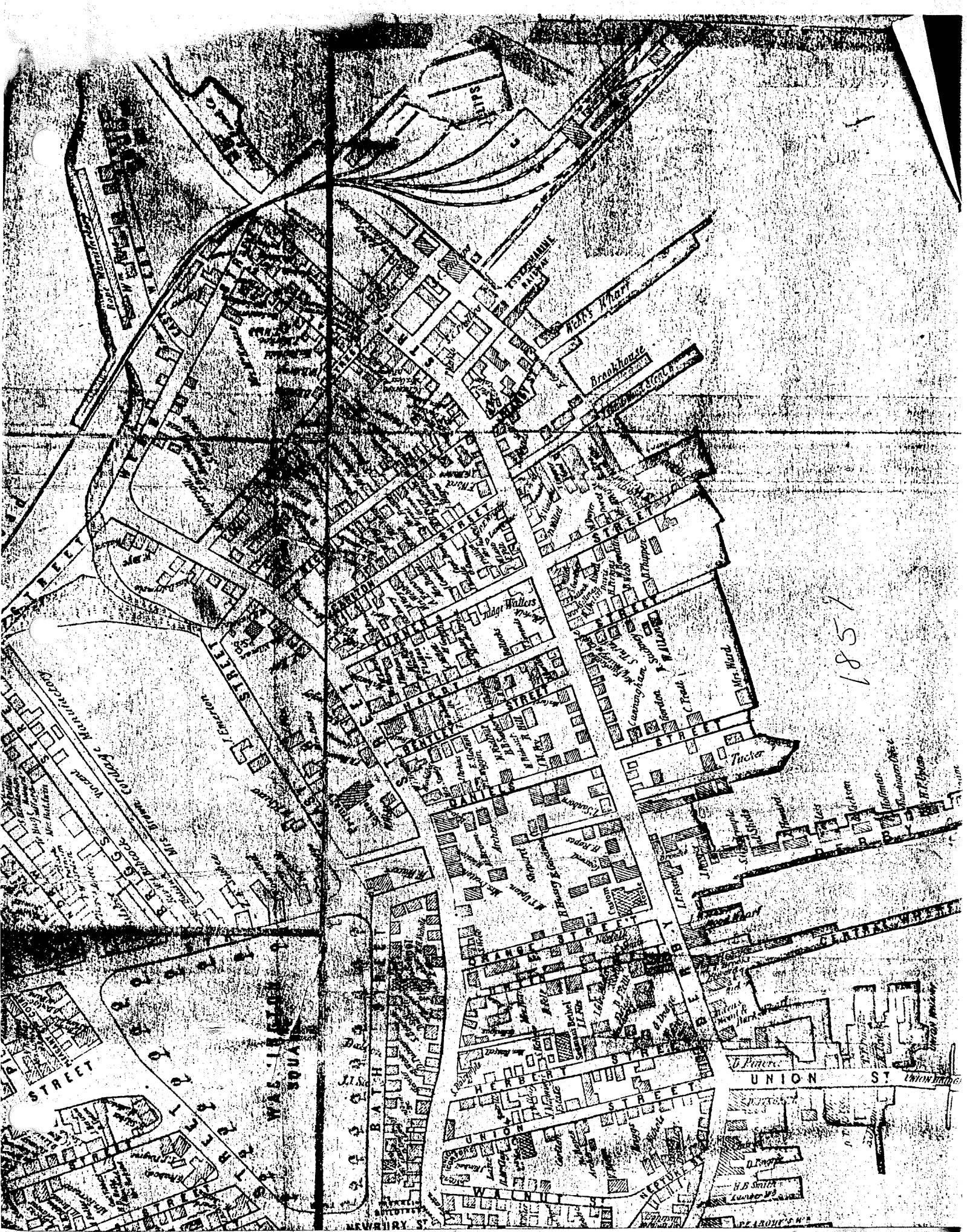
a dwelling house land \$ 800.00

Personal Estate

1 Mahy Desk \$11	1 Mahy Chair Table \$10.50	7	50
6 Chairs a 30	6 Old Chairs 30	12	30
3 Old break fast Tables \$1.25	2 small tables 70	1	95
1 Crap Linette \$10	1 Iron Press \$10	3	00
1 pair of Iron Man \$1.50	1 lot of Old Natives 30	2	00
1 pair Iron Press 50	1 lot of Glass \$1.30	2	00
1 Small light stand 37	1 lot of pattern Knives \$1.50	1	62
1 Lot of Tin Ware 50	1 Lot of Old Pins \$1	1	50
1 Coff. Mill 50	1 Horning fork 25	"	75
1 Long Table \$2.50	1 Glass Wash 50	3	00
1 Feather bed Colored \$1	1 Pillow \$1	10	00
1 do do do 2		5	00
5 pair sheets \$3.75	2 pair Blankets 75	11	50
11 bed Quilt \$3	1 Blanket \$3	4	00
2 bedsteads \$1.30	1 bedstead \$1.2	3	50
2 iron beds 50	1 Strap \$1.2	2	50
3 Red Tin Trays 50	1 Glass Jar 25	"	75
1 New Table \$1.50	2 Glass Bottles 50	2	"
6 Draper Screens 30	1 Morning paper \$1	1	50
1 Old Sewing 25	1 pair Silver Bed Sheet \$1.2	2	25
6 1/2 Old Sewing \$1	1 lot \$1.75	43	50

\$108.12





1857

STREET

WALKER STREET

BATH STREET

UNION STREET

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WALKER STREET

Brookhouse

Tucker

Paterson

H. B. Smith

St. James

St. George

St. Andrew

St. David

St. John

St. Peter

St. Paul

St. Mary

St. Elizabeth

St. Ann

St. Agnes

St. Ursula

St. Cecilia

St. Theresia

St. Clare

St. Francis

St. Rose

St. Gertrude

St. Eudocia

St. Agatha

St. Margareta

St. Katerina

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1874

PRESTER

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PLEASANT S T

FORW

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Heirs of  
J. Deveraux

Wm. J. Deveraux

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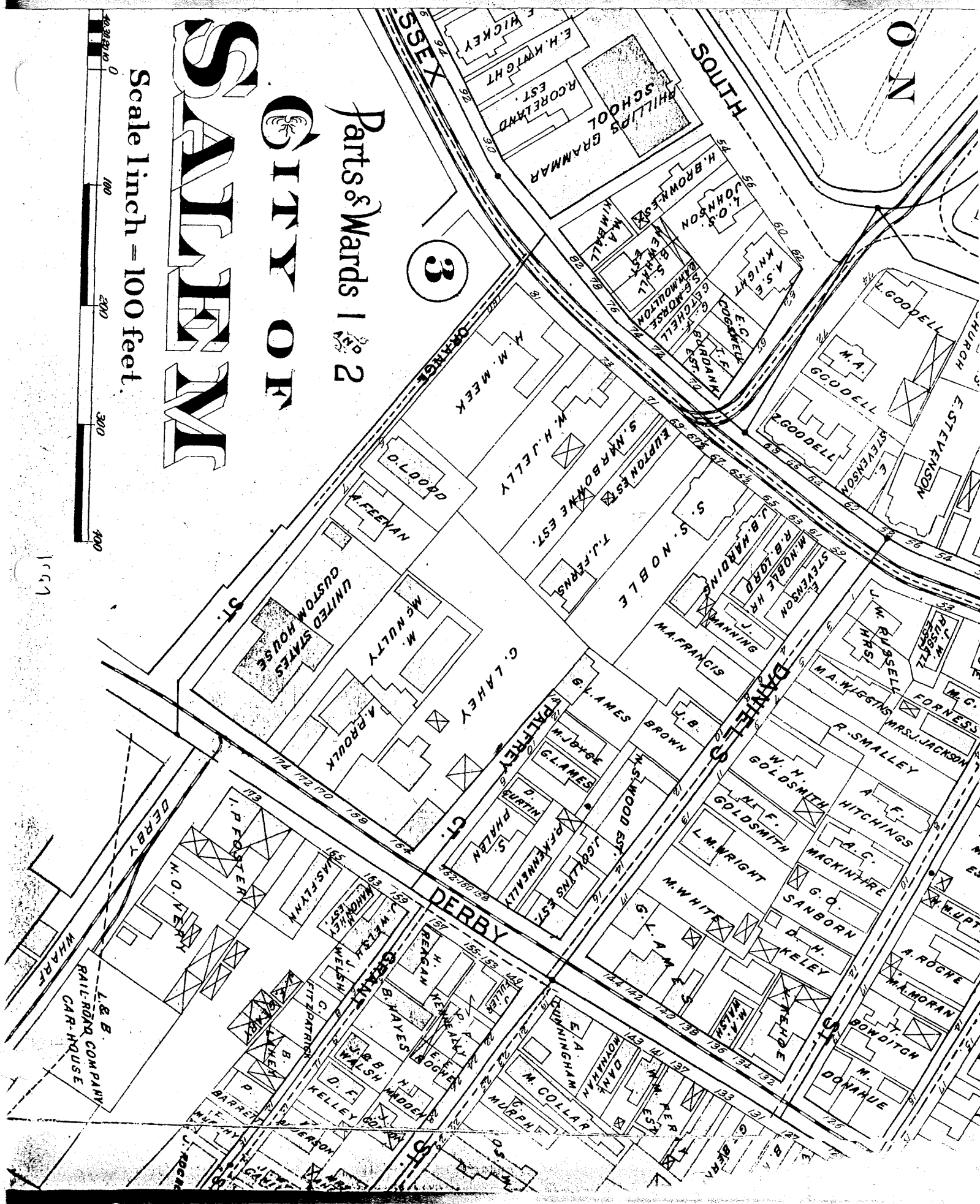
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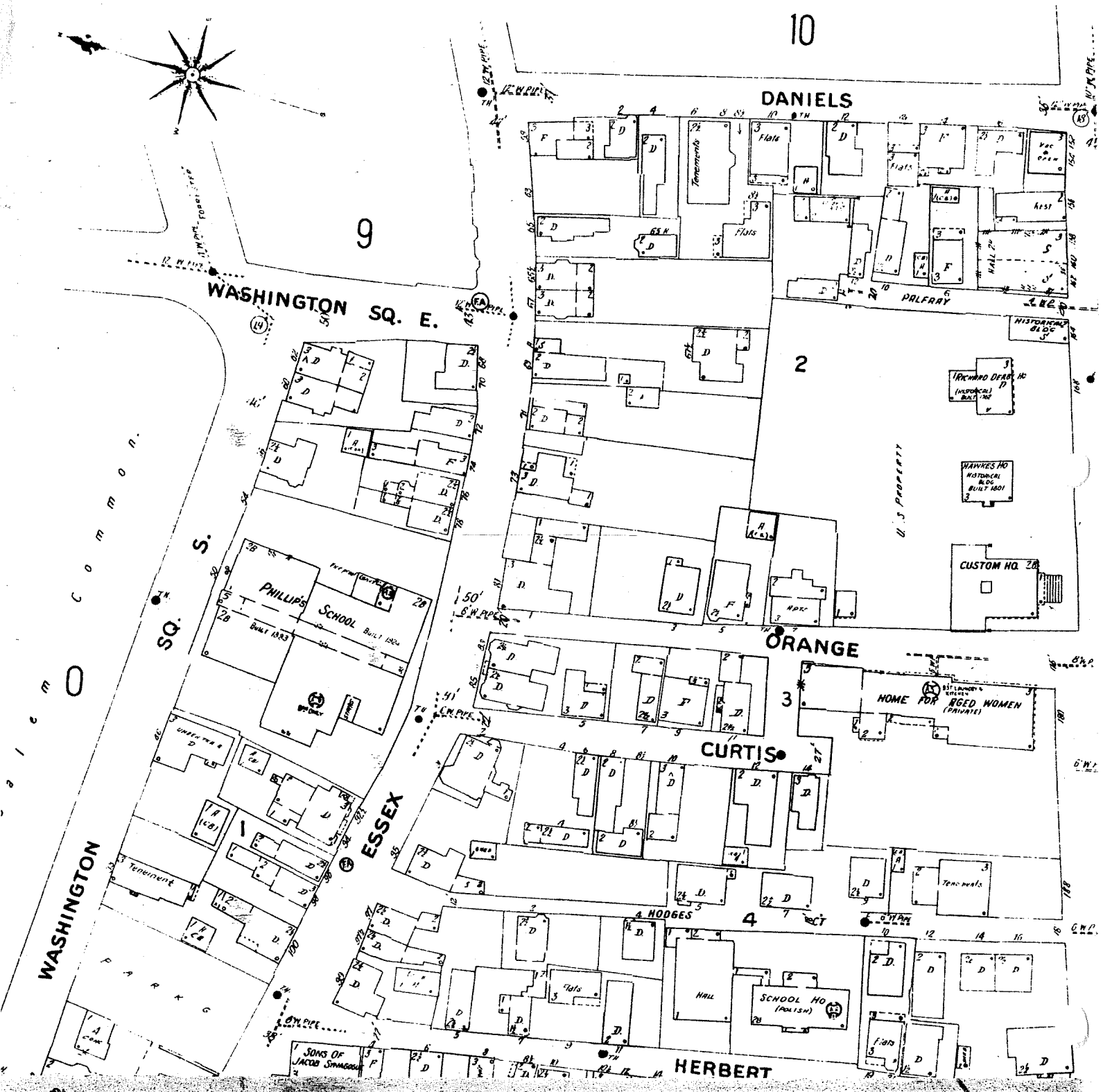
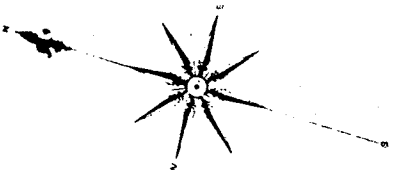
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PHILLIPS SCHOOL  
BUILT 1824

ORANGE

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN  
(PRIVATE)

CURTIS

ESSEX

HODGES

HERBERT

SONS OF JACOB SIMMONS

SCHOOL HO (POLISH)

CUSTOM HO. 28

HANNAH HO  
HISTORICAL BLDG  
BUILT 1801

IRVING HO  
HISTORICAL BLDG

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On March 28, 1979 Mrs. Bragle, daughter-in-law of Mrs. McGarry was contacted. Mrs. Bragle was very happy to share her knowledge of the house at 53 Essex St. It seems Mrs. McGarry purchased this house at an auction in 1932. The house was then a one family, Mrs. McGarry had it converted into a two family soon after. The fireplace in the front (Essex St.)side of the house was also Mrs. McGarry's addition. Although Mrs. McGarry did not live in this house, (she lived on Hodges Ct.) Mr. and Mrs. Bragel were tenants for a time, paying \$3.50 a week rent.

Mrs. Bragle has never heard any stories about the house being moved. She does think this house is old. Her husband uncovered the kitchen fireplace and "found the old chain they used to use."

Note:

Late in December 1978, an inspection was made of the property at 53 Essex St., by Staley McDermet (preservation architect) and Joyce King (house researcher).

Findings:

The front two rooms of this house seem to be much older than the rear addition, which is now the kitchen area.

The fireplace in the kitchen appears to be of the 1840 vintage and is the only visible means of what would have been the heat source.

The foundation under both ends seem to have been built at one time.

Conclusion:

Due to the absence of fireplaces in the front rooms, it is possible this portion of the house was an out building converted into a dwelling house or part of an old house moved to this site about 1843.

Other sources checked since that time: (all without success)

Recent copies of the Salem Gazette at the Essex Institute.

Genealogies of families concerned.

Bentley's Diaries.

Many Salem histories.

Prior owners.

Former residents of the neighborhood.

Note:

The earliest date mentioned in the deeds, of the house at 53 Essex St., is 1843 (book 341 page 144) in a lease given by Rebecca Silsbee. If she leased this property previously to that date the proof has not been found. Without a tenants name the tax records are useless.

If any date prior to 1843 is to be put on this house it cannot be substantiated from the documents found. The owner feels the construction is earlier and would appreciate the opinion of an architectural historian. This is a possibility since the report done by the Salem Historic District Study Committee, in 1965, questioned whether this house might be Federal (1790-1830) and that the high brick foundation was probably not original.

One strange thing is that this house does not appear on the 1851 map by Mc Intyre. This must be an oversight since the house is clearly there before this date, documented in deeds.