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15 RIVER STREET

House of

JOHN AND REBECKAH BECKFORD

by 1757

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15 RIVER STREET

The architecture of this house poses a dilemma similar to the house at 17 River Street. Just how long was the house standing before it was sold in 1757? The documentation, on 15 River, clearly states that in 1757 the house was the former mansion of John and Rebeckah Beckford. The Beckford's lived in the area for many years, but there is little evidence to show just when this house first appears.

A portion of this house (the southwest, second floor) could be 17th century. The walls contain large brick nogging, gunstock corner posts with a low ceiling. The fireplaces and original chimney have been removed. I suggest calling in an expert on 17th century construction to help determine the age.

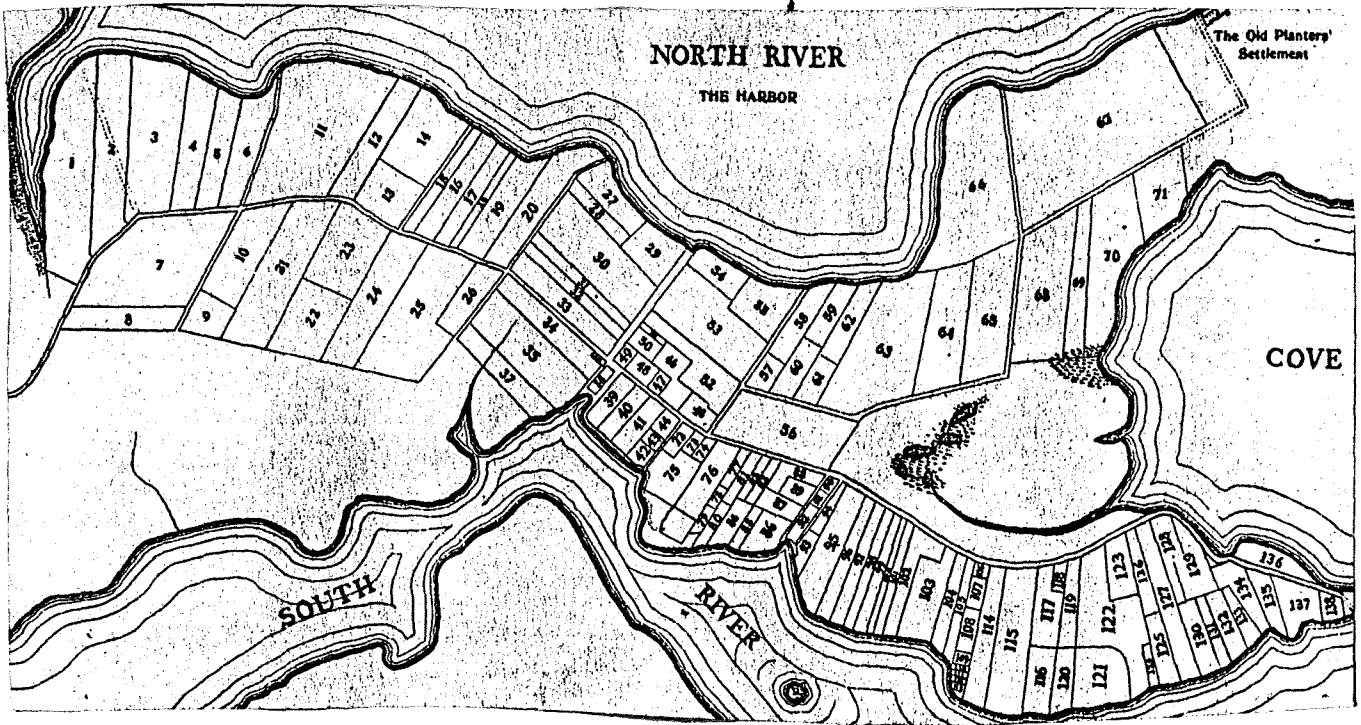
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15 RIVER STREET

"River street was called a way in 1739; road, 1773; private road, 1778; lane, 1782; and River street in 1796." (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 7 pg. 116).

Although the name River street hardly seems to apply to this high and dry road today, during Salem's early history this was a way bordering on a beautiful, broad river, clean and so deep that vessels were built and launched at the head of it. The area around River street was known as Cape Driver, for the land which jutted out into the river was occupied by the Driver family. At the end of this street was a sandy beach where carts passed to gather sea-weed and sea-grass.

The land on which this house stands was very early owned by Thomas Trusler (#14 on the map):



EARLY HISTORY

Lot owned by Thomas Trusler.

¹Thomas Trusler lived on the westerly side of Beckford Street. He was in Salem in 1638, and probably came in 1629. In 1649, he was excused from training on account of his age. He married Eleanor, widow of — Phelps. She may have been a Moulton, as he speaks of "father Moulton." He had a daughter in England in 1654. He died March 5, 1653-4; and she died before June, in the spring of 1655.

His widow Elinor Trusler died in 1655, having devised a house and lot to her son Edward Phelps.

Edward Phelps sold a dwelling house and three acres of land to Thomas Robbins. (book 13 page 61, see next page)

Thomas Robbins first appeared in Salem in 1641, at the age of twenty-three;

Thomas Robbins
Walter Price

Thomas Robbins

and Walter Price² had come from England in the spring, having brought with him a servant, named John Watkins, who died within six or seven weeks after landing.

¹Thomas Robbins was born about 1618; carpenter; married, first, Isabel —, probably a widow, as she had a son in 1657; she died Oct. 9, 1674; married, second, Mary (Gould), widow of Richard Bishop March II, 1674-5; probably no children; they were both living in 1681. Mr. Robbins had a sister, who married — Greene, and had a daughter named Rebecca. The latter married, first, William Pinson Feb. 27, 1675-6; and after his death she married, second, Joseph Bubier of Marblehead Jan. 1, 1696-7.

Mr. Robbins' estate descended to his niece Rebecca Pinson.

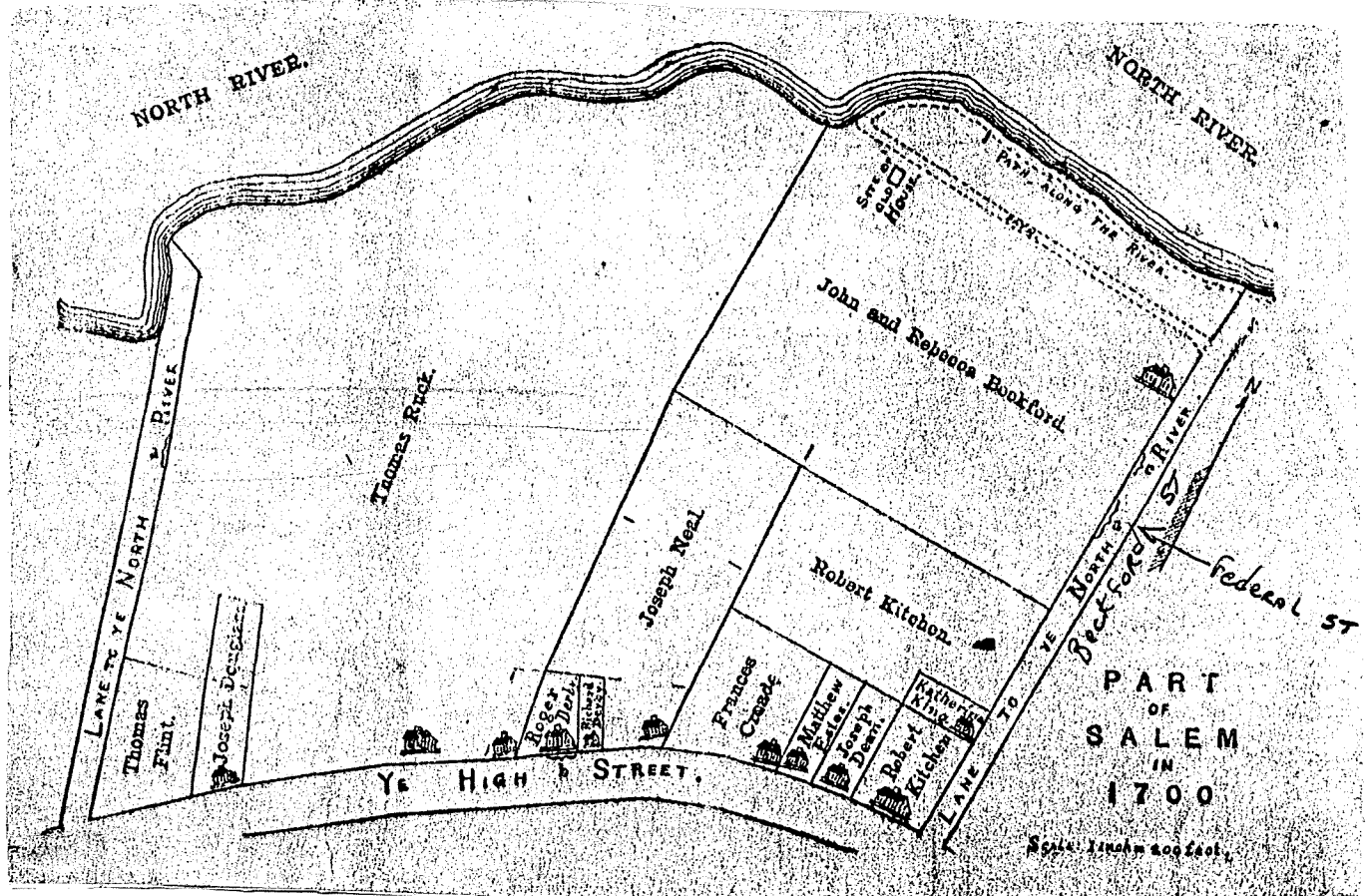
¹William Pinson, born about 1648, was a fisherman and husbandman; lived in Salem as early as 1676; married Rebecca Greene (daughter of sister of Thomas Robbins) Feb. 27, 1675-6; died July —, 1695; she married, secondly, Joseph Boobier of Marblehead Jan. 1, 1696-7; in his will he mentions William Pinson, minor son of his kinsman Thomas Pinson; children: 1. William, born March 26, 1677; 2. Rebecca; married John Bickford.

Mrs. Pinson married 2nd Joseph Boobier. The Boobiers conveyed the property to John and Rebecca Beckford.

The west portion of John Beckford's lot was early owned by Richard Bishop. Thomas Bishop conveyed the lot to Robert Kitchen in 1691. (book 9 page 69) Robert Kitchen conveyed the property to Thomas Robbins in 1695.

¹Richard Bishop was a husbandman; lived in Salem; married, first, before 1635, Dulzabella —, who was born about 1607; she died in Salem Aug. 23 (24), 1658; married, second, Mary Gould, July 22, 1660; she was born about 1611; he died in Salem Dec. 30, 1674; his widow, Mary, married Thomas Robbins; children: 1. Mary, born about 1635; married John Darling (called John Barret or Barbant); 2. Thomas; lived in Manchester; wheelwright; married Lydia —; died Oct. 15, 1694; she was his widow in 1702; had children; 3. Nathaniel; lived in Easthampton, Long Island, N. Y.; was dead in 1686; 4. John; lived in Southampton, Long Island, N. Y.; husbandman; was living in 1686.

The land is described in the Essex Antiquarian as the John and Rebecca Beckford lot:



John and Rebecca Beckford House. § That part of this lot lying east of the dashes was owned by Thomas Trusler, who died March 5, 1654. His widow Elinor Trusler died in 1655, having devised the house and lot to her son Edward Phelps. Mr. Phelps lived in Newbury, and, for twenty-five pounds, he conveyed the estate to Thomas Robbins of Salem July 2, 1657. ¶ Upon Mr. Robbins' decease, before 1694, the estate descended to his niece and heir Rebecca Pinson. Mr. Pinson died in July, 1695, having devised his estate to his wife Rebecca. In the inventory of his estate, the house, barn and land were appraised at one hundred pounds. Mrs. Rebecca Pinson survived her husband, and married secondly, Joseph Boobier of Marblehead; and, for thirty pounds, they conveyed to Rebecca, daughter of William Pinson, and wife of John Beckford of Marblehead, Jan. 11, 1698-9, ¶ the estate then being in the possession of George Hacker, as tenant. Mr. and Mrs. Beckford removed to Reading, where he was a yeoman: and conveyed the house and land

around it to their son John Beckford, jr., of Salem, shoreman, July 23, 1739.* The house was probably gone soon after. The exact site of the house, as it stood in 1700 is uncertain, it may have been on the narrow way some two hundred feet westerly of the place where it is marked on the map.

That part of the lot lying west of the dashes was a part of the Richard Bishop lot, and was devised in the nuncupative will of Mr. Bishop, who died in 1674-5, to his son Thomas Bishop for his life and the remainder in fee to the latter's son Richard Bishop. Thomas Bishop lived in Manchester, and was a wheelwright. For forty pounds, he conveyed it to Robert Kitchen of Salem Dec. 22, 1691. † Thomas Bishop's son Richard released his interest in the estate to Mr. Kitchen Feb. 7, 1692-3. † Richard Bishop's house stood upon the northern end of the lot, according to his will, but was probably gone before the latter date. Mr. Kitchen apparently conveyed the lot to John and Rebecca Beckford about 1700, and it was thenceforth a portion of the Beckford lot.

1698/9 Jan. 12 - Joseph Boobier of Marblehead and Rebeckah Boobier his wife relict of William Pinsent, late of Salem and executrix of the late will of said William Pinsent, sold the "message" containing about three acres of land with a dwelling house, barn and out housing to John Bickford and Rebeckah his wife. Rebeckah was the only child of the late William Pinsent. (book 13 page 62)
 early documentation and genealogy data)

John Beckford (Bickford), the son of George and Christian Beckford, was born at Marblehead about 1674. His occupations were recorded as fisherman, brickmaker, shoreman and yeoman. Mr. Beckford married Rebecca Pinsent, the daughter of William and Rebecca (Greene) Pinsent, on Feb. 8, 1697/8. The couple settled in Salem where on Dec. 8, 1717, he and wife Rebecca were baptized and received to the First Church with seven of their children.

Beckford children:

- George born July 5, 1700
- John born Sept. 15, 1702
- Rebecca born Feb. 26, 1705
- William born March 4, 1706
- Bethiah born Feb. 2, 1708
- Benjamin born Aug. 30, 1711
- Ebenezer born May 18, 1715
- Priscilla born Aug. 8, 1717
- Mary born Nov. 22, 1719
- Sarah born Dec. 18, 1721

Beverly Ketchum } January 4th 1698 before me Joseph Stannard
of Tapp Sewall Reg. Just p. 5

Book 13
Page 6

Joseph Probert and Rebeccah his wife to his wife's daughter
1698

Know all men by these presents that Joseph Probert
of Marblehead in County of Essex in New England & Rebeccah Probert
his wife widow of William Pinfent late of Salem Town & County of
Essex will and Testament of said William Pinfent Doad for & in
consideration of the sum of thirty pounds current money of New England
to them of said Joseph Probert & Rebeccah Probert well and truly paid
of John Bickford of Marblehead & Rebeccah his wife daughter of said
William Pinfent Doad & Port in consideration that said Bickford is
and may become bound to said Probert & Rebeccah his wife to pay
all the Debts that yet remain owing from the Estate of said William Pinfent
Doad & to save him harmless relating to the same as also in consideration
of Right Title & Interest which said John Bickford & Rebeccah his
wife hath to the Estate of said William Pinfent Doad of said Rebeccah
being his only Child whether as he is heirs to him or by virtue of the
Last will & Testament of said William Pinfent Doad or any other way
whatsoever for & in all the Considerations aforesaid wherewith they of said Joseph
Probert & Rebeccah Probert his wife are fully satisfied Contented & paid have
Bargained & Sold and do by these presents Give grant Bargain sell alien
assign let sure & Confirm unto said John Bickford & Rebeccah his
wife their true Inventory and Assign for ever all that our Messuages
& Tenements Situate in Salem aforesaid being bound Northwesterly with a Lane
of Thomas Pugh Northwesterly of River Southwesterly on the one Southernly

partly with & Land of our Robert Kitchin & partly with of our Joseph
 Noble containing about three acres more or less with dwelling house barns out
 lying Carthed Lewis privileges & appurtenances thereto belonging being at
 present in of Tenure of George Walker of Tenant in of Land of Land of
 of Land with all wades Water Courses privileges & appurtenances from of day of
 hereof For ever & Further on of Considerations afore said wherewith alfo of said Joseph
 Brodie & Rebekah his wife doo acknowledge themselves fully Satisfied Contented
 of of any further or other payment account reckoning or Satisfaction which
 is above mentioned doo fully & absolutely Exonerate acquit & discharge of said
 Richard & Rebekah his wife their heirs & assigns For ever have bargained &
 sold & convey fully fully & absolutely give grant bargain sell assign & let
 unto of said John Bickford his heirs Executors admistrators & assigns For ever all
 that of pasture or parcel of Mowing Land consisting of vpland March & Thatch
 & other Scitate in Salem aforesaid high of Bridge containing about three acres of
 South Easterly party with nicholas Chafford land & party with Owen & James Schull land
 Westward & Southwesterly party with land of of Thinks & most of of Four corners of
 North of Main Bridge or how run of same & wherewith bounded or reputed to be
 to have & hold of said pasture or piece of vpland March & Thatch with all of
 Easements waters Watercourses fences Rocks Stones mines Minerals Trees & all of
 an Appurtenances thereto belonging or appurtenances appurtenances Immediate
 death of of said Rebekah Brodie unto them of said John Bickford & Rebekah
 their heirs & assigns For ever more to his her & their proper use benefit & behoof
 For ever as an Estate of Inheritance in Fee simple the place of said Joseph Brodie
 & Rebekah Brodie doe for our selves our heirs Executors & assigns & for each of our
 selves our heirs Executors & admistrators Covenant & promise to & with of said John
 Bickford & Rebekah Bickford his wife their heirs Executors admistrators & assigns
 in manner following viz that at & before of Enscaling hereof in order of
 an of said Owners of of bargain premises & have full power god right &
 lawful Authority to grant bargain bargain convey & promise as aforesaid
 of same is free & clear & clearly acquitted from all manner of Exactions &
 & that wee shall & will warrant acquit & defend of said John Bickford
 & Rebekah his wife his peaceable Enjoyment of of bargain premises & every part
 and parcel thereof respectively according to of Tenure of the said from time to time
 and at all times For ever hereafter in Testimony whereof the said Joseph Brodie
 & Rebekah Brodie his wife hath hereunto Set their hands & Seals this Eleventh
 of January the said ten hundred thirty Eight & nine Anno d. n. Gulielm Tercij Angl. R. S.
 Reobekah Brodie
 Joseph Brodie

Instrument to be put out by the Court & sealed by the Court
 dated 11. 109. of the said Court & sealed by the Court
 11. 109. of the said Court & sealed by the Court

Reobekah Brodie
 Joseph Brodie
 [Illegible signatures and names]

Over the years, John and Rebecca sold portions of their homestead to their sons. By 1757 the entire three acres had been divided. The portion where 15 River street stands was sold on March 17, 1757 "for love and affection they have and bear for their eldest son George".

All that their former mansion house and land under and adjoining containing about 9 poles

North - highway by the bank of the North River 3 poles

East - by their other land 3 poles

South - by their other land 3 poles

West - line to run through the middle of the well as the same is now staked out and privilege therto belongs particularly the half of the well included in the west line 3 poles (book 104 page 119)

George Beckford, shoreman, was born in 1700 and died on May 29, 1761. By will written on July 15, 1761, George bequeath the use and income of his real estate to his wife Elizabeth, during her natural life. The rest to be divided equally amongst his sons George, Edmund, John and Joshua. (Also mentioned in the will was his daughter Martha Fowler who shall have the use of the southern most chamber in the house "belonged to my father Beckford" during her widowhood.) The lot on which this house stands was described in the the inventory as: dwelling house and land and garden spot bying between dwelling houses of John and Benjamin Beckford with piece of bank land fenced on ye north side opposite the dwelling house.

1757/119
John Bickford & the
George Bickford

two
penny
Stamp

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, **Greeting**
Know Ye, That John Bickford formerly of Salem in the County of Essex now of Reading in the County of Middlesex Woman & Rebecca his wife partly for the Love & Affection they have & bear to & for their Son George Bickford of said Salem Abreman & Partly
For and in Consideration of the Sum of five Shillings Lawful Money to them in Hand before the Enscaling hereof, well and truly paid by their said Son George Bickford

the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and them selves therewith fully satisfied and contented; and thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit and discharge him the said George & his Heirs, Executors and Administrators forever by these Presents: HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed; and by these Presents, Do freely, fully and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell, aliene, convey and confirm, unto him the said George and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, All that their

former Mansion House & the Land under & adjoining to the same containing about nine Poles in Salem aforesaid bounded Northerly on the Highway by the Bank of the North River three Poles Easterly by their other Land three Poles Southerly by their other Land three Poles and Westerly by their other Land about three Poles the west Side Line to run through the Middle of the Well as the same Land is now staked out with all the Appurtenances & Priviledges thereto belonging particularly the half of the Well which is Included by the West Side Line aforesaid

To have and to hold the said granted and bargained Premises, with all the Appurtenances, Priviledges and Commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining to him the said George Bickford & to his Heirs and Assigns forever To his and their only proper Use, Benefit and Behoof forever. And they the said John Bickford & Rebecca his said wife for themselves & for their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant, promise and grant to and with him their said Son George Bickford & his Heirs and Assigns, that before the Enscaling hereof, they are the true sole and lawful Owners of the above-bargained Premises, and are lawfully seized and possessed of the same in their own proper Right, as a good perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple: And have in themselves good Right, full Power and lawful Authority, to grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm said bargained Premises in Manner as aforesaid; and that he the said George Bickford and his Heirs and Assigns, shall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times forever hereafter, by Force and Virtue of these Presents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly Have, Hold, Use, Occupy, Possess and Enjoy the said demised and bargained Premises, with the Appurtenances, free and clear, and freely and clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of, from all and all Manner of former or other Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leases, Mortgages, Wills, Entails, Jointures, Dowries, Judgments, Executions, or Incumbrances of what Name or Nature soever, that might in any Measure or Degree obstruct or make void this present Deed.

Furthermore, they the said John Bickford & Rebecca his said wife for them selves & their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do Covenant and Engage the above-demised Premises to him the said George Bickford and his Heirs and Assigns, against the lawful Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons whatsoever; forever hereafter to Warrant; Secure and Defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof they the said John and Rebecca do hereto put their hands and Seals this

Signed Sealed & Del. in Presence of us
this Paper being Stampd with the two penny
Stamp and the Words in Salem aforesaid
three Poles being interlined also the
word about in two Places,

John Machintier
Amos Upton

John Bickford & seal
Rebecca Bickford & seal

Medd. by the 25th of April 1757 the within Named
John & Rebecca Bickford acknowledged the within Instrument
to be there Free Act and Deed

Before me Eben. Nichols Jus. of Peace
Spec. of Rec. on Record July 25th 1757 & entered & examined
by JOHN NICHOLS

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.
Know Ye, That I Martha Batter of Salem in the County of
Essex Spinster

Martha Batter
George Bickford

For and in Consideration of the Sum of ten Pounds Lawful Money of the Province of the Mass: Bay
to me in Hand before the Enfealing hereof, well and truly paid by George Bickford
of said Salem Merchant

the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge
and my self therewith fully satisfied and contented; and thereof, and of every Part
and Parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit and discharge him the said George
Bickford and his Heirs, Executors and Administrators,
forever by these Presents: HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and
confirmed; and by these Presents, Do freely, fully and absolutely give, grant, bargain and
alien, convey and confirm, unto him the said George Bickford & to his
Heirs and Assigns forever, One Common

Right & Share in that Division of the Common Lands of and in
said Salem called the Cow-Pasture it being the Eastermost or
lower Subdivision of the Pasture formerly called and known
by the Name of the Great Pasture and the said Right being
one of the Rights whereof my late Father Edmond Batter
deceased died seized with the Tenes & Appurtenances to one
Right in said Cow-Pasture belonging

To have and to hold the said granted and bargained Premises, with all the
Appurtenances, Privileges and Commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining
to him the said George Bickford & to his
Heirs and Assigns forever. To his and their only proper Use, Benefit and Behoof forever.
And I the said Martha Batter for
me my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant, promise and grant to and with
him the said George Bickford and his

Heirs and Assigns, that before the Enfealing hereof, I am the true sole and lawful Owner of
the above bargained Premises, and am lawfully seized and possessed of the same in my own
proper Right, as a good perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple: And have in
my self good Right, full Power and lawful Authority, to grant, bargain, sell, convey
and confirm said bargained Premises in Manner as aforesaid; and that He the said
George Bickford and his Heirs and Assigns, shall and may
from Time to Time, and at all Times forever hereafter, by Force and Virtue of these Pre-
sents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly Have, Hold, Use, Occupy, Possess and Enjoy the said
demised and bargained Premises, with the Appurtenances, free and clear, and freely and
clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of, from all and all Manner of former or other
Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leases, Mortgages, Wills, Entails, Joitures, Dowries,
Judgments, Executions, or Incumbrances of what Name or Nature forever, that might in any
Measure or Degree obstruct or make void this present Deed.

Furthermore, I the said Martha Batter

for my self my Heirs,
Executors and Administrators, do covenant and Engage the above-demised Premises to him
the said George Bickford and to his Heirs and
Assigns, against the lawful Claims or Demands of any Person, or Persons whatsoever, forever
hereafter to Warrant, Secure and Defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof I
hereto put my Hand & Seal this Seventh Day of September. A.D. 1757

Signed Sealed & Del.
in Presence of us
John Higginson
Mehetabel Higginson

Martha Batter & a Seal

Essex s^e Sept. 7th 1757 then the within Named
Martha Batter Personally Appeared and
Acknowledged the within written Instrument
to be her free Deed

Before Joseph Powditch Jus o' Peace
Essex s^e Rec. on Record Sept. 7th 1757 & entered & exam'd
by John Higginson Register

John Bichford
George Bichford

TD all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting,
Know Ye, That John Bichford formerly of Salem in w County of
Essex now of Abington in the County of Middlesex Essex
and Rebeckah his wife

John
Bichford
Stamp

For and in Consideration of the Sum of ninety three pounds six shillings eight pence lawful Money
to them in Hand before the Enscaling hereof, well and truly paid by their son George
Bichford of the said Salem Shoemaker

the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge,
and them selves therewith fully satisfied and contented, and thereof, and of every Part
and Parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit and discharge him the said George & his
Heirs, Executors and Administrators,
forever by these Presents: HAVE given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and
confirmed; and by these Presents, Do freely, fully and absolutely give, grant, bargain, sell,
alien, convey and confirm, unto him the said George & to his

Heirs and Assigns forever, a Piece of Land in S. Salem, of being part of
their late Homestead in S. Salem, containing about one hundred and fifty more poles hereof bounded easterly on a lot of the said George
& Rebeckah under ten poles, southerly partly on land of William Esq. & partly on land of Joseph Esq. near John
poles to a Stake which is one pole three feet & an half westward from S. Westward corner, westerly on a part
of the Homestead conveyed to their son George Bichford ten poles & northerly on a part of the Homestead
conveyed to their son John Bichford Esq. about sixteen poles, there being a Stake at each corner. Also a lot of land
in S. Salem, it being part of their Homestead do called & is bounded northerly on a Highway eleven poles & a quarter
southeasterly on a part of S. Bridge lot conveyed to S. John Bichford Esq. southerly or southeasterly on the
Highway eleven poles & a quarter on a square & northerly on a lot part of S. Bridge lot conveyed to S.
Henry Bichford & it is to be eleven poles & a quarter wide throughout. Also one third part in common of a
Warehouse & Warehouse by S. North River in S. Salem known by name of Bichford's Warehouse & Warehouse of all
that under adjoining to it same belonging to a County aforesaid or either of them also all their Rights
in that part of S. Salem near at front of said Homestead in S. Salem which said George hath found in
improved this now in his possession, with all Appurtenances & Privileges to & Premises belonging

To have and to hold the said granted and bargained Premises, with all the
Appurtenances, Privileges and Commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining
to him the said George Bichford & to his
Heirs and Assigns forever. To his and their only proper Use, Benefit and Behoof forever.
And they the said John Bichford first named & Rebeckah his wife for themselves & for
their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, do covenant, promise and grant to and with
him the said George Bichford their son & his

Heirs and Assigns, that before the Enscaling hereof, they are the true sole and lawful Owners of
the above bargained Premises, and are lawfully seized and possessed of the same in their own
proper Right, as a good perfect and absolute Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple: And have in
themselves good Right, full Power and lawful Authority, to grant, bargain, sell, convey
and confirm said bargained Premises in Manner as aforesaid; and that he the said George
Bichford & his

Heirs and Assigns, shall and may
from Time to Time, and at all Times forever hereafter, by Force and Virtue of these Pre-
sents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly Have, Hold, Use, Occupy, Possess and Enjoy the said
demised and bargained Premises, with the Appurtenances, free and clear, and freely and
clearly acquitted, exonerated and discharged of, from all and all Manner of former or other
Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leases, Wills, Entails, Jointures, Dowries,
Judgments, Executions, or Incumbrances of what Name or Nature soever, that might in any
Measure or Degree obstruct or make void this present Deed.

Furthermore, They the said John Bichford & Rebeckah his
wife
Executors and Administrators, do covenant and Engage the above demised Premises to him
the said George Bichford & to his Heirs and
Assigns, against the lawful Claims or Demands of any Person or Persons whatsoever; forever
hereafter to Warrant, Secure and Defend by these Presents, John Bichford & Rebeckah
his wife

hand
Signed Sealed & Del.
in presence of
this paper being stamped
with a four penny stamp
John Mathew
Amos Vpton

Witness whereof they do hereto put their
hands & seals this twenty fifth day of March AD. 1757. John Bichford & Rebeckah
John Bichford & Rebeckah
Me Dd. & J. April the 25th 1757 John Bichford &
Rebeckah Bichford appeared & acknowledged these signatures
& sealing this Instrument to be their free act & deed
before me Ebenezer Nichols Jus: of Peace
Ephraim Reed on Record July 25th 1757 Rostered & Recorded
by John Higginson Register

On December 18, 1773 widow Elizabeth Beckford released her rights to her sons. A division of the property was made between the Beckford brothers, the "old house so called with the land under & adjoining the same bounded westerly on land of Benjamin Bickford, southerly & easterly on land of Deacon John Bickford & northerly on the North River so called" was assigned to Joshua.

Joshua Bickford, bapt. April 11, 1742, married Rachel Hilliard on November 18, 1762. She died early without issue. He then married Elizabeth (Webb) Brown, the widow of John Brown. Their children were:

Joshua born 1775

John bpt. June 22, 1777

Elizabeth bpt. June 22, 1777; married Elisha Doggett Joshua died sometime before July 10, 1777, the date the administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Elizabeth. The inventory included a dwelling house, land and half a well.
(probate #2280)

On March 18, 1778, the widow Elizabeth Bickford married Benjamin Cook. In July of 1778 "Elizabeth Cook late the widow of Joshua Beckford, by virtue of the order of the Court of Common Pleas, for the sum of 240 pounds, sold to Joseph Saul, seaman, half or part of my late husband Joshua Beckford his mansion house and land under."

North River

3 poles 4 links

Benjamin Bickford

6 poles 25 links

8 foot way

North 1/2 of house

John Bickford
Deacon

← sold to Joseph Saul
(Book 136 page 137)

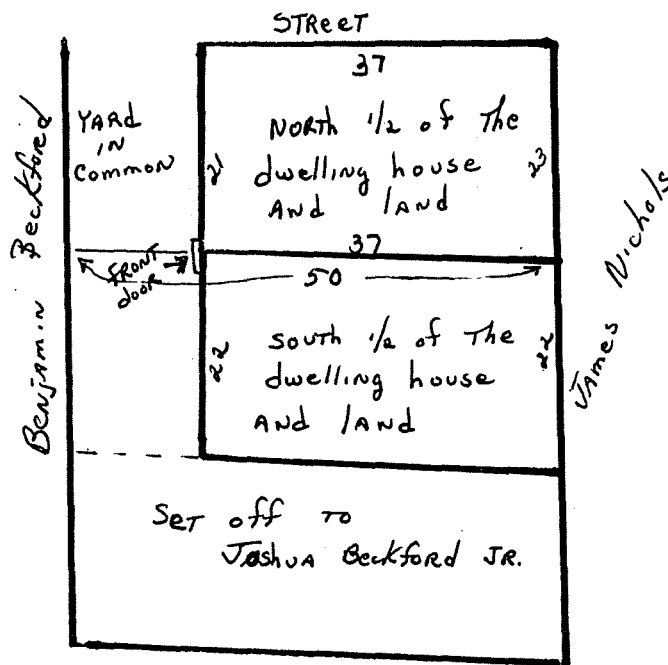
through the mansion house

3 poles 4 links

South 1/2 of house

← Kept by heirs of Joshua

The house remained divided, the title being sold as follows:



North HALF

BOOK 199 PAGE 71

DATE - December 14, 1812

CONSIDERATION - \$300

GRANTOR (seller) - Joseph Saul, rigger

GRANTEE (buyer) - Mary Williams

DESCRIPTION - The north half of a dwelling house and land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey all I own on the south side of the street.

NORTH HALF

BOOK 450 PAGE 194

DATE - September 8, 1850
CONSIDERATION - \$400
GRANTOR (seller) - Eliah Sheldon and William Pratt
GRANTEE (buyer) - Lewis D. Richards
DESCRIPTION - 2/3 of the north half of a dwelling house and land
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by Joseph Saul to Mary Williams as recorded in book 199 page 71.

SOUTH HALF

BOOK 277 PAGE 92

DATE - May 2, 1834
CONSIDERATION - \$150
GRANTOR (seller) - Elizabeth Doggett now resident of Boston, widow
GRANTEE (buyer) - Eunice P. Richardson, of Salem, singlewoman
DESCRIPTION - Parcel of real estate in Salem and by River Street viz: the part of the estate which I hold by inheritance from my father Joshua Beckford

SOUTH HALF

BOOK 452 PAGE 269

DATE - October 30, 1851
CONSIDERATION - \$400
GRANTOR (seller) - Eunice P. Richardson of Lynnfield
GRANTEE (buyer) - Jeremiah Richardson
DESCRIPTION - Certain estate on River St. (same)
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed to me by deed recorded in book 277 page 92.

NOTH HALF
BOOK 500 PAGE 204

DATE - September 14 1854
CONSIDERATION - \$600
GRANTOR (seller) - Lewis D. and Sarah Richards
GRANTEE (buyer) - John Morgan
DESCRIPTION - North half of the dwelling house
and land
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate 2/3 part of which
were conveyed to me. The remaining
1/3 I inherited from my mother.

SOUTH HALF
BOOK 500 PAGE 205

DATE - September 15, 1854
CONSIDERATION - \$600
GRANTOR (seller) - Jeremiah Richardson
GRANTEE (buyer) - John Morgan
DESCRIPTION - Land with 1/2 of a two story dwelling
house. Being the south 1/2 of same
with a right to use, in common, the
front door, stairways and privileges
thereto, also equal privilege of
passing with carriages or otherwise
over land held in common to said
street, of using the well on the
premises, subject however to a right
in said way by the occupants of Mrs.
Marston's house (#15 1/2)
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the estate which
was conveyed to m by deed recorded
in book 452 page 269.

BOOK 2096 PAGE 381

DATE - August 31, 1910

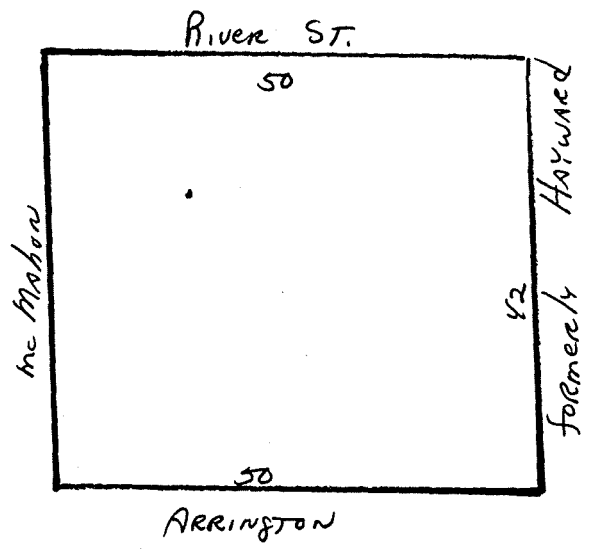
CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - William Morgan and Mary E. Kenney of Salem; John Morgan of Lynn; Richard Morgan of Boston; Margaret Richardson of Melrose; Jennie J. Twohig of Everett

GRANTEE (buyer) - David Frye

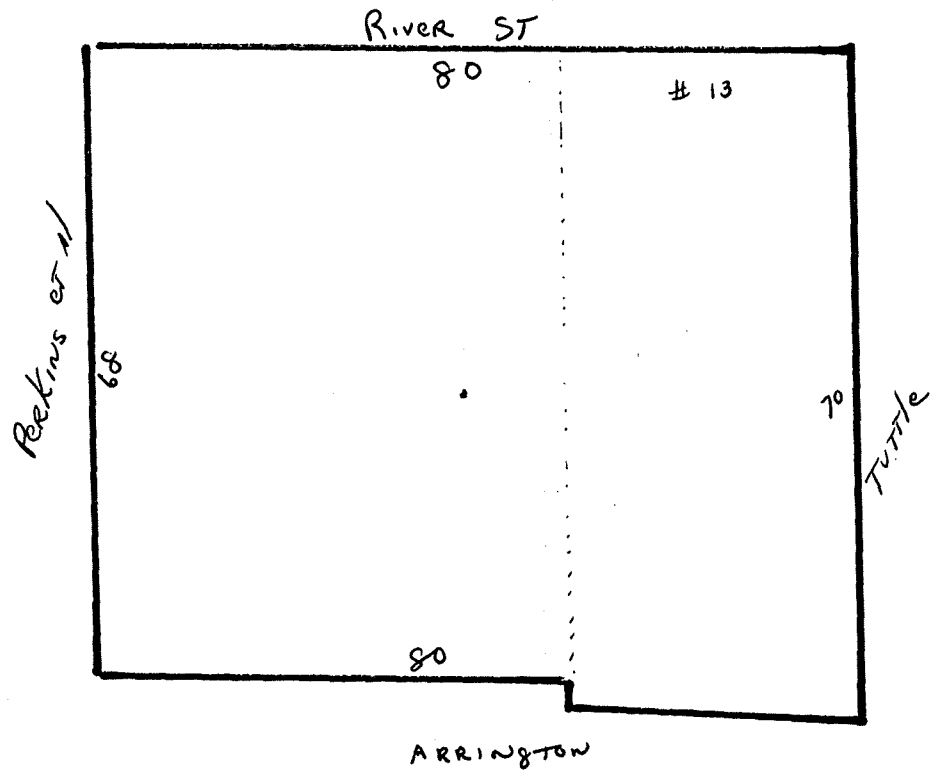
DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the premises aquired by John Morgan by deeds of Lewis D. Richards to John Morgan on Sept. 14, 1854 and Jeremiah Richardson to John Morgan on Sept. 15, 1854



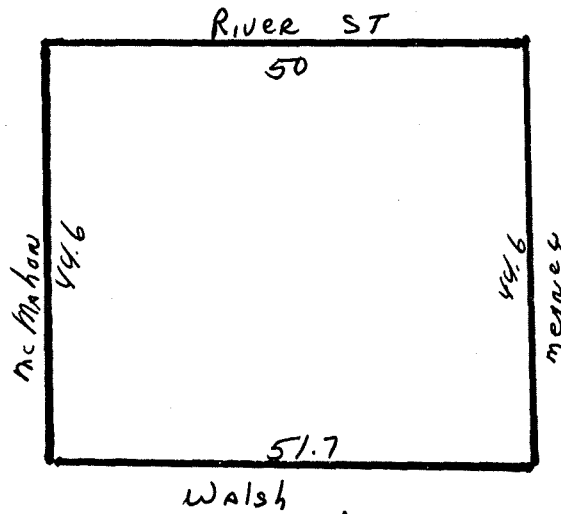
BOOK 2249 PAGE 409

DATE - February 9, 1914
CONSIDERATION - None listed
GRANTOR (seller) - David Frye
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ida Ruth Frye
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by foreclosure deeds from Bernard Maguire book 2096 page 381; W. H. Morgan et al book 2096 page 382 and J. P. Morgan book 2906 page 383.



BOOK 2366

DATE - June 7, 1917
CONSIDERATION - None listed
GRANTOR (seller) - Ida R. Frye, wife of David
GRANTEE (buyer) - Charles S. Johnston
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey one of the lots conveyed by deed recorded in book 2249 page 409.



BOOK 2383 PAGE 578

DATE - January 16, 1918
CONSIDERATION - None listed
GRANTOR (seller) - Charles and Theresa Johnston
GRANTEE (buyer) - Joseph S. Bibeau
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the same premises conveyed by deed of Ida R. Frye on June 7, 1917.

BOOK 2416 PAGE 567

DATE - June 24, 1919

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Charles S. and Theresa Johnston

GRANTEE (buyer) - Harry Stein

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by said grantors to Joseph S. Bibeau on Jan. 16, 1918.

BOOK 2487 PAGE 242

DATE - July 13, 1921

CONSIDERATION - None listed (subject to mortgage of \$1,800)

GRANTOR (seller) - Harry Stein

GRANTEE (buyer) - Mary P. Burnham

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Charles S. Johnston on June 24, 1919. .

BOOK 2581 PAGE 334

DATE - December 12, 1923

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Mary P. Burnham

GRANTEE (buyer) - Frank C. Garrano

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Harry Stein on July 13, 1921.

BOOK 2602 PAGE 142

DATE - June 18, 1924

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Frank C. Garrano

GRANTEE (buyer) - Joe Polonsky and Freida Kaplan

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me by Mary P. Burnham.

BOOK 2854 PAGE 367

DATE - August 5, 1930

CONSIDERATION - \$2,334.50

GRANTOR (seller) - Salem Five Cents Savings Bank
holder of a mortgage from Joe
Polansky and Freida Kaplan

GRANTEE (buyer) - Joe Polansky

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Mortgage recorded in book 2602 page
143.

BOOK 2904 PAGE 583

DATE - December 10, 1931

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Joe and Tillie Polansky

GRANTEE (buyer) - John Condonis

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by
the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank
on August 5, 1930.

BOOK 5185 PAGE 236

DATE - July 3, 1964

CONSIDERATION - Less than \$100

GRANTOR (seller) - Elmer H. and Eleanor Warner

GRANTEE (buyer) - David Warner

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed of Joe Polansky to John Condonis recorded in book 2904 page 583. Also probate #269742 and guardianship of Constantina, Georgia and Fotoula Kontonis #275336.

BOOK 5223 PAGE 354

DATE - November 10, 1964

GRANTOR (seller) - David H. Warner

GRANTEE (buyer) - Arthur W. and Joan E. Dacy

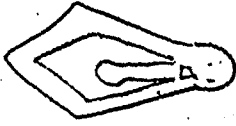
DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to Elmer H. Warner by deed recorded in book 5185 page 236.

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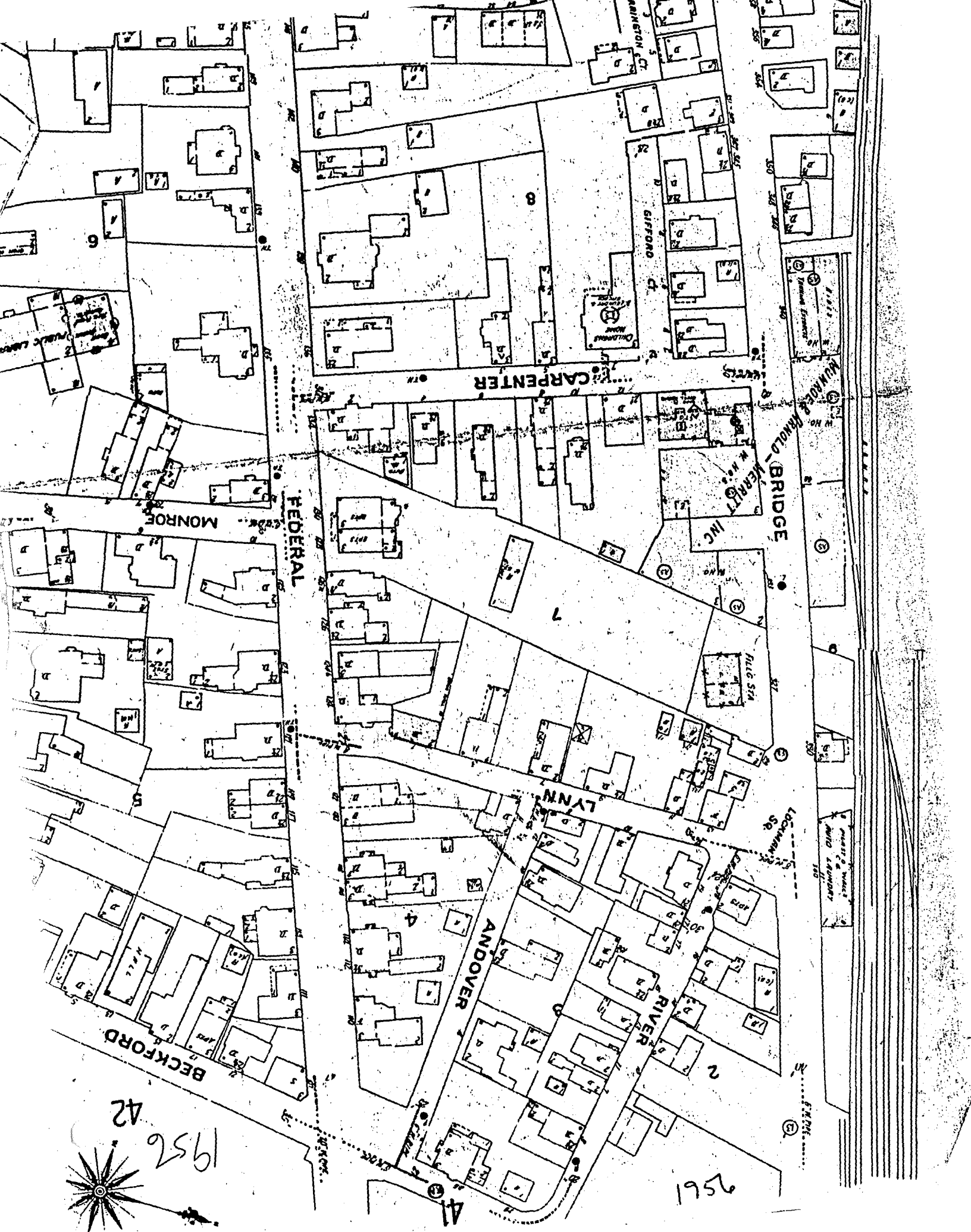
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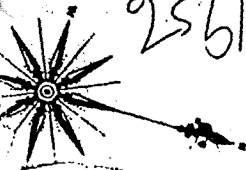
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