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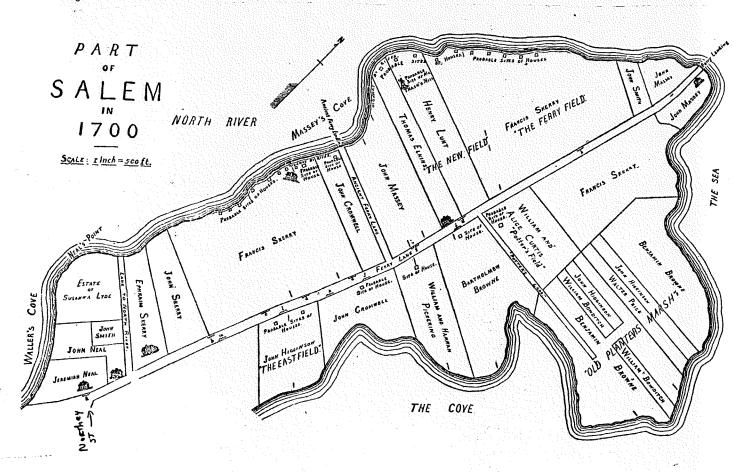
14 Northey Street Built for JAMES SHORT, cooper in 1839

Research by, Joyce King April 1984

<sup>&</sup>quot;to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects, and to work for the education of the community in the true value of the same."

14 Northey Street

This house stands on a portion of land owned by the Neal family early in Salem's history:



Jeremiah Neal House. John Neal of Salem, yeoman, early owned all the land shown on the map southwest of Lemon street. Upon this part of the lot in 1670 he built a dwelling house, in which lived his son Jeremiah Neal, carpenter. John Neal died in 1672, having devised the house and this part of the lot to his son Jeremiah Neal. Jeremiah Neal died in 1722, possessed of the house and lot. In 1735, in the division of the estate, this was assigned to the deceased's son Jeremiah Neal, the house being then called "an ancient building," and valued at two pounds. The house was gone before 1749.

John Neal House. This lot was a part of the lot of John Neal, and in his will, dated May 3, 1672, and proved June 28, 1672, to his son Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter, he devised this portion of his lot. Jeremiah Neal released the lot to his son John Neal of Salem, carpenter, for seven pounds, Nov. 10, 1693.\* John Neal probably erected a house and barn thereon immediately, and conveyed house, barn, and land to his brother Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter, for one hundred and fifty pounds, Nov. 18, 1702.† Jeremiah Neal, for one hundred and seventy pounds, conveyed the same estate to John Lemmon of Salem, mariner, April 25, 1749.‡

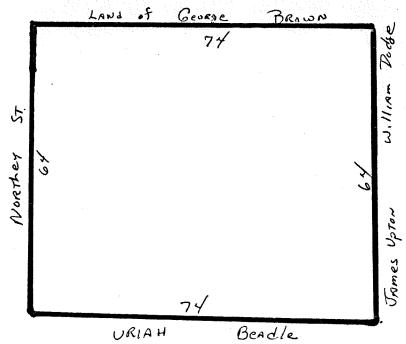
1804 - Moses Hale purchased a large strip of land from the Northey Family. This strip comprised a large portion of the east side of Northey St. (book 174 page 102)

1807 April 16 - Northey St. was laid out by an agreement between Abijah Northey, Moses Hale and Ezra Northey through land which had been in the Northey family for many years:

"Said Abijah, Moses and Ezra doth covenant and agree to lay out a street through their land bounding on Bridge street and the North River (commonly known by the name of Windmill point."

The street was to be 45 feet wide "always to be kept open without any obstruction. They also agreed to put fences on the street within 30 days. (book 181 page 165)

1839 - The heirs of Moses Hale conveyed a portion of the original lot to Jeremiah Hale, housewright. Mr. Hale then built this house and sold it to James Short, cooper, in Oct. Mr. Short immediately mortgaged the land and building thereon to Jeremiah Hale for the sum of \$600:



James Short was born, in Salem, on August 8, 1801. He married Lydia Ann Tucker, the daughter of Andrew and Martha Tucker, on April 22, 1824. The Shorts moved into their new house, then called #6 Northey (changed to #14 in 1896), immediately after its completion. James Short, cooper, is listed in the 1842 directory along with the first tenant on record, Charles Whitten.

1850 - The first clear glimpse of the Short family appears in the federal census:

James Short	age	48	born	Mass.	Insane
Lydia Ann "	. 11	44	11		
Elizabeth "	11	23	.,,	11	
Martha T. "		22	11		
Sarah "		20	"		
James "	11	17 mariner	"		
Joanna "	"	12	11		
Joseph "	11	11	11		
Charles H. "	11	6		11	
2nd family					
John A. Melcher	11	29 tailor	11	11	
Lydia Ann "	11	25	11	11	
Henry G. "	tt.	3	11	11	
Sarah M. "	11	1	11	<b>†</b> 1	

1853 Nov. 24 - Elizabeth Short died at the young age of 27.

1859 - Salem directory #6 Northey St.

James Short, cooper Mrs. Lydia Short William H. Nichols, painter

## 1860 census

Lydia A. Short age 54 born Mass.

James " "26 master mariner " "

Joseph A. " "20 painter " "

Charles H. " "16 clerk " "

(James Short age 59 is listed at the almshouse - Insane religion)

1860 Dec. 28 - The Salem Gazette reported the death of Captain James Short:

"At Anamaboo, West Coast of Africa, Nov. 8, Captain James Short of Salem, master of barque Warren White. He was interred on the 9th in the Missionary burial ground, and every respect paid to his remains."

(The "Warren White" was a 405 ton barque - built in Eastport, ME. in 1851.)

1862 - Mrs. Short had inherited property as an heir of her uncle Gideon Tucker, a prominent Salem merchant. In order for the heirs to clear the estate and sell the property, they need the signature of James Short. This required Lydia Short to take her case to Probate Court where James Short was then declared legally insane. The following document shows the extent of Mr. Short's illness.

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Ann		" 35		11	N.H.
William /	11.	" 6			Mass.

1866 - tax records

<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Mrs. Lydia Short	same house val. \$1,100
Charles "	" land 700
John F. Nelson	

1874 April 20 - James Short died at the age of 72y 8m 12d. only notice of his death mentioned that the funeral would be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at 6 Northey St. Mr. Short was buried in the family lot on Holly Path in Harmony Grove Cemetery.

1875 - census					
Lydia Short	age	67	housewife	born	Mass.
2nd family			•		
John Wells	11	61	teamster	11	11
Mary H. "	11	58	housewife	11	71
•					
1880 - census					
Lydia Short	age	74	keeps house	born	Mass.
Nellie "	11	13	grand-daughter at school	11	11
Lydia A. "	Ħ	5	H · H	11	11
2nd family					
John Wells	11	66	clerk in grocery	11	**
Mary "	11	63	keeps house	11	11

1884 March 11 - Mrs. Lydia Ann Short died at the age of 78y 5m 3d. This brief obituary notice appeared in the local papers:

"Mrs. James Short, died suddenly from paralysis on Tuesday, was for many years Pres. of the Samaritan Soc. and no doubt that organization will be largely represented at her:funeral."

Mrs. Short's estate was divided equally by her children listed in in probate case #60732:

Lydia A. Melcher, wife of John - Danvers
Martha T. Collins, wife of Tenison P. - Northwood, N.H.
Joanna Henderson, wife of George - Lynn
Sarah Phillips, wife of William B. - Lynn
Charles Short - Boston

Inventory: Real estate

#6 Northey St.

Harmony Grove Lot

\$2,000

Personal estate

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1886 directory
Charles T. Quimby, engineer at B. & M. R.R.
John Wells, clerk

1885 August 10 - The heirs of Lydia Short conveyed the land and building, at 6 Northey St., to John Melcher for the sum of \$2,000. (book 117 page 224).

1885 August 10 - John A. and Lydia A. Melcher sold the land and building to Lydia A. Woodbury, wife of Ezra L. Woodbury. This was the same property sold to James Short by Jeremiah Hale in 1839. (book 1177 page 225)

1886 - the tax records verify the change in ownership:

Occupant

Owner

Charles Quimby, engineer age 28 John Wells, clerk age 72

Mrs. J. Henderson et al to Ezra Woodbury house \$1,600 land 600

Ezra and Lydia Woodbury made their home at 9 Northey and apparently purchased the house, now known as 14 Northey St., as an investment.

1887 tax records

.Occupants

Owner

Joseph H. Millet, peddlar age 57 Ezra L. Woodbury George A. Millet, telephone operator age 28 house \$1,700

Albert H. Millet, age 19

William Briggs, dry goods age 37

1890 directory

Joseph H. Millet, travelling salesman

Albert Millet, clerk

Arthur W. Millet, salesman

George A. Millet, collector D.B.& H. Power & Co.

William Briggs (Briggs & Wilkins)

William Briggs was born in Salem, the son of William A. and Susan (Goodale) Briggs and was educated in the public schools here. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of Francis W. Tuttle, dry goods dealer, as a boy in the store and some years leter was admitted to the firm, the name being changed to F. W. Tuttle & Co. partnership lasted until the death of Mr. Tuttle in 1888. Mr. Briggs & S. Herbert Wilkins, an employee of the store thereupon organized under the name of Briggs & Wilkins, which continued until 1907, when it dissolved. Mr. Briggs continued as the sole proprietor for a number of years and then sold out to Almy, Bigelow & Washburn. He entered the employ of that firm as a clerk where he remained until he was taken ill. Mr. Briggs died on Oct. 31, 1933. (Salem Evening News)

1896 tax records (this house was renumbered from #6 to #14)

Occupants |

(all Millet names were crossed out)

William Snow, overseer age 55

John H. Snow, clerk age 23

Hardy P. Chapman, upholster age 49

Owner

Lydia A. Woodbury house \$2,200

land

Hardy P. Chapman of Salem married Lizzie Lake of Lowell on Nov. 2, 1878. Since they were both deaf mutes, their wedding ceremony was interpreted to them in sign language. The couple had been instructed at the "Deaf & Dumb Institute" in Hartford, Ct.

## 1900 census

Prudence Leonard	age	60			born	Me∙
Sarah "	<b>, n</b>	23	daughter,	jewelry saleswoman		Mass.
Margueritte "		21	daughter,	jewelry saleswoman		(1)
Sarah Webb		81	boarder			11
2nd family						
William Andrews		55	tinsmith		11	
Emma "		45			0	

## 1901 directory

George E. Dugdale, clerk

William N. Andrews, car tinsmith

(Mr. Andrews was a member of the common council representing Ward 2

in 1910)



1904 directory
Omar P. Jackman, shoemaker
Miss Marietta Wellman

1913 tax records

Occupant

Owner

Women

Lydia Woodbury house \$2,200 land 900

(The directory lists: Miss M. D. Wellman and Mrs. Catherine A. Cook widow of George)

1917 May 10 - Lydia A. Woodbury, wife of Ezra L., died. Her life was summarized in the Salem Evening News:

"A very wide circle of friends will be pained to learn of the sudden death, this morning, of Mrs. L. Annie Woodbury, wife of Assistant Clerk of Courts Ezra L. Woodbury. She had been poorly for several weeks, and was under the care of her physician. Last Sunday she would have gone to church, had the weather been pleasant, but became so ill Monday that she took to her bed. This morning, at 6 o'clock her daughter went to get her some warm drink, and when she returned she saw that her mother's condition had changed greatly, and she called her physician. Before he could reach her, Mrs. Woodbury passed away.

She was born in Salem, the daughter of the late Pemberton and Lydia Toppan (Hale) Hale, Dec. 5, 1849. She attended the public schools, and June 26, 1873, she was married to Mr. Woodbury. Their married life has always been ideal, and with their children devoted to them their home has been all that one could ask. Friends were ever welcome, and it was a delight to visit them on any occasion. Their greeting was sincere and deep.

Mrs. Woodbury was a person entirely forgetful of herself, in her desire to minister to others. Truly may it be said of her, "she looked well to the ways of her household, and her children arise up and call her blessed." Her gracious smile, her pleasant word, her kindly, sympathetic nature endeared her to a large circle of acquaint-ances who will greatly miss her. She had been a member of the Tabernacle church since 1869, and was always active in church work so long as health permitted. She leaves, besides her husband, a son, Ezra Ernest Woodbury of St. Louis, Mo.; three daughters, Miss Mary

Hale Woodbury, a teacher in the Springfield High School; Mrs. Ernest A. Comer and Miss Alice C. Woodbury of Salem; a grandson, Ezra Dawson Woodbury of St. Louis, and a brother, James F. Hale of Salem."

Mrs. Woodbury's probate (#126951) shows that she was the owner of other properties:

14 Northey St.	\$3,600
11 Cambridge St.	2,800
13 Cambridge St.	2,000
Bank accounts	900

1920 directory

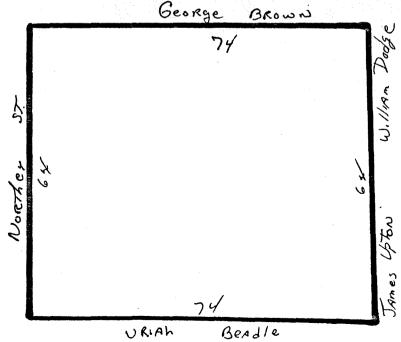
B. E. Welch, dressmaker

C. Blanche Welch, widow of Hezekiah

Hezekiah Welch, clerk

C. A. Cook

1926 May 1 - The heirs of Lydia Woodbury sold the land and building to Thomas J. Morgan. "The same estate conveyed by John A. Melcher in 1885."



(book 2677 page 155)

- 1930 directory
  Thomas Morgan (Mary E.) carpenter
  Mrs. Agnes Heffernan, widow of John
  Arthur F. Heffernan, chauffeur
  James J. Cunningham, clerk
- 1940 directory
  Thomas J. Morgan (Mary), carpenter
  Charles Gagnon (Flossie), leather worker
- 1950 directory
  Thomas Morgan (Mary)
  Thomas Connelly (Mary V.), machinist

1972 June 4 - Thomas J. Morgan of 14 Northey St., died Sunday morning at the Salem hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of Mary E. (Sweeney) Morgan and the son of the late William and Mary (Glynn) Morgan.

A native of Roscommon, Ireland, he resided the greater part of his life in Salem, where he was employed as a carpenter for the school system until his retirement.

He was a member of the Catholic Order of Forresters and the Holy Name Society of the Immaculate Conception Parish.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, the Rev. Thomas B. Morgan of St. Michael's Parish in Bedford; 3 daughters, Mrs. Nicola (Mary)
Barletta of Rockport, Miss A. Ruth Morgan of Salem and Mrs. Pasquale (Dorothy) Starble of Grandby, Conn.; a brother, William Morgan of Ireland and a sister, Miss Mary Morgan of Alston, also 5 grandchildren.

The funeral took place from the Walter T. McDonald and Son Funeral Home, followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church. (Salem Evening News)

1976 Dec. 6 - Mrs. Mary E. (Sweeney) Morgan, 73, of 14 Northey St., wife of the late Thomas J. Morgan, died in Salem hospital.

Born in Tubercurry, County Sligo, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Katherine (Ginty) Sweeney. Mrs. Morgan came to this country in the early 1920s and had been resident of Salem for more than 50 years. She was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception church.

Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Nicola A. (Mary T.)

Barletta of Rockport, Mass., a member of the faculty of Hovey
school in Gloucester, Miss A. Ruth Morgan of Salem, principal of
the Endicott School, and Mrs. Pasquale (Dorothy K.) Starble of
West Granby, Conn.; a son Rev. Thomas B. Morgan, pastor of Star of
the Sea church, Salisbury, Mass.; five grandchildren; three brothers,
Michael Sweeney of Fox Lake, Ill., John Sweeney of Cloonacool Sligo,
Ireland, and Luke Sweeney of Lancashire, England; four sisters, Mrs.
Evelyn Brennan of Ireland, Sister Nora Christopher Sweeney of Latoka,
Figi Islands, Mrs. Beatrice McGee of London, England and Mrs. John
(Kathleen) Broc of Collooney Sligo, Ireland; many nieces, nephews,
and cousins. Mrs. Morgan was the sister of the late Bernard Sweeney
of Wisconsin and Thomas Sweeney of Ireland.

Her funeral was held from the O'Donnell Funeral Home, with a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception church.

(Salem Evening News)

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.

J. Short

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the receipt whereof J do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said

Short lett my right, litte and interest in and to the following described tool estate lying in social Salom and bounded westerly by Monthey Short about sixty four feet more or loft, Montherly on land of Get & Brenn about seventy four feet, Easterly on land of William Dodge & fames Uplow about swith fixed feet, Southerly on land of Unach Beadle about seventy four feet, logether with all the buildings thereon and the privileges Mercelo belonging. Being the Estate I inherites from my late. Souther, and finachased of my biothers and listers. —

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Hold use and belief forever.

And I do covenant with the said Hold hold heirs and assigns, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Hold.

And that I — will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Short for heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

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acknowledged the above Instrument, to be / ..., free act and deed,

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of Essex and State of massachusetts, Cooper 1. I. Stale . in consideration of six hundred dollar cre I. Hale of said Calem, Housewrigh the receipt whereof do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, title tinters sell and convey - - - unto - the said Hale all my right, title tinters sell and and to the following deferibed real estate; lying in said Jalem and bounded Westerly by Northy Street, about cirty four feet, Northerly on land of Seo. Brown about seventy four feet; En storly on land sof to "Dodge and James Upton about sirty four fect, Southerly on land of Mriah Beadle about seventy four feet, together with the buildings there on Vall the privileges there to belonging. Being the Estate just conveyed to me by Said Hale by deel recorded in Reg . of deeds just before the recording of this deed: To Mave and to Hold, the granted premises with the said Hale appurtenances The said Short use and behoof the said Nale, Ris heirs and assigns, that an lawfully seised in fee of the that they are free of all incumbrances, have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Nale. That I and, that I will, and my heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same said Male, Esis heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. said Short, his Provided Nevertheless. That if said Hale , his heirs, executors, or administrators, shall pay said sum of Sip himadred dollars in heirs, executors, administrators or assigns in Equally payment which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and with l interest annually, then this Deed, as also a certain promisosory note. with lawful bearing even date with these presents, given by - said Short to said & Hala for dix hundred dollars payable in equal payments of two hundred dollars annually with the annually, with interest annually, together with the first mentioned sum and interest at the time aforesaid, shall both be void; otherwise shall remain absolute. In Witness Whereof, we the said James Thout & Lydia ann Short wife of said James who for one dollar to her paid both herly release her right of Dower in said premises, here bescure set our hands and seals this live a ter first day of Getober in the year of our Lord one thausand eight hundred and thirty nine Signed sealed and delivered in presence of may James Short. yeo. Wheatland Lydia Ann Thort E1121, 11 Och 21sh 1839 - Then the above named Junes Short acknowledged the above i Instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, Jeo. Wheatland Junice of the Peace. Essex, 11. Received Oct. 21, 1839, 20 m. before 1 o'clock & M. Recorded and examined,



