

105 Federal Street

House and Shop of  
EDMUND JOHNSON, cabinetmaker  
before 1801

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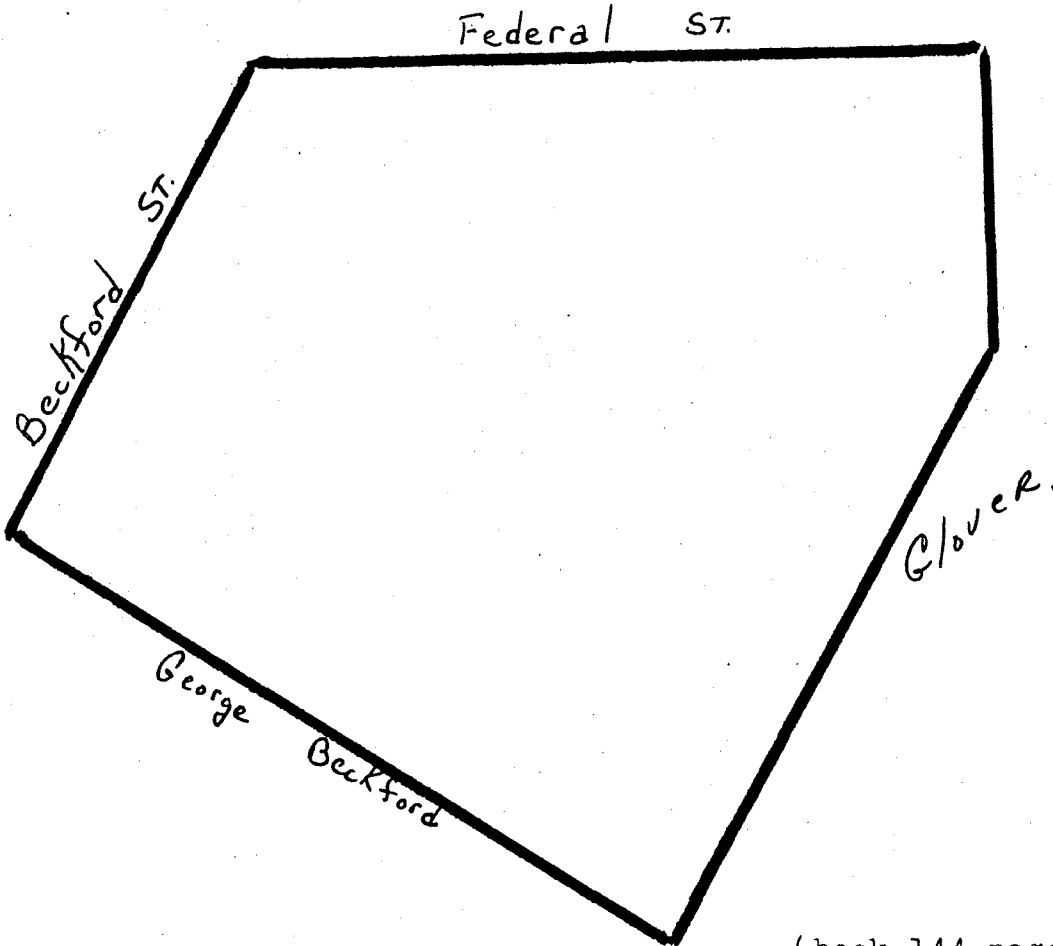
105 Federal Street

The land on which this house stands was once part of Benjamin Punchard's estate. Mr. Punchard purchased this land partly from John Cook in 1761 (book 107 page 201) and the other part from Nathaniel Archer in 1767. (book 121 page 150) (see sheet # 13 )

Benjamin Punchard built his house on the corner of the land, (now #22 Beckford St.) Mr. Punchard moved to Lyndebough N.H. sometime before Oct. 2, 1777, the date he sold his dwelling house and land to John Chamberlain, leatherdresser, husband of Benjamin's neice Sarah(Punchard). (book 136 page 77) (see sheet # 14 )

Over the next seven years John and Sarah Chamberlain sold off portions of land. (see sheet #15)

On March 2, 1787 they mortgaged their property, including land and building, to Richard Manning Esq.



(book 144 page 141)

Sarah died on April 29, 1796 leaving John with several small children. Apparently, needing a mother for his children, John married Elizabeth Marston, very shortly after the death of Sarah.

On March 13, 1797 John mortgaged his property once more, this time to his son John Chamberlain Jr., a baker, for \$166.67. The same property described in book 144 page 141. The first mortgage was still unpaid. (book 162 page 104)

John Chamberlain Jr. died in 1798 leaving most of his estate to his father, John, until his brothers Garland and Joseph turned 21 years old. This same year Elizabeth gave birth to a son. The couple named this child John.

On June 28, 1799, John Chamberlain, hired Gideon Foster to set the line between Chamberlain's and Glover's land. On Nov. 11, 1799 an agreement between Chamberlain and Glover was written:

For \$1 John Chamberlain granted to Ichabod Glover all the estate lying to the east of the following line; beginning at a notch cut in stone set in the ground by the south side of Federal St., which notch is 10 inches west of the waterboard of said Glover's house measuring so as to make a right angle with the house then run south 33 feet 9 inches to another stone set in the ground with a notch cut in the top. This notch is 11 inches from the waterboard of said Glover's house, then from the stone till it shall intersect the line which divides my garden from said Glovers. It is to be understood that if upon raising a perpendicular line (from the aforesaid) it should be intersect or cut the eaves or coving of said Glover's house, in that case the said Glover is to continue the improvement of the eaves or coving as it now is. The intersection of the perpendicular line aforesaid notwithstanding to with the reversion and reversions. (105 Federal St. is not mentioned in this document and probably was not here at this time.)

Soon after this agreement, John Chamberlain died. In his inventory, taken May 5, 1800, his real estate was listed as: house and land on corner of Beckford St. \$2,000 and shop standing on said land, formerly S. Lampson's. The widow, Elizabeth, was told if she would sign over her rights to the mansion house and land and take a shop that stood on one part of the land, the committee would fix the shop into a house for her, that there would be considerable money left to divide among the heirs and that her child would be allowed part to maintain him until he was 7 years old. She at last agreed to it and was given a dower described as a small two story house about 20 feet wide on the front and 21 feet wide in depth, standing on land adjoining east on Federal St. next to the mansion house of the late John Chamberlain, with the land under house and with land. (see sheets #16 - 18)

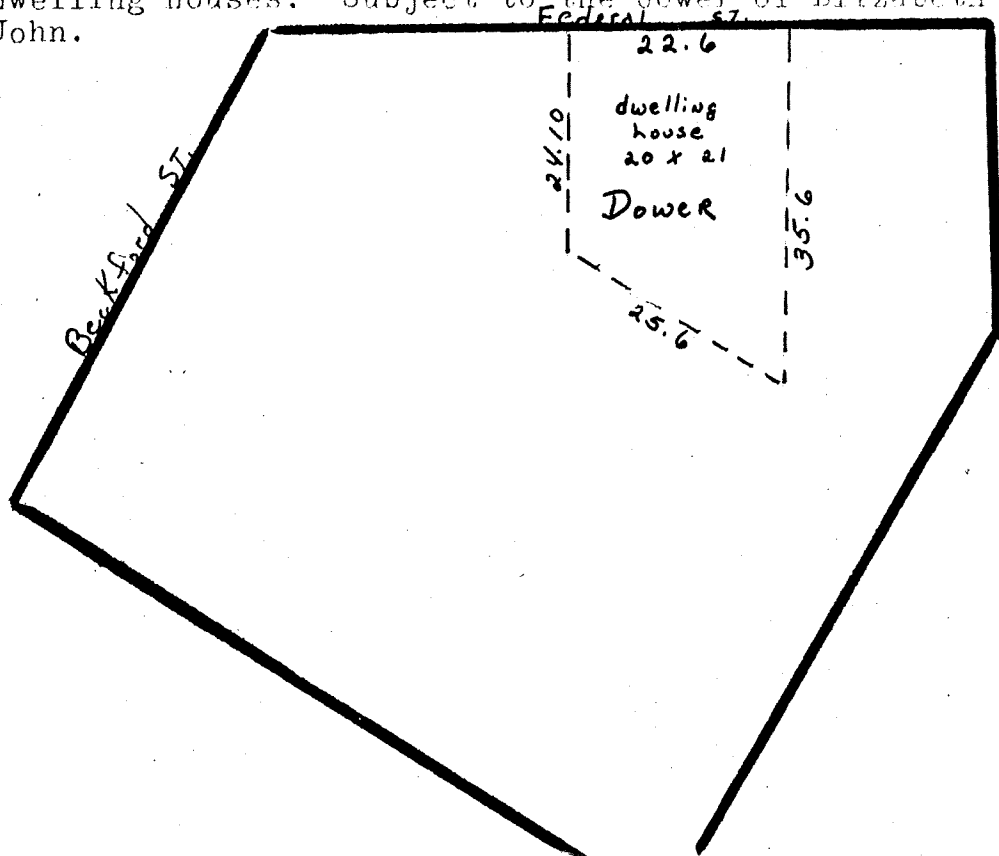
On May 3, 1800 before the estate was settled, William Chamberlain, son of John, bought his brother Benjamin's share in the estate (book 166 page 226). Then on Dec. 4, 1800 William Chamberlain, of Boston, wheelwright, for \$200, sold to Edmund Johnson, cabinetmaker all his rights in the estate, also one full share of the same estate he bought from his brother Benjamin (book 167 page 122).

July 1, 1800 John Funchard was named guardian to minors Garland, Joseph and John. Mr. Funchard was also named administrator of the estate. Early in 1801 John Chamberlain's estate was declared insolvent. An ad placed in the Salem Gazette states: For sale April 17, 1801 the estate of John Chamberlain to pay debts. The estate consists of a dwelling house and land corner of Beckford and Federal St. and the reversion of the widows 3rds, being a small dwelling house.

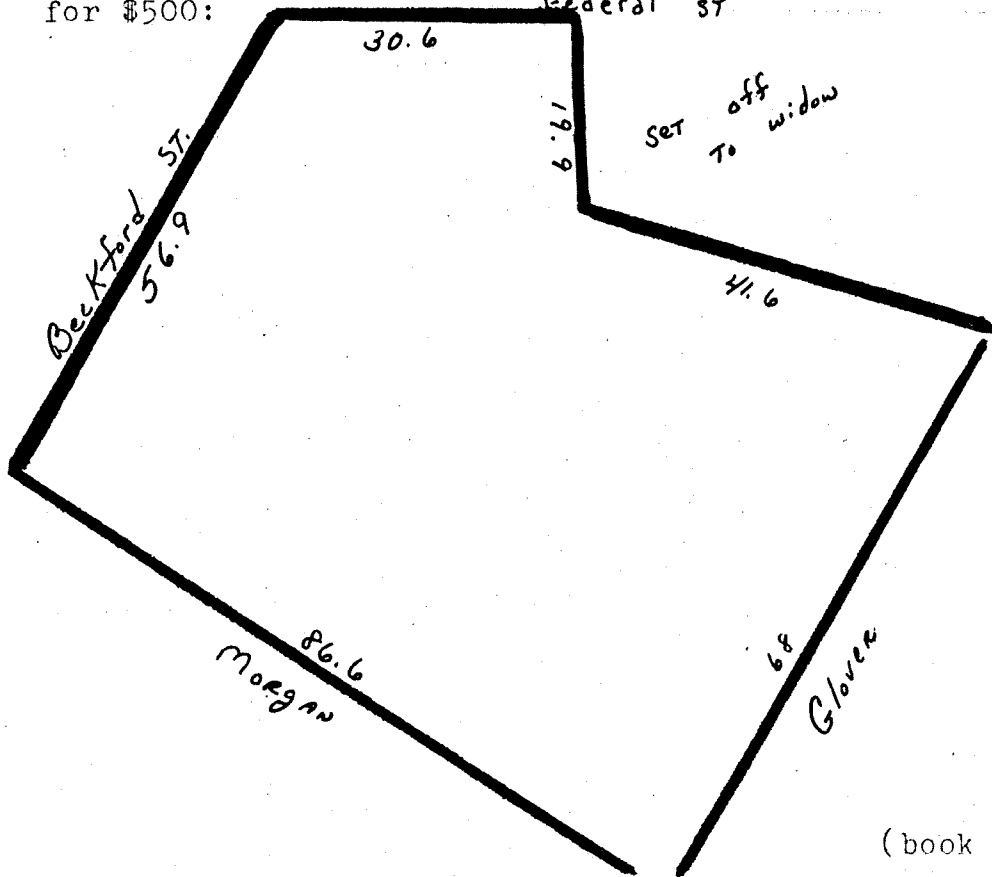
A manuscript at the Essex Institute concerning the estate of John Chamberlain, contains the conditions of sale. (see sheet #21) #1. gives the conditions of the mansion house and land. #2. gives the conditions of the widows dower and land on which Mr. Edmund Johnson's house stand. (this is the first mention of the house now #105 Federal St.) Mr. Johnson is to improve by lease the land his building stands on for 7 years and about 8 months. When the lease was granted to Johnson is unknown.

At the time of the sale Edmund Johnson bought the mansion house and land for \$1,800. Samuel Chamberlain, son of John, bought the reversion of the dower and the lot under Johnson's house for \$575. (see sheet #22) The next day, Samuel Chamberlain sold the lot he bid on to Edmund Johnson for \$540. (see sheet #23).

In the deed book 167 page 255, John Funchard, gentleman adm. of the estate of John Chamberlain, leatherdresser, sold to Edmund Johnson, cabinetmaker, for \$2,370 the land containing 22½ poles, with the dwelling houses. Subject to the dower of Elizabeth widow of said John.

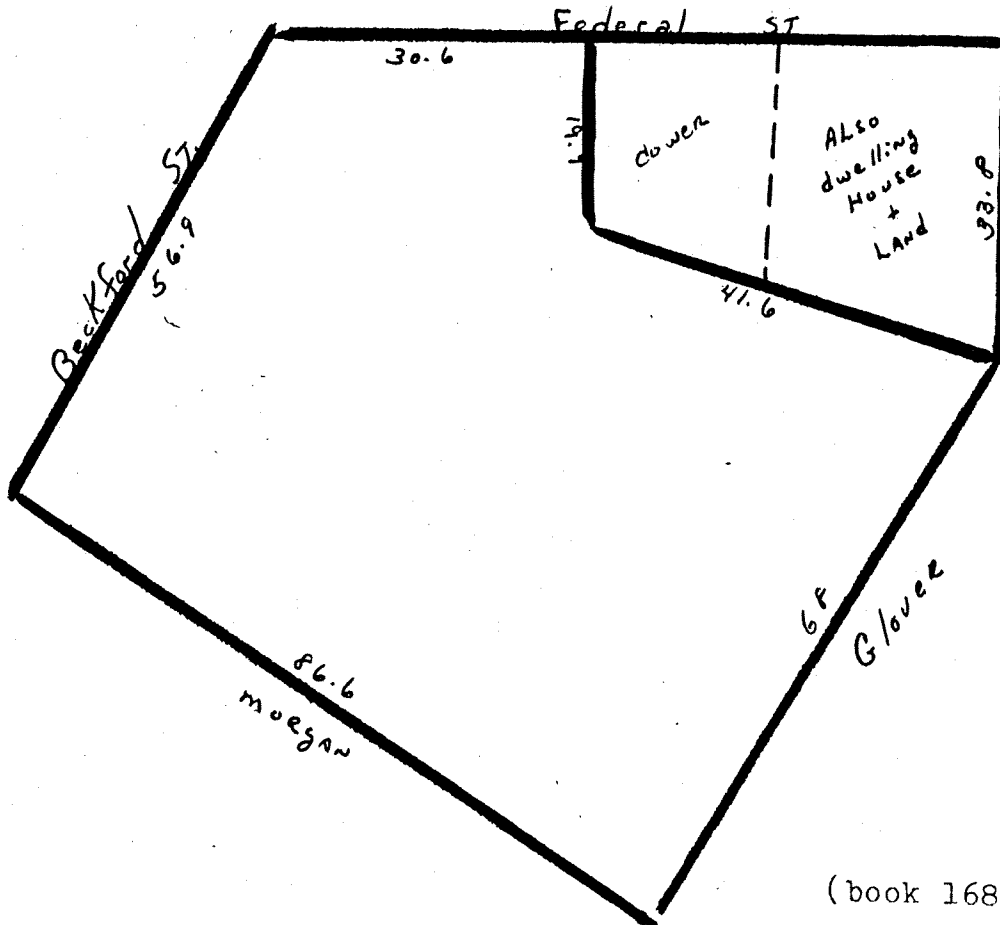


On April 20, 1801 Edmund Johnson, mortgages to Richard Manning for \$500:



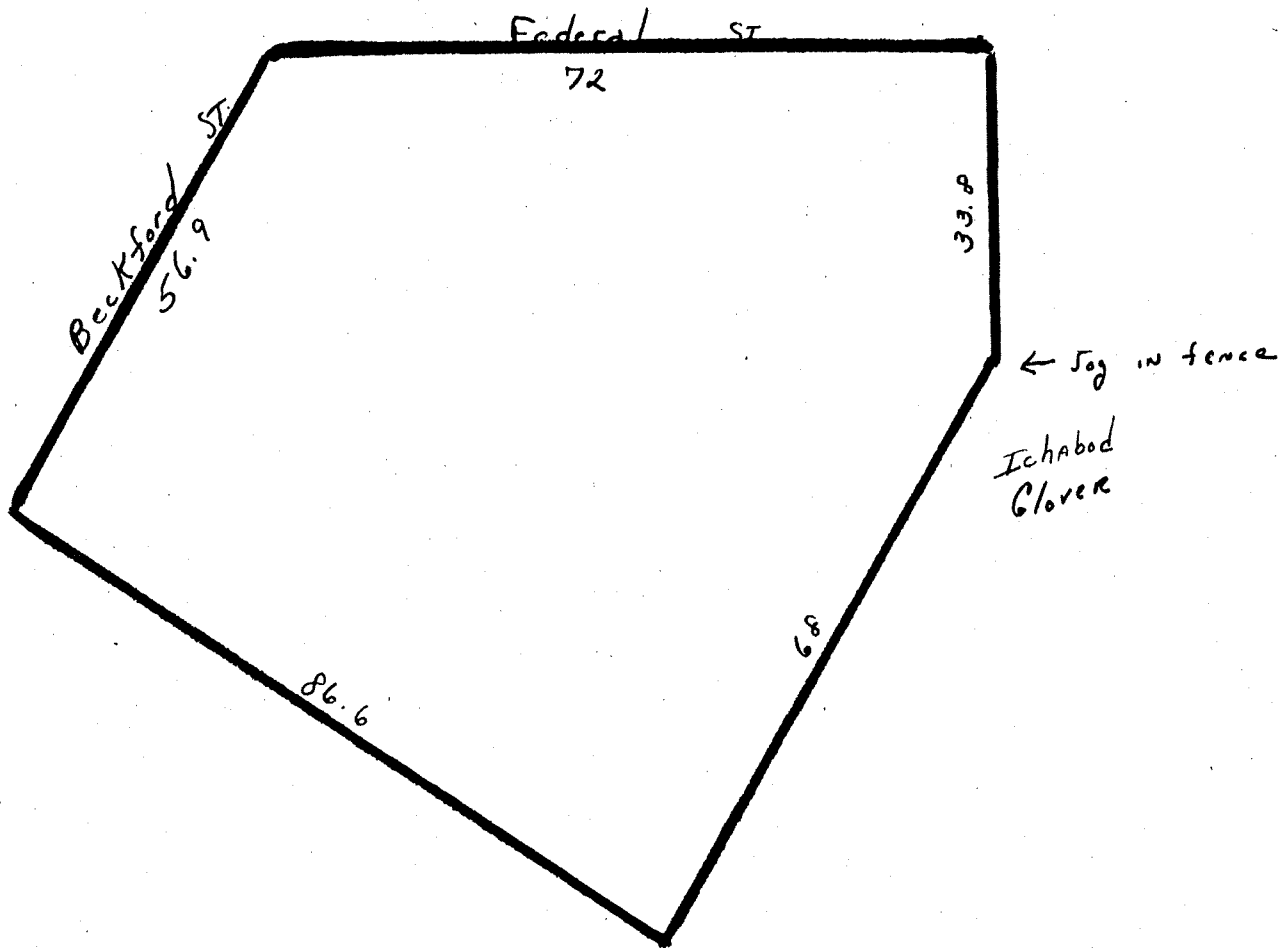
(book 168 page 169)

The same day Edmund Johnson mortgages the same property to Joseph Waters for \$1,000. Also a dwelling house and land containing 3 poles:



(book 168 page 170)

Mr. Johnson placed ads in the 1801 Gazette: Auction May 12, 1801, a small dwelling house with land under and adjoining, situated in Federal St., near corner of Beckford, a good stand for business having a shop in front. Sale on premises, by Edmund Johnson. Apparently, Mr. Johnson didn't sell the property until April 27, 1807 when Edmund Johnson and wife Betsey sold to John Dodge, gentleman, for \$1,193, the land containing 22½ poles with dwelling and other subject to dower of Elizabeth Chamberlain, as set forth by John Punchard adm., to said Johnson. Subject to mortgage of Joseph Waters \$1,000 to secure payment and a mortgage to Richard Manning Esq. \$500.



(book 181 page 139)

On Jan. 18, 1809 John Dodge and Sally his wife sold back to Edmund Johnson for \$1,193, as tenant in common the dwelling houses and other the same as described in book 181 page 139.

(Meanwhile Mrs. Chamberlain had trouble obtaining what was promised to her and her child. - see sheet #19 + 20)



On Oct. 21, 1814, Larkin's widow, Abigail, married Mark Newman Esq. of Anover. Mr. Newman was a trustee to create Abbot Academy to provide higher education for girls. Deacon Newman gave 1 acre of his land as a building site in 1829. (Essex County by Hurd, vol. 2 page 1620)

George Dodge died Sept. 17, 1821. In his will made Jan. 10, 1821, George leaves the use of all my real estate for life, to my wife Anna. After her death  $\frac{1}{4}$  to the Tab. Church,  $\frac{1}{4}$  to Marine Soc. and the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  to George Larkin Dodge, son of John Dodge deceased, the estate corner of Beckford and Federal Streets. My Red House and all residue of my real estate not before bequeathed after the death of my wife, I give to Abigail Newman, now wife of Mark, on the condition that Abigail forever release all claim to all other parts of my real estate in Salem she might be entitled to as dower in the estate of her late husband Larkin Dodge. The inventory shows the red house now occupied by Mr. (Moses?) Colby, valued at \$400. (see sheet #24 & 25)

Anna Dodge died Dec. 22, 1829. Now Abigail Newman was the full owner of the "Red House". (105 Federal St.) There must have been a close bond between Anna and Abigail, for among Anna's bequests was \$1,000 to Anna Dodge Newman, daughter of Mark and Abigail. The heirs of the other part of the property, (22 Beckford St.) sold their share to John Burley on Jan. 21, 1830. This transaction describes their land as being 6 feet from the Red House, and the passage between the widow Chamberlain and the Red House is to be kept open for the accommodation of these two houses. (The widow Chamberlain lived in her little house until her death on Aug. 12, 1834 at the age of 84)

Mark and Abigail Newman kept the Red House leasing it out to various tenants. The tax records give some indication of the occupants:

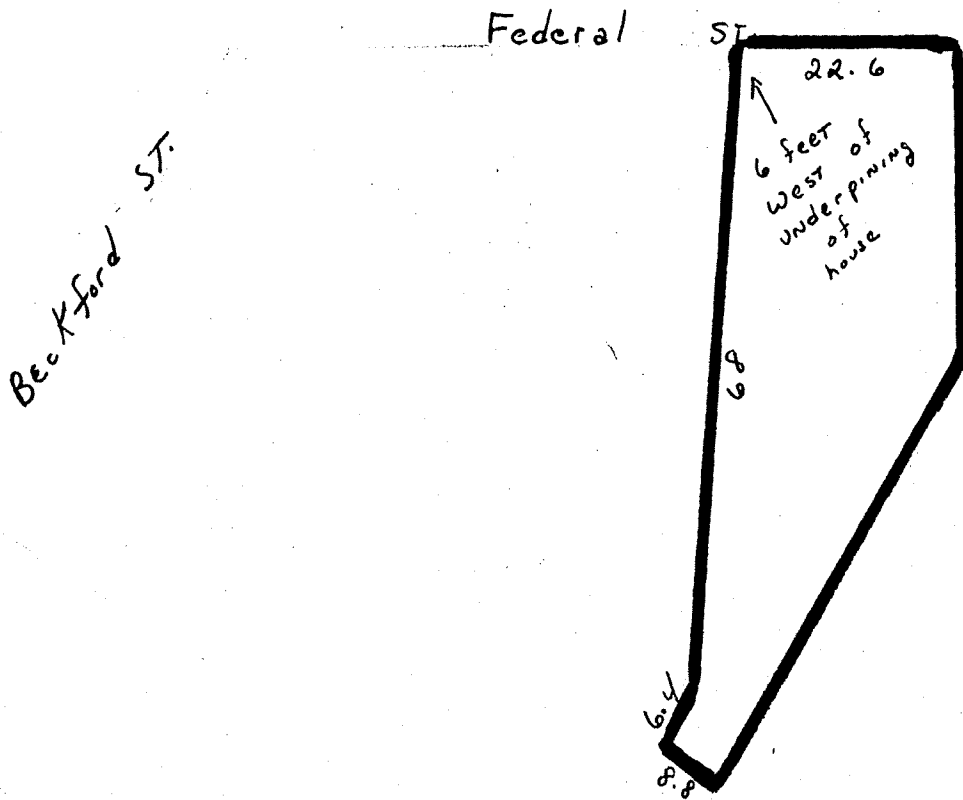
- 1829 Mr. X. Shaw owner Mark Newman of Andover
- 1833 owner Mark Newman of Andover, house \$500  
George Nichols owner of house corner Beckford and Federal, no real estate tax.
- 1834 Mark Newman house \$500  
George Nichols house \$2,000
- 1836 F. John Bassett and Robert C. Bassett, mason

On Oct. 31, 1842 Mark and Abigail Newman sold the Red House and land to Benjamin R. Nichols, in trust for George Nichols and family for \$600. (book 334 page 56) The Nichols family already owned the other part of the land.



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On Aug. 16, 1847 Benjamin R. Nichols, trustee sold for \$1,325 to Frederick Moulton, mason, the message conveyed by Mark Newman and wife.



(book 386 page 251)

Frederick Moulton and Mary A. Moore were married on July 16, 1835. The couple lived at 8 Park St. prior to buying the property at 35 Federal St. (now 105 Federal St.). Federal census records, taken every 10 years, lists the Moulton family as:

1850	Frederick Moulton	age 47	mason	born Mass.
	Mary A.	" 37		" "
	M. Ellen	" 14		" "
	Frederick	" 11		" "
	Mary	" 9		" "
	Augusta	" 6		" "
	Warren	" 7 months		" "

1860	Frederick Moulton	age 57	mason
	Mary	" 45	
	Emeline	" 23	
	Mary E.	" 18	
	Hannah	" 16	
	Warren	" 10	
	Alice	" 7	
	A.W. Farrington	" 17	

1870	Frederick Moulton	age 66	brick mason - real estate \$1,500
	Mary Ann	" 57	
	Augusta	" 25	public school teacher
	Warren	" 20	copyist
	Alice	" 17	no occupation
	Henry Upton	" 4	at home

1880	Frederick Moulton	age 79	retired brick mason
	Augusta	" 37	daughter - pub. school teacher
	Daniel W.	" 30	son - newspaper reporter
	Alice W.	" 27	daughter - keeping house

The Salem directories show:

1882- 105 Federal St. - Frederick Moulton, mason

1886- " " " Edward Bruce, lace manufacturer at 8 Phillips St. also a private tutor

On Sept. 9, 1895 Margaret Ellen Upton, wife of Horace G., of Peabody, sold to Hannah A. Moulton her 1/4 share of the estate of Frederick Moulton. (book 1455 page 559)

On June 3, 1901 Daniel Warren Moulton, of Arapahoe, Colo. sold his share of the land conveyed to Benjamin R. Nichols by Mark Newman and then conveyed by Nichols to Frederick Moulton, to Hannah Augusta Moulton. (book 1643 page 124)

The directories for the next few years show the house at 105 Federal St. occupied by Miss H.A. Moulton and Miss Alice L. Moulton.

Hannah Moulton died Feb. 3, 1932. In her probate #172631 the heirs are:

- Alice L. Moulton, of Salem sister
- H. Fred Upton, of Feabody nephew
- Howard E. Upton, of Lynn "
- Henry Upton, of Lynn "
- Nellie F. Chase, of Danvers niece

In her will she left her 1/2 interest to sister Alice of 105 Federal St. \$100 to Daniel W. Moulton. The rest to be divided equally between two sisters, Alice Moulton and Mary Upton wife of Horace, if Mary dies before Alice then Alice is to take the other 1/2. If Alice dies first Mary is to take the remainder.

Salem News: Hannah Moulton died at 105 Federal St. She was the daughter of the late Frederick and Mary A. (Moore). The service will be from her home at 105 Federal St. and at St. Peter's Church.

Alice L. Moulton, of Salem, single, had full possession of the property when she sold it to Jennie B. Donnell, of Feabody, on Feb. 20, 1942. (book 3286 page 360)

Jennie B. Donnell, of Salem, unmarried sold to Esther M. Murphy, of Lynn, on Nov. 28, 1942. For a sum less than \$100. (book 3362 page 580) The same day Esther M. Murphy, of Lynn, unmarried sold to Jennie B. Donnell and Eva P. Donnell, as joint tenants, the same property sold to her by Jennie B. Donnell. (book 3362 page 581)

On Nov. 17, 1971 Sumner L. Raymond, of Salem, guardian of Eva I. Donnell, by power of probate, sold to Stanley D. Schwartz, of Marblehead the land and building. Refer to Esther M. Murphy to Jennie B. Donnell and Eva P. Donnell probate #311393. Jennie died Dec. 23, 1964. (book 5821 page 545)

On April 1, 1977 Stanley D. Schwartz sold to Stanley D. and Ellen C. Schwartz same conveyed book 5821 page 545. Mortgage for \$2,600 recorded also. (book 6338 page 209)

On July 25, 1977 Stanley D. and Ellen C. Schwartz, of Los Gatos sold to John M. Verre and Susan C. Brown, as joint tenants, the land and buildings at 105 Federal St. (book 6374 page 243)

Note: All reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds on Federal St. Salem.

All maps are not meant to be exact, just for illustrative use.

## SUMMARY

Researching 105 Federal St. has been interesting and a great challenge. I hate to give up but I feel every source has been tried. I will be on the lookout for addition data.

Since the indenture (page 2) between Chamberlain and Glover, in 1799, does not mention this house it seems reasonable to assume, soon after this date Mr. Johnson was granted a lease to the land and permission to put this house on it.

In 1801, about the same time the Chamberlain estate's ad (page 3) appeared in the Gazette, an ad placed by Mr. Johnson also appeared:

Auction May 12, 1801 - New handsome and well finished dwelling house, 2 stories- 4 rooms on a floor and receiving water of the aqueduct. Situated in Andover St. Also immediately after the sale of the above- a small dwelling house with land under and adjoining. Situated in Federal St. near the corner of Beckford. A good stand for business, having a shop in front. Sale on premises.

Edmund Johnson

Since this ad stated a new house on Andover St. was for sale, and the word new was not used to describe the small dwelling house (105 Federal the only house and land Johnson owned on Federal St.) it seems safe to assume this small house was not new. But where it came from may always be a mystery, unless future research finds the key.

Edmund Johnson was a cabinetmaker, son of Edward Johnson, chairmaker, of Lynn. Most of Edmund's brothers were also chair and cabinet makers, in Salem. (see pages 27-29 ) Mr. Johnson owned a few shops on other people's land. It is possible his apprentices were housed in buildings such as 105 Federal St.

Contrary to the present time, the area of Beckford and Federal seems to have been a very busy commercial area. This would be a good section for a concentrated study to be done.

As far as tenants of the 105 Federal St. house are concerned, the earliest found was in the reminiscences of Jonathan Tucker, in the 1876 Gazette, giving the occupants of houses in the years 1807-1810:

Now owned by Moulton "house occupied by S.M. Marshall, portrait painter, J. Glover, painter."

Next- "house occupied by Mrs. Chamberlain"

House on corner of Beckford - Edmund Johnson, cabinet manufacturer.

In a check for S. Marshall, I found a Simeon M. Marshall living in Salem at this time. No other data. There were many J. Glovers, which one is the question.

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It may well be that the roof line of this house has been changed from a pitched to gambrel. The clapboards in the gable end on the street are much wider at the roof line than on the rest of the house. This could have been done around the time the Salem Gazette ran this ad:

March 26, 1847 - Auction - Two story dwelling house #35 Federal (now 105 Federal) and land 23 x 75. House has recently been thoroughly repaired and is very desirable tenement for a moderate sized family.

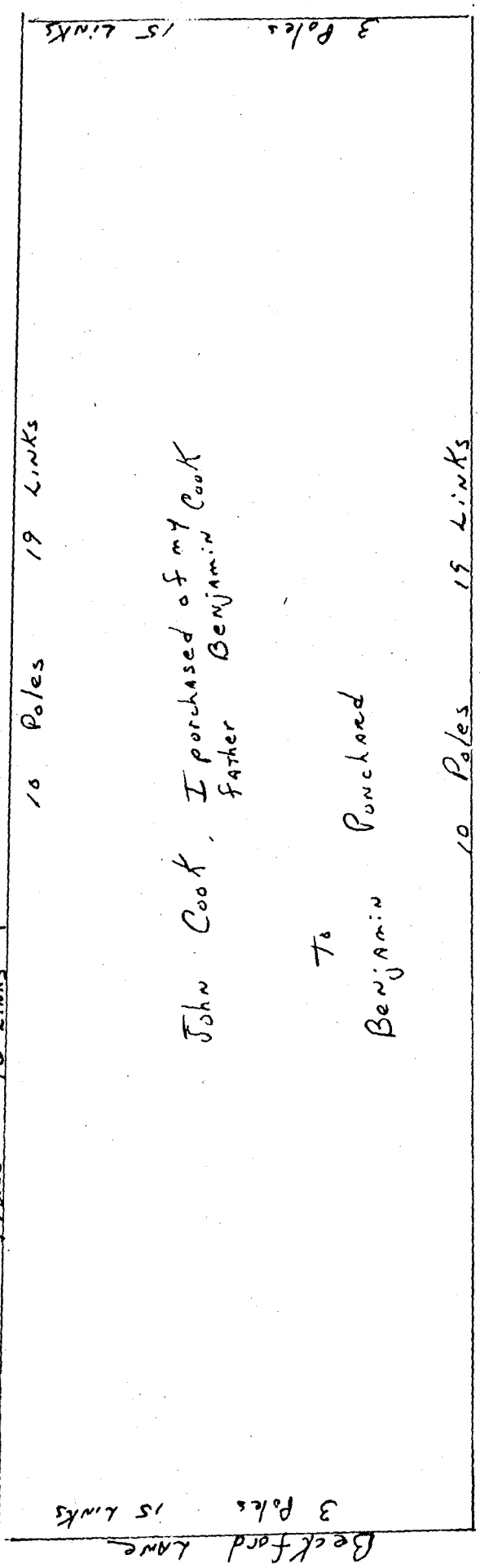
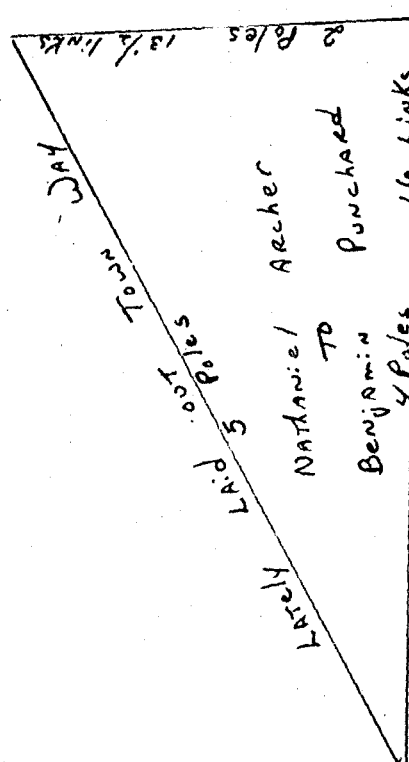
George Nichols

As shown in the deeds (page 8) this property was sold on August 16, 1847, to Frederick Moulton.

The present owner, Mr. Verre, came across a brochure printed by the Essex Institute, showing this area of Federal St. This house is shown with a pitched roof. Mrs. Chamberlain's house is also shown.(long since removed)

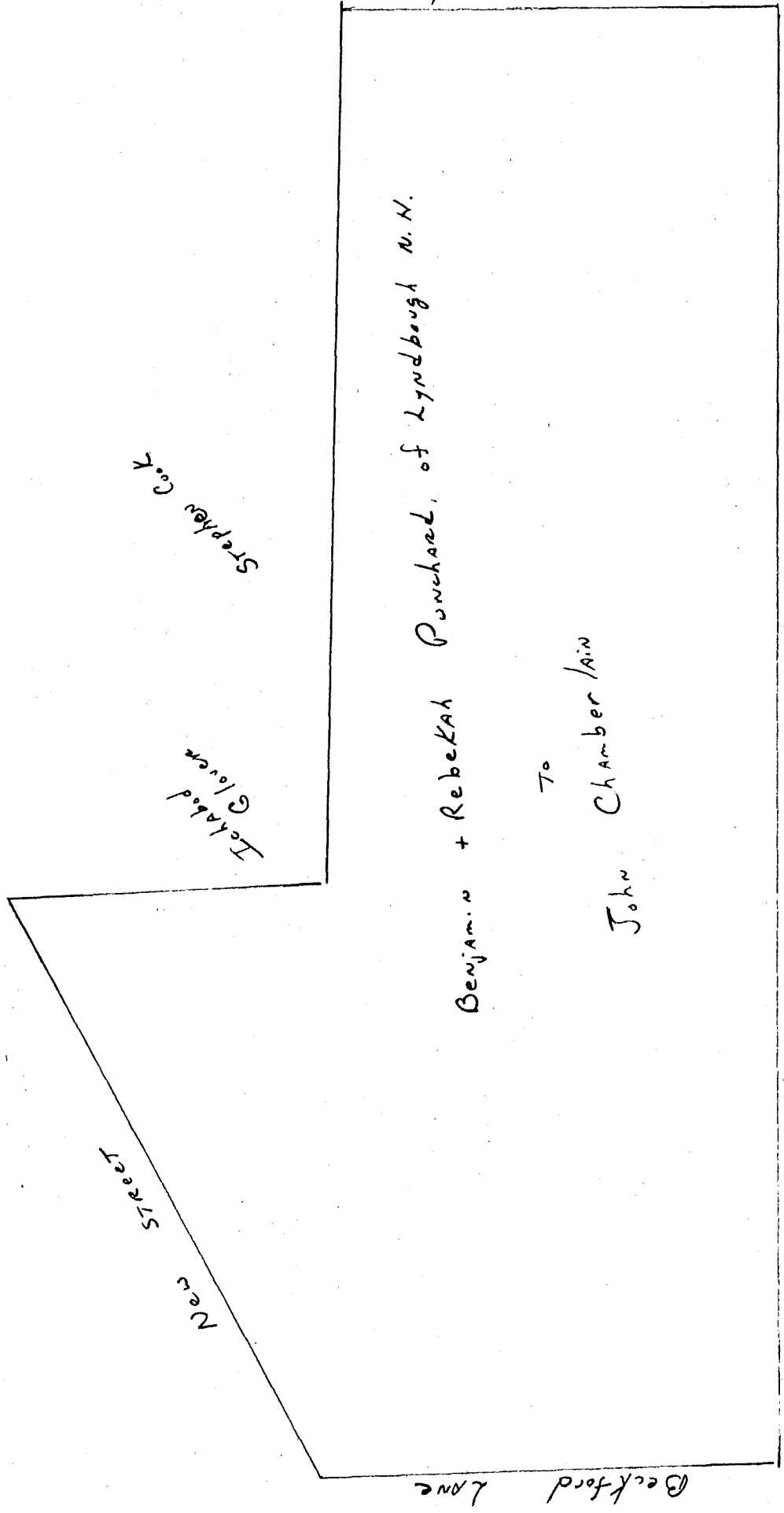
Although an exact date cannot be given at this time, with new material coming to light or just blind luck, the mystery may be solved some day. For now the earliest documented date is 1801.

Joyce King



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Doc. Toppan's heirs



Beckford Lane

New Street

Stephen Cook

Isahod Glover

Benjamin + Rebekah Purchased of Lyndbough N.H.

John Chamberlain To

George Beckford

STREET  
22 Links  
Chamberlain  
7 Links  
2 Poles  
1782  
Glover  
To  
6 Links  
2 Poles

Glover

3 Poles 15 Links

3 Poles 15 Links

Chamberlain  
TO  
Ichabod Glover  
1784

3 Poles 15 Links

Chamberlain  
TO  
Stephen Cook  
1778

Chamberlain  
owned  
he  
died

Heirs  
Beckford



An Inventory of the Estate of John Chamberlaine late of Salem in the County of Essex deceased. Appraised Upon oath by us the subscribers duly appointed to that Service by the Honorable S. Holten Esq. Judge of Probate and Wills &c. of said County.

Viz. Real estate, his house and land under & adjoining situated on the Corner of Brickyard Street bounded Westwardly on ditto Street Northwardly on Federal Street Eastwardly on land of Richard Glover Southwardly on land of the Widow Hannah Worsden \$2000  
 Shop standing on said land formerly S. Sambrook 150  
 \$2150

Personal Estate Viz.

- 1. Black Walnut Desk \$100 1. D. 1. set table \$300
- 1. Birch Stand table \$200 1. Birch table \$150
- 1. Walnut table \$150 1. China St. \$150
- 1. Hair Dc. 50 Cts. 1. Light Stand Dc. 50 Cts.
- 1. Green Chairs 200 Cts.
- 5. Chairs N. 20 Cts. 1. Close Stock pen and Chair \$300
- 1. Case of Drawers \$300 1. Clothes Horse 150
- 1. Spinning Wheel \$100 Small basin Cogen \$100
- 1. Leather Bed with 812 tick 2 1/2 Cts. 1. Hgt. 5 1/2
- 1. Dc. of 5. 109 1/4 2 1/2 Cts
- 1. Bedstead 19 1/2 1 1/2 Cts
- 1. Bedstead \$200 1. Dc. \$100
- 1. Large Silver Spoon & 1/2 Sea Dish 109 1/2 109 \$110 Cts
- 1. Bread trough 30 Cts 1. Basket 3 twigs 100 1/2 100 Cts
- 1. Basket 20 Cts 1. Cooking Utensils 50 1/2 100 Dog House \$100
- 3. Pictures 15 Cts. 1. Sea Dish 109 1/2 109 109 50 Cts
- 1. Warming Pan 25 Cts. 1. Large Dish 109 1/2 109
- 9. Old Books 15 Cts. 3. Dc. of Steel \$30 75
- 2. Table Cloths 25 Cts. 1. Towel 25 Cts
- 1. Blanket 30 Cts. 1. Quilt 30
- 1. Dc. of Newton 2 1/2 Cts
- 1. Chest
- 1. Small Iron Carriage box Caronet & 1/2 Cleaning 2 1/2
- 1. Large Iron Pot \$100 1. Small Dc. \$100
- 1. Iron Sea Kettle 50 Cts. 2. Dish Kettle 85 Cts
- 1. Shovel & Iron Skillet
- 1. Hand Iron. Shovel. & Tong
- 1. Spit 10 1/2 10 1/2 (frying pan 60 Cts)

carried over

\$109 1/4

# 9909

Amount brought forward. \$109.41

Dipping from 20<sup>bu</sup> Shedyards 25<sup>cts</sup> " " 45<sup>cts</sup>

a Cotton Lin Ware 125<sup>cts</sup> (Flesh fork & Skewers 25<sup>cts</sup> 1<sup>u</sup> 50<sup>cts</sup>

2. 1/2 flat Irons 110<sup>cts</sup> (1. 1/2<sup>u</sup> Shear Shears 17<sup>cts</sup> 1<sup>u</sup> 27<sup>cts</sup>

Brass Ladle 30<sup>cts</sup> (3. 1/2<sup>u</sup> Candle sticks & Snuffers 250<sup>cts</sup> 2<sup>u</sup> 80<sup>cts</sup>

2. Iron Candle Sicks 20<sup>bu</sup> lot of Crocker's Wines 250<sup>cts</sup> 2<sup>u</sup> 70<sup>cts</sup>

Potters 25<sup>cts</sup> Pistle & Mortar 17<sup>cts</sup> 3. 1/2<sup>u</sup> 50<sup>cts</sup> " " 92<sup>cts</sup>

2. hammers, hatchet & Ax. 100<sup>cts</sup> Handlock key. 50<sup>cts</sup> 1<sup>u</sup> 50<sup>cts</sup>

Drawers 200<sup>cts</sup> Saddle bench 75<sup>cts</sup> hind tubs 100<sup>cts</sup> 2<sup>u</sup> 92<sup>cts</sup>

10. Bushels of Indian Corn @ 75<sup>cts</sup> " " 50<sup>cts</sup>

3. Dressers, Sumbler's & Allens' 2<sup>u</sup> 50<sup>cts</sup>

Cutlery & Sawers 25<sup>cts</sup> Student's Book Coat \$2.50 6<sup>u</sup> 75<sup>cts</sup>

Known small Cloaths 75<sup>cts</sup> Wash green Coat from Blue 1<sup>u</sup> 82<sup>cts</sup> 9<sup>u</sup> 75<sup>cts</sup>

1. Brown Coat & 1. Old great Coat 150<sup>cts</sup> Washed Cotton Coat 50<sup>cts</sup> 2<sup>u</sup> " "

Subroad Cloaths, Washed at 1. Black " " & Small Cloaths 2<sup>u</sup> " "

Black, including small Cloaths 75<sup>cts</sup> Washed 2. Wash Coat 125<sup>cts</sup> 2<sup>u</sup> " "

1. Family Washcoat 75<sup>cts</sup> 3. Checks Shirts & 3<sup>u</sup> 75<sup>cts</sup>

2. 1/2<sup>u</sup> Washed Linc 200<sup>cts</sup> 2. 1/2<sup>u</sup> Cotton 250<sup>cts</sup> 3<sup>u</sup> " "

1<sup>u</sup> Hat 50<sup>cts</sup> 3. pair of yellow Cases \$1 1<sup>u</sup> 50<sup>cts</sup>

Stephen Cook

Jacob Sanderson

John Buffington

\$104.22

Appraisers  
 Appointed by  
 the Judge of  
 Probate for the  
 County of Essex  
 under

14707

Essex, H.

To m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Cook, Dea<sup>r</sup> Jacob Sanderson  
 and m<sup>r</sup> John Buffington all of Salem in said  
 County

GREETING.

YOU are hereby appointed a Committee to appraise (on  
 Oath) all the Estate of m<sup>r</sup> John Chamberlain  
 late of Salem aforesaid Leather dresser deceased, and  
 make Return of your Doings, together with this Warrant, into  
 the Registry-Office of the Court of Probate, in and for said  
 County.—Given under my Hand this fifth Day  
 of May — A. D. 1800

Wm. M. Probate.

(Seal)  
 the  
 Probate  
 Office

Dear Sir, I hap you will excuse my  
troubling you with a letter respecting the  
statement I gave you of Mr Chamberlain's estate,  
and heirs. I am informed that Mr Purchard  
took it of you at your office at Ipswich,  
and took out his receipt for the \$80 you allowed  
the Widow as a Widow, and read it and said  
I had denied <sup>except it was agreed in the will of the estate</sup> that you had made the Widow  
any allowance, and there was the receipt for  
\$80 which proved that you <sup>had</sup> <sup>her</sup> handed it to  
Mr Putnam & desired him to read it, repre-  
sented to you and the hale company (by a  
laugh) that I had made a very great mistake  
or had used a very great description, and that  
you did not inform him nor the company  
to the contrary, tel same time after when  
he came to you the last time, then you  
mentioned to him that I told you of the  
\$80, please to give me leave to give you  
what appears to me a faire statement of  
the matter. Miss Chamberlain says that Mr  
Purchard, and others, told her, that if there  
was any estate left to be divided among  
the heirs, that her child that was under 7  
years old would be allowed further more  
then an equal part, to maintain him  
tel he was 7 years old, and that if she

she would quit the mansion house & land, and  
have a shop that stood on one part of the land,  
first into a house, by a committee saying  
how much should be laid out on it, there  
would be a considerable left to divide among  
the heirs, she at last agreed to it, Mr  
Gasheew, Dec Sanderson, & my self, were the  
committee, we agreed that \$400 should be  
laid out on it, which we expected would complete  
it in a plain and decent manner, but it  
did not finish it by a considerable, the estate  
sold for more than \$700 more then a sum to pay  
the creditors &c; and then Mr Purchard told  
her that the young child could not have  
any more then an equal share with the  
rest, this with her house not being finished  
very much disappointed her, and she and  
Mr Purchard had some words, he went so  
far that he told her, that if she said any  
thing more against him that he would  
take her, she then wished that I would  
write to you, with her to know if you would  
do the Child something, tel it was 7 years old,  
I told her it would be necessary to make a  
statement of the estate and heirs, she wish  
I would make one, I therefore did and suppose  
that, that was all that was saying, but  
as I now that some times its a long time  
before any person Administrators on estates  
after the death of the owner, & that I am sorry,

4909  
J. Chamberlain

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#4909  
John Chamberlain

Familiarly are eating on what is in the house  
the more times and some times when, I state  
are Adm. or poor, that the Committee allow  
the formerly poor things, that are in the house  
to eat, which was all I meant by saying that  
Miss Chamberlain was not, a false one thing  
that was in the house, I did not say you  
did not allow her any money out of the  
Estate - nor did I mean to hold up any such  
Ideas, Mr Purchers misrepresented it to the  
company so, when you told us you had no power  
to allow the Child any thing, and could not, but since  
you could make the Widows a further allowance you  
then asked me what allowance you had made her  
which was natural & proper now, I think not before  
I then told you that you had allowed her \$80  
you then said that you would see the Inventory  
and if you could allow her any more confidently you  
would, Mr Purchers informed me that you did not  
allow her any thing as you told me that you had  
the Name of being good to the Widows, as a proof that  
I think it an incumbent duty I would inform you  
that when I have had boys whose mother was a poor  
Widow, or poor formerly, I have influenced the Jury  
to give them three per cent I have given mind, and  
at least as much as any one of them, and Adm.  
the money for them, Miss Chamberlain is no relative  
nor partner in a quarrel, but a neighbour and what  
I did in the matter was given to help the Widows and  
father's child, without expecting to have one cent for it,  
though Mr Purchers is a near relation to all the  
heirs, yet Miss Chamberlain is the young child  
with whom he would not have done as he did if  
he & Miss Chamberlain was not at variance.

variance for he and I are good friends, I think  
he did not mean to injure me, though I think  
it has that tendency, and I think he did very  
wrong in representing it as he did, I happen  
you consider all these circumstances that  
you will think that I did not make a mistake  
nor near to you, any description in not  
mentioning the \$80 in the statement,  
as you mentioned to me that you was unwell  
owing to your having so much business, especially  
your having so much company at your house,  
that you did not know but you must drop  
the probate business, which I should be very  
sorry to have you do, or to injure your health  
to prevent which, let me take the liberty to  
propose, that you advertise as many days  
as your health will admit of, to water an  
people at your house, and no more, I think  
it may be as convenient for the County and as  
you are not obliged to water us at your  
house, I think we shall not have any  
reason to complain of this method  
believe me dear to be with the great respect  
your sincere friend  
Salem May 12 1807  
Steph Cook  
Hon Sam Hatter Esq  
But with you to be so kind as to act the matter  
right to Mr. Hayes

Salem 29<sup>th</sup> June 1801

Sir, We the Subscribers, having been a Committee set  
 off to Mrs Chamberlain her Dower in the real Estate  
 of her late Husband John Chamberlain deceased.  
 did allot to her for that purpose a small building  
 contiguous to the Mansion House, and that the sum  
 of 1000 dollars should be expended upon it out of the  
 Estate to finish it fit for her accommodation, this sum  
 which we estimated would have been sufficient has been  
 expended and is found to be inadequate by 35 dollars  
 We are therefore of opinion that it would be doing  
 no more than justice to the Widow to allow her that  
 sum of Thirty five dollars out of the Estate, especially  
 as she has an infant Child, and by her relinquishing  
 her right of Dower in the Mansion House, and taking  
 it in the before mentioned small Building, she sold  
 of the Mansion House was doubtless for much  
 higher price than it otherwise would have been  
 and the Estate greatly benefited thereby

We are with much respect  
 Your obt<sup>s</sup> servants  
 B Goodhue.

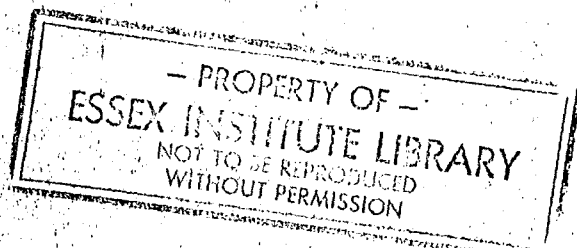
J. P. Cook  
 Jacob Sanders

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Samuel Hotten

Conditions of Sale -

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- 1<sup>th</sup> The mansion house and land and adjoining containing seven acres and one third of a pole - one half the money to be paid down - ~~And~~ possession given - The other half in sixty days, at which time the payment being <sup>completed, or</sup> made, good & sufficient deed, or deeds, shall be given.
- 2 The reversion of the widow's dowry and the land under and adjoining on which Mr. Edmund Johnson's house stands - the widow to improve her dowry during her natural life - Mr. Johnson to improve by lease the land his building stands on, six years and about eight months at 15 dollars per year - to be received by the purchaser - The two lots contain five poles and one third of a pole conditions of payment the same as a house



5b F. A. ducto Richard Manning Esq  
which may lay pressing him for ~~difficult~~  
security —

Edward Johnson Esq the Minister

House of Lords and an extraordinary  
for — a right in human: God's

Sam Chamberlain Esq the Recorder

A witness Dower and the lot under  
an adjoining that Johnson's ~~lot~~

stands on for ~~give~~  
Edward and Seventy Dollars —

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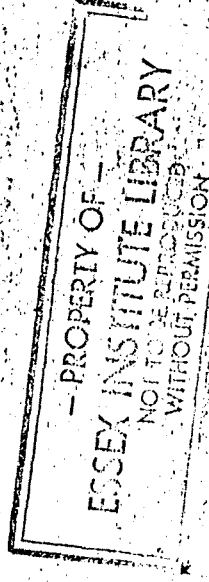


to Richard Manning Esq  
day of giving him ~~four~~

Johnson bet the Nations  
land under an adjoining  
eighteen hundred Dollars  
underham bet the Nations  
as Draver and the lot under  
winning that Johnson's been  
land on for five  
and seventy dollars -

June 18 1881 - The 1st  
that this day I have agreed  
to let a bed of belonging to my  
of John Chamberlain deceased  
Edmund Johnson for five he  
and forty Dollars - and  
Johnson does hereby agree  
the same at that price I  
see hand - James

Wm. John Chamberlain





as the subscribers, duly appointed to that service by the Hon. J. A. White Esquire, Judge of Probate of Wells, Me. for said County. &c.

Real Estate,	Est. Val.
The Mansion House land under Judgship, with the Outbuildings pertaining thereto, late the residence of S. Lee	1600.00
The Red house & land (so called) contiguous to the above, now occupied by Mr. Colby	400.00
Half of a Pew in the Tabernacle	60¢ = 30.00
	<u>\$ 2030.00</u>

Personal Estate	
21 Shares Prop. Stock Essex Fire & Marine Insur. Office	210¢ = 2310.00
3 do do Salem Marine D <sup>o</sup>	230. = 690.00
4 do do Boston do do	75. = 300.00
1 do do Salem & Danvers Aqueduct	250. = 250.00
7 do do Beverly Bank	60. = 420.00
3 do do Salem Trumpeter & C. M. Corp <sup>o</sup>	171. = 513.00
3 do do Amesbury Mail fact <sup>o</sup> Comp <sup>y</sup>	1000. = 3000.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ do do Salem Iron fact <sup>o</sup> Company pledged to the Savings Institution, as collateral security for 400¢, " 1100¢	825.00
12 Shares in Waterbury Waste Corporation	32¢ = 384.00
$\frac{1}{12}$ part of a Distell house stock &c	1000. = 1000.00
2 Certificates of Def. 6 p. Ct U. S. funded Stock for 715¢, 33¢/100. Nom <sup>l</sup> of which is unpaid \$100.77	102.00
2 do 5 p. Ct U. S. funded Stock & 100.51¢/100 ea. Nominal \$122.02¢/100	76¢ = 927.97
1 do 5 p. Ct. State loan for \$519.00	\$ 519.00
12 months int <sup>l</sup> on same	38.92 = 557.92

James Henricks 2 Notes \$500 ea - dated Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1820 bearing Interest one month after date - viz the 1<sup>st</sup> Note, \$500 on which was paid same day 100 doll<sup>rs</sup> due } 400.  
 another payment made & endorsed Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 1820 } 125. -  
 net from March 17<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> on \$400. @ 5.2% = 10.13 } 275. -  
 \$275. from Aug. 19. 1820 to Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1821 @ 7.1% = 17.87 } 28.00  
 Am<sup>t</sup> carried forward } \$ 18,582.89

John Dodge, of Salem deceased - The remaining moiety of the same house and land under and adjoining, bounding northerly on Federal Street, until it comes within six feet of the under pinning of my Red house - thence running southerly to the northeasterly end of the necessary house & so on by the end of said necessary to the eases of the barn leaving land for eases dropping to the necessary & the Barn, - thence east to Fullens land, thence southerly to Major's land thence westerly to Bedford Street - thence northerly to Federal Street - with the Barn & Necessary thereon - (Provided nevertheless, if the said Religious Society, now worshipping in the Tabernacle, should chose to pay for the other three fourths of said house and land the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars, that is to say, to the said George Leachin Dodge eight hundred Dollars, and to the said Marine Society four hundred Dollars, It is my will that the said Religious Society should have the whole of said house and the land above described. -

Item I further Order that the passage way now open between my red house & the house occupied by Elizabeth Chamberlain, be kept open for the accommodation of the Tenants of said houses, during the natural life of the said Elizabeth Chamberlain.

Item - My Red house & all the residue of my Real Estate not before bequeathed, after the decease of my said wife, I give and bequeath to Abigail Newman, now wife of Mark Newman, Esquire and her heirs & assigns forever, - on the express condition however, that the said Abigail, forever release all claims to all other parts & parcels of my Real Estate in said Salem to which she might be entitled as Dowry, in the Estate of her late Husband, Leachin Dodge deceased



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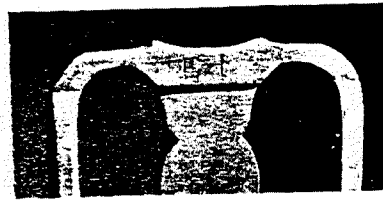
Sandersons, they, too, had their labor troubles, for an apprentice had not far to go to find a vessel upon which he could obtain work when he tired of learning the chair-making or cabinetmaking business. The two apprentices who ran away from Edmund Johnson in 1801 must have been very promising young men, for sixty dollars reward was a very large sum to be offered in those days. Their description is very amusing and they must have presented a very colorful picture from the description of their appearance which Edmund gave:

#### 60 Dollars Reward

Ran away from the Subscriber on Monday night the 28th of September two indented apprentices to the cabinet making business named Stephen Holt and Robert Holman, each about 19 years of age and natives of Andover. Said Stephen is 5 ft 11 inches high, slim built, and remarkable in his walk from the suppleness of his joints; wore away a chocolate coloured coat with steel buttons, a plaid swansdown waistcoat, light blue pantaloons, light worsted stockings and a black hat. Said Robert is 5 ft 6 inches high of a fresh complexion and dark short hair; wore away a striped shirt, blue coat with yellow buttons, marseilles quilted waistcoat spotted with blue, blue pantaloons, white cotton stockings and black hat. whoever will take up either or both said runaways and return them to the subscriber or secure them in any way and give him notice thereof shall have a reward of 30 dollars for each and all necessary charges paid - All persons are forbid harboring or trusting said runaways and masters of vessels are particularly cautioned against carrying them to sea as they would avoid the penalty of the law.

Edmund Johnson

Edmund Johnson was a very enterprising cabinet-maker and apparently had sufficient capital to enable him to send out his own ventures rather than send them out at the risk of the Sanderson Company. The similarity of the furniture which all these Salem cabinetmakers made impresses one with the futility of attempting to establish the author of any piece without knowing its pedigree. The following is an invoice of five cases of furniture which Edmund Johnson shipped on board the Ship *John* bound to Surinam in June, 1799:



SHOWING THE INITIALS "E. J." ON BACK OF CHAIR. THE MARK OF EDMUND JOHNSON.



AN EXAMPLE OF THE WORK OF EDMUND JOHNSON.

From the original owned by Harriet S. Tapley.

One Swell'd Mahogany Desk & Book Case	@	\$110.
Two Swell'd Mahogany Bureaus	@ \$44 each	88.
Three Mahogany Travelling Desks	@ \$15	45

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\$243

The Markes of the above Furniture are as follows

E - I NI & ? & O Salem

Capt Ropes the above invoice being all of Mahogany and well finish'd work you will sell for the most you can get and place the neat proceeds of the Sum at the foot of the owner's acc't no freight to be deducted as per agreement

Your humble Serv't

Edmund Johnson

N.B. The Travelling Desks are in the Book Case.

On the back of the invoice appear the captain's orders:

It is understood that the within mentioned property is ship'd on board Ship John Joseph Ropes Master on the following conditions. that upon its arrival in the West Indies it is to be sold for the most it will fetch & the Net Proceeds to be disposed of as Capt J Ropes may choose and bring it to Salem on said Ship John and in thirty days after the safe arrival of the property to the owner of the Ship John the said Edmund Johnson is to be paid the Net Am't of Sale of Furniture in the West Indies after deducting commission & other Charges. it is understood that the furniture & proceeds are to be at the risk of the shipper out & home.

Another Salem chairmaker who did a great amount of chairmaking for the Sandersons was Richard Austin, who was born about 1774, married Isabel Symonds in 1797, and died in 1826. The following bills represent his work for the Sandersons in 1805 and 1806:

Deacon Jacob Sanderson Dr in Acct with Richard Austin  
1805

April 12	to 6 flag Bottom Chairs	\$5.
Capt	to 6 Bamboo Chairs (not Stript)	15.
Ward	to 2 do with Arms and Rockers	8.50
	to 6 white do Stript Grean	16.
June 1	to 6 Bamboo Chairs Gold Leaf	20.
Mr	to 1 do with Arms and Rockers	5.50
Pinder	to painting 2 Set Cornishes	4.

Jan 4 1802			
Cap	Ditto 6 Chairs		20.
Rust	Ditto 2 Lolling Chairs		9.
	to Covering do and Seating		10.60
May 3			
Shiping	Stufing 4 Sofas		68.
	Seating 12 Chairs		36.
	Stufing 2 Lolling Chairs		8.
Marblehead Do	1 do do		4.
Cap	Ditto 6 Chairs		20.
	Ditto 5 Lolling Chairs		4.50
Crowninshield	Ditto Easy Chair		8.50
	Cushing for Do		3.24

Against this account Bright was credited with the following items,—a most interesting account emphasizing the upholsterer's method of turning about and exchanging his work for some chair frames which he upholstered and doubtless sold:

By Light Stand	\$5:0:0
2 Lolling Chair frames	10:0:0
Easy Chair frame	6:0:0
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ yd Hairseating	9:39
July 29 Cash	16:0:0
Aug 3 Cash by Sofa	37:0:0
2 foot stools	2:0:0
Easy Chair frame	6:0:0
Brass Nails	8:0:0
By Cash Mr Barton	24.50
By Easy Chair	6

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\$129.89

Jonathan Bright, who came from Boston to Salem, was a brother of George Bright, the Boston cabinetmaker. In 1800 he advertised in the *Salem Gazette*:

→ The Subscriber begs leave to inform the public that he has taken the shop on Federal Street opposite Mr Edmund Johnson's Cabinet Shop for the purpose of carrying on the Upholsterer's Business

in its various branches — flattering himself he shall be able to give general satisfaction to all who may please to favor

him with their custom; and hopes by a close application to his business to merit the patronage of the public.

A much earlier bill of work by Benjamin Nourse for the Sandersons is very similar and shows that in 1794 the Sandersons were making sofas as well as lolling chairs:

E & J Sanderson to Benj Nourse	Dr	
1794 August to stuffing 2 Lolling Chairs		£1:10:0
Sept 1 to stuffing one soffe		2:14:0

In 1799 John Bott rendered the following:

Mr E. J Sanderson to John Bott	Dr	
To trimming & stuffing two Sofes at \$14		\$28.
Oct 9 To Stuffing & Bottoming twelve Mahogany Chairs with hair cloth Bottoms		28

Jonathan Ireland, jun., the blacksmith, found his services much in demand by this furniture exporting Company, and he was constantly called upon to "mend plain irons, fix saws, cut plain iron, alter hinges, and supply them with hooks, rivets, hinges, clasps, staples etc." His advertisement in the *Salem Gazette* on February 11, 1800, clearly shows the variety of his work:

Wanted — an active Lad about 14 years old as an Apprentice to the Black and Whitesmith Business. Apply to

Jonathan Ireland, jun.

who respectfully informs the public that he continues to carry on the

Black and Whitesmith Business

at his shop in Mill Street; where among the various work he executes are the useful and ornamental work of build-ings; Fanlights for Iron Sashes; Palisading; Electric Con-ductors; Ornamental Scroll Work for lamp branches; Foot Serapers etc.

All kinds of Carriage Ironed

Surgeons Instruments, Steel Trusses, Kitchen Furniture, Tinmans Silver and Coppersmiths, Pump and Ropemakers and Edge Tools made. Bells hung, Stamps and Brands neatly cut. Locks and Jacks repaired etc etc. Constant attention given and every favor acknowledged.

In addition to these records of the extensive exporta-tion of the E. & J. Sanderson Company, numerous bills