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11 Cambridge Street

Built for,

THEODORE LITTLEFIELD, mason

in 1833

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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

11 Cambridge Street

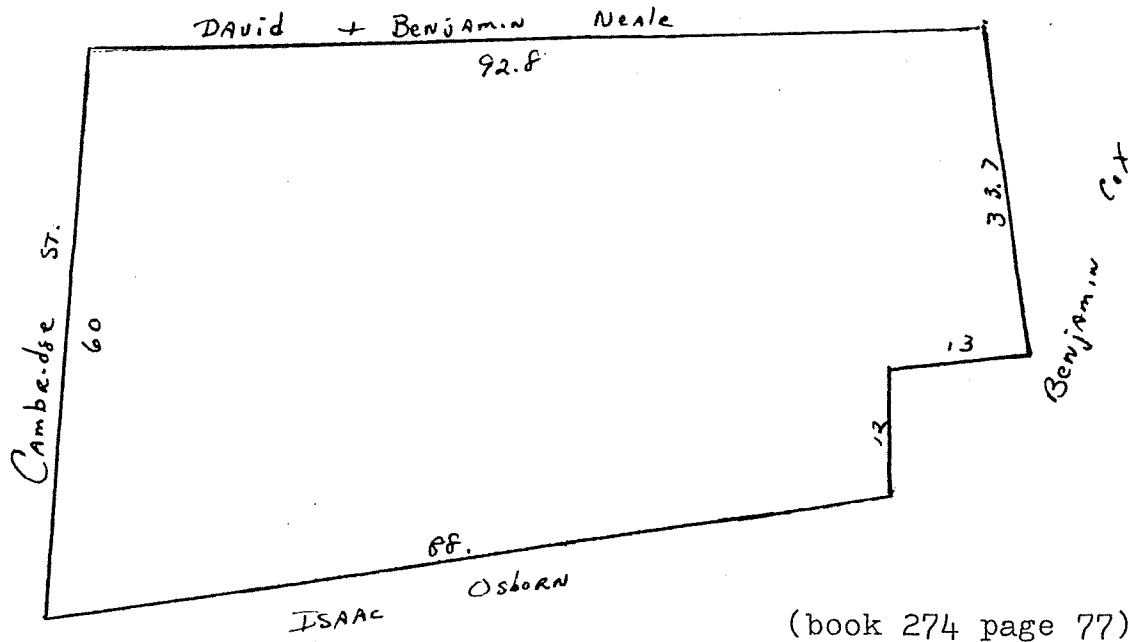
The house at 11 Cambridge Street is described in the Salem Historic Commission's District Study as: "This small house is a twin to its neighbor on the south, which it faces. The entrance was changed at a later date and a piazza added. It is gable-end to the street, one and one-half stories high, and has a pitch roof."

The lot on which this house stands was a small portion of a large parcel belonging to Jonathan Neale in 1666. Mr. Neale owned the land and a house (on Broad St.) until his decease in 1732. "It then descended to his two children, Jonathan and David, who divided the estate, the house and barn and southern portion of the lot being assigned to Jonathan, May 26, 1753. Jonathan died in 1795, and in the division of the estate, Sept. 20, 1799, the old house was assigned to Widow Hannah Smith of Salem. She died Sept. 10, 1830." (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 4, page 166) (see also appendix A)

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James Bott, chaisemaker, a native of Tudbury, England owned one of the Neale lots on Cambridge St. in the 1820's (now 11 Cambridge). Mr. Bott died on Dec. 29, 1829 leaving by will the "land on Cambridge St." valued at \$450, to his son Lynch Bott (probate #2804).

On Oct. 14, 1832 Nathaniel J. Lord, guardian of James L., William, John and Thomas Bott, all children of Lynch Bott, sold for the sum of \$431 the lot of land on Cambridge St. to Theodore Littlefield, a mason:



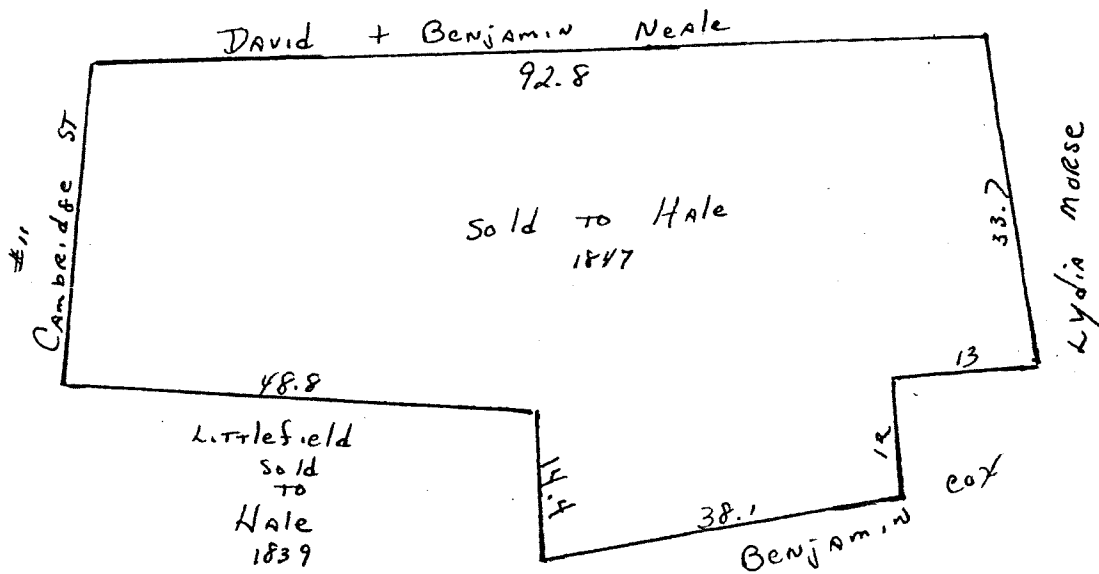
(book 274 page 77)

Theodore Littlefield was listed in the tax records as owning a house lot in 1832. Mr. Littlefield began construction of the house at 11 Cambridge St. shortly after purchasing the land. This is substantiated by the tax records for the year 1833 when Mr. Littlefield is listed as the owner of a "house in Cambridge St."

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Theodore Littlefield, son of Nathaniel and Betsey (Eldridge) Littlefield, was born about 1802. When he married Mary Boden on June 3, 1827, he was called "of Wells, Maine". Mary died of fever, on Nov. 16, 1830 at the age of 33, leaving Theodore with two small children viz: Mary Elizabeth born April 1828 and Theodore Augustus born Jan. 2, 1830. On April 5, 1832 Theodore Littlefield took Hannah Smith as his second wife. The Littlefields had two children while living at 11 Cambridge St. viz: Nathaniel S. born 1834 and John R. C. born in 1838.

On Feb. 4, 1839 Theodore Littlefield sold a portion of his land to Pemberton Hale, housewright, with the condition that "Hale shall not erect any building on the north line of the premises for the term of 20 years without the consent of Littlefield." Before the twenty years were up Theodore and Hannah sold on May 18, 1847 their land and dwelling house to Pemberton Hale for \$1,450:



(book 382 page 145)

It may be of interest to mention that after moving out of 11 Cambridge Street, Theodore was among the 100,000 people who were caught up in the excitement of "gold fever". He went to California in 1849, and on his passage home was "lost at sea", a mystery which could never be cleared up.

In 1850 Pemberton Hale was living at 13 Cambridge St. while renting 11 Cambridge St. to B. H. Cram. A federal census taken in 1850 gives a closer look at the Cram family:

B. H. Cram	age 30	railroad conductor	born N.H.
Elizabeth Cram	" 31		" "
Edward H. Cram	" 2		" Mass.
Augustus Leighton	" 19		" Maine

Shortly after this date Pemberton Hale moved into the house at #11 and then rented the house at #13 to Thomas Hutchinson. When the 1860 census was taken the Hale household was listed as:

Pemberton Hale	age 55	grocer	born Mass.
Lydia Hale	" 48		" "
Lydia A. Hale	" 8		" "

The 1865 tax records show that Pemberton Hale's house and land at 11 Cambridge St. was valued at \$1,100. The census for 1870 shows little change:

Pemberton Hale	age 64	grocer retired	born Mass.
Lydia Hale.	" 58	keeps house	" "
L. Anne Hale	" 20	no occupation	

In 1880 Pemberton Hale, age 74 and Lydia Hale, age 68 were the only occupants at 11 Cambridge St. Pemberton Hale died on Dec. 29, 1885. This obituary notice appeared in a local paper:

"Pemberton Hale a resident of Salem for the past 60 years, died at the residence of his son, James F, on Mount Vernon street early Tuesday morning, of congestion of the lungs. The deceased was 81 years of age, and was a native of Rowley. He was a carpenter by trade, but for nearly 40 years was engaged in the grocery business on the corner of Norman and Summer streets. Mr. Hale enjoyed good health until about six weeks previous to his death, when he caught cold which settled upon his lungs and finally terminated as above described. He was one of the oldest members of the Tabernacle Church, and a number of years ago served as foreman of a hook and ladder company. He leaves several children, his wife having died about two years ago."

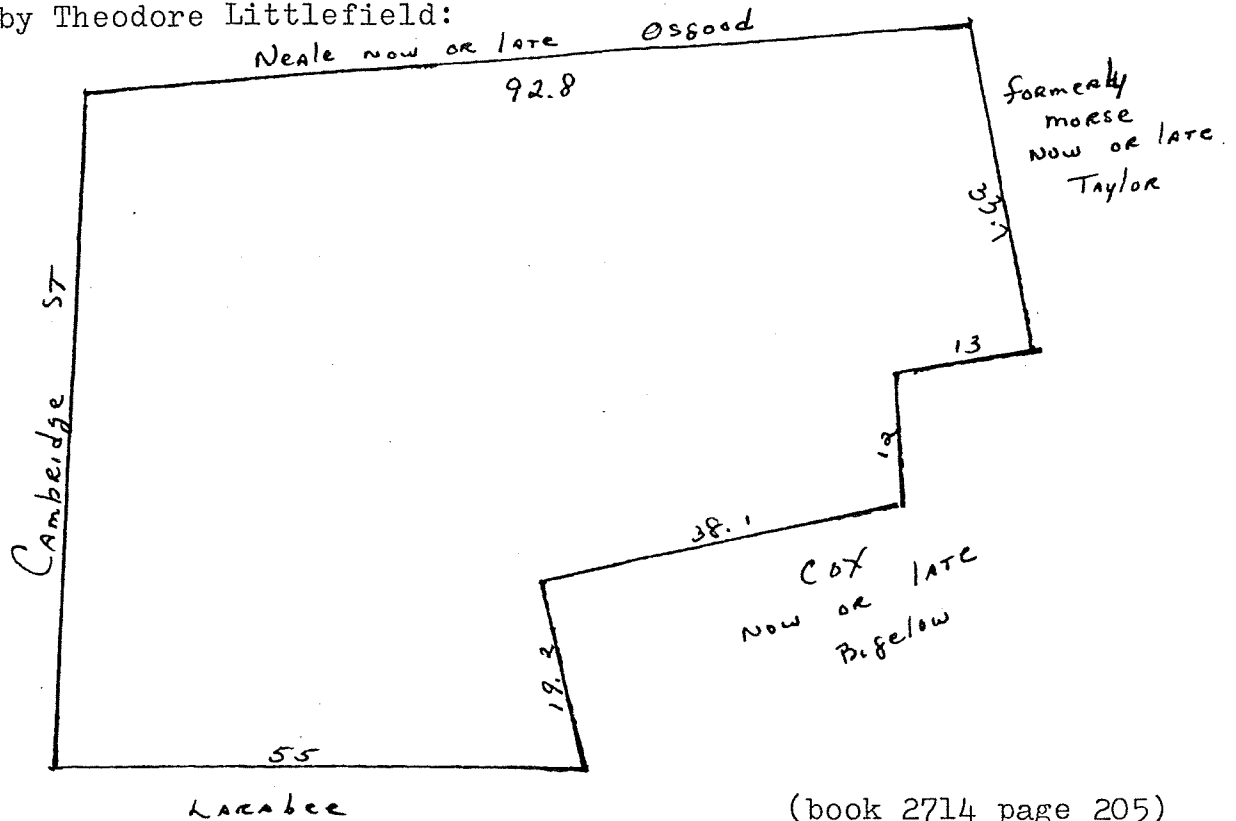
In his will, written April 9, 1866 (probate #62982), Mr. Hale bequeathed all his property to his wife Lydia. In the event of her decease the two dwelling houses and land on Cambridge St. were to go to their daughter Lydia, the dwelling house at 15 Crombie St. to daughter Susan Cressey, wife of Thomas and the "building on the corner of Norman and Summer, the lower part of which I now occupy as a store and the upper part fitted for a tenement and land adjoining the estate to son James."

Lydia Woodbury*, wife of Ezra L., died on May 10, 1917. Her probate (#126951) shows that she was the owner of:

14 Northey St.	value \$3,600.00
11 Cambridge St.	value 2,800.00
13 Cambridge St.	value 2,000.00
Bank accounts	value 900.96

*Lydia (Hale) woodbury

On March 19, 1927 Ezra L. Woodbury, unmarried; Mary Hale Woodbury, unmarried; Annette Putnam Comer, wife of Ernest; Alice Choate Woodbury, unmarried; and Ezra Ernest Woodbury, all heirs of Lydia Woodbury sold to Fannie E. Hayford wife of Amos H. Hayford the estate at 11 and 13 Cambridge St. the same premises conveyed to Pemberton Hale by Theodore Littlefield:



(book 2714 page 205)

Fannie Hayford died on Oct. 22, 1944. In her will written August 10, 1929, Mrs. Hayford bequeathed all her estate to her husband Amos and daughter Ethel J. Hayford in equal shares. The Salem News carried this obituary notice:

"Mrs. Fannie E., wife of Amos H. Hayford, passed away at her home, 11 Cambridge St. yesterday. She was born in Salem and lived there all her life, being the daughter of the late Warren and Olive J. (Coburn) Bailey. She was an active member of the Crombie St. Church and the Woman's Soc. of that parish, having a legion of friends. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Ethel J. Hayford."

Amos H. Hayford died on March 22, 1948. His obituary reads:

"Amos H. Hayford of 11 Cambridge street, who died here Saturday, was the husband of the late Fannie (Bailey) Hayford and son of the late William and Hannah (Pinkham) Hayford.

Mr. Hayford was a charter member of the Royal Order of Moose of Beverly, of which he was treasurer for many years; of the O.U.A.M. Sutton Lodge of Peabody; of Essex Lodge, C.F. and A.M. and to the Crombie Street Congregational Church.

He leaves one daughter, Ethel J. with whom he made his home. His funeral will be held from his late home 11 Cambridge street on Tuesday."

On Oct. 2, 1953 Ethel J. Hayford sold to Lionel and Irene M. Landry the land and building being lot A (appendix B). A portion of the land described in the deed of Ezra L. Woodbury et al to Fannie E. Hayford (book 4014 page 559).

On July 26, 1978 Irene M. Landry sold to Robert E. Landry trustee of Landry Trust, lot A. "The same premises granted to me by deed of Ethel J. Hayford on Oct. 1, 1953". (book 6497 page 121)

On May 6, 1981 Robert E. Landry trustee of Landry Realty Trust, of 18 North Street, Manchester sold for \$40,000 to Thomas B. Deming and Lynne Burke-Deming husband and wife the land and buildings on lot A. "Being the north portion of land formerly of Ethel J. Hayford in deed of Ezra L. Woodbury et als to Fannie E. Hayford. The same premises granted to me by deed of Irene M. Landry in 1978." (book 6815 page 682)

On May 28, 1981 Thomas B. Deming and Lynne Burke-Deming husband and wife, of Chelsea, sold to Bruce Chapman, Walter H. Phillips, and William H. Rothwell III lots A and B. "The same conveyed to us by deed of Robert E. Landry May 6, 1981." (book 6823 page 762)

Note: 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., Salem.

All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration

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PART OF SALEM IN 1700. NO. 5.

BY SIDNEY PERLEY.

THE frontispiece is a map of that section of Salem which is bounded by Essex, Summer, Broad and Flint streets. It is based on actual surveys and title deeds, and is drawn on a scale of two hundred feet to an inch. It shows the location of all houses that were standing in 1700, and the Quaker meeting-house. The braces marked "a," show where Chestnut street now runs; that marked "b," the southern end of Cambridge street; "c," Pickering street; "d," Warren street; "e," Hamilton street; and "f," Bott's court.

Essex street was a path, probably before Conant came, and was first called a highway in 1662; street, 1663; the broad street that goes from ye meeting house westward to the town's end, 1679; the main street, 1679; lane or highway, 1683; ye main town street, 1690; ye high street, 1695; Main street, 1711; and Essex street, 1795.

Summer street was first called a street or highway, 1661; lane that leads into ye main street, 1687; Main street, 1711; highway leading from the main street to the almshouse, 1753; road leading to Marblehead, 1760; street leading to the Duck factory, 1793; and Summer street, 1803.

Broad street was first called the common in 1659; street or highway, 1687; highway leading to the pound, 1753; and Broad street, 1799.

Flint street was called a lane in 1706; Flint's lane, 1757; and Flint street, 1802.

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Chestnut street was laid out from Summer street nearly to Flint street in 1797, and carried through to Flint street in 1801. It has always been called by its present name.

Warren street was laid out in or before 1806, when it was called Green street. It was called Warren street as early as 1869.

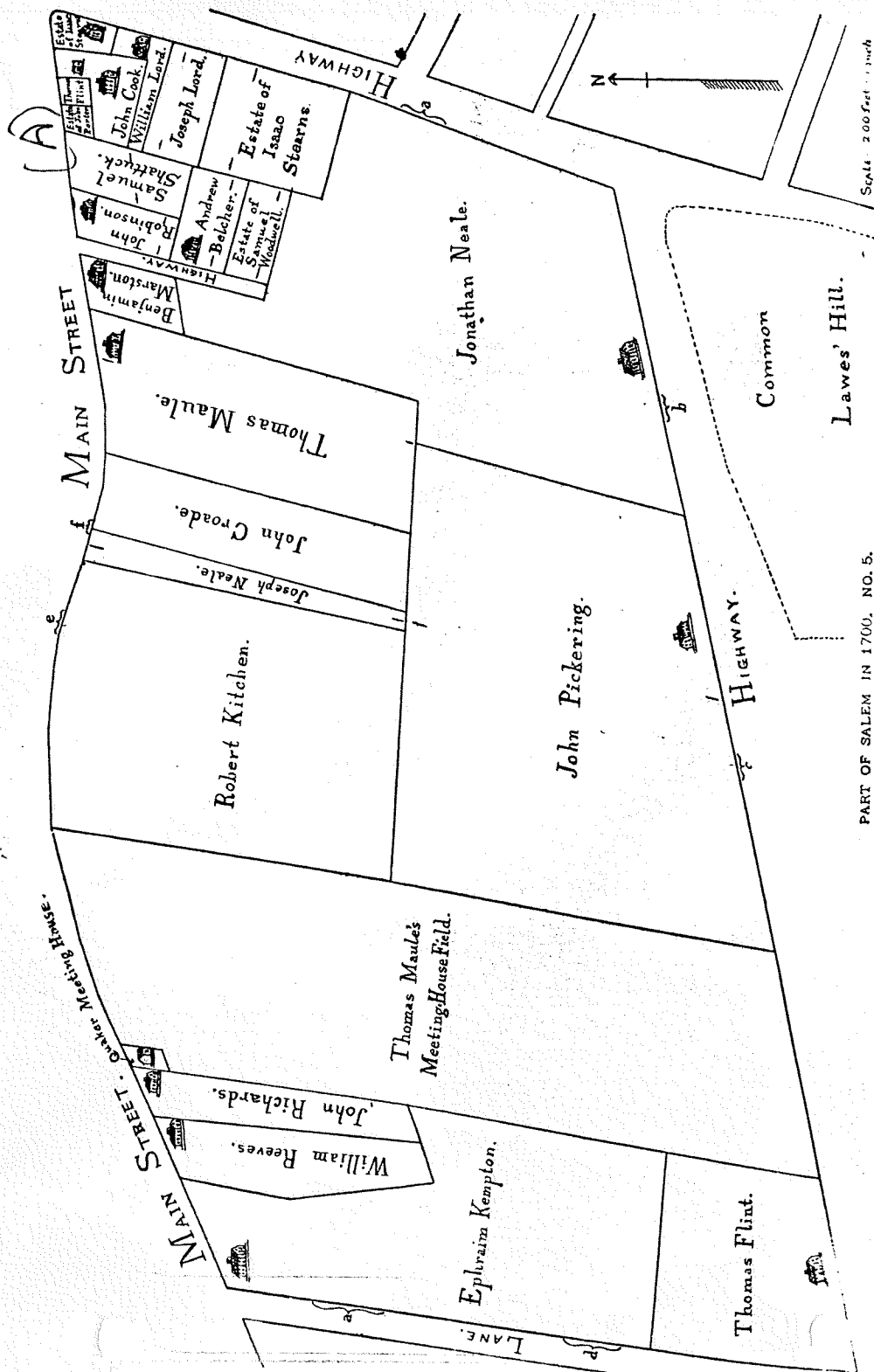
Hamilton street was laid out in or before 1813, and has always been known by that name.

Pickering street was laid out in or before 1869, and has always borne that name.

In the sketches that follow, after 1700, titles and deeds referred to pertain to the houses and land under and adjoining, but not always to the whole lot, the design being, after 1700, to give the history of the houses then standing principally.

This square was originally laid out in two-acre lots, apparently, about seven rods wide, and running from Essex to Broad streets.

The lots of Isaac Stearns, Joseph Lord, William Lord, John Cook, Thomas Flint and the estate of John Porter, containing one acre, belonged to Philip Verrin before 1650, when he died possessed of the land and the house standing upon it, being the Lord house. His widow, Dorcas Verrin, and his son Hillard Verrin, conveyed the house and land to William Lord, sr., of Salem, for "ten yew sheep, to be chosen out of twenty, & a ram lamb & twenty



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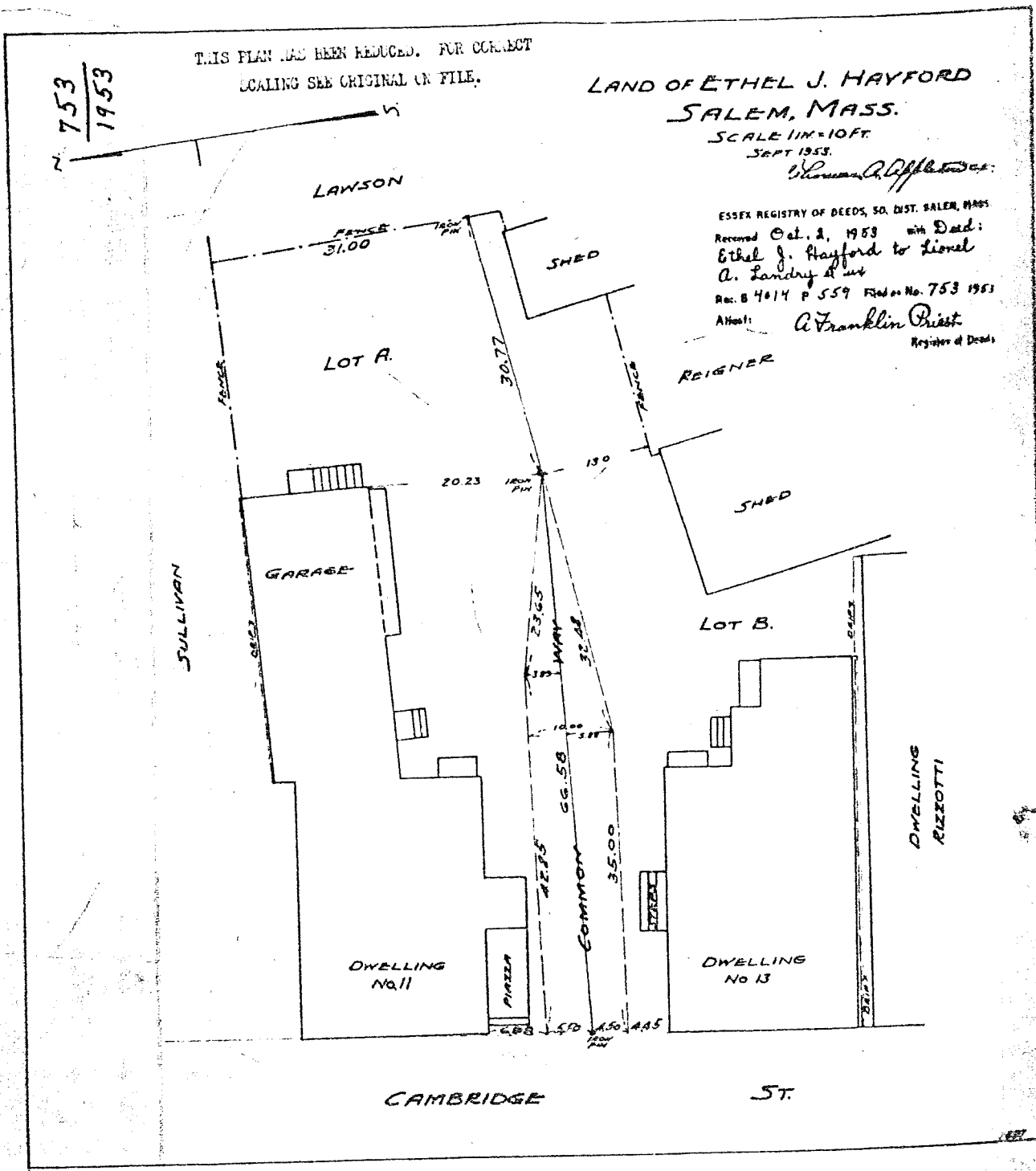
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LAND OF ETHEL J. HAYFORD
SALEM, MASS.

SCALE 1/4" = 10 FT.
SEPT 1953.

Wm. R. D. [Signature]

ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS, SO. DIST. SALEM, MASS.
Received Oct. 2, 1953 with Deed:
Ethel J. Hayford to Lionel
A. Landry & wife
Rec. B 4614 P 559 Filed No. 753 1953
Attest: *A. Franklin Priest*
Register of Deeds





Corner Chestnut, Norman & Summer Streets - 1885



Pemberton Hale's
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