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18 Williams Street

Built by

BENJAMIN CROMBIE, housewright

by 1800

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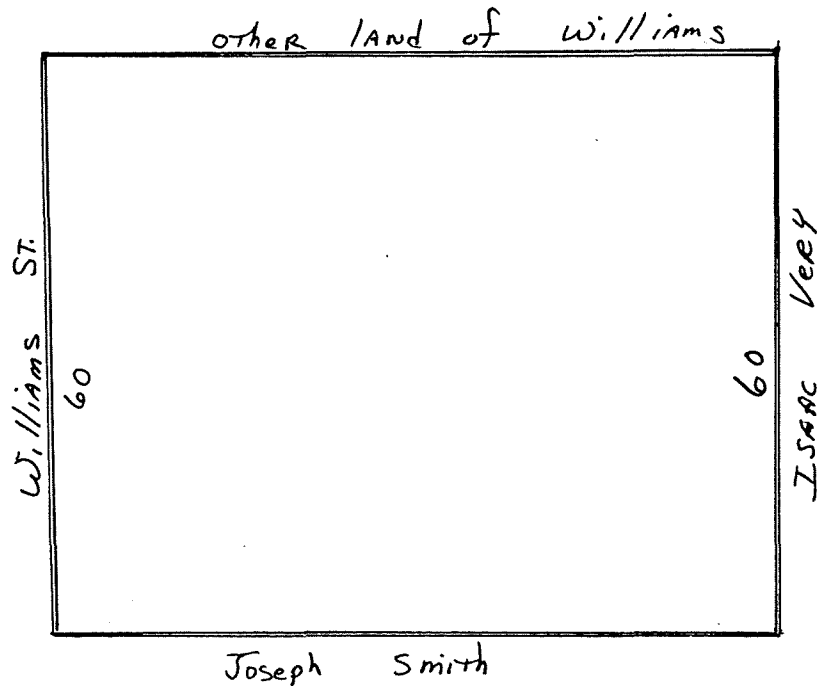
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*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

18 Williams Street

Book 164 page 272
Sept. 6, 1798
\$160

Henry Williams, mariner sold a lot of land,
on his newly opened street, to Benjamin
Crombie, house carpenter.



Book 167 page 14
August 8, 1800
\$500

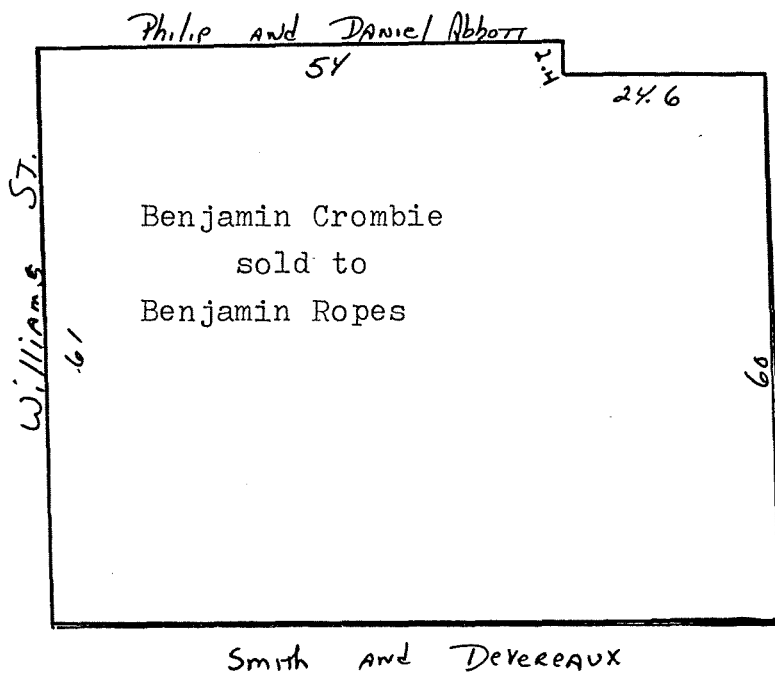
Benjamin Crombie, housewright, mortgaged
the land "with all buildings thereon" to
Deborah Buffington.

Book 172 page 36
Dec. 24, 1802

Benjamin Crombie mortgaged all of his real
estate to Benjamin Pickman and James Bott.
Among this property was the land and dwelling
house on Williams Street. "I purchased on
Sept. 6, 1798."

Book 174 page 205
Oct. 10, 1804
\$2,300

Benjamin Crombie, innholder, and wife Betsy
sold the land and dwelling house to Benjamin
Ropes, gentleman.



Book 197 page 212
Nov. 1810
\$1,569.33

By order of the Supreme Court Peter Lander Jr. creditor was awarded the land and dwelling house of Benjamin Ropes, debtor. The property was subject to the mortgage to Deborah Buffington.

Book 197 page 212
Sept. 18, 1812
\$1,600

Peter Lander Jr. sold the land and dwelling house to William Gray of Boston. The property was subject to the mortgage to Deborah Buffington and to a lease for one year to Benjamin Ropes to the north end of the house.

Book 243 page 41
July 26, 1826
\$1,300

The heirs of William Gray sold the land and dwelling house to Benjamin G. Ropes, Secretary of an Insurance Co. The same estate Henry Williams conveyed to Benjamin Crombie Sept. 6, 1798. Crombie mortgaged to Deborah Buffington, book 167 page 14.

Book 243 page 41 (cont.)

Crombie conveyed to Ropes, book 174 page 205. Ropes right in equity taken in execution and conveyed to Peter Lander, book 192 page 197. Lander conveyed to our father William Gray, book 197 page 212. Mrs. Buffington assigned the mortgage to our father, book 213 page 121 and we convey as devisees under the will of our father. The premises being also subject to a lease to Benjamin Ropes."

Book 333 page 258
Sept. 26, 1842

Benjamin G. Ropes, merchant, sold the land and dwelling house to his son Reuben Ropes.

Book 1797 page 477
Oct. 27, 1905

William Ropes of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. sold the land and building to William A. Clapp.

Book 1803 page 247
Nov. 30, 1905

William A. Clapp sold the land and building to George H. Averill and Samuel T. Abbot. "The same conveyed to me by William Ropes on Oct. 27, 1905."

Book 1912 page 505
Feb. 21, 1908
\$1,500

William S. Nichols and Frank H. Cameron of Beverly, trustees under the will of George H. Averill sold Mr. Averill's half share of the land and building at 18 Williams Street to Samuel T. Abbot.

Book 2424 page 154
Sept. 4, 1919

Samuel T. Abbot, unmarried, sold the land and building at 18 Williams Street to Harriet M. Taggard. "The same property conveyed by deed of William A. Clapp on Nov. 13, 1905, book 1803 page 247 and by deed of the estate of George Averill on Feb. 21, 1908, book 1912 page 505.

Book 2473 page 571
Jan. 7, 1921

Harriet M. Taggard, unmarried, sold the land and building 18 Williams Street to Michael J. Morgan. "The same premises conveyed by deed of Samuel T. Abbot on Sept. 4, 1919, book 2424 page 154.

Book 2526 page 550
Sept. 12, 1922

Michael J. Morgan, unmarried, sold the land and building 18 Williams Street to Edward A. Brown. "The same conveyed by deed of Harriet M. Taggard on Jan. 7, 1921, book 2473 page 571."

Book 2715 page 79
March 21, 1927
\$6,100

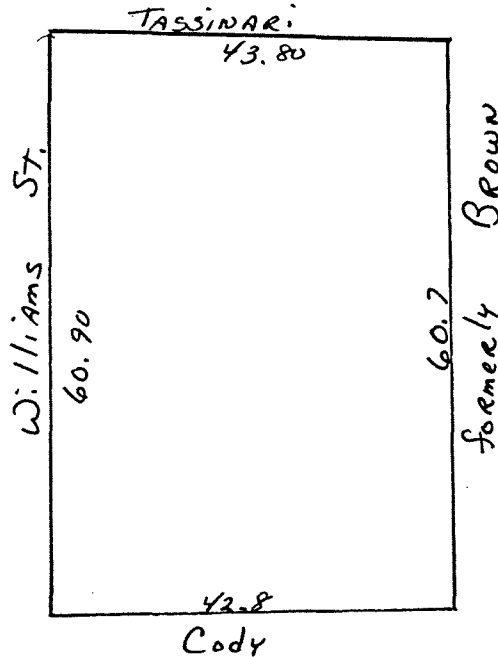
Albert F. Brown, administrator of the estate of Edward A. Brown sold the land and buildings at 18 Williams Street to Francis E. Rafter.

Book 2715 page 79
March 21, 1927

Francis E. Rafter transferred the title back to Albert F. Brown.

Book 3509 page 324 & 325
March 7, 1947

The heirs of Albert F. Brown sold the land and buildings 18 Williams Street to William H. O'Brien.



Book 3619 page 366
August 23, 1948

William H. O'Brien sold the land and buildings at 18 Williams Street to John J. Cyr and Thirley M. Cyr.

Book 3776 page 85
Oct. 11, 1950

John J. Cyr and Thirley M. Cyr sold the land and buildings at 18 Williams Street to Oliver J. Denis and Jennette I. Denis. The same premises conveyed by deed of William H. O'Brien on August 23, 1948.

Book 4011 page 393
Sept. 22, 1953

Jeannette J. Denis, of Beverly, sold the land and buildings to Florence E. Girdler and Katherine S. Girdler. "For title see book 3776 page 85."

Book 6728 page 480
August 20, 1980
\$40,000

David D. Dretler executor of the will
of Katherine S. Girdler sold the land
and buildings to James B. Collett Jr.
For title see book 4011 page 393. Also
the estate of Florence Girdler #286798.

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.

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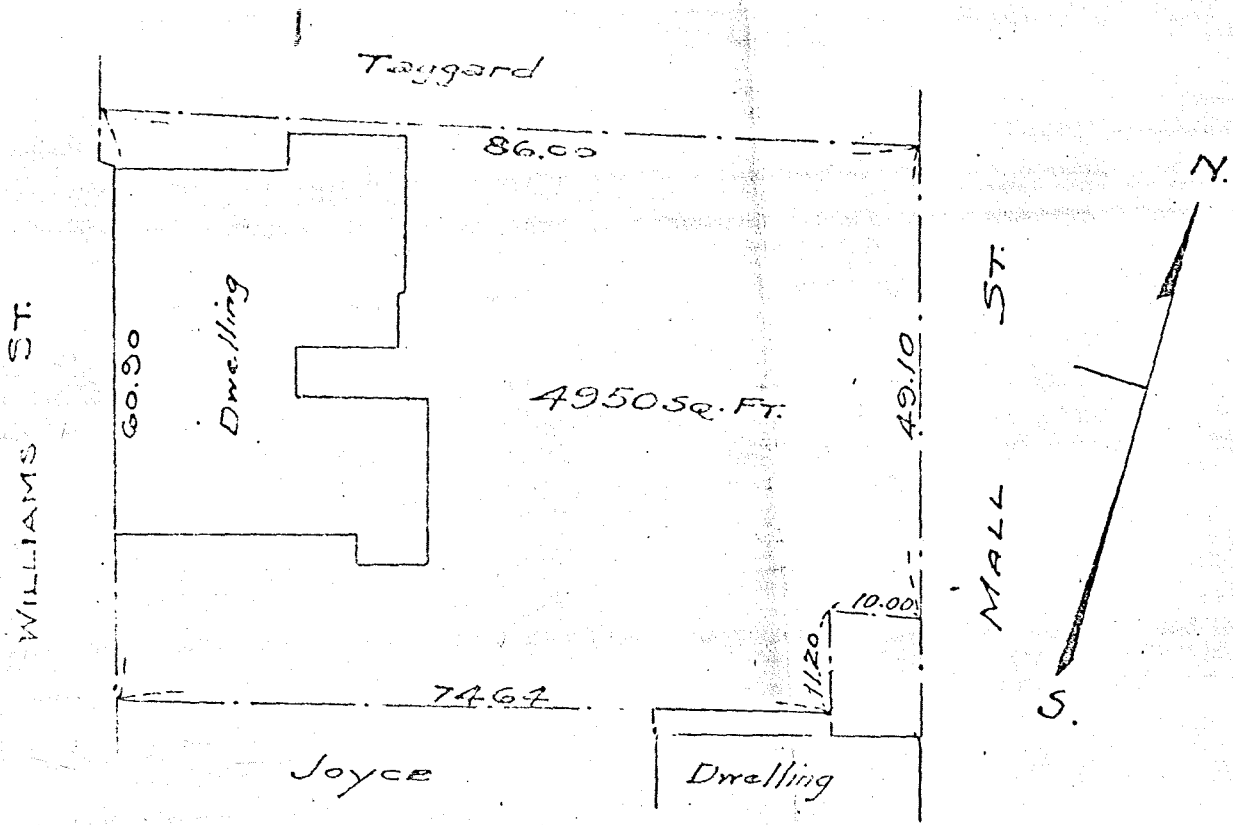
18 Williams Street

This house is described in the Salem Historic District Commission Report as: "The unusual central entrance of this two-story plus pitch roof house is trimmed with dentils and a cornice above the semi-circular fanlight plus elongated fluted pilasters on either side. The front doorstep is granite and has two attached iron foot scrapers. The only other trim on the house is a wooden molded cornice under the eaves. The back door of the house is in an enclosed porch with a pitch roof. The house has two Federal period chimneys and a lean-to Beverly jog on the north end."

Williams street was opened in 1798.

The first mention of a building on this lot appears in the mortgage of Benjamin Crombie to Deborah Buffington on August 8, 1800.

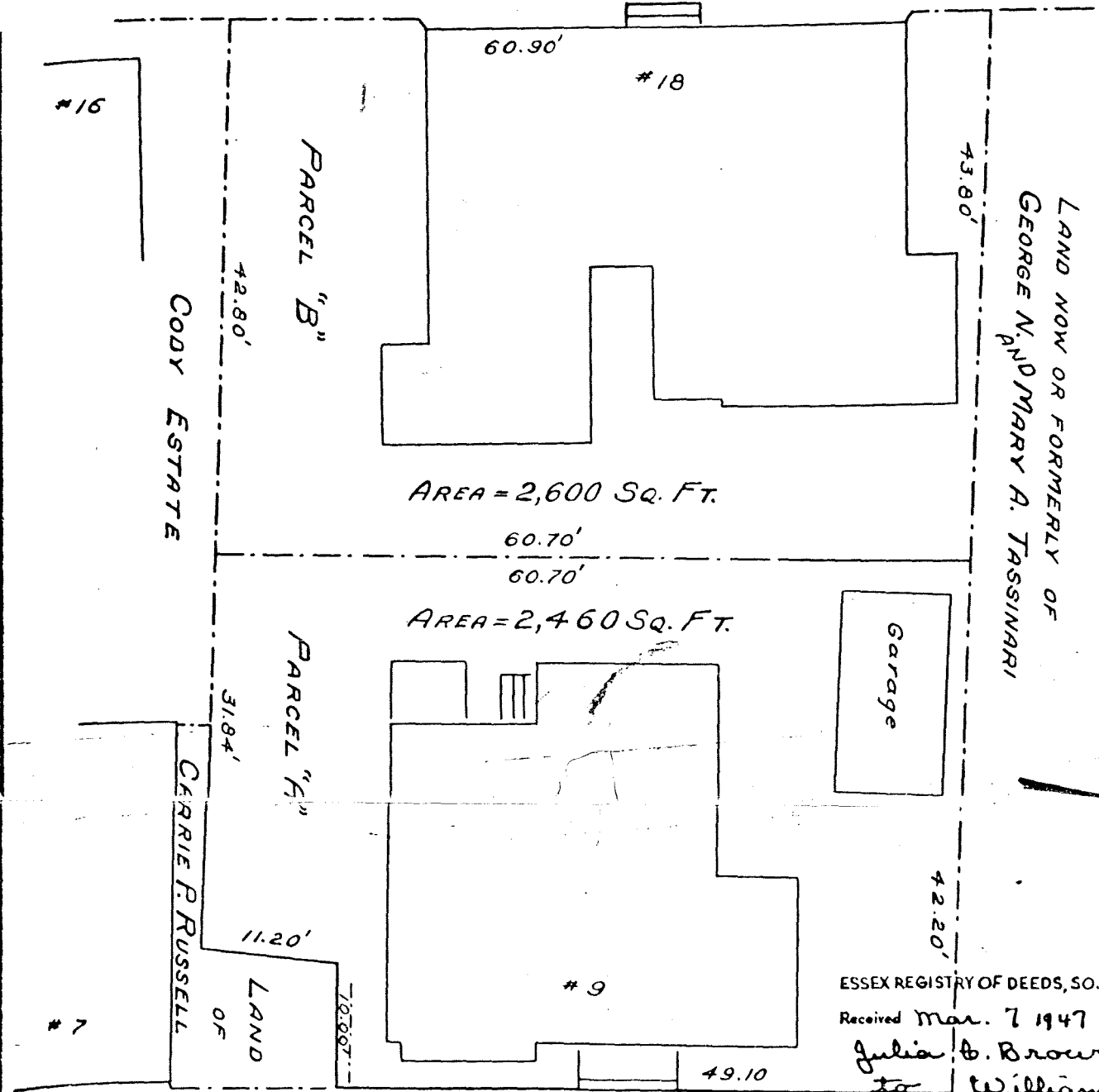
The house was described in the Salem Gazette on Friday, Oct. 5, 1804: Will be sold at Public Auction on Thursday next at XI o'clock A.M. (weather permitting) if not previously disposed of at Private Sale. - - A New dwelling house, in Williams Street. It is pleasantly situated, and very convenient for two families. Sale to be on the premises, when the conditions will be made known.



PLAN OF ESTATE No. 18 WILLIAMS ST.
SALEM, MASS.
SCALE 1 IN. = 20 FT.
JANUARY, 1920.
THOMAS R. O'NEILL

WILLIAMS STREET

L461
541



LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF
GEORGE AND MARY A. TASSINARI

AREA = 2,600 SQ. FT.

AREA = 2,460 SQ. FT.

Garage

ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS, SO. DIST. SALEM, MASS

Received Mar. 7 1947 WAK Deed:

Julia C. Brown & dau.
to William H. O'Brien

Rec. B3509P 324 Filed as No. 140 194

Attest: A Franklin Priest,

Register of Deeds

JULIA C. BROWN ET AL
SALEM, MASS.

Scale - 1 inch = 10 feet April 1946
Arthur L. Pitkin
CIVIL ENGIN.

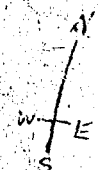
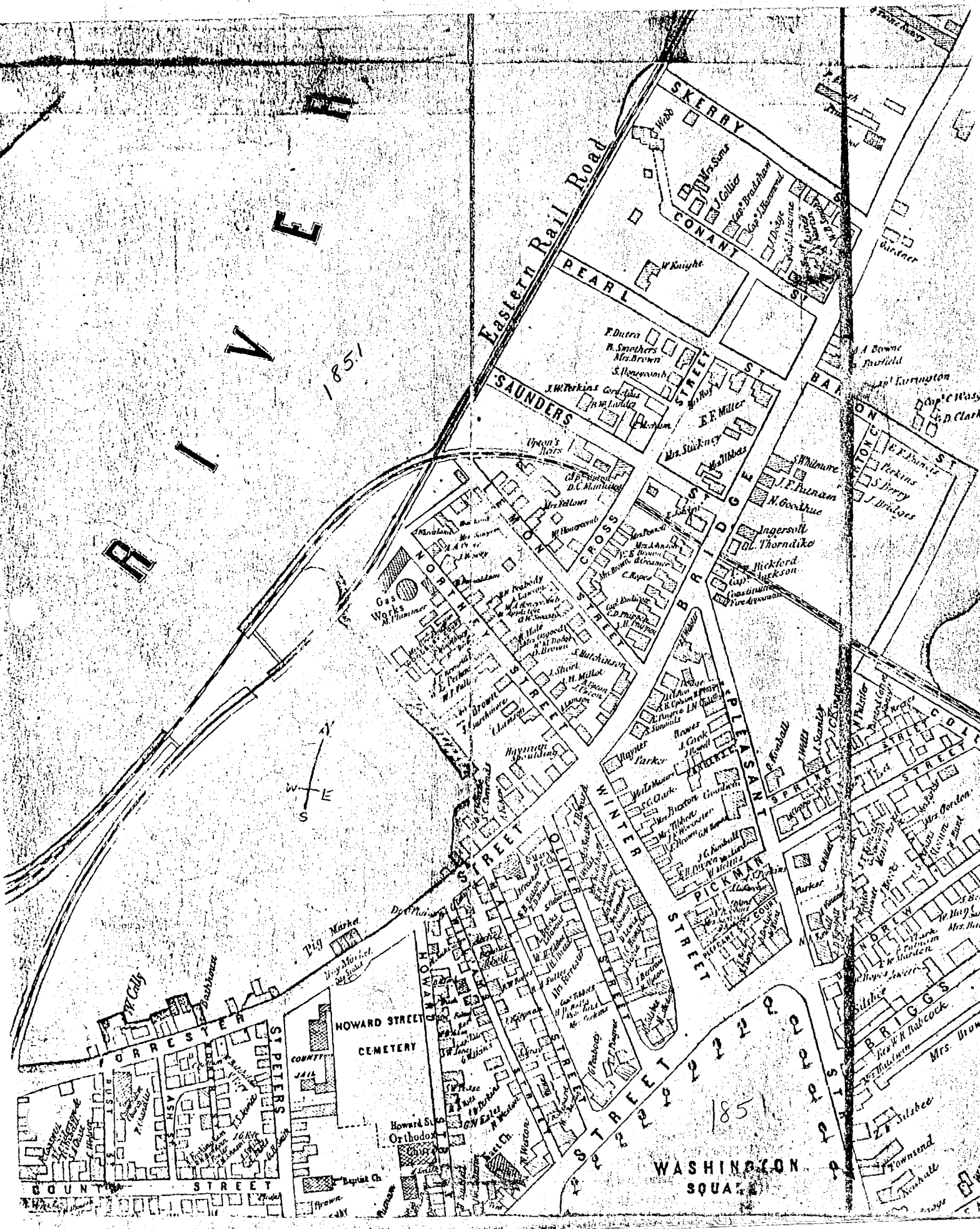
MALL STREET

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1851

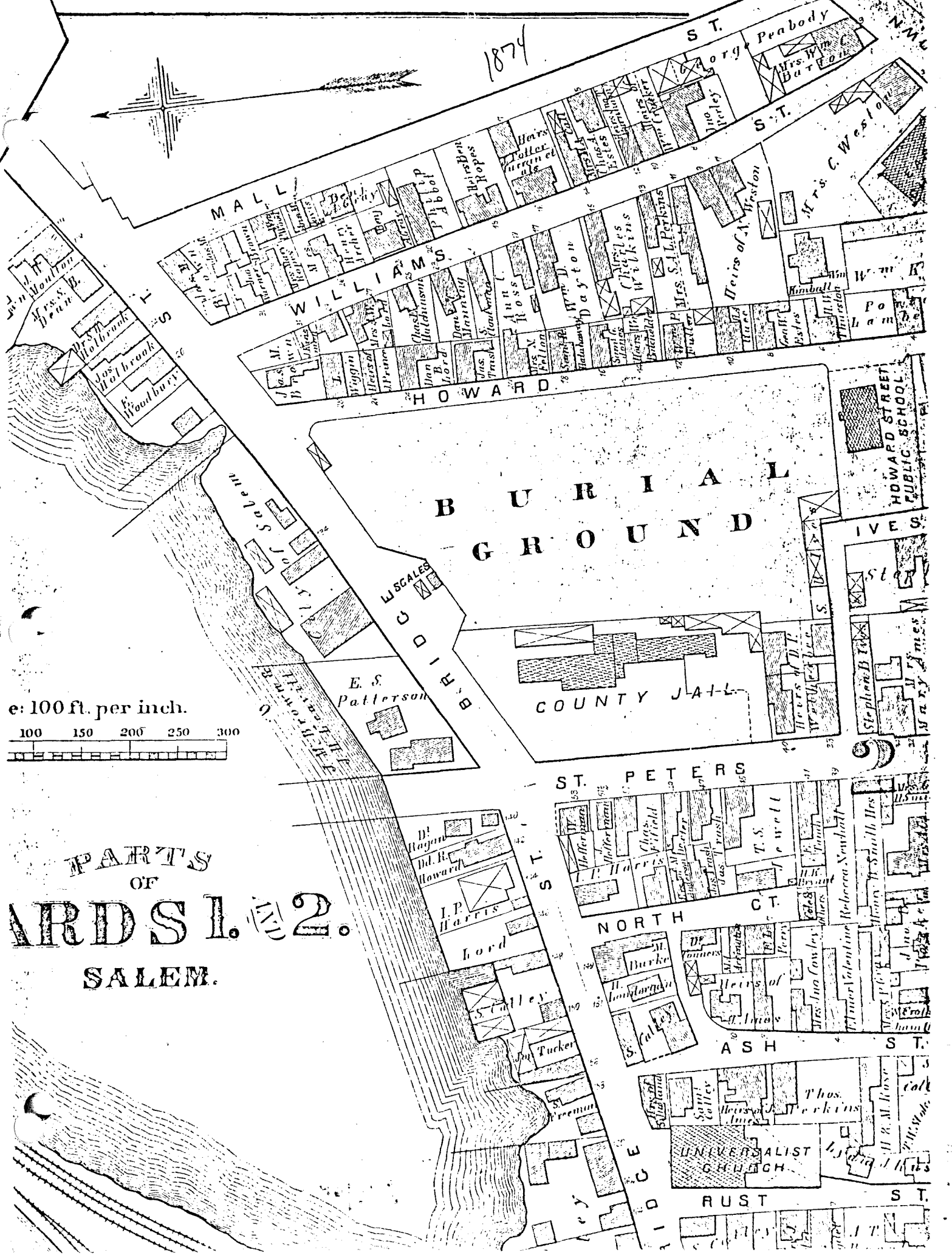
Eastern Rail Road



WASHINGTON SQUARE

1851

1874



Scale: 100 ft. per inch.
100 150 200 250 300

PARTS OF WARD 1. NO. 2. SALEM.

George Peabody
Mrs. Wm. C. Bartoll

MALL

WILLIAM ST

HOWARD

BURIAL GROUND

COUNTY JAIL

ST. PETERS

NORTH CT

ASH ST

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

RUST ST

HOWARD STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

IVES

REBECCA NEWBOLT

THOS. PERKINS

W. SCALES
E. S. PATTERSON

DR. HAYDEN
DR. R. HOWARD
I. P. HARRIS
LORD

WALTER MANN
CHAS. W. FIELD
T. S. WELLS
REBECCA NEWBOLT

BURKE
H. WOODMAN
S. CALLEY
HEIRS OF

SULLIVAN
SULLIVAN
THOS. PERKINS

W. M. HOSE
W. W. WOOD

Mrs. S. B. Dean
J. H. Woodbury
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W. J. OF SALEM
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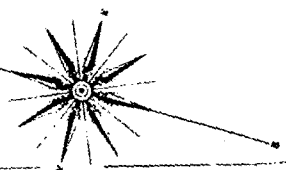
W. J. OF SALEM

Heirs of A. Weston
Mrs. C. Weston
Wm. R. Po
L. M. H.

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OLIVER

MALL

WILLIAMS

HOWARD

C e m e t e r y .

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BRIDGE

ESSEX COUNTY JAIL

BERTRAM HOME FOR AGED MEN

WASHINGTON

KIMBALL

BROWN ST. CT

ST. PETER

IVES

ROOPER

YOUNG WOMEN

