

# Historic Salem incorporated

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

POST OFFICE BOX 865 SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970 / PHONE (617) 745-0799

152 BOSTON STREET

Built for

SAMUEL BELL, bricklayer

Circa 1721

Research by,  
Joyce King  
September 1987

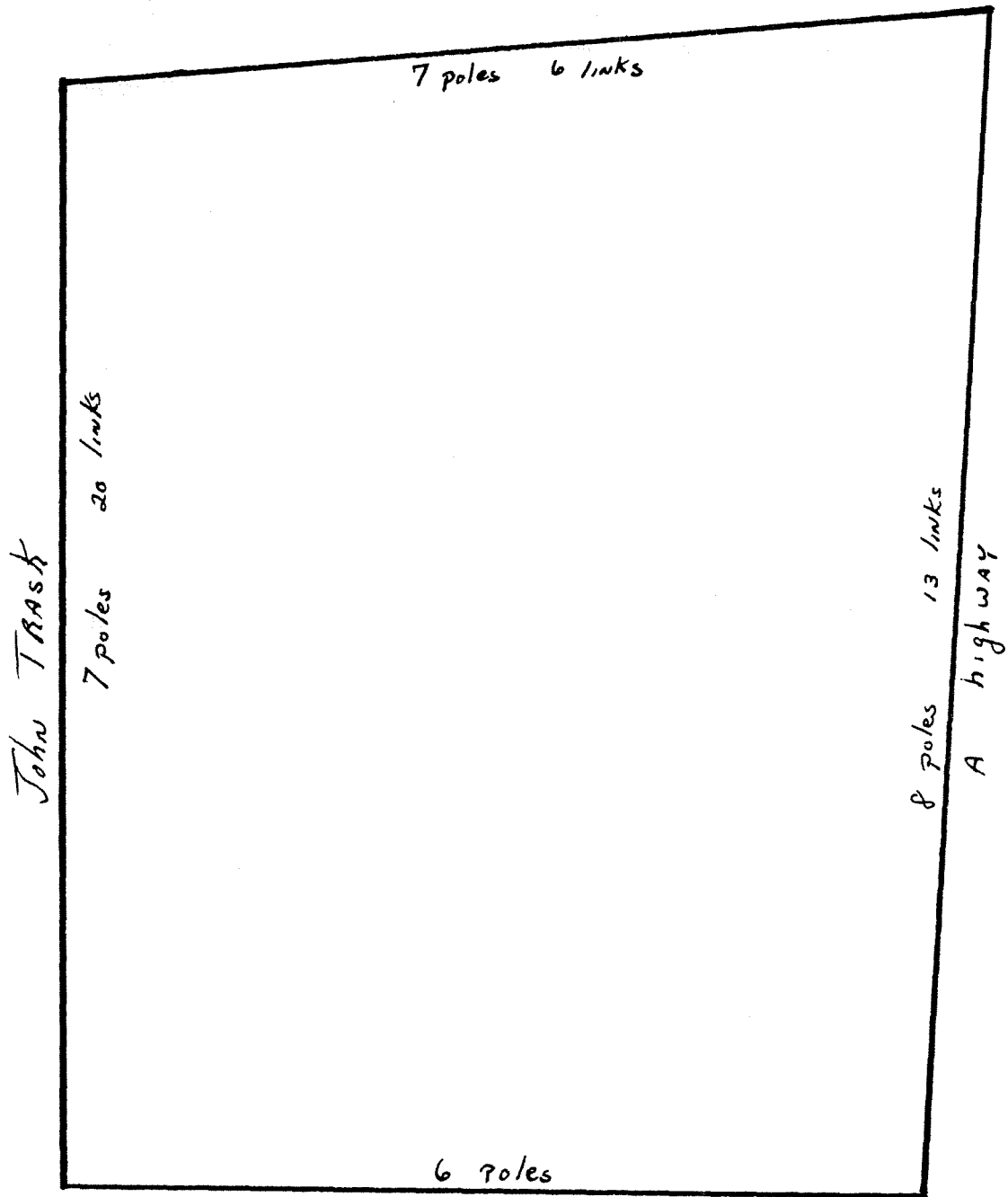
*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,  
and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."*

152 BOSTON STREET

"The main highway, now called Boston street, was the ancient road from Salem to Salem Village and Boston. It was called a road in 1717; the main road or street in 1721; the country road in 1724; Boston road in 1759; great country road leading to Salem in 1795; Boston street in 1795; road leading to Boston in 1797; West street in 1813; road leading from the South meeting-house to Salem in 1814; and since then Boston street."  
(The Essex Antiquarian, vol. 7, pg. 18)

The land on which this house stands was part of what was known as Trasks Plain. This was undivided common land and was under the control of the Proprietors of the Common Lands. A proprietors meeting was held on the second day of February 1718/9. It was voted that since several petitions had been received, for small parcels of land on Trask Plain, a Grand Commitee be appointed to dispose of small house lots fronting on the Plains highway. The lots were sold with the understanding that "whosoever shall purchase any of sd House Lotts Shall be obliged to build on them (by) Three years Time from this day."

On January 15, 1719/20 the Grand Committee sold about one quarter of an acre of land, on Trasks Plain, to Samuel Bell a bricklayer.



Under the stated conditions of the sale, Samuel must have had his "mansion house" completed when he took Elizabeth Foster, the daughter of David and Hannah (Buxton) Foster, as his bride, on December 6, 1721. A mortgage, taken by Samuel, in September of 1758 indicates that there was a mansion house, barn, bakehouse and other buildings on the lot at that time. (book 105 page 123).

BOOK 133 PAGE 203

DATE -

August 22, 1774

CONSIDERATION -

7 pounds 8 shillings

GRANTOR (seller) -

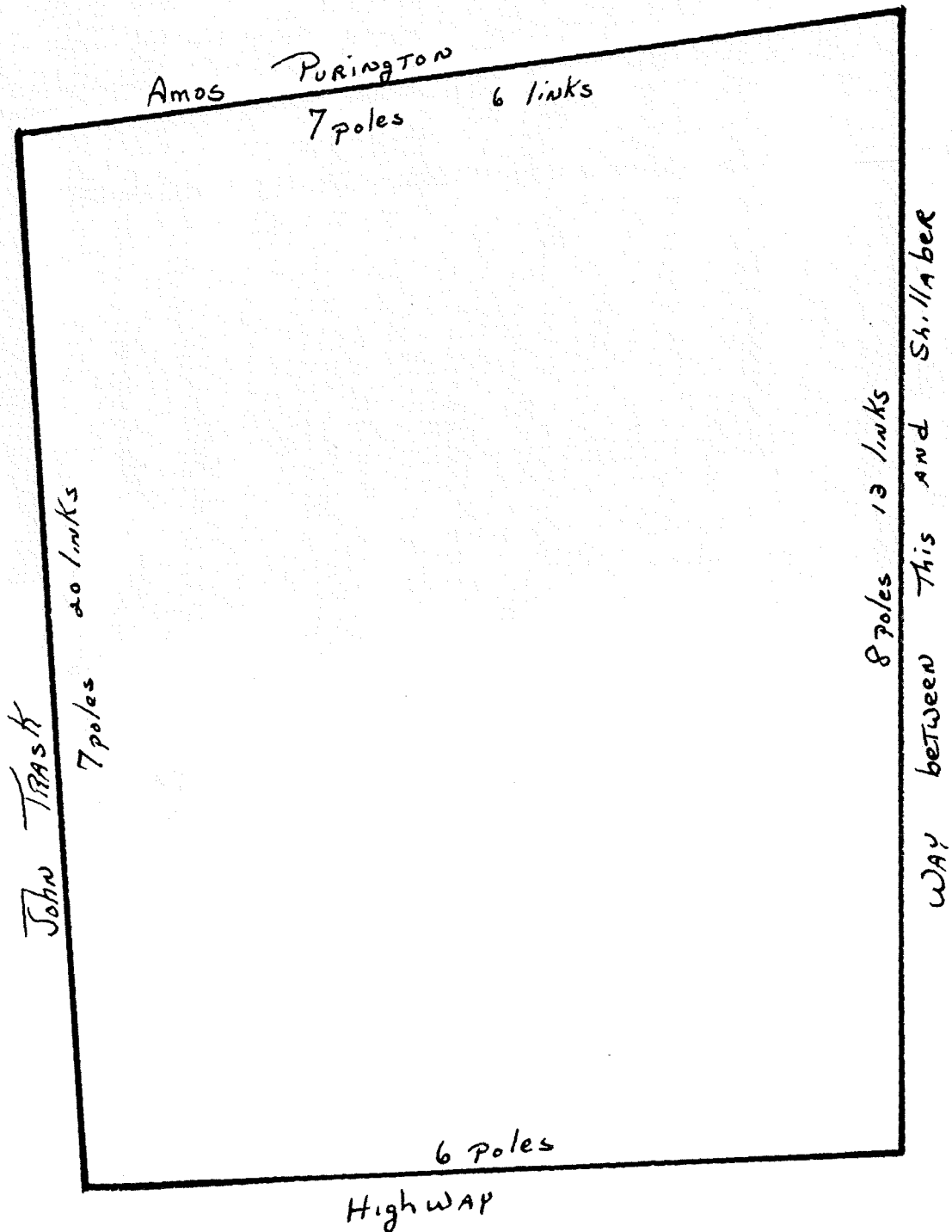
Benjamin Bell, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Bell

GRANTEE (buyer) -

Mary Bell, widow

DESCRIPTION -

About 52 poles of land with buildings



Mary Bell married Enoch Goodale on December 28, 1782

BOOK 168 PAGE 9

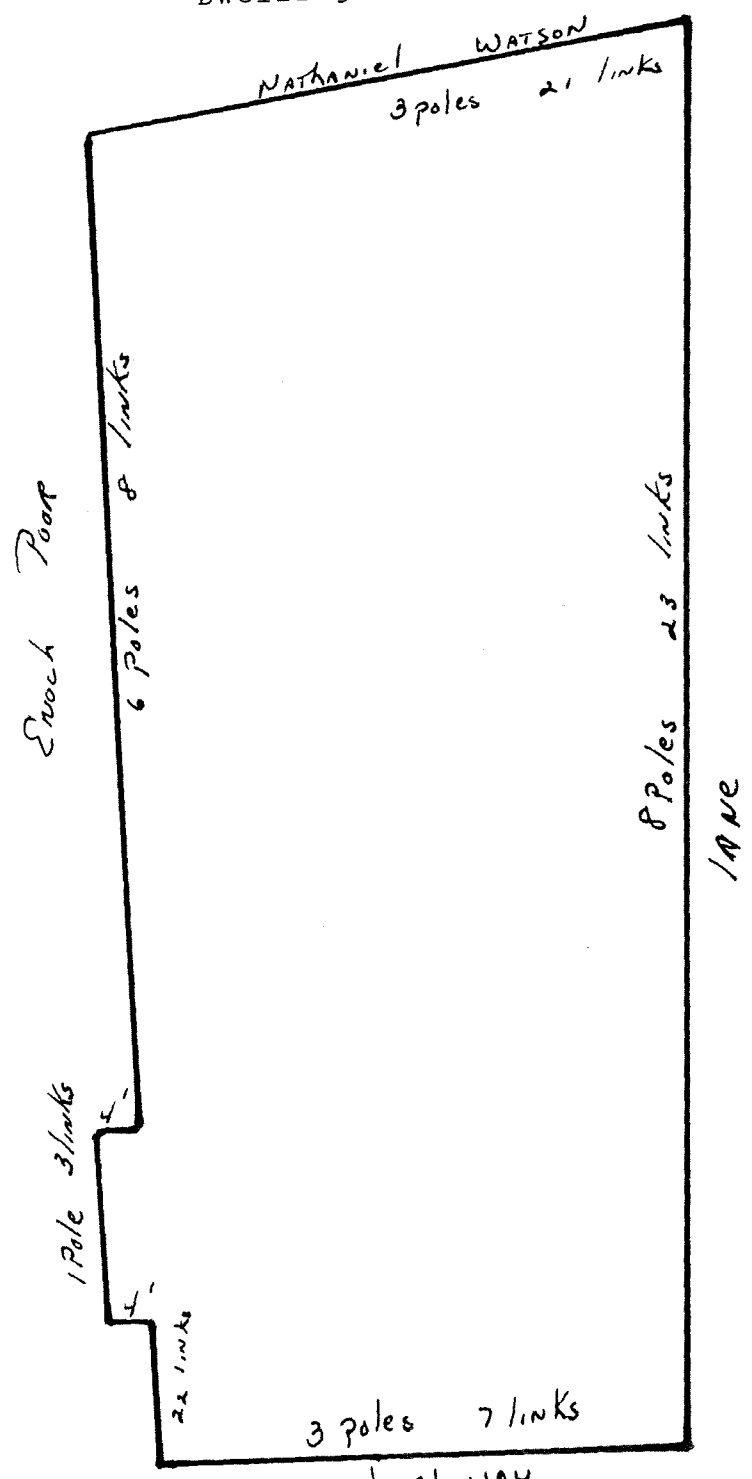
DATE - August 19, 1800

CONSIDERATION - \$800

GRANTOR (seller) - Enoch Goodale, potter, and Mary his wife, in her own right

GRANTEE (buyer) - William Wilson, shop keeper

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land in Danvers



BOOK 170 PAG 83

DATE - January 1, 1802  
CONSIDERATION - \$1  
GRANTOR (seller) - William and Mary Wilson  
GRANTEE (buyer) - John Reith, mariner  
DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises I bought of Enoch Goodale and Mary, recorded in book 168 page 9.

*Will be offered for sale at Public Vendue, on the premises, on TUESDAY the 19th day of August inst. at 1 o'clock, P. M. unless previously disposed of at private sale.*

A Dwelling-House, two stories high, pleasantly situated in Danvers, about 1.8th of a mile from Pearson's (formerly Fize's) tavern, containing four rooms on the floor, and well calculated for two families; with a good Barn, and Garden, containing different kinds of fruit trees which are young and in a flourishing condition. The whole is in excellent repair and will be sold low. For terms apply to the subscriber on the premises.

JOHN REITH.

Danvers, Aug. 6, 1817.

BOOK 215 PAGE 162

DATE - August 18, 1817  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,100  
GRANTOR (seller) - John Reith, mariner  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Archelaus Putnam, trader  
DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the same premises I bought of William Wilson on Jan. 1, 1802.

BOOK 218 PAGE 94

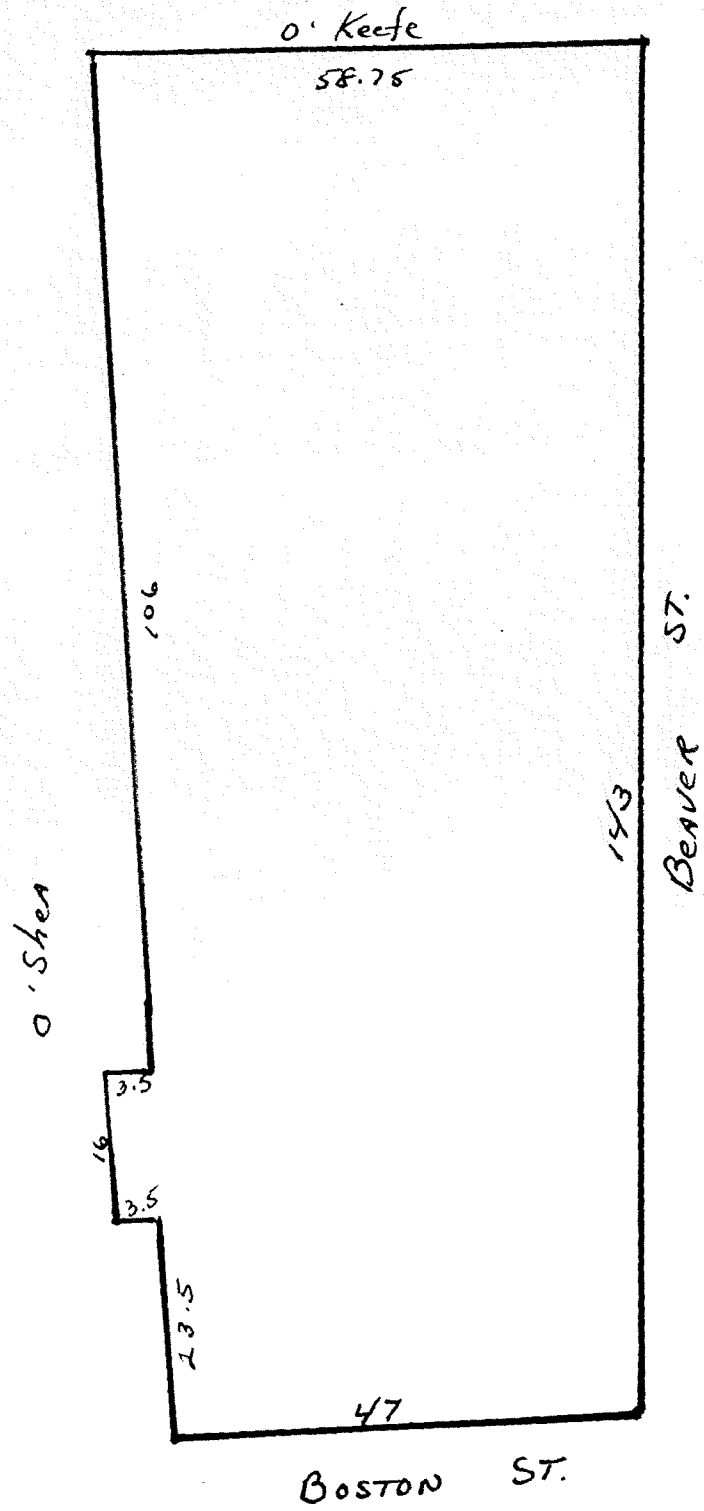
DATE - October 30, 1818  
GRANTOR (seller) - Sylvester Proctor, of Danvers  
administrator of Archelaus Putnam  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ebenezer Safford, gentleman  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate the deceased bought  
of John Reith on August 18, 1817.

Probate 24497 - Ebenezer Safford estate  
Mansion house and land Boston Street, Danvers  
Children:  
Martha O., Ebenezer W., Harriet P. and James O. Safford

BOOK 1343 PAGE 196

DATE - May 10, 1892  
CONSIDERATION - \$1  
GRANTOR (seller) - Safford heirs  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Hanora Desmond  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

Probate 202156 - Annie/Hanora Desmond died February 24, 1942.  
Inventory - land and buildings 152 Boston St. \$2,000  
Heir - Julia Butler, first cousin



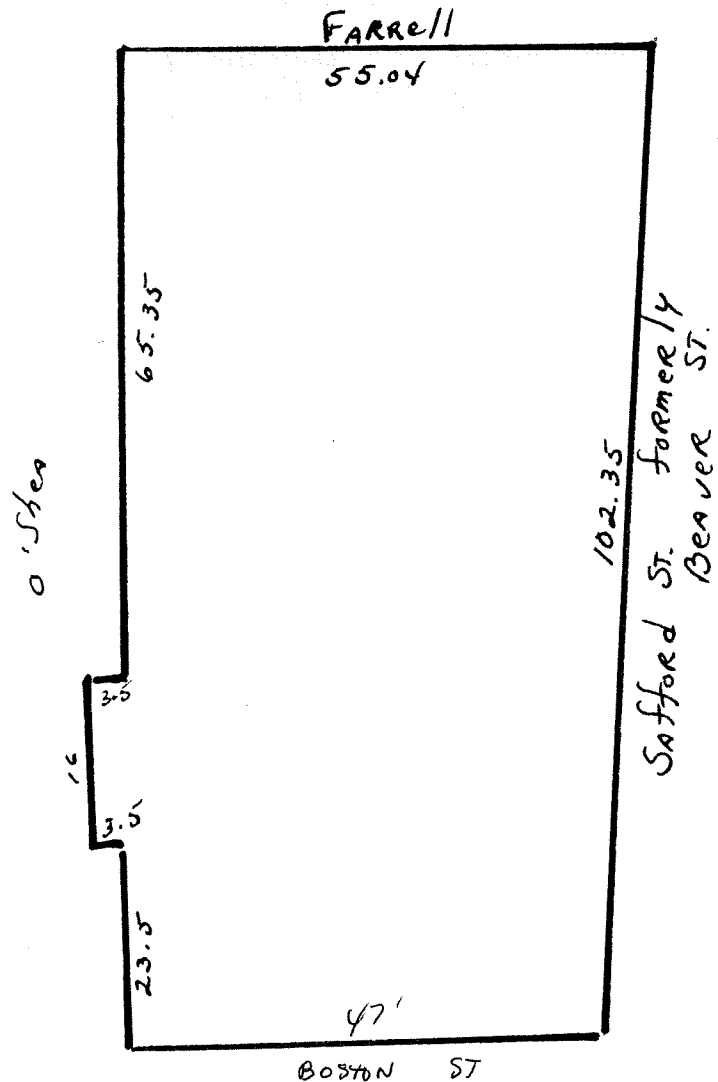


BOOK 3462 PAGE 163

DATE - May 31, 1946  
GRANTOR (seller) - Julia J. Butler of Boston  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Abraham M. and Dorothy Camil  
DESCRIPTION - Land and building  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see probate 202156

BOOK 3469 PAGE 553

DATE - July 23, 1946  
GRANTOR (seller) - Abraham and Dorothy Camil  
GRANTEE (buyer) - George Amhed  
DESCRIPTION - Land and building  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being a portion of the premises conveyed to us by deed of Julia Butler



BOOK 3567 PAGE 472

DATE - September 19, 1947

GRANTOR (seller) - George Ahmed otherwise known as  
Yapoot Ahmed

GRANTEE (buyer) - Henry and Lillian Tardiff

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being a portion of the premises  
conveyed by deed of Julia Butler

Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. All maps in this report are for illustration purposes and are not meant to be exact.

NOTE OF INTEREST

The northwest boundary is described several ways:



1782  
(Book 139 page 200)

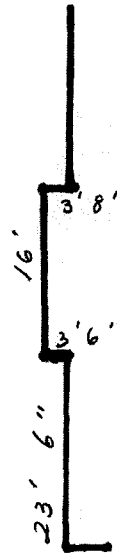
1809  
(Book 186 page 264)



1800  
(Book 168 page 9)

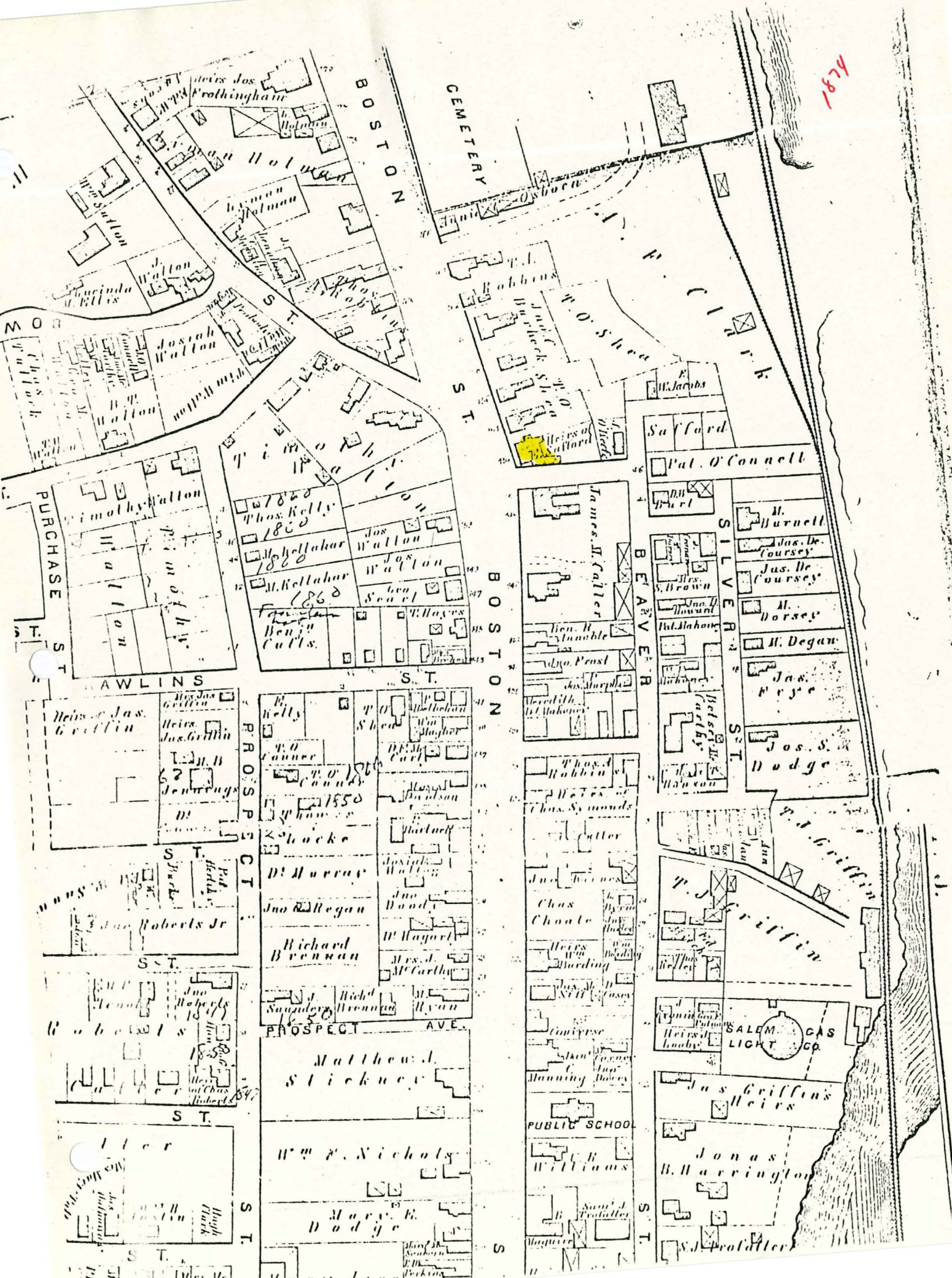
1817  
(Book 215 page 162)

1818  
(Book 218 page 94)



1892  
(Book 1342 page 196)

1874



BOSTON ST.

CEMETERY

BOSTON ST.

BOSTON ST.

BOSTON ST.

PUBLIC SCHOOL

WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

BEAVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

SILVER ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

PURCHASE ST.

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

THOMAS KELLY  
1860

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

MATTHEW A. STICKNEY

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

Wm. R. Nichols

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

MARY E. DODGE

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

JAS. GRIFFIN'S HEIRS

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

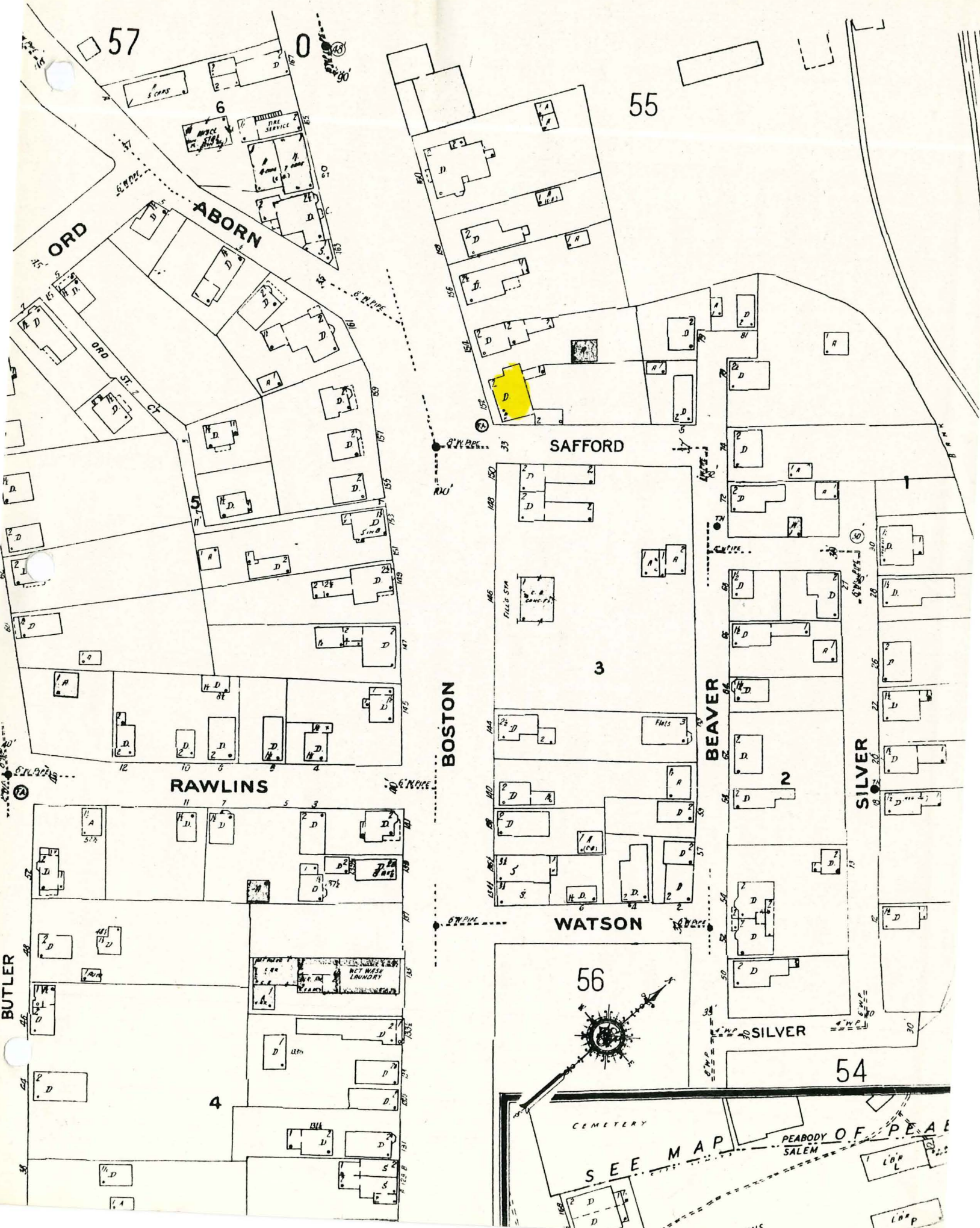
SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.

SALEM GAS LIGHT CO.









57

0

55

ORD

ABORN

SAFFORD

RAWLINS

BOSTON

WATSON

BEAVER

SILVER

56

54

CEMETERY

SEE MAP

PEABODY OF SALEM



6

3

2

4

BUTLER

5000'S

DRIVE SERVICE

FULL STY

SINB

FINIS 3

NET WASH LINDRY

CON L

CON P