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14 SCHOOL STREET

MOVED TO THIS SITE

by GEORGE O. WELLMAN, carpenter

in 1869

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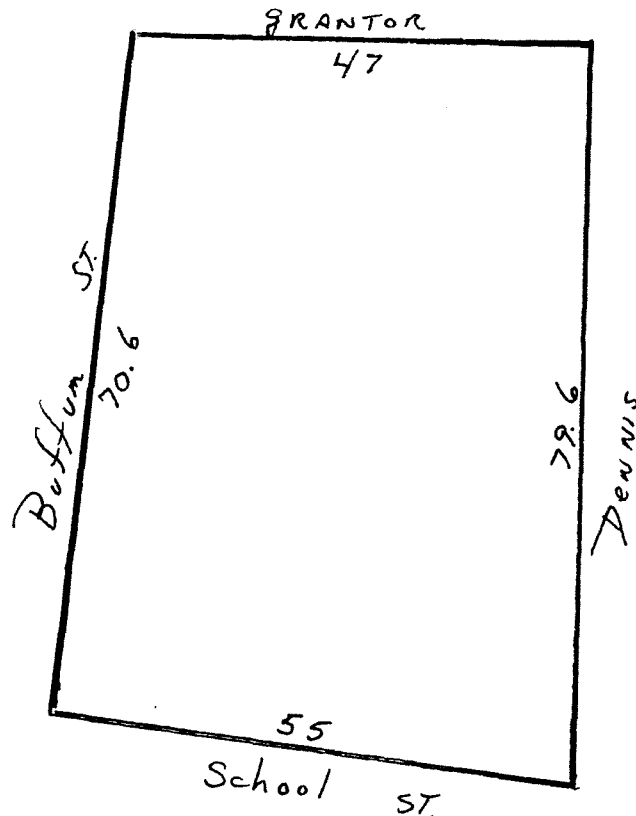
*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

IN ORDER TO FIND THE EXACT LOCATION OF THIS BUILDING ONE
ADDITIONAL SOURCE SHOULD BE TRIED - THE SALEM GAZETTE FOR
1869. THE BUILDING MAY HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED FOR SALE.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE 1860-1869 ISSUES OF THE GAZETTE ARE AT THE
NORTHEAST DOCUMENT CENTER BEING MICRO-FILMED. IT IS NOT KNOWN
WHEN THIS PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED. ADMITTEDLY, THIS IS A
LONG SHOT BUT IT SHOULD BE TRIED. WHEN THE NEWSPAPERS
ARE RETURNED TO THE ESSEX INSTITUTE A CHECK WILL BE MADE.

14 SCHOOL STREET (formerly 6 School St.)

School street was a very early highway. It as called ye highway in 1685; the path in 1707; a lane or highway in 1790;]Dark lane in 1798; the road leading from Obadiah Groce's corner to Frye's mills in 1801; street from North street to Frye's mills in Danvers in 1806; the road to Frye's mills in 1808; schoolhouse lane in 1833, and School street as early as 1851.

The land on which this house stands was part of a large parcel owned by Thomas and Mary Ann Symonds in the 1860's. The Symonds sold this lot of land to Harriet Wellman, wife of George O., on May 11, 1868 for \$400: (Book 745 Page 167)



George and Harriet Wellman lived next door, at 4 School St. which was owned by Devereaux Dennis. When Mr. Dennis sold the house at 4 School St. to James Grover in the spring of 1869 George Wellman was forced to take action. Since this was a very chaotic year for North Salem (the selectmen had decided to widen North St. the whole length from Federal St., over the old North Bridge and up to School St. This meant moving every building on the south side of North St. back or off of the new line of the street.) Mr. Wellman took advantage of the situation and applied for a permit (Aug. 1869) to move a building from the corner of Mason and North Streets to the corner of School and Buffum Streets.

The house was on the lot by the time the 1870 tax assessments were made:

<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
6 School	
George O. Wellman	George Wellman house \$1,000
	land 400
William Carter	

Harriet Wellman died on June 7, 1916. An inventory of her estate listed a house at 14 School St. valued at \$2,000; land \$500 this was subject to a mortgage of \$1,400.

Mrs. Wellman bequeathed all property to her husband during his natural life and at his deceased to her grandson Arthur W. Eggleston for the term of his natural life; and at his deceased to his children Ethel May, Ruth G. and Melba O. Eggleston in equal shares (probate #124593 - see appendix A)

George O. Wellman died on Dec. 9, 1918. His obituary appeared in the Salem Evening News:

"George Wellman, formerly of Salem, died in Chelsea Soldiers home, last night. He enlisted in G.D. First Mass Heavy Artillery, July 5, 1861, and was discharged from Co. I August 16, 1865. He was a member of Post 34 G.A.R. and John Endecott Lodge A.O.U.W. He was 84 years and 6 months old. The funeral was held at the Dickson Chapel, Greenlawn Cemetery, with the Rev. Davis of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating."

BOOK 2432 PAGE 525

DATE -

Dec. 9, 1919

GRANTOR (seller) -

Arthur W. Eagleston; Ethel May Eagleston; Ruth G. Eagleston; Audrey Melba Eagleston, the last three unmarried, all of Stoughton, Mass.

GRANTEE (buyer) -

William N. Patten

DESCRIPTION -

Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

The same premises conveyed to Harriet S. Wellman by Thomas Symonds et ux on May 11, 1868 and devised to us by her last will.

BOOK 4275 PAGE 357

DATE - June 6, 1956
CONSIDERATION - \$8,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Naumkeag Trust Co. executor of the
will of William N. Patten
GRANTEE (buyer) - James A. and Bernice M. Ward
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed to Willim N. Patten
by Arthur W. Eagleston et al on Dec. 9, 1919.

BOOK 5206 PAGE 69

DATE - Sept. 11, 1964
GRANTOR (seller) - James R. Ward, sometimes known as
James A. Ward and Bernice M. Ward
husband and wife
GRANTEE (buyer) - Paul W. and Linda L. Connor 1/2
share
Frank L. and Eva Kelderry 1/2 share
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises sold to us by the
Naumkeag Trust Co. the executor of the will of William Patten.

BOOK 5532 PAGE 220

DATE - May 23, 1968
GRANTOR (seller) - Linda L. Connor
GRANTEE (buyer) - Frank L. and Eva A. Kilderry

DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed of James R. Ward
et al and deed from Paul W. Connor.

BOOK 5646 PAGE 601

DATE - Sept. 9, 1969
GRANTOR (seller) - Frank L. and Eva A. Kilderry
GRANTEE (buyer) - Rueben and Linda L. Gurule
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to Frank
L. and Eva by deed of Linda L. Connor

BOOK 5849 PAGE 660

DATE - March 14, 1972
CONSIDERATION - \$26,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Rueben L. and Linda L. Gurule
GRANTEE (buyer) - Jose V. and Lillian I. Lima
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by deed of Frank L.
Kilderry on Sept. 9, 1969

BOOK 6178 PAGE 209

DATE -

Sept. 5, 1975

GRANTOR (seller) -

Jose V. and Lillian I. Lima

GRANTEE (buyer) -

Jon Michael and Lenore Martha O'Neil

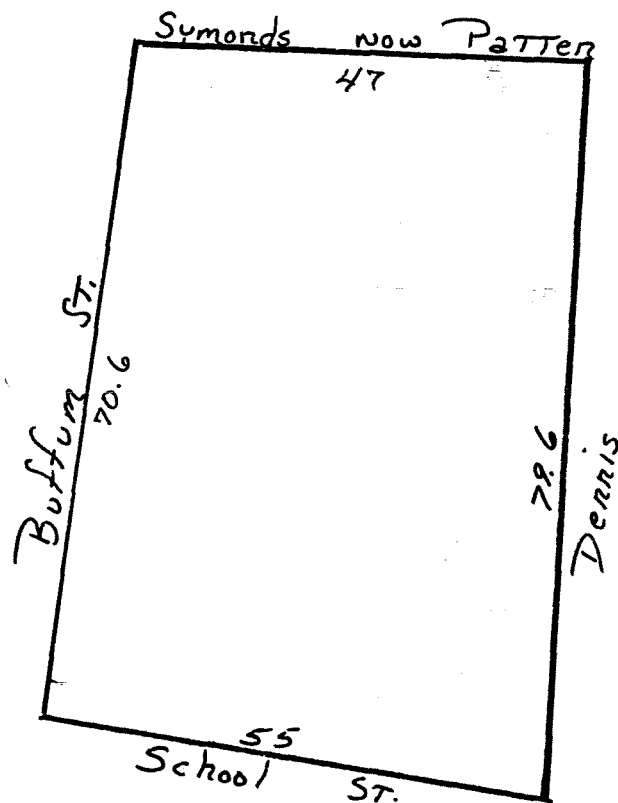
DESCRIPTION -

Land and building 14 School St.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

For title reference see book 5849

page 660.



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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Be it remembered, that I, *Harriet S. Wellman, wife of George O. Wellman, of Salem,* in the County of *Essex* and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of sound mind and memory, but knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make this my last will and testament.

After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, I bequeath and devise as follows:

1. I give my watch and chain to Mrs. John W. Stoddinson, of said Salem.
2. To my grandson Frank M. Eggleston I give nothing, because I have already done sufficiently for him.
3. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, and wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath unto my husband, George O. Wellman, for and during the term of his natural life, and at his decease I give devise and bequeath the same unto my grandson Arthur W. Eggleston, for and during the term of his natural life; and at his decease to his children Ethel May Eggleston, Ruth E. Eggleston and Melta O. Eggleston in equal shares forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said husband George O. Wellman executor of this my last will, and direct that he shall be exonerated from furnishing any securities or surety on his official bond or such.

NOTES:

George O. Wellman, the son of Capt. Timothy and Deborah S. (Chever) Wellman, was born on June 13, 1834. He married Harriet S. Cary on August 8, 1853. The couple had two children:

Hattie P. born March 24, 1856, married John Eagleston in 1870
George O. married 1st Mary L. Pope in 1885; 2nd Georgie (Whittemore) Sheldon

Salem Directory listings:

GEORGE WELLMAN

1859 lived at 24 Barr St.

1866 worked at oil factory; lived at 4 School St.

1872 lived at 6 School St.

Census records: 1880

6 School Street

George Wellman	age 46	carpenter	born Mass.
Harriet	" 47		
George	" 24	book keeper	2nd family
2nd family			
George A. Miller	" 21	currier	born Mass.
Emma L.	" 20	keeps house	

School Street was renumbered in 1897 #6 was changed to #14.

Census records:

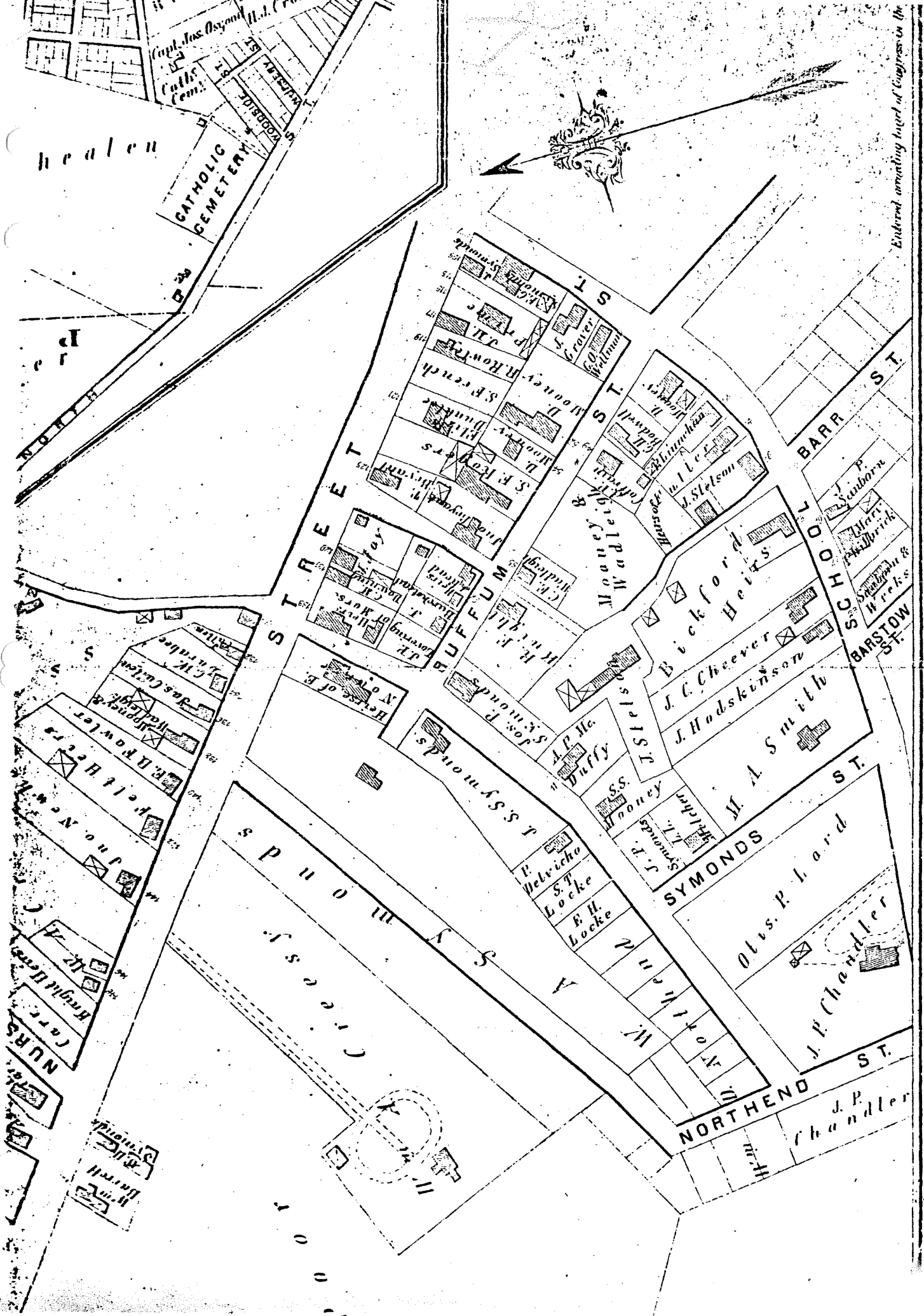
1900

14 School Street
George Wellman age 65 carpenter born Mass.
Harriet " " 66
2nd family
James Estey " 65 chemist born Mass.
Margaret " " 63

1910

14 School St.
George Wellman age 75 car builder born Mass.
Harriet " " 76
2nd family
Edward Allard " 64 general worker born N.H.
Susan E. " " 58 " Canada
Bertha " " 17 " Mass.

1918 George Wellman moved to Chelsea.



Entered according to Act of Congress in the

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NORTH

BUFFUM

BRYANT

SYMONDS

CHANDLER

BARR

SCHOOL

LIBERTY HILL

