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34 BUFFUM STREET

Built by

JOHN H. BICKFORD, electrical engineer

in 1895

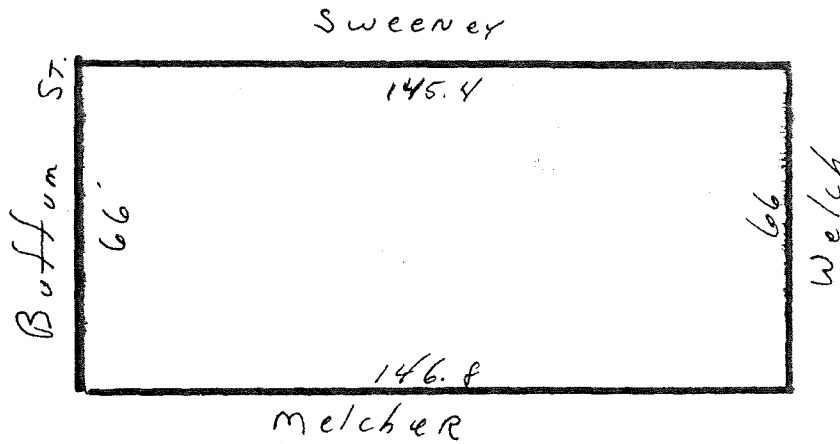
Research by,
Joyce King
October 1986

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

34 BUFFUM STREET

BOOK 6820 PAGE 66

DATE - May 16, 1981
GRANTOR (seller) - Bryan and Denise Chadwick
GRANTEE (buyer) - Arthur J. and Valma M. Turcotte
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by deed of grantees on February 9, 1979 recorded in book 6564 page 688.



BOOK 6564 PAGE 688

DATE - February 9, 1979
CONSIDERATION - \$5,600
GRANTOR (seller) - Arthur J. Valma M. Turcotte
GRANTEE (buyer) - Bryan and Denise Chadwick
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of Yvonne L. Carson on September 29, 1978 recorded in book 6522 page 379.

BOOK 6522 PAGE 379

DATE - September 29, 1978
CONSIDERATION - None given
GRANTOR (seller) - Yvonne L Carson widow of John G.
GRANTEE (buyer) - Arthur J. and Valma Turcotte
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to me and the late John G. Carson by deed of Albert A. Broyer on August 25, 1950 recorded in book 3764 page 309. John G. Carson died on July 12, 1977.

BOOK 3764 PAGE 309

DATE - August 25, 1950
CONSIDERATION - None given
GRANTOR (seller) - Albert A. and Dorothy Broyer
GRANTEE (buyer) - John G. and Yvonne L. Carson
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of Frank Salvo on April 11, 1946 recorded in book 3458 page 185.

BOOK 3458 PAGE 185

DATE - April 11, 1946
CONSIDERATION - None given (mortgage \$9,000)
GRANTOR (seller) - Frank and Maria Salvo
GRANTEE (buyer) - Albert A. and Dorothy V. Broyer
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of Isabella M. Bickford on November 20, 1945 recorded in book 3430 page 422.

BOOK 3430 PAGE 422

DATE - November 20, 1945
CONSIDERATION - None given
GRANTOR (seller) - Isabella M. Bickford widow of John H.
GRANTEE (buyer) - Frank and Maria Salvo
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of Arthur A. Averille on September 24, 1897 recorded in book 1525 page 341.

BOOK 1525 PAGE 341

DATE - September 24 1897
CONSIDERATION - \$1
GRANTOR (seller) - Arthur A. Averill
GRANTEE (buyer) - Isabella M. Bickford wife of John H.
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by John H. Bickford

BOOK 1525 PAGE 341

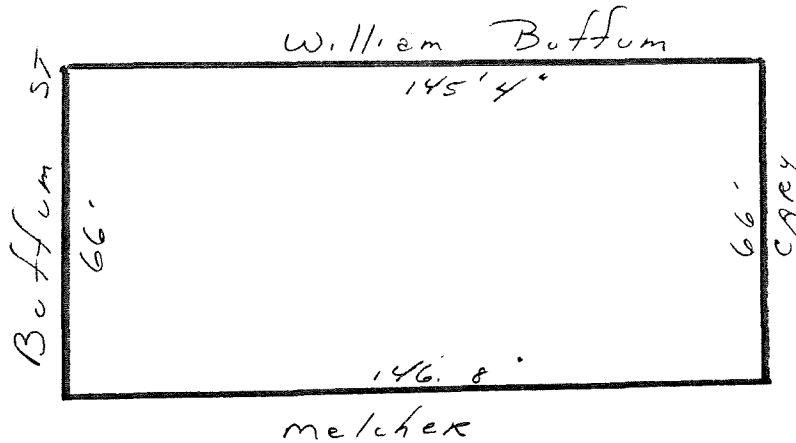
DATE - September 24, 1897
CONSIDERATION - \$1
GRANTOR (seller) - John H. and Isabella Bickford
GRANTEE (buyer) - Arthur A. Averill
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same conveyed to me by Arthur W. Shannon et ux on April 21, 1892 recorded in book 1339 page 549.

BOOK 1339 PAGE 549

DATE - April 21, 1892
CONSIDERATION - \$2,500 (mortgage \$1,500)
GRANTOR (seller) - Arthur W. and Martha D. Shannon in her own right
GRANTEE (buyer) - John H. Bickford
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate conveyed to Martha D. Shannon by deed of Georgia L. Reynolds on September 28, 1883 recorded in book 1116 page 290.

BOOK 1116 PAGE 290

DATE - September 28, 1883
CONSIDERATION - \$2,532
GRANTEE (seller) - Georgianna L. Reynolds, Susan A. Smith and Arthur C. R. Smith
GRANTOR (buyer) - Martha D. Shannon
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same estate conveyed to Robert Smith on January 16, 1836 recorded in book 287 page 160



34 BUFFUM STREET

NOTES:

1893 June 20 - John H. Bickford was granted a permit to build a new house at 34 Buffum St. 36' X 50' (Salem Evening News June 21, 1893)

1894 September 21 - John H. Bickford, electrical engineer is soon to erect a modern dwelling house on Buffum St. (Salem Evening News)

1894 October - The old Smith house was removed (this house had been in the Smith family since 1836). A permit was issued to move the building from 34 Buffum to Myrtle St. (now Tremont) the size was 44' X 15' X 21' (Salem Evening News Oct. 17, 1894).

1895/6 John H. Bickford was living at 32 Buffum St., while 34 Buffum is listed as being vacant. (Salem Directory)

1897/8 Mr. Bickford was living in his new house 34 Buffum St. (Salem Directories).

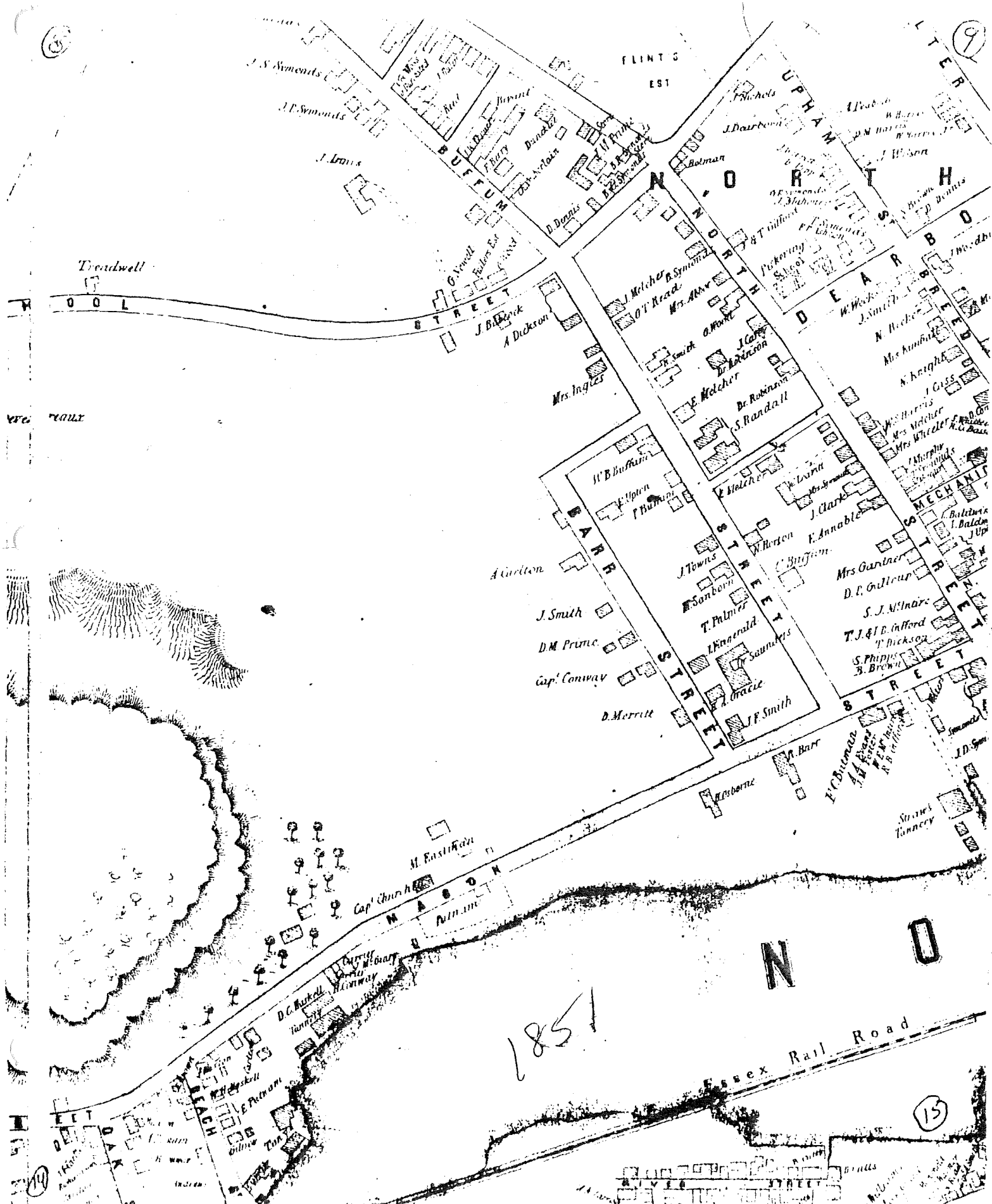
Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. Both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.

JOHN H. BICKFORD

"John H. Bickford has achieved an enviable reputation as a consulting electrical engineer, and is a native of Alton, N.H., where he was born in 1860. Coming to Salem at an early age, he attended the public schools. He later studied electrical engineering for which he possessed a natural aptitude and finally secured a position as inspector of the Salem division of the Boston and Northern Telephone company. His skill in his profession speedily became apparent, and he was afterwards offered and accepted the position of constructing engineer for the Sprague Electric Railway and Motor company, New York, which position he acceptably filled for three years, spending some time in the south and west. Subsequently he accepted the position of chief engineer of the Naumkeag Street Railway. Six years ago he opened his present office in the Naumkeag building. Among the most important works designed and constructed by Mr. Bickford may be mentioned the Lynn and Boston street railway plant, the entire plant of the Scranton (Pa.) Traction company, the Reading (Pa.) and Manchester (N.H.) street railway plants. Mr. Bickford also designed and carried out the plans of the very extensive plant of the New York and Queens County railway company, covering the entire area of Queens county and erected at a cost of over \$3,000,000. The lighting plant of the Electric Illuminating and Power company of Long Island City and many other works of equal importance were carried out by him. Within the past six months (1897) he has added to his regular business an architectural branch and has associated with him H. P. Graves, a very clever and most promising young architect. Mr. Bickford also maintains an office at 29 Broadway, New York." (Illustrated History of Salem and Environs compiled by C. B. Gillespie)



JOHN H. BICKFORD.



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FLINT STREET

UPHAM

N O R T H

BUFFUM

D E A R B O R N

Treadwell

B STREET

J. B. Deane

Melcher & Symonds

J. Deane

E. Melcher

Dr. Robinson

S. Randall

J. Smith

D.M. Prince

Capl Conway

D. Merritt

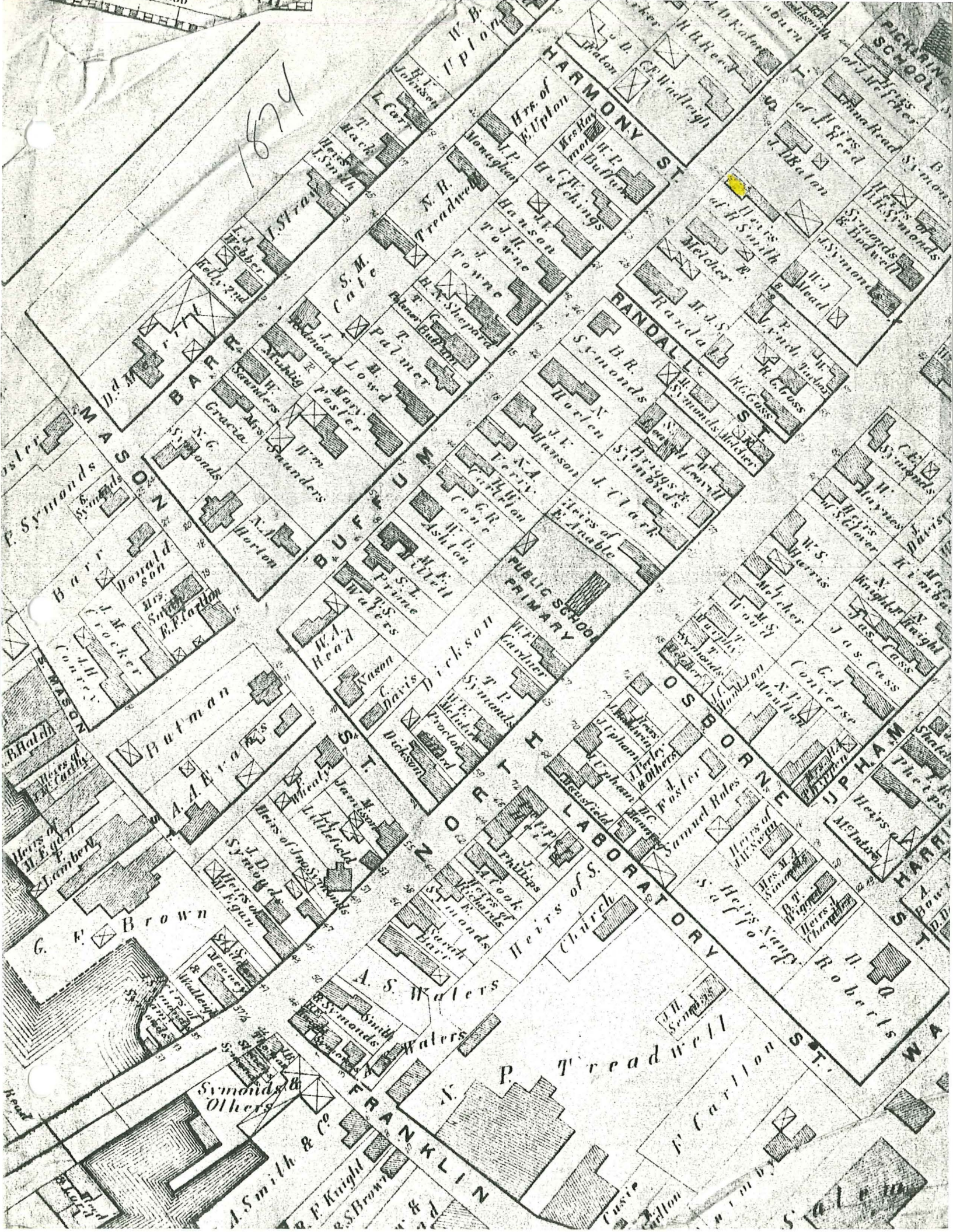
Mason

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1851

Essex Rail Road

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1874

MASON ST

HARMONY ST

RANDAL ST

OSBORNE ST

FRANKLIN ST

FRANKLIN ST

MASON
P. Symonds
Mason
Donaldson
Mrs. Sawyer
R. P. Garton

PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRIMARY

LABORATORY

A. Smith & Co

A. S. Waters

P. Treadwell

F. Carlton

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Brown
G. H. Brown

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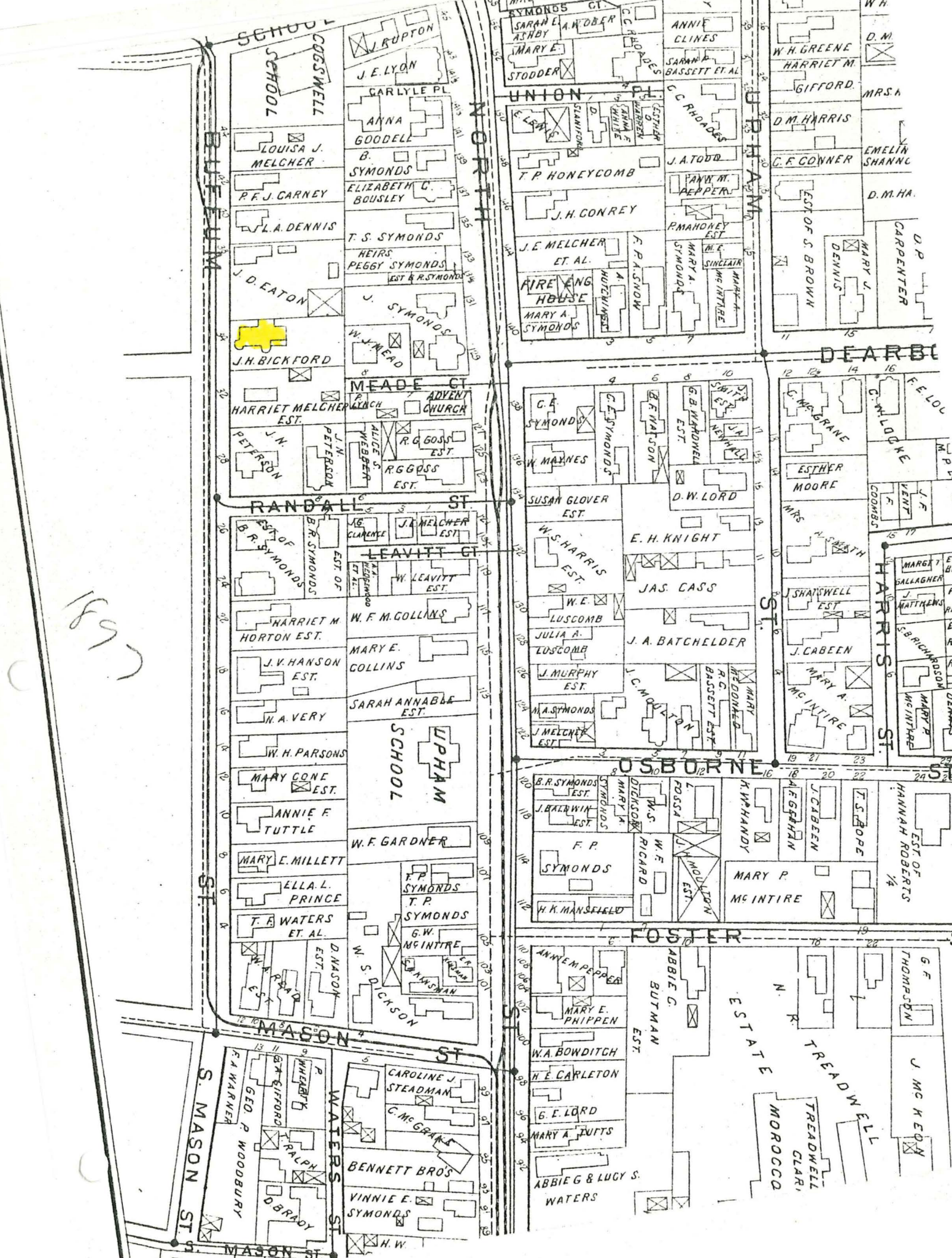
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SCHOOL
COGSWELL

NORTH

UPPHAM

DEARBORN

RANDALL ST

LEAVITT ST

OSBURNE ST

FOSTER ST

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F.S.

J. RUPTON
J.E. LYON
CARLYLE PL
ANNA
GOODSELL
LOUISA J.
MELCHER
R.F.J. CARNEY
L.A. DENNIS
T.S. SYMONDS
HEIRS SYMONDS
PEGGY SYMONDS
EST & R. SYMONDS
J. SYMONDS
W.J. WEAD
HARRIET MELCHER
EST.
PETERSON
J.M.
PETERSON
MEADE CT
ADVENT CHURCH
R.G. GOSS
EST.
R.G. GOSS
EST.
A.LICE S.
WEBER

MARY E. SYMONDS
RYMONDS CT
SARAH E. ANDER
ASHBY
MARY E.
STODDER
ANNIE CLINES
SARAH A. BASSETT ET AL
G.C. RHODES
J.A. TODD
FANNY M. PEPPER
P.MAHONEY EST
MARY A. SYMONDS
M.E. SINCLAIR
MARTHA
M.E. INTIRE
F.P. SNOW
A. HUTCHINSON
MARY A. SYMONDS
J.E. MELCHER
ET AL.
FIRE AND
HOUSE
MARY A.
SYMONDS

W.F. HARRIS
W.H. GREENE
HARRIET M.
GIFFORD
MRS. A.
D.M. HARRIS
G.F. CONNER
EMELIN SHANN
D.M. HA.
EST. OF S. BROWN
DENNIS
MARY J.
CARPENTER

G.F. SYMONDS
W. MAYNES
SUSAN GLOVER
EST.
W.S. HARRIS
E.H. KNIGHT
JAS. CASS
W.E.
LUSCOMB
JULIA A.
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J. MURPHY
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J. MELCHER
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MARY E. COLLINS
SARAH ANNABLE
EST.
W.H. PARSONS
MARY GONE
EST.
ANNIE F. TUTTLE
MARY E. MILLETT
ELLA L. PRINCE
T. A. WATERS
ET AL.
D. NASON
EST.
W.A. RAY
EST.

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W.F. GARDNER
F.P. SYMONDS
T.P. SYMONDS
G.W. MCINTIRE
W.S. DICKSON

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EST.
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