

THE
HISTORY
AND
DOCUMENTATION
OF:

9 Buffum St.
Salem, Mass.

1851

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April 18, 1969.

Mr. James A. Bailey
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Re: 9 Buffum St.
Salem, Mass.

Dear Joan:

Enclosed please find report on above property compiled by David Gavenda.

The record title shows house to have been built between 1851 and 1869. On the basis of the documentation found by Mr. Gavenda shown on page 3 of his report, it would appear that the house was built either in 1851 and 1852.

If the architecture fits the period, I would say a date of 1851 on this house would be accurate.

Very truly yours,

Bill

William J. Tinti.

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<u>Book</u>	<u>Leaf</u>	
3085	161	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elizabeth A. Mooney to Susannah Upton - 9. September 1936 - buildings mentioned - Boundaries: E by Buffum St., 48 ft. <li style="padding-left: 100px;">S by Foster, 150 ft. <li style="padding-left: 100px;">W by Redmond, 46 ft. <li style="padding-left: 100px;">N by Philbrick, 150 ft.
2389	545	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Dalton, trustee under the will of Mark Lowd, dec'd, of Salem, to Elizabeth A. Mooney - 27. April 1918 - buildings mentioned - \$ 3000.00 - "being the same premises conveyed to Mark Lowd by deed of Caleb Buffum, executor, dated April 12, 1851, and to be recorded herewith."
2389	546	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Dalton, trustee under the will of Mark Lowd, dec'd, "for the benefit of Lydia B. Collier, now deceased", to Elizabeth A. Mooney - 27. April 1918 - buildings mentioned - \$ 1.00
# 45612		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Probate of the estate of Mark Lowd, Salem, Painter - dated: 4. March 1873 - Will: dated: 10. March 1869 <li style="padding-left: 20px;">"my dwelling house on Buffum Street now occupied by me, with the land and garden belonging to the same" - Inventory: dated: 27. March 1873 <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Real Estate:</u> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">"House & land No 9 Buffum Street..... \$ 4000.00 <li style="padding-left: 40px;">House & land Phelps Court 2500.00 <li style="padding-left: 40px;">1/2 House & land Mill Street Court..... 900.00 <li style="padding-left: 100px;"><u>\$ 7400.00"</u> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><u>Personal:</u>

"Furniture in Front Room...	\$ 40.00
" " in Sitting Room...	44.70
" " Bedroom.....	14.00
" " Kitchen & Pantries	41.00
" " Entries.....	31.50
" " Chambers.....	60.00
" " Attic.....	2.00
Silver spoons.....	30.00
	<u>\$ 263.20"</u>

Total personal estate	\$ 13126.52
Total real estate	7400.00
Total	<u>\$ 20526.52</u>

- Heirs: Ellen Lowd and Edward B. Lowd of Salem, Emma F. Lowd of New York, Edmund Lowd of Boston, and Lenora H. Lowd of Oil City, Pa.

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- Caleb Buffum, executor of the estate of Peace Buffum of Salem, dec'd, to Mark Lowd of Salem, Painter
- 12. April 1851
- "in consideration of \$ 500. to me paid"
- "a parcel of land situated on Buffum Street in said Salem and bounded as follows:
Notherly on land of sd. Peace sold to Wm. Jelly; 150 ft.
Westerly on land of Howard and Boynton; 46 ft.
Southerly on land of sd. Peace sold to Jonathan Buffum; 150 ft.
Easterly on said Buffum Street; 48 ft."

Documentation extracted from manuscript City of Salem books now (1968) on file at the Essex Institute, Salem

Expenses, etc.; Streets; 1848-1853

unnumbered page:

Heading entitled: "Buildings Built in Salem from March 1, 1851 to March 1, 1852"

Extract: "owner of property: Mark Lowd
type of building: Cottage
location: Buffum St."

Edgestones; 1856-1875

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Extract: "Date: ordered: Nov. 21, 1870
Feet of Edgestones: 49 ft.
Address: Buffum
Signature of Subscriber: Mark Lowd"

Note: An extremely interesting observation of the house at 9 Buffum St. is that it is nearly identical to the Horton house at no. 22 (directly across the street). However, the two homes have opposite floor plans with nearly identical features and dimentions. In addition, the Lowd house has what appears to be the original wallpaper (in pristine condition) in the front entry as well as original "marblized", Greek-revival style mantelpieces in black with multi-colored veining (also in pristine condition). If Anna Nicholson's theory about the architect is true (see History of 22 Buffum), then there is a great possibility that Devereau Dennis, a Salem carpenter and architect, also designed and built the Lowd house. Since Mark Lowd was a painter by trade, I also conjecture that it is possible that he did the Marblizing as well as other yet unknown interior painting.