

OFFICES AT 15 SUMMER STREET

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6 Chestnut Street

Built for,

CHARLES S. NICHOLS, Secretary of Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

in the year 1853

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Conclusion by, Joyce King

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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."*

6 Chestnut Street

Prior to 1853 the house of Joseph Mc Intire, brother of Samuel, stood on this site. The heirs of Joseph Mc Intire advertised the sale of the property in the Salem Register of July 14, 1853:

"By order of the Probate Court on Wednesday, 27th at 10 o'clock will be sold by auction on the premises - One undivided fourth part of a certain messuage situated by Chestnut St., in Salem, No. 6, belonging to Thomas H., Anna B. and Susan E. Magoun, minor children of Thomas Magoun of Salem, the same being subject to the life estate of their father."

On July 27, 1853 Thomas Magoun of Salem, "guardian of my minor children Thomas H., Anna B. and Samuel B. Magoun" sold to Charles S. Nichols for the sum of \$500. (book 481 page 284)

On the same day the other heirs, of Joseph Mc Intire, Jonathan Glover et al sold their shares to Charles S. Nichols. (book 481 page 227)

Shortly after the purchase of the property, Mr. Nichols had the old house removed:

1853 - Charles Nichols granted a permit to move a house from Chestnut to Grove. (Although the permit states Grove St. all other reports indicate that the house was moved to Phelps Ct. and subsequently fell victim to a fatal fire. Lee Collections at E. I.)

After the removal of the Mc Intire house, Mr. Nichols, immediately built the house presently known as #6 Chestnut St. The Day Book of the Commissioner of Streets at the Essex Institute shows:

April 11, 1854 - "Darling Pitts carted the rough edge stones which was taken up in front of Charles Nichols new house in Chestnut street - to Bridge street by the side of the Burying Ground their being eight in number and about 50 feet in length. 2 loads @ 3/ \$1.00"

On June 14, 1866 Charles and Amelia A. Nichols sold to Theodore A. Neal trustee for Harriet E. Rantoul, wife of Robert, of Salem, the dwelling house and land, for the sum of \$8,100. (book 705 page 286)

Sept. 1, 1870 Theodore A. Neal, of Boston, trustee for Harriet C. Rantoul, sold to Mary E. Harrington, singlewoman, the same estate conveyed by Charles S. Nichols. (book 805 page 19)

Nov. 28, 1928 Leonard H. and Alice Goodhue sold to George K. Goodhue their interest in the land and building #6 Chestnut St. the same conveyed to my mother Mary E. Goodhue, formerly Mary E. Harrington, by deed of Theodore A. Neal, trustee et al on Sept. 1, 1870. "My (Leonard) interest being  $\frac{1}{2}$  of premises. (book 2789 page 158)

July 21, 1940 George K. and Wona M. Goodhue sold to R. Alice Feenan, of Salem, the land and building at 6 Chestnut St. "For title see the estate of my mother Mary E. Goodhue #162146 and deed of Leonard H. Goodhue Nov. 28, 1928. (book 2789 page 158)

The present owners of 6 Chestnut St., Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Busted, inherited the property from R. Alice Feenan.

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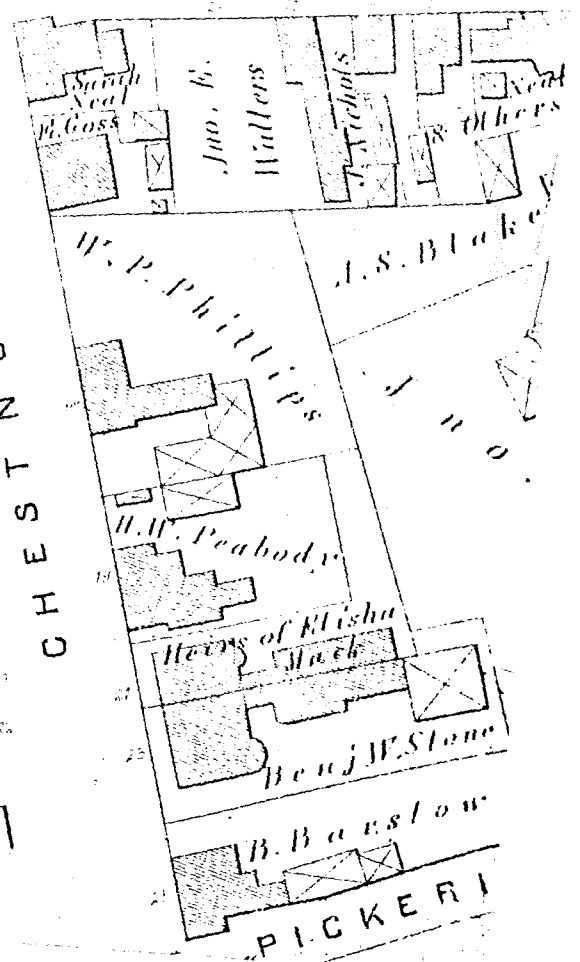
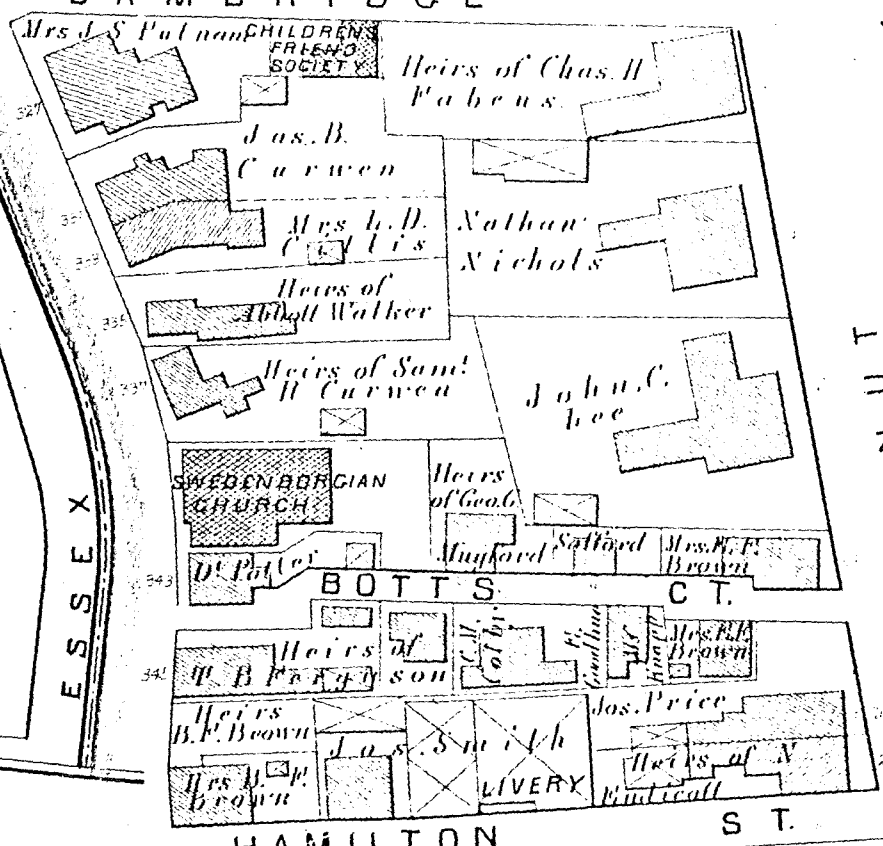
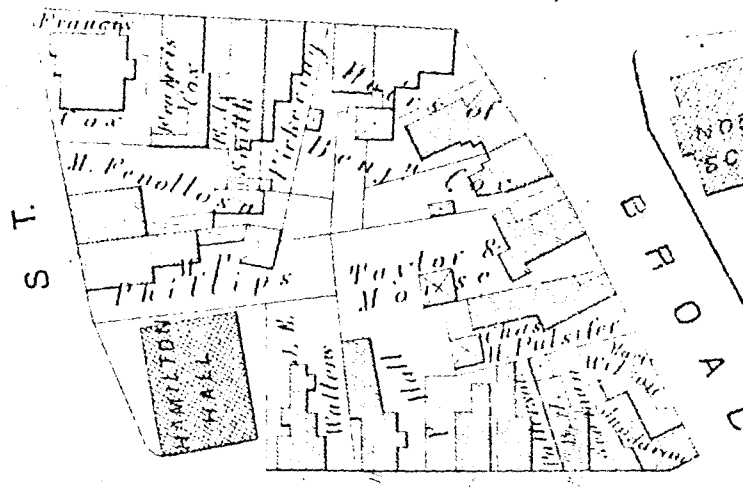
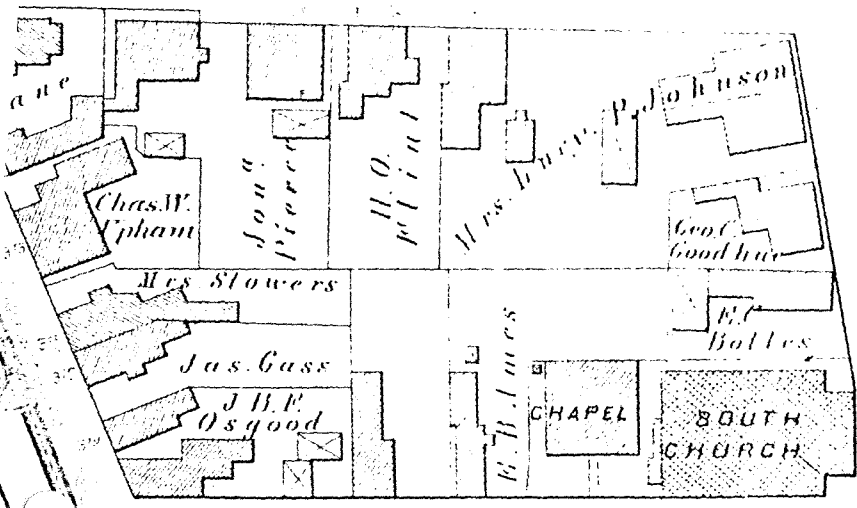
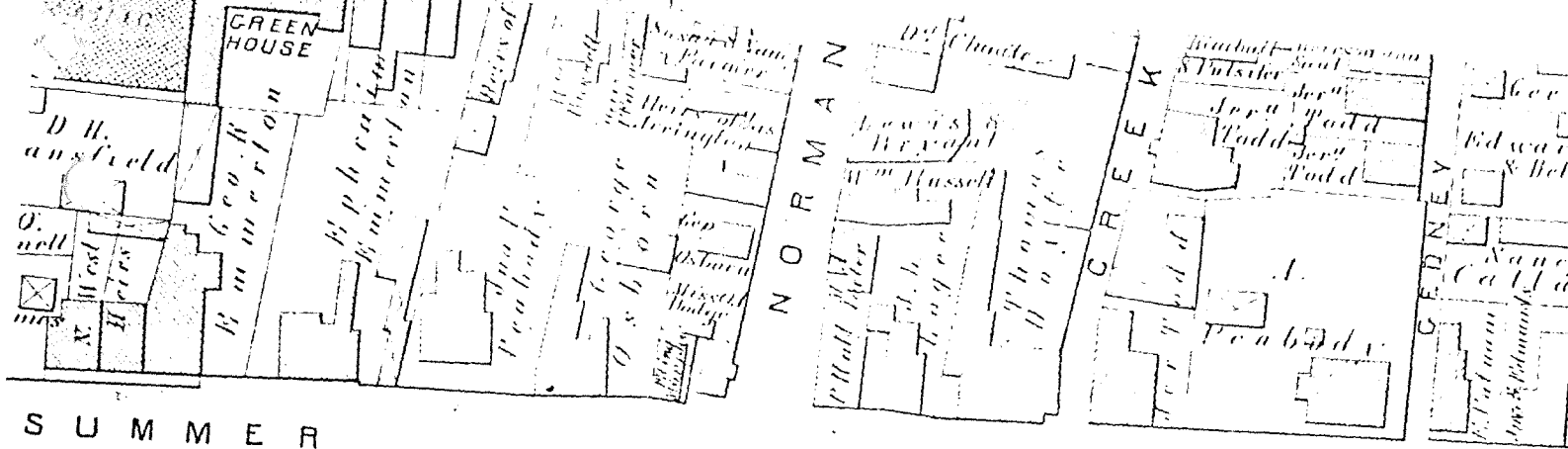
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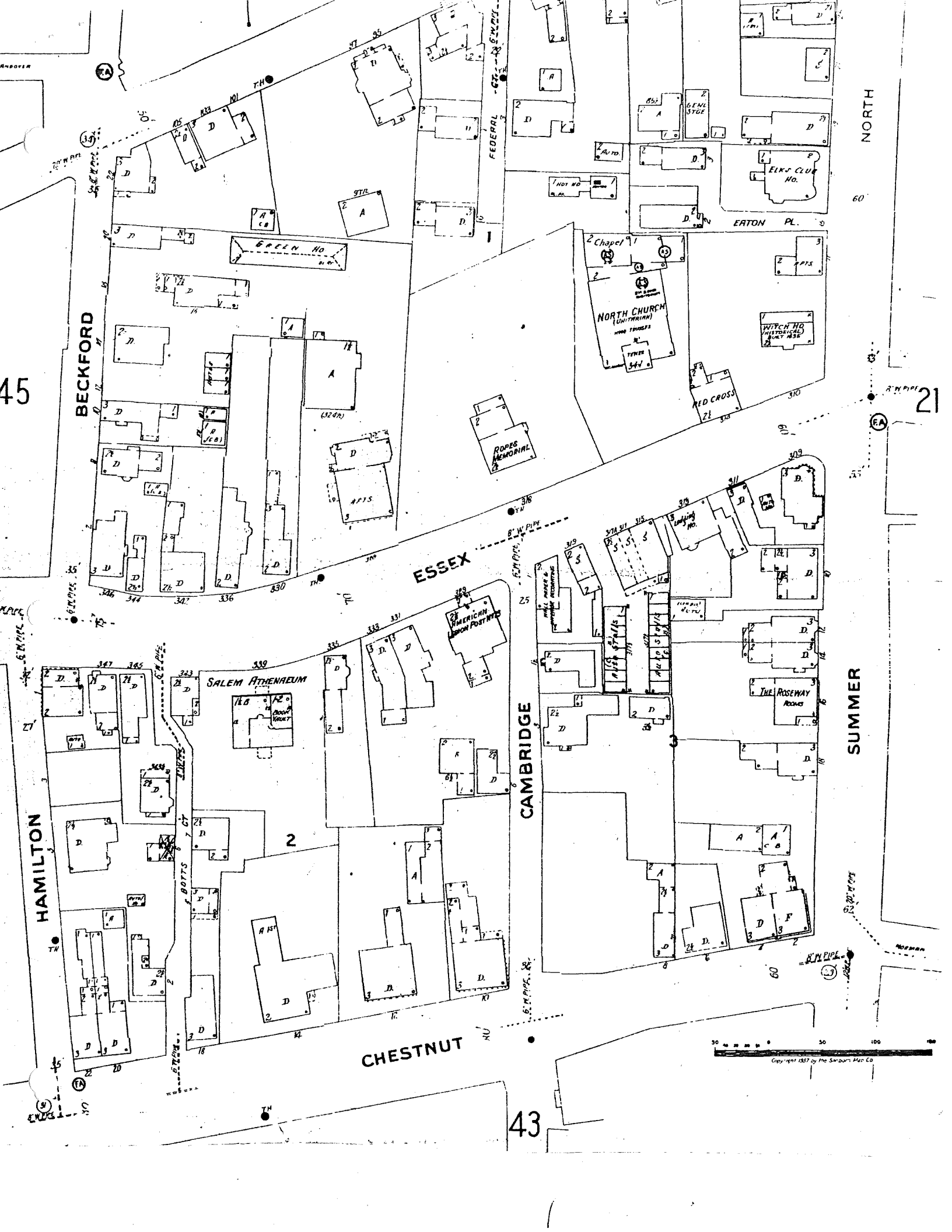
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Wiswell believes the present wooden house was built about 1853 by Charles S. Nichols and that an earlier building on this location, the house of Joseph Mc Intire, brother of Samuel, must have been removed. The style of the house indicates that this is an accurate assumption.

It is a two-story, pitch roof house with a matched board facade, large windows and a shallow gable over the front door. The bay window was added in 1874, at a cost of \$81.00, according to the bill in the possession of the present owner."



1874



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BECKFORD

ESSEX

HAMILTON

CAMBRIDGE

CHESTNUT

NORTH

SUMMER

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Scale bar with markings at 50, 100, and 150 feet. Below the bar, it reads "Copyright 1937 by the Seaboard Map Co."

Map labels and annotations:
- Buildings: GREEN NO., NORTH CHURCH (UNITARIAN), THE ROSEWAY ROOMS, SALEM ATHENAEUM, AMERICAN LEAGUE POST OFFICE, POPES MEMORIAL, RED CROSS, ELKS CLUB No., HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
- Streets: BECKFORD, ESSEX, HAMILTON, CAMBRIDGE, CHESTNUT, NORTH, SUMMER.
- Numbers: 326, 344, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450.
- Utility lines: G.W. PIPE, S.W. PIPE, G.P. PIPE, S.P. PIPE, T.N., T.H., T.M., T.P., T.R., T.S., T.U., T.V., T.W., T.X., T.Y., T.Z.