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28 BECKFORD STREET

Built for

JONATHAN MILLET, harnessmaker

circa 1825

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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

28 BECKFORD STREET

"Gable end-to-the-street, this is a two-story clapboard house with a pitch roof and Federal period entrance. The bay window is a later addition. "(Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

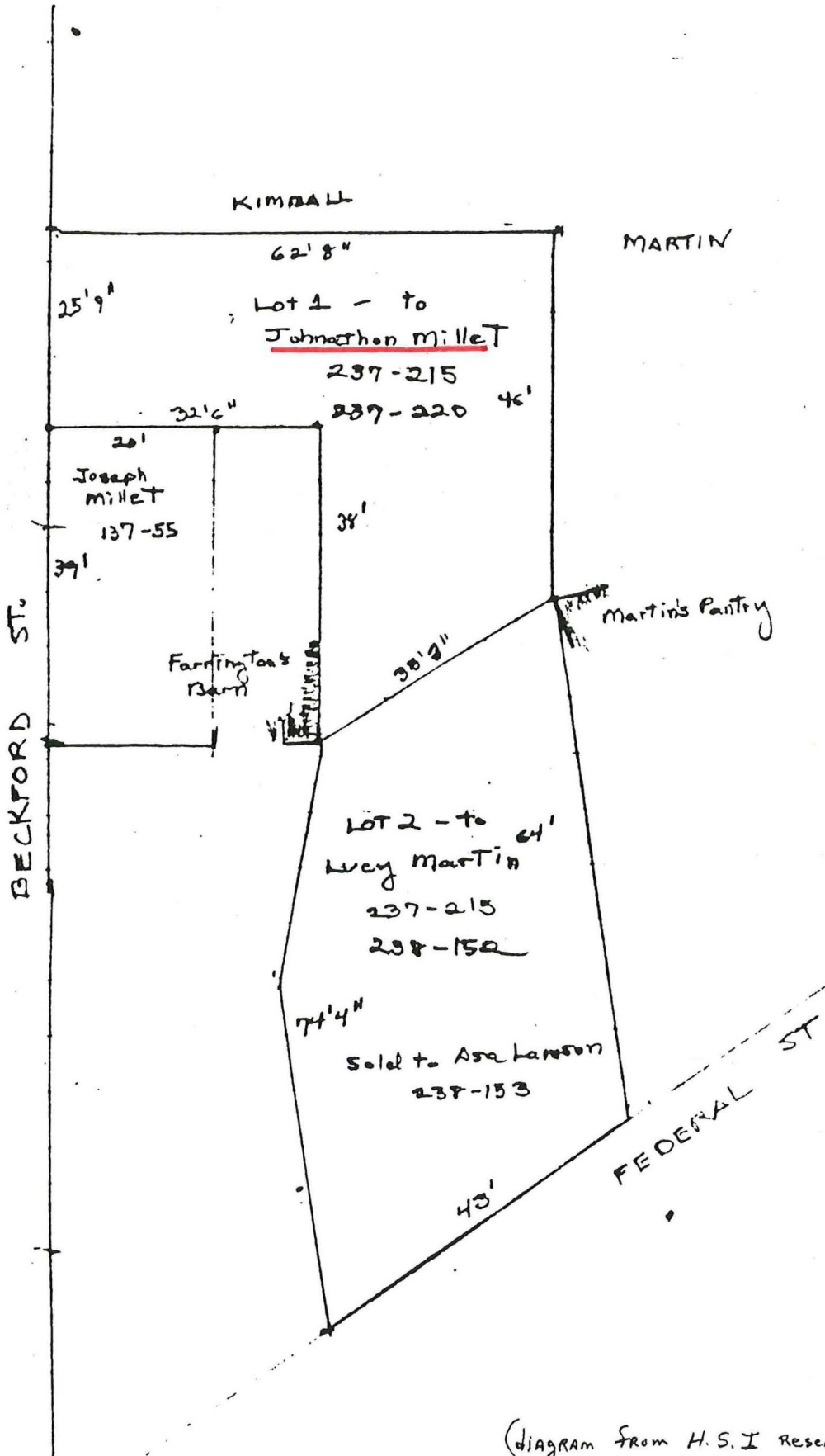
The land on the east side of Beckford street, extending from Federal down to what was then the shore of the North River, was owned by the Bullock family since the 1750'S. In 1825 a division was made concerning part of this estate. The conveyance of the lot, now 28 Beckford St., was recorded in:

BOOK 237 PAGE 220

DATE -	January 4, 1825
GRANTOR (seller) -	The Bullock heirs: Betsey Bullock, Preserved Bullock and Lucy Martin
GRANTEE (buyer) -	Jonathan Millet (also a Bullock heir)
DESCRIPTION -	<u>Lot of land</u> called #1 in the division

1825 Division 1" = 20'

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(Diagram from H.S.I. Research at Beckford St.)

The first mention of a building on this lot appears, in June 1829, when Jonathan Millet mortgaged the property to the First Baptist Church. This mortgage included the land and two dwelling houses (26 & 28 Beckford St.). Unfortunately, the Salem tax records shed little light on the construction date of 28 Beckford St.:

1826	Jona Millet	p(ar)t	h(ouse)	\$200
1827	"	"	"	"
1828	Jona Millet	"gone"		
1829	no listing			

The Salem Poor records gives this short sketch of Jonathan:

"Jona Millet harness maker by trade particaly deranged in Alms House many years belongs to Salem s(on) of Jos Millet who for a long time was sexton at Dr. Hopkins Church. Jona has several children 2 of whom Wm a tailor and storekeeper & Jos a carpenter live in Andover and have probably got a settlement there."

On May 6, 1830, Jonathan Millet was declared incapable of being his own master. George Wheatland was appointed guardian in August of 1830. A petition was entered (probate #18464) to sell Jonathan's real estate to pay off the debts. The real estate consisted of a lot of land in Beckford St. in Salem at the head of Andover St. containing a two story and a one story dwelling house. The Salem Gazette carried this ad on May 3, 1831:

SALE of REAL ESTATE

TOMORROW, By order of the Court of Probate, will be sold at Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of May next, at 11 o'clock, A.M. on the premises.

All the Real Estate of JOHNATHAN MILLET, of Salem, in said County Said estate consists of a lot of land in Beckford St., in said Salem, at the head of Andover street with two dwelling houses thereon. George Wheatland

Mr. Wheatland made this notation in his diary on May 4, 1831 - "Wednesday This morn sold Mr Millets house in Beckford St. rain in the morn - pleasant in afternoon."

BOOK 261 PAGE 83

DATE -	May 24, 1831
CONSIDERATION -	\$1,005 at public auction
GRANTOR (seller) -	George Wheatland, guardian of Jonathan Millett of Salem, a person given to excessive drinking and idleness
GRANTEE (buyer) -	Peter E. Webster, merchant
DESCRIPTION -	Parcel of land with buildings on Beckford St. bounded West - by street North - Benjamin Cutts East - Lucy Martin South - Martin, Lawson, Webster
PREVIOUS REFERENCE -	None given

Peter E. Webster died on April 17, 1850. In his probate (#56614) the heirs are listed as:

Louisa S. F. Webster, widow
Mary Augusta Stanwood, daughter
Margaret Symonds Caleb "
Abigail Eaton Webster "
Elizabeth Grimes "
Sarah Beckford Grant "
Caroline Prescott Reed "

Inventory

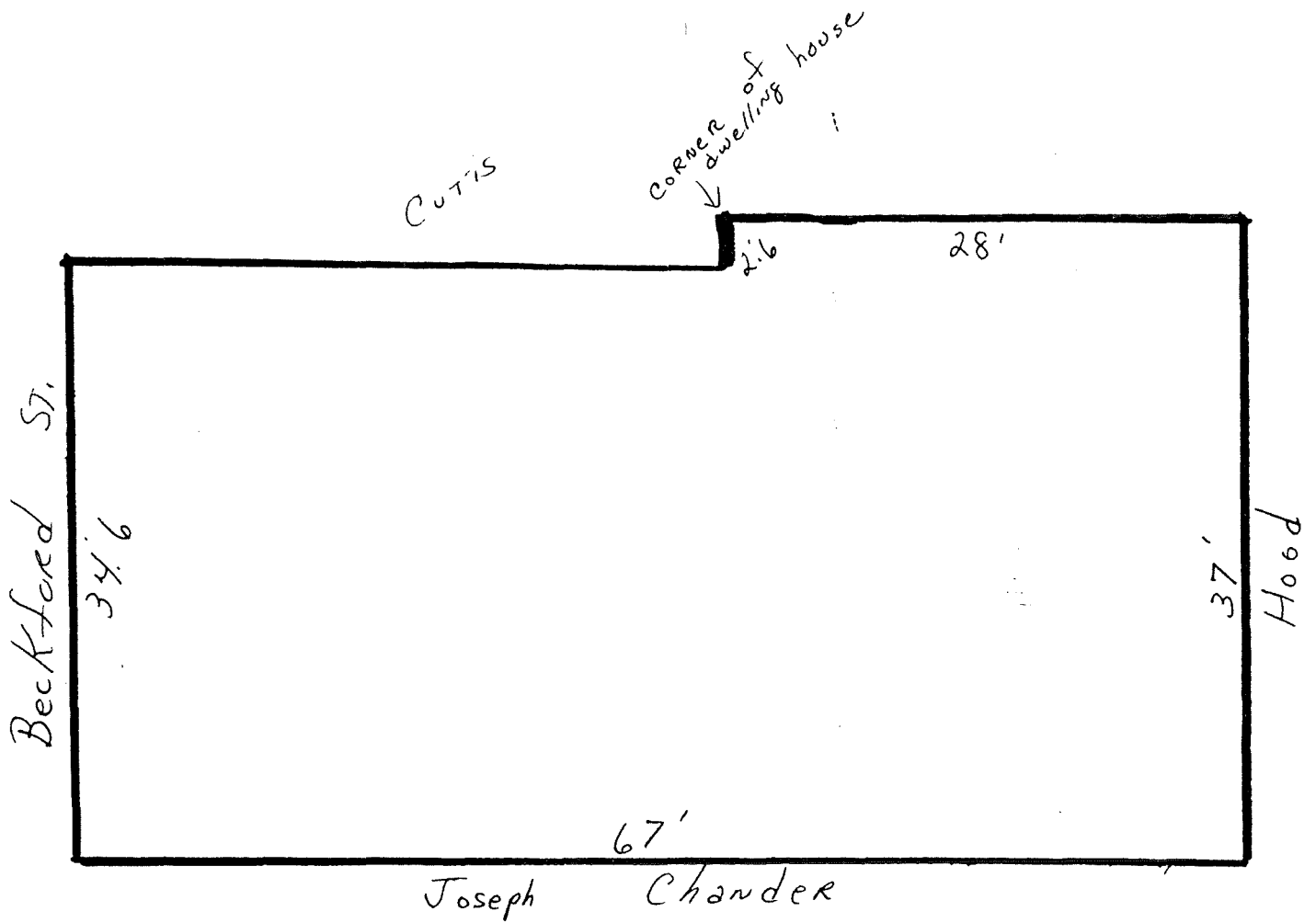
Real estate:

Four dwelling houses with the land under & adjoining on the corner of Federal and Beckford St. \$3,400
Two pews No. 35 & 36 in the Tabernacle Church \$37

On January 3, 1851 a petition was filed to set off the widow's dower. The widow was allowed - The house and land under it adjoining as inclosed with the fence, together with the outbuildings thereon being Mo. 28 Beckford St., measuring 37 feet on said street and bounded north by land of B. Cutts, east 39 feet by land of Lucy Martin. Also the one story dwelling house with land under, next south numbered 26 Beckford St. measuring 30 feet on said street with the right of way by the gate from Beckford street to & from the cellar doors, also to the back door of the same, together with the right to pass & repass & also to improve in common with other tenants through the yard to the outbuildings with fuel & other articles for the benefit of the tenants, drying clothes, etc. with the use & occupancy of the northern wood house in the yard in the rear of house No. 26, together with the privilege of the use of the eastern necessary in common with the other tenants.

BOOK 818 PAGE 290

DATE -	January 24, 1871
CONSIDERATION -	\$600
GRANTOR (seller) -	Mary A. Stanwood of Augusta, ME; Horatio and Margaret S. Calef of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Francis W. Grimes of Dayton, Ohio; Samuel and Caroline P. Reed of Boston, MA and Anne B. Grant
GRANTEE (buyer) -	Elizabeth K. Norris, Sarah K. Norris and Mary H. Norris
DESCRIPTION -	Land and buildings and part of building and small strip of land
PREVIOUS REFERENCE -	None given



BOOK 2138 PAGE 275

DATE - March 29, 1912

CONSIDERATION - \$1

GRANTOR (seller) - Francis N. White of New Rochelle, N.Y.

GRANTEE (buyer) - Charles W. Richardson

DESCRIPTION - Land, building and part of building and small strip of land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to Mary H. Norris et al by deed of Mary A. Stanwood et al on January 24, 1871

BOOK 3335 PAGE 160

DATE - July 2, 1943
CONSIDERATION - \$2,700
GRANTOR (seller) - William D. Chapple trustee under the will of Charles W. Richardson
GRANTEE (buyer) - William and Irene M. Loiko
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Francis N. White March 29, 1912

BOOK 3367 PAGE 80

DATE - May 4, 1944
CONSIDERATION - None given (mortgage \$2,400)
GRANTOR (seller) - William and Irene Loiko
GRANTEE (buyer) - Joseph L. and Ruth Marland
DESCRIPTION - Land, building and part of building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of William D. Chapple trustee under the will of Charles W. Richardson on July 2, 1943

BOOK 3915 PAGE 343

DATE - August 12, 1952
CONSIDERATION - None given
GRANTOR (seller) - Joseph L. and Ruth A. Marland of
Topsfield
GRANTEE (buyer) - Frank E. and E. Louise Raymond
DESCRIPTION - Land and building
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to
us by deed of William and Irene
Loiko.

BOOK 5838 PAGE 271

DATE - November 11, 1971
CONSIDERATION - \$12,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Sumner L. Raymond exec. of the will
of E. Louise Raymond
GRANTEE (buyer) - Pauline F. Hurder
DESCRIPTION - Land with all buildings and parts of
building standing and interest in a
strip 2 1/2 feet north of the
dwelling house.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed August 12, 1952
Joseph L. and Ruth Marland to Frank
E. and Louise Raymond and will of E.
Louise Raymond. Frank died on August
8, 1960.

BOOK 5893 PAGE 670

DATE - August 3, 1972
CONSIDERATION - Nominal
GRANTOR (seller) - Pauline F. Hurder
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ralph T. and Pauline F. Hurder
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed November 11, 1971
from Sumner Raymond.

BOOK 7200 PAGE 137

DATE - August 26, 1983
CONSIDERATION - \$79,000
GRANTOR (seller) - Ralph T. and Pauline F. Hurder
GRANTEE (buyer) - Rosemary Drigan
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings and interest in a
small strip of land 2 1/2 feet on the
north of the dwelling house.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed of Pauline F.
Hurder August 3, 1972 recorded in
book 5893 page 670.

BOOK 8418 PAGE 412

DATE -	July 30, 1986
CONSIDERATION -	\$200,000
GRANTOR (seller) -	Rosemary Drigan
GRANTEE (buyer) -	John F. and Catherine S. Randall
DESCRIPTION -	Land and buildings 28 Beckford St.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE -	Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Ralph and Pauline Hurder on August 26, 1983.

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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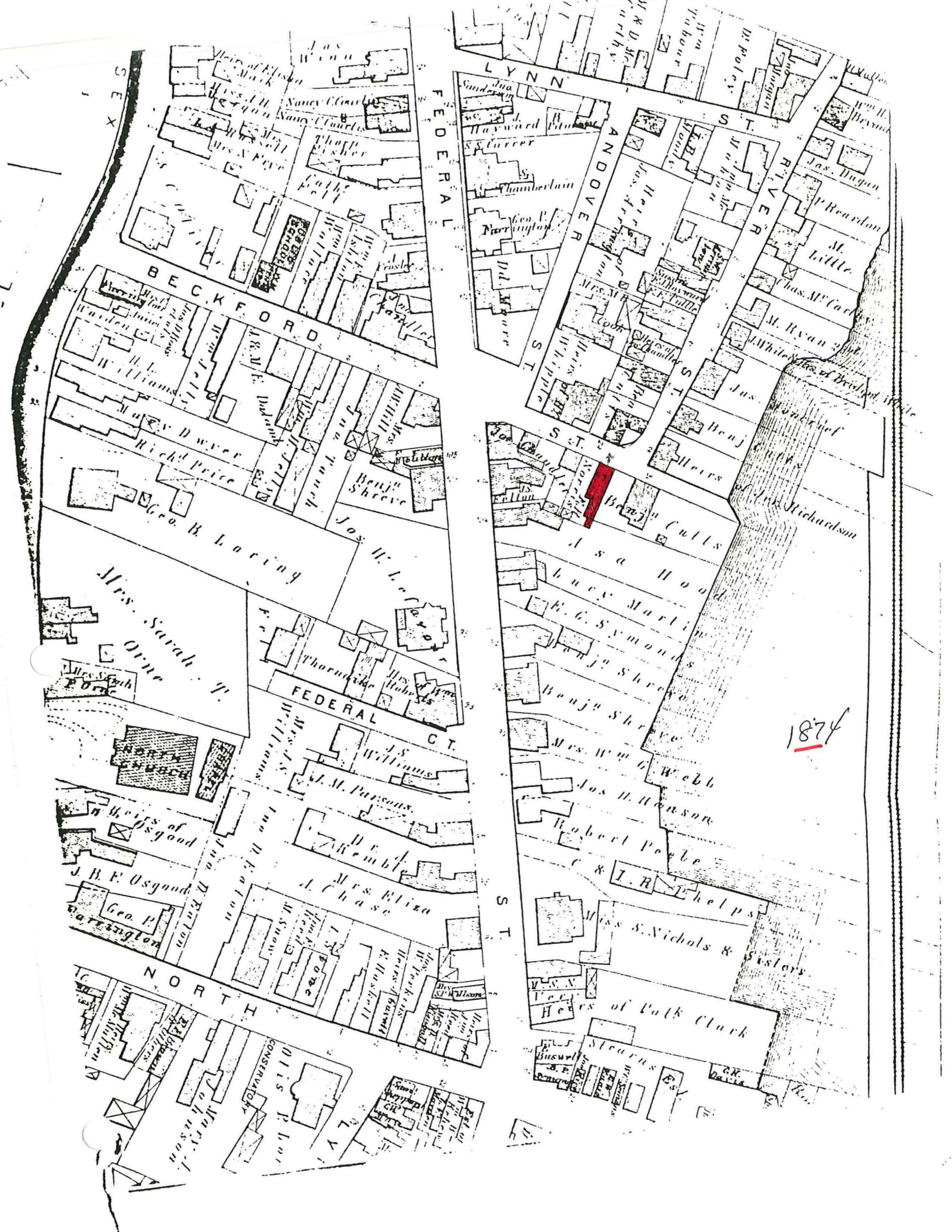
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SO. CHURCH SOCIETY

N. P. GIFFORD

S. PHIPPS HEIRS

A. BATCH

JENNIE

MRS. J. ARCHER EST.

M. MERTON

BENJAMIN SHREVE EST.

JAC. DAYTON

B. SHREVE EST.

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BENJ. SHREVE EST.

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D. W. MC CARTHY

JAMES GARNLY

BENJ. SHREVE EST.

M. HANLON

D. LOW & S. CURRIER EST.

G. PARRINGTON EST.

D. MOORE

ANDOVER ST.

H. WHIPPLE HEIRS

MRS. J. YARNEY

D. MOORE

W. H. MORGAN

M. MCMAHON

ANN MCMAHON

M. MCCARTHY

MRS. J. YARNEY

P. P. ARRINGTON

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JAS. LANDERS

BENNETT BRDG.

T. RICHARDSON

MRS. J. QUIMBY

ASA HOOD

ELIZA N. SYMONDS

S. SUGDEN CANFIELD

J. M. PARSONS

ISA. NORRIS

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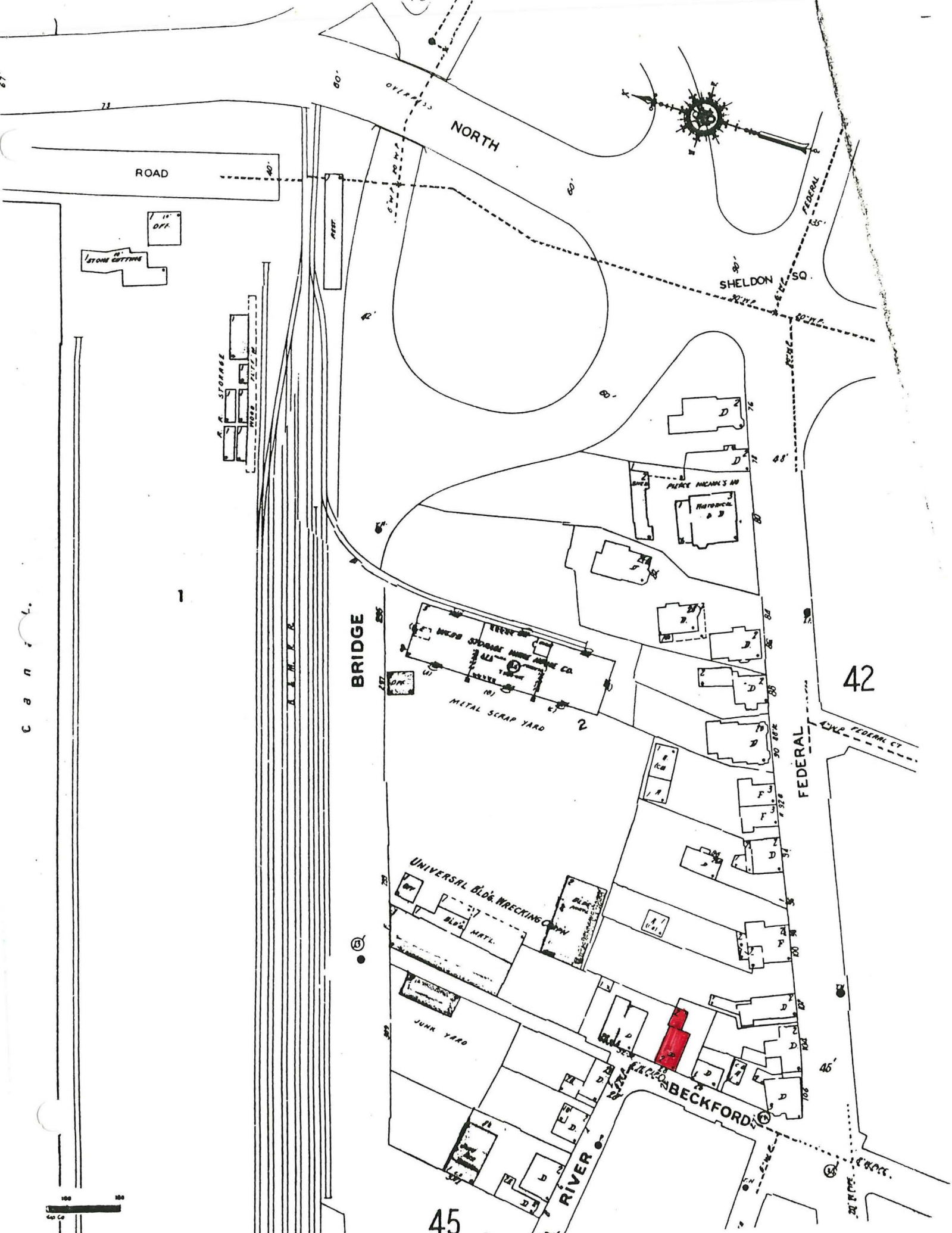
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BECKFORD

RIVER

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INFORMATION ON 26 & 28 BECKFORD

STREET PROVIDED BY EDGAR ALLARD.

The Joseph Millet House
(26 Beckford Street, Salem, Massachusetts)
the Jonathan Millet House
(28 Beckford Street, Salem, Massachusetts)

The original of this document was written by William Tinti, who lived at 26 Beckford St. in the 1960s. This document has been edited to remove items that pertain *only* to 26 Beckford leaving data relevant to #28 Beckford Street as well, which was built approximately 1825 by Jonathan Millet, the son of Joseph Millet.



In 1753, Samuel Cook of Salem, a fisherman, conveyed to John Bullock, Jr., of Salem, a cordwainer, for the price of 13 pounds, 6 shillings, and 8 pence a parcel of land bounded Westerly and Northerly on the highway, Easterly on land of John Bullock, and Southerly on land in occupation of Nathaniel Archer, containing 40 poles or 700 feet.

In 1757, John Bullock, Jr., purchased for 19 pounds from the same Samuel Cook another parcel of land, this bounded Westerly 56.10 feet on Bickford's Lane, Northerly 73.92 feet on land already owned by John Bullock, Jr., Easterly 58.08 feet on land of John Bullock, father of John Bullock, Jr., and Southerly 73.92 feet on land of Nathaniel Archer.

A few years later in 1762, John Bullock, Jr., purchased for 40 pounds from Thomas Moore of Salem, a mariner, another parcel of land and a house, bounded Easterly on Toppon's land, Southerly on Archer's land, Westerly on land already owned by John Bullock, Jr., and Northerly by the North River.

The land to the South owned by Nathaniel Archer was purchased by John Bullock, no longer "Jr.", in 1767.

The two parcels with definite measurements, one purchased from Samuel Cook and one purchased from Nathaniel Archer, are shown on the sketch, bounded on the "New Way", Federal Street, which street was laid out in 1768.

In 1773, John Bullock sold to his three sons, Benjamin Bullock, Nathaniel Bullock, and Isaac Bullock, all of Salem, mariners, a dwelling house in Salem bounded Southerly on the "New Street" 64.02 feet and running back to the North River. This deed recites John Bullock's own land as lying on the Western side of the premises.

John Bullock died in 1774. In his Will, which was probated in the Essex County Probate Court, he left all his real estate to his wife, Elizabeth, for life, thereafter to his four sons, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Isaac. The Will also included provisions which stated that when the estate should come into the hands of his sons, which is to say when his wife, Elizabeth had died, his sons would pay to his daughters, Elizabeth Millet, wife of Joseph Millet, Mary Brown, Preserved McMe- lon, Sarah Bullock, and Abigail Bullock, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of said Estate.

Four years later in 1779, three of the sons of John Bullock, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Isaac, sold for 17 pounds to Joseph Millet of Salem, mariner and their brother-in-law,

"a piece of land in Salem in Bickford's Lane, so-called, containing 3 poles upon part of which said Millet's house now stands and bounded Westerly on said Lane and there measures 39 feet, Northerly on other land of Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Isaac, and there measures 20 feet, Easterly upon other land of said Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Isaac, and there measures 39 feet, and Southerly upon other land of said Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Isaac."

The description in this deed conveys a land area that follows closely the contours of the house at 26 Beckford Street. (*See Plot Plan, Sheet #49*)

Benjamin Bullock died in 1794, the inventory of his estate listing "3/4 of dwelling house and land" — probably his share of the property conveyed to him and his brothers by John Bullock — and "undivided shares in the reversion of his father's (John Bullock's) Estate after his mother's decease." Nathaniel Bullock had died in 1787 (See Appendix A) and his inventory listed "Share and interest in the

Eastern part of a dwelling house and land under and adjoining it set in Federal Street in Salem"—his share of property deed by father, John Bullock—and "his share and interest in the real estate of his father John Bullock, late of Salem."

In 1799, Elizabeth Bullock, the wife of John Bullock, having outlived her sons Benjamin and Nathaniel, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, sold to son Isaac Bullock of Salem, mariner, a piece of land bounded Westerly partly on Bickford Street and partly on a town way, 5 poles and 13 links (96.18 feet) to a sea wall at the Northwest corner of the premises, then running Easterly by the sea wall 3 poles 9 links (58.44 feet), then running Southerly bounding Easterly on other land of John Bullock, 5 poles and 4 links (90.14 feet), then running Westerly bounding Southerly on John's Estate 3 poles and 9 links (56.44 feet) to Beckford Street. This parcel was located North of 26 Beckford Street; at the end of Beckford Street and a town way was located running down to the North River.

In 1805, Benjamin Bullock, one of the grandsons of John Bullock, conveyed his one-sixth of one undivided fourth part of the Estate of his grandfather, John Bullock, to William Farrington of Salem, trader, the description being Westerly on Beckford Street, Southerly on Federal Street, Easterly on land late of Benjamin Bullock, deceased (the property conveyed to sons by John Bullock (Sheet #13) and Northerly on North River. The deed refers to Elizabeth Bullock, widow of John Bullock as deceased. This conveyance ignored the deed to Joseph Millet and the deed to Isaac Bullock and treated the property of John Bullock as if it had never been divided. Two months later, William Farrington obtained a release of all the rights that Abigail Bullock obtained under the will of John Bullock. In October of the same year, 1805, the children of Nathaniel Bullock conveyed all the interest of their father in the Estate of John Bullock to Sarah Bullock, widow of Benjamin Bullock, describing the property as bounded Southerly by Federal Street 134 feet, Westerly by Beckford Street to the North River, Northerly by low water mark to Benjamin Bullock's land and Easterly by his land to Federal Street. This conveyance as well made no mention of the deeds to Millet and to Isaac Bullock.

One year later, in 1806, William Farrington and other parties claiming interest in the Estate of John Bullock made mutual conveyances in an apparent attempt to straighten out the confusion caused by proper conveyances. George Martin, Sarah Bullock, widow of Benjamin, and Anna Haskell conveyed to William Farrington a parcel of land with two buildings thereon bounded Southerly by Federal Street, Westerly by Beckford Street, Westerly by land of Sarah Bullock, and Northerly in part by land of Sarah and by land of Widow Millet, Joseph Millet having died in 1779. This deed carefully drew a line around the property conveyed to Joseph Millet in 1779, and places that property where 26 Beckford Street is today (*See Plot Plan Sheet #49 and Appendix B for Millet family data.*)

Thus it is clear that the property deeded to Joseph Millet in 1779 on which his house was *then* standing is the same property now numbered 26 Beckford Street containing approximately the same boundaries that it does today.

In return for the conveyance to him cited above, William Farrington deeded to Sarah Martin, Anna Haskell and to Betsy and Preserved Bullock, minor children

of Benjamin and Sarah Bullock, a lot of land that is shown as Lots 1 and 2 on Sketch, (*Sheet #24*). This conveyance as well was bounded in part by land of Widow Millet.

On the same day, April 30, 1806, William Farrington and Anna Haskell joined in a deed to George Whitefield Martin of Salem, cabinet maker, of a parcel of land bounding the property conveyed to Sarah Martin, Anna Haskell, Betsy and Preserved Bullock on the West further up Federal Street .

In 1808, the children of Joseph Millet (died in 1797) conveyed 26 Beckford Street to their brother, Jonathan Millet of Salem, a chaise maker, with the dwelling house thereon, subject to the condition that their mother, Elizabeth Millet, have the use of the property for her life. (*Sheet #25*). Apparently, to assure his brothers and sisters that he intended to abide by their wishes, Jonathan gave a deed to Elizabeth Millet, "honored mother", providing that she would have possession of 26 Beckford Street for life. (*Sheet #26*) We know from the Vital Statistics that this did not happen as Elizabeth Millet died of old age at the almshouse in Salem on September 25, 1826.

In 1821, William Farrington sold his property between Federal and Beckford Streets to Peter E. Webster. In 1822, Anna Haskell conveyed to Jonathan Millet one undivided fourth part of two parcels, one of which was the property conveyed to Anna and Sarah Martin, Betsy and Preserved Bullock by William Farrington, shown as Lots 1 and 2 on Sketch, (*Sheet #24*), being the property descended to her as one of the children of Benjamin Bullock (*Sheet #28*).

In 1825, Jonathan Millet, now a trader, Preserved Bullock and Elizabeth Bullock conveyed to Lucy Martin a lot of land shown as Lot 2 on Sketch, (*Sheet #24 and #29*), and Lucy Martin, in turn, conveyed this parcel to Asa Lamson (*Sheet #30*). The deed to Lucy Martin was in consequence of a division that set off to Jonathan Millet a lot of land without any building shown as Lot 1 on Sketch (*Sheet #31 and #32*).

Thus by 1825, Jonathan Millet owned 26 Beckford Street and a parcel of land to the North and East of 26 Beckford Street. Beginning in June, 1825, and continuing to 1830, a number of petitions were brought against Jonathan Millet claiming that he "does by excessive drinking and idleness, waste his estate". (*Sheet #33*) Finally, in August of 1830, George Wheatland was appointed Guardian of Jonathan Millet (*Sheet #33*). In the proceedings of the Guardianship an Affidavit was filed stating that Jonathan Millet's Estate consisted of a lot of land with a one-story dwelling house and a two-story dwelling house thereon, and that the two houses were so situated that they had to be sold together (*Sheet #33*). Thus it appears that Jonathan Millet build a two-story house, presently 28 Beckford Street between 1825 and 1831 on the lot of land set off to him in the Division (*Sheet #31 and #32*).

In 1831, George Wheatland as Guardian of Jonathan Millet conveyed all of Millet's property on Beckford Street to Peter E. Webster (*Sheet #34*) who had already purchased William Farrington's property.

Peter E. Webster owned all the property with the buildings thereon on Beckford Street from Federal Street to and including 28 Beckford Street from 1831 to the time of his death in 1850. The inventory of Webster's Estate mentions four dwelling houses, i.e. the house on Federal Street, 24 Beckford Street — now gone, 26

Beckford Street, and 28 Beckford Street. In 1857, there was set off to Louisa S. F. Webster, widow of Peter E. Webster, 28 Beckford Street and 26 Beckford Street.

In January of 1871, the heirs of Peter W. Webster deeded 26 Beckford Street to Joseph Chandler of Cambridge, Massachusetts, with a parcel of land. In the same year, 1871, Joseph Chandler died (*See Estate, Sheet #49 and #41*), and in 1883, the house and land were sold by the Administrator of his Estate to John H. Bell. In 1890, John H. Bell conveyed the property through a straw to his wife, Charlotte E. Bell. Charlotte E. Bell died in Salem on July 18, 1904, leaving her husband, John H. Bell, and a daughter, Mary A. Jodrey, of Salem. John H. Bell died on November 29, 1913, leaving 26 Beckford Street to his daughter, Mary A. Jodrey of Salem.

In 1920, Mary A. Jodrey, then of London, England, conveyed 26 Beckford Street to Ellis H. Porter, Jr., of Salem, the boundaries being as shown on Plot Plan.

Thus 26 Beckford Street was owned by the Bell family for 43 years from 1883 to 1920, during which time the lot was reduced to its present proportions (*See copy of 1897 Atlas, Sheet #45*). In 1921, Ellis H. Porter, Jr., deeded a half interest in 26 Beckford Street, in consideration of "love", to his wife, Marion G. Porter. Ellis H. Porter and Marion G. Porter, who had moved to Denver, Colorado, sold the property to Zaida E. Coffin of Salem in 1927. In the same year, Zaida Coffin conveyed to Charles S. Johnston of Salem who in turn conveyed to Clara S. Lemp of Salem Clara S. Lemp then mortgaged the property to Sarah Dambofsky of Salem, which mortgage was foreclosed in 1935, and Sarah Dambofsky conveyed 26 Beckford Street by foreclosure deed to Gardner M. Damon of Salem, in the same year. Gardner Damon owned the property until 1949 when he sold to John H. Snyder and Grace E. Snyder. The Snyders, who moved to Chesterfield, Missouri, held title until 1964 when they conveyed to Raymond D. Truche and Sylvia A. Truche of Danvers, Massachusetts.

In 1966, 26 Beckford was purchased by William J. Tinti and Hester L. Tinti from Raymond D. Truche and Sylvia A. Truche.

In December 1971, William and Hester Tinti sold this property to Geraldine R. Neal of Marblehead, Massachusetts. In September of 1980, the property was sold to Edgar H. Allard of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

APPENDICES

These genealogies were compiled by William Tinti of Salem, who also compiled all of the property research (deeds, records etc). I (Ed Allard) am not sure these genealogies are correct since several entries conflict with information contained in the 3 volumes of History of Salem, Massachusetts. The number of children and the order of births in both the Millet and Bullard families do not coincide with records that I find.

Appendix A

Vital Statistics, Bullock family

John Bullock

born April 21, 1711, the son of John Bullock
married October 22, 1737 to Elizabeth Stileman
death 1774 (*See Probate #3987*)

Elizabeth Stileman Bullock

born baptized January 21, 1727
married October 22, 1737
death no record

Children of John and Elizabeth Bullock:

1. Abigail

born baptized May 7, 1758 at Tabernacle Church
married Thomas Goss, July 10, 1779
death June 3, 1813 at the age of 87 years

2. Benjamin

born baptized Mar 6, 1747 at Tabernacle Church
married Sarah Sherry, Mar. 14, 1771
death 1794 (*See Probate #3983*)

3. Elizabeth

born born appx 1735, baptized 1741
married October 11, 1759 to Joseph Millet
death September 25, 1826, at 91 years

4. Isaac

born baptized April 19, 1752 at Tabernacle Church
married Elizabeth Boyd August 21, 1776
death Dec. 21, 1826 of consumption at 74 years

5. John

born baptized Jan. 23, 1742 at First Church
married Rosina Barberina Ulmerin, Sept. 20, 1762
death no record

6. Mary

born baptized Jan. 23, 1742 at First Church
married no record
death no record

(children of John and Elizabeth Bullock, continued)

7. Nathaniel

born baptized Mar. 4, 1749 at Tabernacle Church

married no record

death no record

8. Preserved

born baptized Jan. 19, 1745 at Tabernacle Church

married John Mackmillion, at Danvers, Jan 7, 1772

death no record

9. Samuel

born baptized Feb. 16, 1755 at Tabernacle Church

married no record

death no record

10. Sarah

born baptized April 25, ??? at Tabernacle Church

married Cook Osborn, Sept. 29, 1780

death no record

Appendix B

Vital Statistics, Millet family

Joseph Millet

born June 26, 1737 in Salem, the son of Jonathan and Mary (Henfield) Millett
married October 11, 1759 to Elizabeth Stileman Bullock by Rev. Dudley Leavitt
death Aug. 16, 1797 (?) at age 60 years

Elizabeth Bullock Millet

born daughter of John and Elizabeth Bullock, baptized at First Church Jan. 23, 1741
married October 11, 1759
death (Newspaper Record, Salem, Gazette)—widow of Joseph Millet died of old age at the almshouse September 25, 1826, at 91 years.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bullock) Millet:

1. Andrew Stevens

born baptized Sept. 23, 1770 at Tabernacle Church
married no record
death probably died young

2. Andrew Stevens (again)

born baptized Mar. 1, 1778 at South Church
married no record
death no record

3. Anna

born baptized Sept. 12, 1773 at Tabernacle Church
married Hubbart Haskell (3rd, of Gloucester) Nov. 7, 1793
death no record

4. Joseph

born baptized Oct. 6, 1765 at Tabernacle Church
married no record
death no record

5. Joseph (again)

born baptized Mar. 13, 1768 at Tabernacle Church
married no record
death no record

(children of Joseph and Elizabeth Millet, continued)

6. Mary (again)

born baptized Aug. 3, 1760

married Anthony Diver, April 1778

death no record

7. Elizabeth

born baptized June 12, 1763, at Tabernacle Church

married no record

death no record

8. Daniel

born no record

married Elizabeth Caldwell, Mar. 25, 1807

death no record

9. Jonathan

born no record

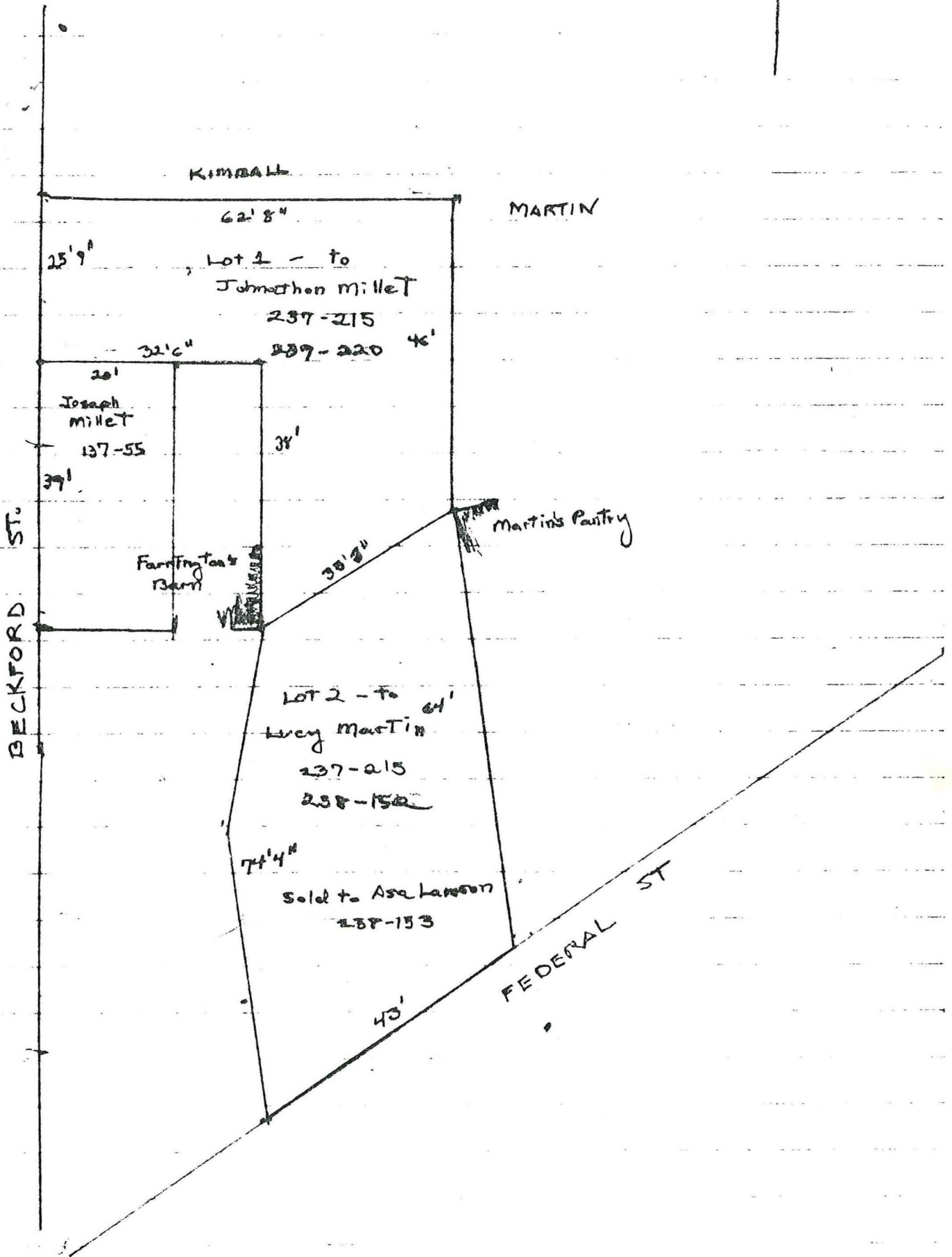
married Sally (-?-) (see deed 238-152) - Sally Millet, wife of Jonathan Millet died of consumption Feb. 12, 1829 at 44 years. p. 69, V. 6

death no record

(records of death of three unnamed children of Jonathan and Sally Millet, 1807, 1811 & 1813, p. 69, V. 6)

1" = 20'

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DEED

Title No. _____
Sheet No. 25

Grantor Joseph Millet, Mariner, Daniel Millet, Tailor, Mary Diver Calfield, Widow, all of Salem	Book 182 Page 158
	E.S. Deeds District
Consid. \$ 250 and other val. consid.	Lot -- Plan --
Grantee brother, Jonathan Millet of Salem, Chaise Maker	Date inst. Feb. 3, 1808
	" ack. Feb. 3, 1808
	" rec. Feb. 4, 1808

~~Warranty-Quit-Covenants~~

~~Con. ga. bar. sell and conv.~~ Rem., rel., and f. qtcl.

Habendum to hrs. and asgns., own use **forever**

Free from all inc.—m. or suf. by me ~~exc. as afsd.~~

Wty. agst. law. cl. and dem. of all pers.—cl. by, thro' or under me but against none other ~~exc. as afsd.~~

Dower and Homestead ~~—all rights by the curtesy—~~ all other rights.

Released by **Mary--wife of Joseph & Elizabeth--wife of Daniel**

Signed by **J.M., D.M., M.D.C., M.M., E.M.**

all seal

Ack. by

J.M., D.M., & M.D.C.

before

John Punchard

~~N.P.~~
J. P. Mass.

Description

All our right, title & interest in & to the real estate of our late father, Joseph Millet late of Salem dec'd situate on Beckford St., in sd. Salem b. W'ly on Beckford St. N'ly on land of Sarah Bullock E'ly & S'ly on ld. of Wm. Farrington with the dwelling house & all other bldgs. standing thereon with the appurtenances and privileges belonging thereto subject nevertheless to the use & improvement thereof by our Mother Elizabeth Millet during her natural life.

DEED

Title No.

Sheet No. 26

Grantor	Jonathan Millet of Salem, chaise maker	Book	182	Page	158
		Essex So.		Deeds District	
		Not		Not	
Consid.	deed by brothers & sisters xxxxxxx consid. deed by brothers & sisters				
Grantee	Elizabeth Millet, honoured mother, of Salem	Date inst.	Feb. 2,	1808	
		" ack.	Feb. 2,	1808	
		" rec.	Feb. 4,	1808	

~~xxxxxxx~~
 Et, gr., ~~xxxxxxx~~
 He and his heirs and assigns forever

~~xxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxx~~

~~Down and Homestead~~ all rights by the curtesy, all other rights.

~~Released by~~

Signed by Jonathan Millet all seal
 Ack. by Jonathan Millet before John Punchard XNXXR.
J. P. Mass.

Description

For & during her natural life the said Elizabeth Millet shall have, hold & peaceably & quietly occupy use & enjoy or let to others to occupy use & enjoy & receive the rents to her own use & benefit.

A piece of ld. situate in Salem, bounded W'ly on Beckford St. N'ly on land of Sarah Bullock, E'ly & S'ly on land of William Farrington with the dwelling house & all other buildings standing thereon.

238-152

April 6, 1825
July 18, 1825
July 19, 1825

Deed

Jonathan Millet, Trader, Preserved Bullock & Elizabeth Bullock, singelwomen, all of Salem

Consid. \$1

Lucy Martin of Salem, singlewoman

rem., re., & f. aiutch.

H & H to sd. L.M., her heirs & asgns forever

Free fr all inc. done or suff by us

w. against L. CL. & dem. of pers. cl. by thru or under us.

A certain lot of ld. on Federal St. in Salem, beg. at the SE cor. of the house late of Farrington, now of Peter E. Webster, tr.

N'ly by sd. Webster's house & ld. as the same goes to the SE cor. of sd. Webster's barn, 74'4", t.

E'ly by ld. n of Jonathan Millet 35'3" to the NW cor. of sd. Lucy's Pantry, th. S'ly by her ld. 64' to a stake on Federal St, th

W'ly by Federal St. 43' to the first bound.

The premises being a part of the est. for. of Benjamin Bullock dec'd. which has recently been divided among parties herein named as by a certain instrument rec. on R of D. in 237-215 & what is herein described is the whole of Lot No. 2 in that division, being in full for sd. Lucy's share in the R.E. of her Grandfather Benjamin Bullock as on of his heirs at law.

I, Sally, w of sd. Jonathan do hereby rem., rel, sell my right of dower.

Signed by J.M., E.B., P.B., S.M. Ack by all bef. Amos Choate J.P.

238-153

July 18, 1825
July 18, 1825
July 19, 1825

Deed fr. Lucy Martin to Asa Lamson

Same as 238-152 ex.--

E'ly by ld. of J.M., 25'
S'ly by ld. of L.M., 58' to Fed. St.
W'ly by sd. st. 49' to 1st Bd.

Premises in part descended to sd. Lucy from her Grandfather, Benj. Bullock, dec. & in part fr. her father Geo. W. Martin dec. See deed to G.W.M. by William Farrington April 30, 1806, B.191, P.235. L.M.--only child & sole heir of G.W.M.

Prem. hereby conveyed are taken in part for both lots.

We the subscribers having been appointed a Committee to divide and set of to Jonathan Millet and Betsy Bullock and ~~Joseph~~ Bullock and Lucy Martin an equal share of a certain lot and land in Salem in the County of Essex, after taking a careful view of the said premises we have proceeded in the following manner,

Lot N^o 1, first we set of and assign to Jonathan Millet a certain lot of land beginning at the South corner on Beckford street, then running northerly by said street twenty four feet nine inches then easterly by Kimball and Martins land sixty two feet eight inches, then southerly by Martins about forty six feet to the N. W. corner of Martins Partry, then westerly to the S. E. corner of Farringtons Barn the northly by said barn thirty eight feet, then westerly thirty two feet six inches to the first mentioned bound on Beckford street, (as by Fosters Plan) with the tax paying to N^o 3 thirty seven dollars and fifty cents; said land is valued at \$275.00

Lot N^o 2. Lot N^o 2 we set of and assign to Lucy Martin, a lot of land beginning at the S. E. corner of Farringtons house on Federal street, then running northly by Farringtons house and land to the S. E. corner of Farringtons barn thirty nine feet, then easterly by lot N^o 1 off to Millet to the N. W. corner of Martins Partry, then southerly by Martins land sixty feet to a stake on Federal street, then westerly by Federal street to the bound first mentioned forty three feet (as by Fosters plan) with said Lucys paying to Lot N^o 4 thirty seven dollars

do thirty nine and fifty cents; said lot is valued @ \$275.00.
 feet in Lot No. 2. in Lot No. 3. we set of and assign lot No. 3. to Betsy Bullock it being the lower part of a dwelling
 this division were raised and Seventy house with the back celler eleven feet from the Back wall of the celler and northern half of
 four feet four inches the arch, with the priviledg of passing to and from the outer celler down to the back celler, the
 entailed and thirty back stairs to be shifted round from the Garrant to the celler and a door cut out to the wester
 five feet three inches part of the house for the benefit of those in the Chamber to pass and re-pass at the expense of
 also interlined in said Number 2. in said the owner of the Chamber and lower part of the house, with the front Garrant as it is partitioned
 Division; the same of, with the use of the front stairs to the Garrant and use of the front door and entry, the
 suppressed by mistake Eastern half of the garden in a line through said garden to the river, said garden begins from
 in the first division the back of Grants Partery and running to Martins partition fence fifteen feet from the front
 and not discovered until after the receipt, the yard to the westward and north of said house to be used in common with owner
 being thereof. And of the chamber, the house to be kept shingald at the expense of owners of both parts of the
 The Committee do certify the alteration to house equally, said Betsy to receive from lot No. 1 thirty seven dollars and fifty cents—
 this part of house. \$200.

be right and approv ed of by the parties. Lot No. 4. We set of and assign lot No. 4. to Preserve Bullock the the Chambers in said
 and request the house and back Garrant and front celler and southern half of the arch with use of the front
 same to be Entered Chamber and celler stair and outer celler door, Reserving for the lower part of the house the
 in the margin of priviledg of passing to and from the outer celler door to the back celler, the Back stair to be
 the record and become a part of the house for the use of said Chambers at the expense of both the own of the Chamber and
 said Division lower parts of the house, the western half of the Garden beginning fifteen feet from Martins
 James Odell front fence and running in a line with the back of Grants Partery in a line through the
 Edward Brown Middle of said Garden to the river, the yard to the westward and northward to be used in
 Joseph Sprague common for said house, the house to kept shingald at the expense of the owners of the Chambr
 July 16. 1825. ber and lower part of the house, with Preserve Bullock Receiving from Lot No. 2. thirty seven
 The instrument here recorded was again ne with with the above written on the back

do thirty seven dollars and fifty cents; said part is valued @ \$200.00
 The Expenses of the Comunitty and obligation to be paid Equal by the four heirs.
 Amos Choate Reg

Cominity 6.00	} Salem July 4. 1825.	James Odell
for P. Saunders for oblig. 75.		Edward Brown
Wright the division 1.00		Joseph Sprague
<u>7.75</u>		

Received January 11. 1821. recorded and examined by Amos Choate Reg

GUARDIANSHIP

ESSEX PROBATE # 18464

Complainants: Benjamin Fabens, Andrew Tucker, David Moore,
Henry King & Nathaniel Frothingham,

Selectmen of Salem- that Johnathan Millet of Salem, trader, does
by excessive drinking & idleness, waste his estate

Dated May 13, 1830 Signed by all

Notice by personal service returnable July, 1830 All'd Aug. 3, 1830
by default

- Also - 1. Petition dated May 15, 1826 - service returnable July, 1826
- 2. Petition dated June 6, 1825 - service returnable July, 1826

Affidavit of Frelb & Dodge of Hamilton, that Johnathan Millet,
who came to Hamilton one year ago, is incapable of being his
own master dated May 6, 1830

List of Debts - \$630 Filed Feb. 15. 1831

Petition to be made Guardian by George Wheatland, Atty.
Filed Aug. 17, 1830 All'd Aug., 1830

Bond \$10,000 Joint & Several App'd Aug., 1830

Inventory R.E. \$12,0000 P.E. _____ Filed Nov. 4, 1830
Houses & Lsnd in Beckford St. \$1200.00

Notice of Affidavit of Appointment by pub. & posting - Salem Gazette
Sworn to by George Wheatland before J.P.

Petition to & assent by "Overseers of the Poor" for sale of
Johnathan Millet's Real Estate to pay off debts

ward's R.E. consists of a lot of land in Beckford St. in
Salem at the head of Andover St. containing a two story
and a one story dwelling house thereon & that a partial
sale would be injurious to the rest of the estate

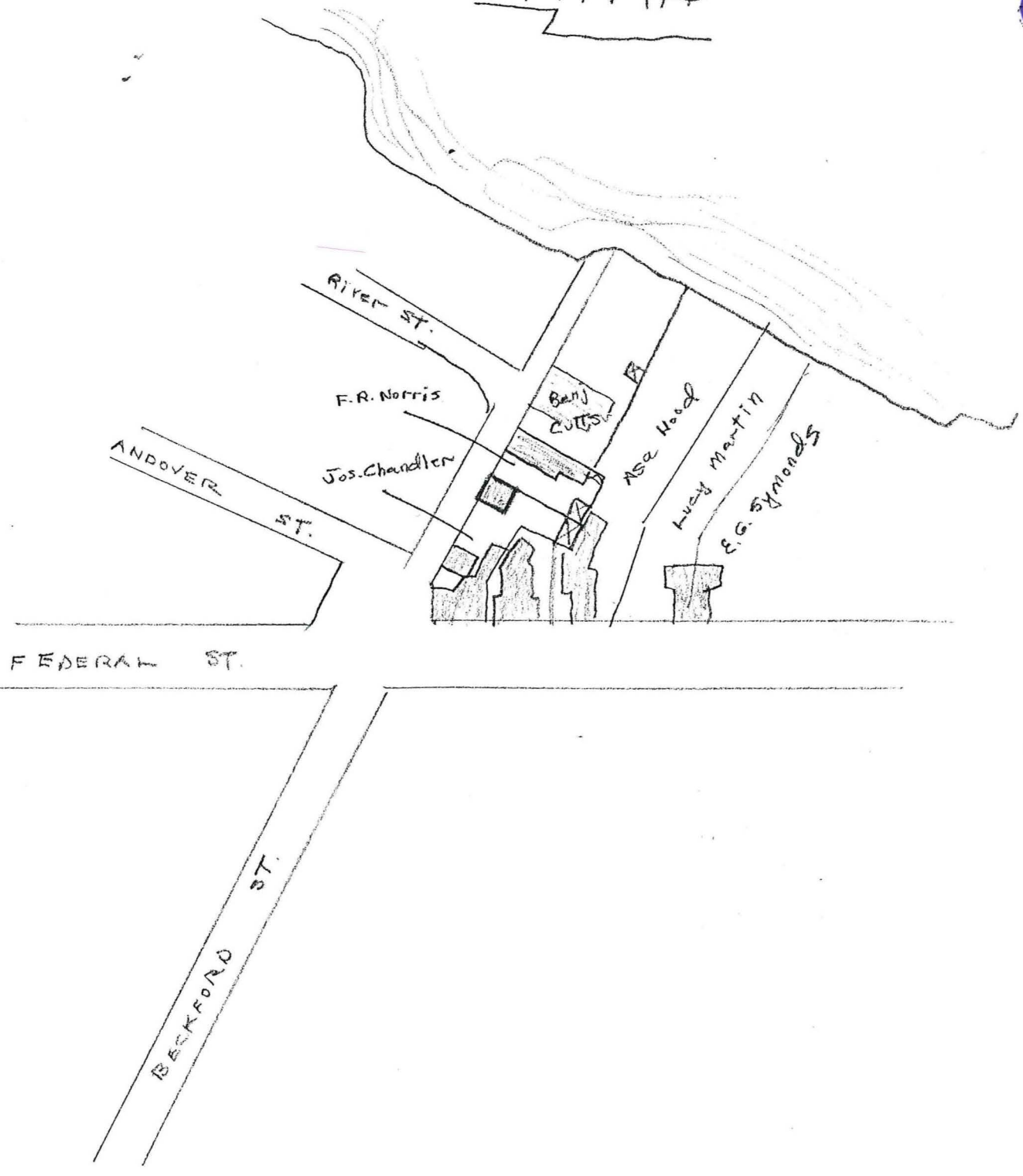
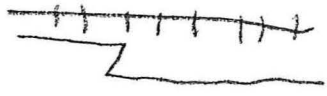
for payment of debts dated Feb. 15, 1831
Signed by George Wheatland Assent by Johnathan Millet
All'd Mar. 1, 1831

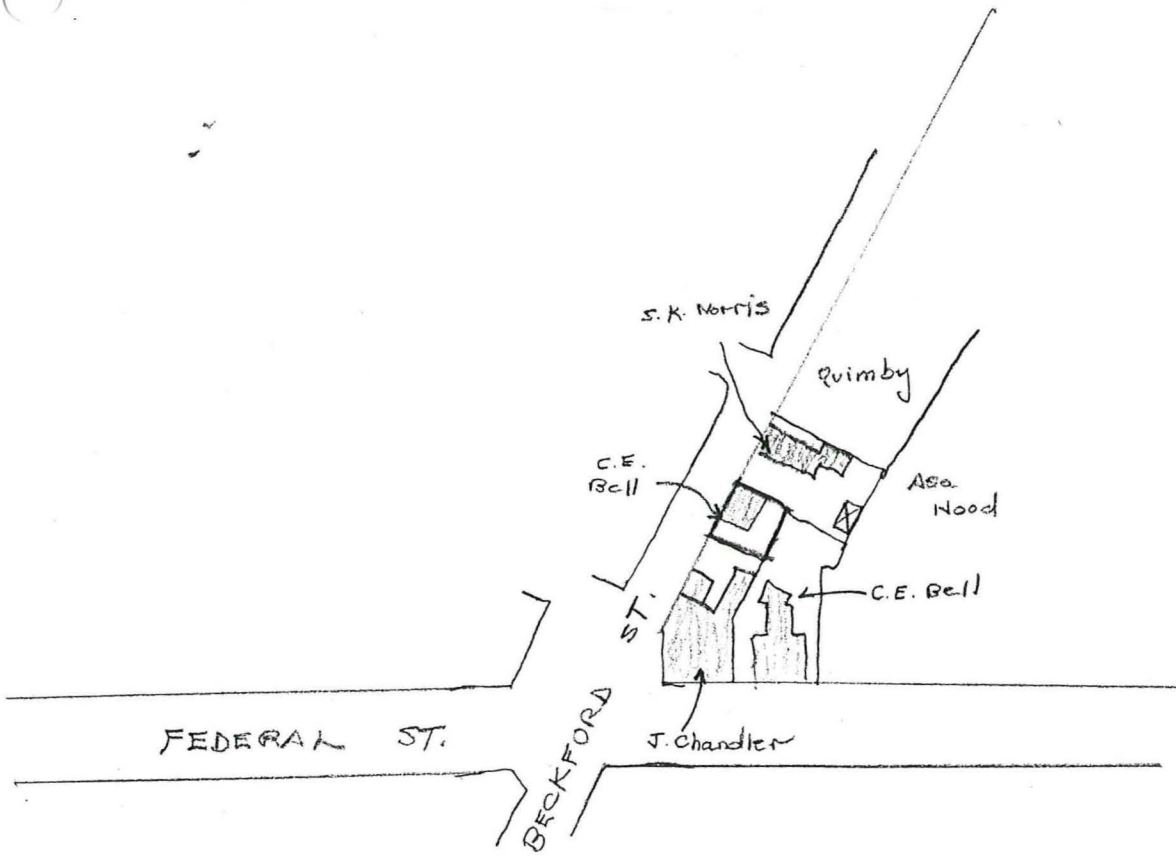
First Account Filed May 15, 1832 - mentions House rent of Mr.
Martin, Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Pope

Second Account Filed May 15, 1838

DEED

<p>Grantor George Wheatland of Salem, Gaurdian of Johathan Millett of Salem, a person given to excessive drinking and idleness, by virtur of the power & authority granted me in and other valid consid. my capacity by Essex Prob. Ct., Mar., 1831</p> <p>Consid. \$1,005</p>	<p>Book 261 Page 83 Essex So. Deeds District Lat Plat Date inst. May 24, 1831 " ack. May 24, 1831 " rec. July 30, 1831</p>
<p>Grantee Peter E. Webster, of Salem, Merchant being the highest bidder at public auction legally had & notified</p>	
<p>Warr'ty Quit Covenants of compliance with law gr., bar., sell and conv. Habendum to hrs. and assns. own use gr., bar., sell and conv. Habendum to hrs. & assns, own use forever Free from all inc. and bur. by met. etc. as afd. My heirs law. ex. and dem. of all pers. ex. by th. or under me but against none other ex. as afd.</p>	
<p>Down and Homestead all rights by the courtesy all other rights.</p>	
<p>Released by Signed by George Wheatland, Guardian all seal Ack. by George Wheatland before Asa Huntington Not J. P. Mass.</p>	
<p>Description</p> <p>A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon standing and all the rights & privileges thereunto belonging situated in Bedkford St. in Salem & bounded W'ly on said St., N'ly on Benjamin Cutts, E'ly on Lucy Martin S'ly on sd. Martin, Asa Lawson & sd. Webster</p>	





Historic Salem Incorporated

P.O. BOX 865 SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970 / PHONE (508) 745-0799

February 24, 1993

Mr. & Mrs. John Randall
28 Beckford St.
Salem, MA 01970

Dear John & Catherine:

Plans for the 1993 House & Garden Tour are well underway. In just four months we will be sharing the beauty of our historic neighborhood with the public. This is Historic Salem's 11th House and Garden Tour and we hope to make it the best. Enclosed you'll find our brochure for the event.

Thank you so very much for opening your home and garden for this important fundraising effort. This year we are striving to net \$15,000, \$5,000 more than in 1991.

To thank you for your generous participation, you will receive two free tickets to the tour and a framed 5 x 7 black and white photograph of your home. We hope as well to arrange for local florists to provide each home with fresh flowers on the day of the tour. Please let us know if you have a favorite florist we should contact.

For your interest we're enclosing a list of the properties on the tour, our press release and the list of our committee members.

We welcome your thoughts and comments and thank you once more.

Sincerely,



Tori Macmillan
Co-chairwoman
1993 House & Garden Tour
744-8871



Kelly Wyke
Co-chairwoman
1993 House & Garden Tour
744-3413

P.S. Your house captain is:

Becky Putnam

This Report Contains 12 Records

Beal, Jeff & Joan
12 Lynn St.
Salem MA 01970
745-8997

Emory, Arthur
Stephen-Phillips Memorial House
34 Chestnut St.
Salem MA 01970
741-8646

Griffin, Joan
John Morris
105 Federal St.
Salem MA 01970
741-4291

Hart, David
Barbara Cleary
104 Federal St.
Salem MA 01970
744-8202

Herbert, Jessica
95 Federal St.
Salem MA 01970
744-4360

Lahikainen, Dean & Betsy
Peirce-Nichols House
80 Federal St.
Salem MA 01970
745-0521

LeBel, Jan & Dick
8 Chestnut St.
Salem MA 01970
741-2620

Randall, Catherine & John
28 Beckford St.
Salem MA 01970
744-2195

Richter, Paula & Elwin
Ropes Mansion
318 Essex St.
Salem MA 01970
744-0718

Stevens, Tory & Stretch
5 Monroe St.
Salem MA 01970
741-2115

Wiggin, Cynthia
Salem Athenaeum
337 Essex St.
Salem MA 01970
744-2540

Wyke, Kelly & Rick
4 Federal Ct.
Salem MA 01970
744-3413

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Nancy Hughes / Terri Lebel

HISTORIC SALEM, INC. ANNOUNCES 1993 HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

SALEM, MA •• Historic Salem, Incorporated announces plans today for its 11th biennial House and Garden Tour, to take place on June 18 and 19, 1993. The tour will feature the renowned House of Seven Gables garden and thirteen historic Salem properties located in the city's McIntire Historic District. Kitchens, both traditional and updated, will also be highlighted on the tour.

The McIntire District, named after famed federal-era architect and woodcarver Samuel McIntire, encompasses properties as diverse as the seventeenth-century "Witch House" and the magnificent McIntire designed Peirce-Nichols house, both of which are on the tour. The homes and gardens in this district are a testament to the enormous wealth that poured into Salem in its heyday, as are the contents and properties of the famed Peabody and Essex Museum, an added attraction for tour visitors.

New to the tour is a high formal Victorian Tea, featuring a fashion show of Victorian clothing and chamber music. The Tea will take place from 1-4 pm both days at Hamilton Hall, the origination point of the tour, and will be open to ticket holders for a small additional fee. A Home and Garden Boutique will also be located at Hamilton Hall daily from 10 am to 5 pm, offering a variety of decorative and garden related items from local crafts people and retailers. Lectures, given by historians, floral designers and landscape architects are scheduled for both days and are included in the price of the ticket.

Admission is \$15 the day of the tour, \$13 for advance purchasers, and \$10 for senior citizens and groups of 10 or more.

All funds raised by the tour will sustain the operations and preservation efforts of Historic Salem, Inc., a membership organization dedicated to fostering awareness of and concern for Salem's rich architectural heritage. For more information, please call: Historic Salem, Inc. - (508)745-0799

1993 HSI House & Garden Tour Committee

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Last	First	Salut'n	Title	Company	Address	City	ST	Zip	Phone
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Anderson	Nina	Ms.			5 Chestnut St.	Salem	MA	01970	745-1569
Casey	John	Mr.			17 Flint St.	Salem	MA	01970	745-7740
Clarke	Alice	Ms.			143 Fort Ave.	Salem	MA	01970	741-2327
Cohen	Nina	Ms.			22 Chestnut St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-0117
Collins	Michelle	Ms.			31 Briggs St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-6413
Guy	Jane	Ms.		Salem Planning Dept.	One Salem Green	Salem	MA	01970	745-9595, ext. 311
Hedstrom	Carol	Ms.			14 Andrew St.	Salem	MA	01970	745-6907
Herbert	Jessica	Ms.			95 Federal St.	Salem	MA	01970	741-3066
Hilbert	Debbie	Ms.		Historic Salem, Inc.	P.O. Box 865	Salem	MA	01970	745-0799
Hughes	Nancy	Ms.			4 Curtis St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-5175
Lebel	Terri	Ms.			48 Raymond Rd.	Salem	MA	01970	744-0001
Macmillan	Tori	Ms.			5 Botts Ct.	Salem	MA	01970	744-8871
Murphy	Betsy	Ms.			6 Oliver St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-2026
Palmer	Katherine	Ms.			5 Hardy St.	Salem	MA	01970	745-7834
Parks	Beth	Ms.			167 Federal St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-1090
Pierce	Tracy	Ms.			22 Andrew St.	Salem	MA	01970	745-3124
Richter	Paula	Ms.			318 Essex St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-0718
Usovicz	Mary	Ms.			2 Botts Ct.	Salem	MA	01970	744-3182
Van Dyke	Kate	Ms.			31 Broad St.	Salem	MA	01970	744-0812
Vinson	Donna	Ms.			330 Essex St.	Salem	MA	01970	745-1647
Wyke	Kelly	Ms.			4 Federal Ct.	Salem	MA	01970	744-3413

HSI Minutes of Board Meeting

Meeting Date: April 12, 1993

Meeting Place: Hamilton Hall

Board Members Present:

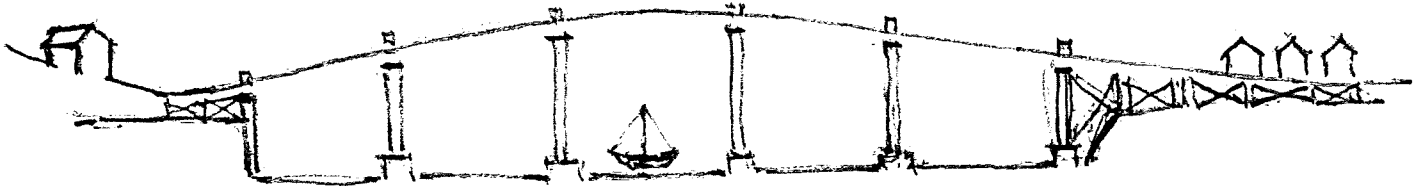
John Casey, Jack Cempellin, Tim Clarke, Nina Cohen, John Goff, David Hart, Carole Hedstrom, Michelle Lemoine-Collins, Tracy Pierce, Paula Richter, Terry Savage, Tina Selecman, Tory Stevens, Mary Lou Tuttle, John Wathne, Kelly Wyke.

Others Attending:

Lisa Buckley, John MacKay, Katherine MacKay, Larry Spang, Marc Tishler, Leslie Tuttle, Patricia Williams

Proceedings:

- 1) John Casey **called the meeting to order** at 8:00 PM.
- 2) John Casey reported that all were invited to an **April 13, 1993 meeting of the Salem Common Neighborhood Association** which was scheduled to be held at the Knights of Columbus Building.
- 3) John also noted that **Annie Harris recently resigned her position as Chairman of the Salem Historical Commission**. Annie Harris served as Chairman of the Commission for 15 years prior to her resignation on Wednesday. Dick Odell will become new Chairman of the SHC.
- 4) **Salem City Planner Bill Luster, the scheduled guest speaker, spoke about the history of proposed and contemplated improvements to Bridge Street, and the new Salem-Beverly Bridge**. Mr. Luster noted that the connector road designed to improve transportation to and from Salem owes its origins to 1948, when a connector road east of Route 1 was first proposed. In 1962, an 8-lane I-95 connector through Saugus to Vinnen Square was proposed. A new bridge between Beverly and Salem was part of the 1962 plan. In 1970, a State Moratorium on new highway construction inside of Route 128 was passed, which killed the proposed I-95 connector through Vinnen Square. After 1972, efforts were directed to establish a new Peabody - Salem connector. The present Bridge Street improvements were first contemplated to be a 6-lane highway, although the City has recently worked to reduce the size to 4 lanes. In 1981, the Federal Environmental Impact Statement was approved. In 1982, the Peabody portion of the project was dropped. Currently, the City of Salem is monitoring the progress of both the new Salem-Beverly bridge and the Bridge Street Improvements which are ongoing major projects.



The new bridge connecting Beverly and Salem is currently designed, and out to bid. Construction is scheduled to begin during the Fall of 1993. The new bridge will be a fixed span bridge, rising 48.7 feet above the water.

The new Bypass Road and Bridge Street Improvements have been broken into smaller projects, which are being designed by different engineering firms. The section of the project from Boston to Flint Streets (which involves moving the North River Canal) has been completely designed by Howard Needles & Associates. The portion of the project from Flint to North Street has not yet been designed. The portion of the project from the new Beverly bridge to North Street is contemplated to be 2 lanes in each direction, and will involve moving the railroad tracks to the north. The area near Parker Brothers, where the new Bypass is to connect with Washington Street, has not yet been designed. The City is especially concerned about this portion of the project, as it will be a major urban entry point.

Mr. Luster noted that some positive benefits should result from the proposed improvements, including an easing of traffic (by adding capacity); and improvement in how Salem is perceived and experienced by visitors arriving to Salem from both the North and the West (entrance from Beverly, and entrance from Peabody). Mr. Luster noted that there has been no neighborhood involvement in the project yet, and urged all in attendance to help find ways so that the City of Salem can benefit most from these major improvements.

Public discussion followed Mr. Luster's presentation. The potential for improving existing Boston Street, existing Bridge Street, and re-using the Stop and Shop building near the southern entrance to Salem were all discussed.

Plans were also made to hold a Forum in mid-summer (July, 1993) so that the separate designers of all portions of the Bridge Street projects could communicate with one another, as well as with representatives from the State, City, and Salem neighborhoods.

- 5) Guests at the HSI meeting were introduced. Six are members of the **North River Historic neighborhood group**, which was organized by HSI board member Jack Cempellin.
- 6) **The HSI Board voted to pay for half of the cost of a new cast stone urn for the Peirce-Nichols House, providing that the HSI portion of the gift not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.)** The new urn is contemplated to cost between \$450 and \$500, and will be made by the Haddonstone company of Northampton, England. Paula Richter noted that the new urn will be a focal point in the restored gardens, and will serve as a memorial to Ann Farnam, past Director of the Essex Institute who long resided in the landmark house. The Salem Rotary Club is expected to want to share sponsorship of this gift.
- 7) Tory Stevens spoke about the **HSI Nominating Committee**.
- 8) Nina Cohen noted that the **ANNUAL HSI MEETING** is scheduled for May 10th at the Lyceum. **John Bullard** (preservationist and past-Mayor of New Bedford) is scheduled to speak about WHALE (Waterfront Historic Area League) and the urban revitalization of New Bedford, Massachusetts.
- 9) Kelly Wyke reported on the progress of the **1993 House and Garden Tour**.
- 10) John Goff proposed that efforts be made to **speed up production time and quality of the HSI Minutes** by establishing a minor budget increase for the monthly publication. The proposal was rejected in favor of exploring new ways to solicit volunteers to help regularly with the printing, collating, stuffing, labeling, and mailing. The board concurred that it would be an interesting experiment to see if distribution of the HSI Minutes to the full membership might stimulate increased involvement by HSI members.
- 11) Jack Cempellin noted that the **North River historic neighborhood group** would be working to install bike paths in the neighborhood, and push to have a new park all along the North River--from Peabody, along the old North River Canal, and into the North River neighborhood. The North River group announced an upcoming **meeting to be held on April 20th at 7:30 PM at Marc Tishler's house, 12 Northey Street, Salem**.
- 12) The board moved and voted to **accept the March, 1993 HSI Minutes**.
- 13) **Meeting was adjourned** at approximately 9:45 PM.

REMINDER: Next HSI meeting (THE ANNUAL MEETING) will be held **Monday, May 10th,** at **The Lyceum**.

Respectfully submitted by John Goff, Recording Secretary, April 23, 1993.

**Historic Salem Incorporated
Post Office Box 865, Salem, MA 01970**

February 12, 1993

Dear *Mr. and Mrs. Randall,*

As writer of the tour program for HSI's 1993 House and Garden Tour, I am writing to you to request any information about your property which will enable me to show both your home and garden in their best light. The tour program will include individual descriptions of each property, and you can lighten the research load considerably by filling out the enclosed questionnaire and supplying me with any additional information you might have on hand. This information will also be supplied to tour guides.

If you have an HSI plaque, I can obtain all the information I need from the HSI office and you need only be concerned with the questionnaire. If you do not have a plaque, I would be grateful for any information about your house you might have obtained from previous owners, neighbors, or your own research. If the questionnaire does not enable you to describe your garden's attributes adequately, please feel free to improvise.

Thank you in advance for your attention and response.

Sincerely,

Donna Vinson

*P.S. I would be grateful for any information you could pass on. Please return to: Donna Vinson
330 Essex Street
Salem, MA 01970*

May 4, 1993

Chapman's Greenhouses & Garden Center
58 Hart Street
Beverly, MA 01915
Attn: Colleen Malik

Dear Colleen:

Thank you for your generous donation of a floral arrangement for Historic Salem Inc.'s House and Garden Tour on June 18 and 19th. The house that you will be working with is:

Catherine & John Randall
28 Beckford Street
Salem, MA 01970
744-2195

Please feel free to contact the owners directly so that you can get a sense of what would look appropriate in their home.

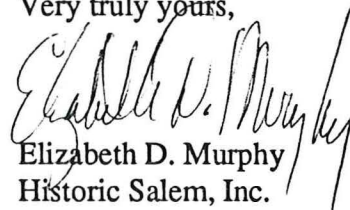
We know that economic times are tough, and we want you to know how greatly your time and efforts are appreciated. As I mentioned to you over the phone, there will be a "table tent" next to your arrangement with your shop's name. If you would like to make your decorations more elaborate, might we suggest the idea of using items from your shop that could be returned after the two day tour is over.

Your arrangement should be delivered to the house either the night before the tour or by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the tour. Again, many thanks for making the House and Garden Tour such a great success.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 744-2026.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,



Elizabeth D. Murphy
Historic Salem, Inc.

Copy to: **Catherine & John Randall**

Historic Salem Incorporated

P.O. BOX 865 SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970 / PHONE (508) 745-0799

June 10, 1993

Mr. & Mrs. John Randall
28 Beckford St.
Salem MA 01970

Dear *Mr. & Mrs. Randall:*

It's hard to believe that the Garden Tour is only a few days away. Once again, we thank you for your generous time and effort in making this year's tour the best ever! Here are a few things that you should know:

1. The tour volunteers working at your home and garden will be asked many questions about your property. Please write down a few of the "unusual" facts relating to your home/garden to brief the volunteers. The house captain may make a copy of this to distribute to the guides. The identification of flowers and plants is particularly helpful.
2. Tour volunteers will be arriving at your home at approximately 9:30 a.m. each day to get set up. They will place a floral flag (pole goes in ground) on your property near the street as a marker. If you have chairs in your garden, please let the volunteers know which ones they can sit on during lulls in the tour. Volunteer shifts are 2-3 hours long.
3. At the end of the day on Friday, please make sure that the flag is brought into your house. It will be placed outside again on Saturday morning and returned to Hamilton Hall on Saturday p.m.
4. All tour attendees and volunteers will be directed to Hamilton Hall and the Salem Public Library for restrooms.
5. The florist assigned to your home will deliver an arrangement (yours to keep) before June 18th.
6. Gigi and Kim Breed have hired chamber musicians to play classical music in their garden for a nominal fee. Please go by their house at 11 Cambridge St. during the tour to enjoy this. You can call them at 741-0239 if you are interested in information on these musicians.
7. Please feel free to talk with the tour attendees in your home or garden.

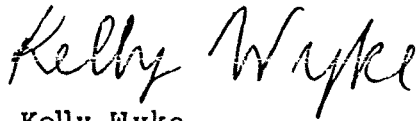
We hope that you enjoy the tour, lectures, home and garden boutique and tea at Hamilton Hall. Please call your house captain or either of us with questions or comments.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to seeing you during the tour and celebrating its completion on the evening of the 19th.

Sincerely,



Tori Macmillan



Kelly Wyke

THE JONATHAN MILLET HOUSE
28 Beckford Street
Built circa 1825

Jonathan Millet, one of the heirs of Salem's Bullock family, whose estate once extended from Federal Street to the North River, built 28 Beckford as his residence after the estate's 1825 partition. The two-story clapboard house is situated with its gable end-to-the-street and features a pitch roof and a Federal-style entrance. The bay window is a later addition.

Except for the holly bush transplanted from house to garden by its previous owners, the eclectic garden of the Jonathan Millet House was laid out by its present owners after 1987. In full bloom at midsummer, it features a patio, a small herb garden, a "sun garden" along the house, and an assortment of annual and perennial plantings, some of which were transplanted from a family house in Falmouth Foreside, Maine.

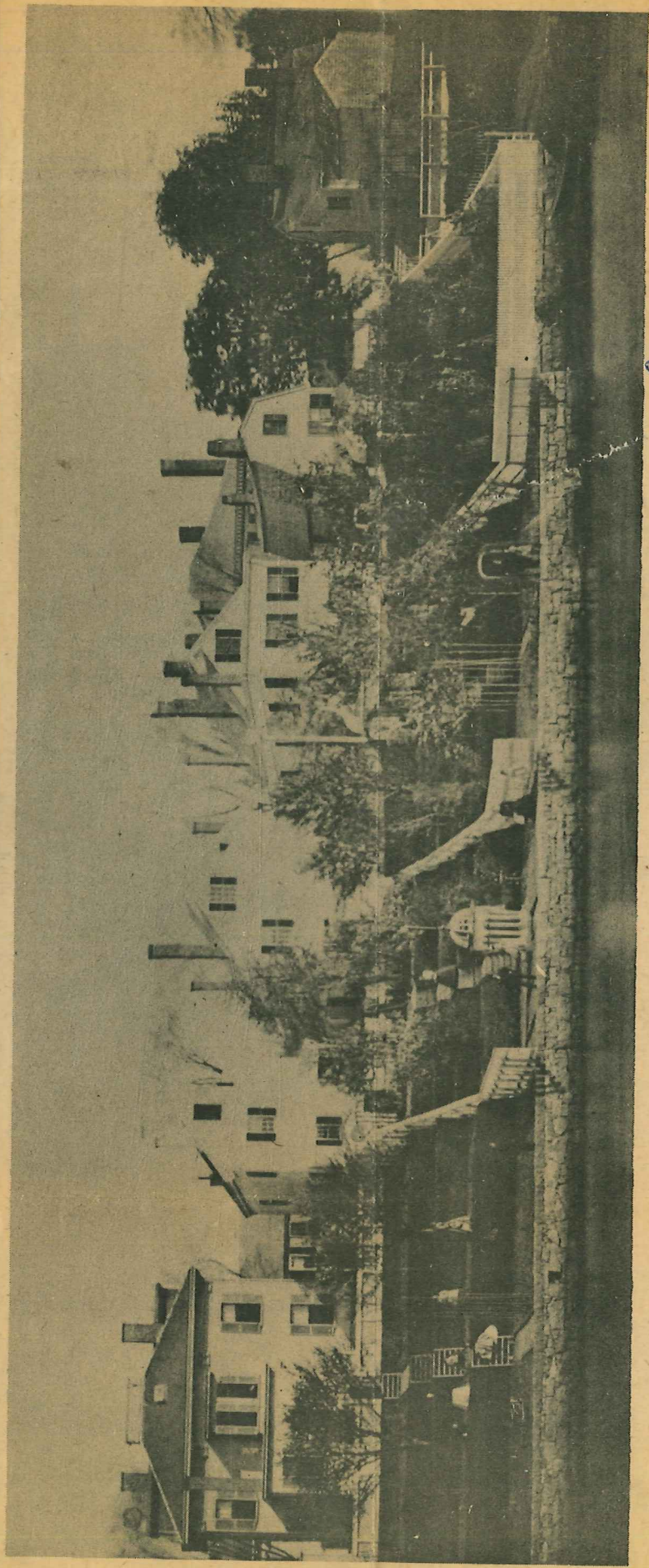
28 BECKFORD STREET

"Gable end-to-the-street, this is a two-story clapboard house with a pitch roof and Federal period entrance. The bay window is a later addition. "(Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

The land on the east side of Beckford street, extending from Federal down to what was then the shore of the North River, was owned by the Bullock family since the 1750'S. In 1825 a division was made concerning part of this estate. The conveyance of the lot, now 28 Beckford St., was recorded in:

BOOK 237 PAGE 220

DATE -	January 4, 1825
GRANTOR (seller) -	The Bullock heirs: Betsey Bullock, Preserved Bullock and Lucy Martin
GRANTEE (buyer) -	Jonathan Millet (also a Bullock heir)
DESCRIPTION -	<u>Lot of land</u> called #1 in the division



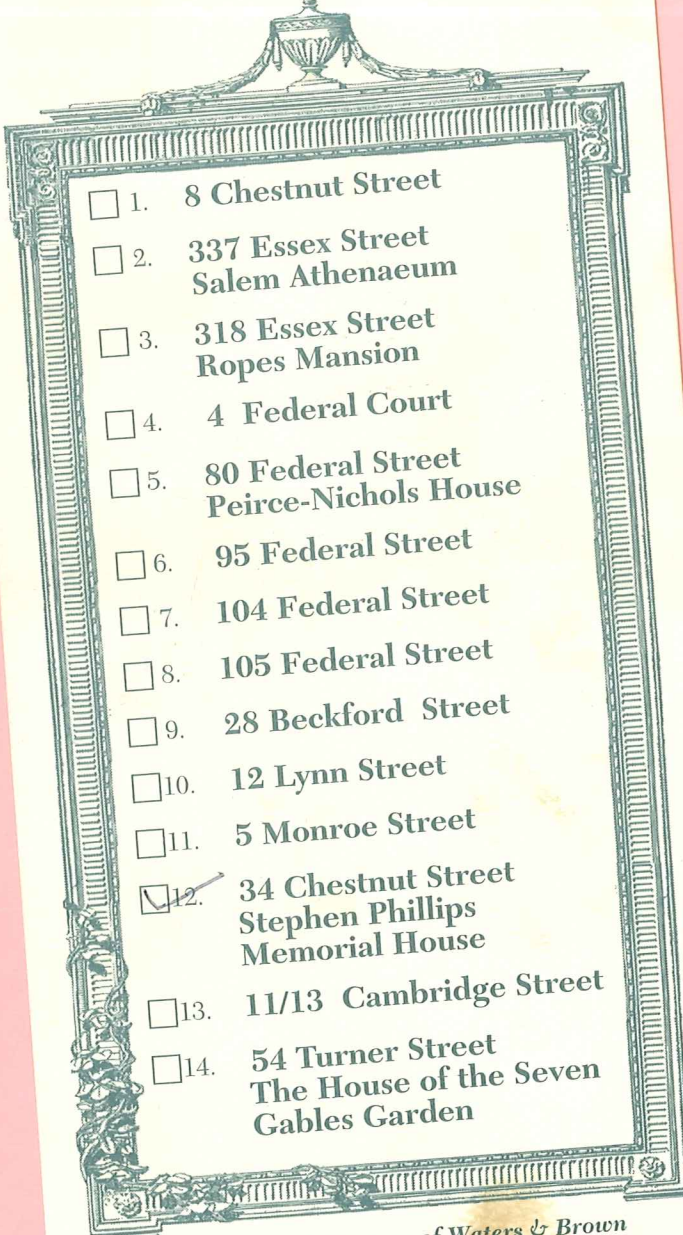
The North River, about 1865, between Flint Street and Blubber Hollow.

Salem Gazette
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1993 HISTORIC SALEM GARDEN TOUR

28 BECKFORD STREET

**1993 HISTORIC SALEM
HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR**
*Sites are listed in recommended order
for walking tour.*



- 1. 8 Chestnut Street
- 2. 337 Essex Street
Salem Athenaeum
- 3. 318 Essex Street
Ropes Mansion
- 4. 4 Federal Court
- 5. 80 Federal Street
Peirce-Nichols House
- 6. 95 Federal Street
- 7. 104 Federal Street
- 8. 105 Federal Street
- 9. 28 Beckford Street
- 10. 12 Lynn Street
- 11. 5 Monroe Street
- 12. 34 Chestnut Street
Stephen Phillips
Memorial House
- 13. 11/13 Cambridge Street
- 14. 54 Turner Street
The House of the Seven
Gables Garden

*Tickets printed courtesy of Waters & Brown
Decorating Center, 14 Elliott Street, Beverly, MA
"The North Shore's first choice for paint, wallcoverings,
and window treatments"*

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR TICKET INFORMATION

\$13 advance purchase

\$15 day of tour

\$10 senior citizens or groups of 10+

Victorian Tea Tickets:

A Victorian Tea and Fashion Show will be held each day from 1 pm - 4 pm at Hamilton Hall.

\$5.00 advance purchase

Order early, space limited.

Tickets may be purchased by telephone or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to

Historic Salem, Inc.

P.O.Box 865, Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Advance ticket purchases can also be made at:

Derby Square Bookstore, Salem

Waters & Brown Decorating Center, Beverly

Garden Collection, Marblehead

Peter Barter Florists, Salem

To order your tickets by telephone:

MasterCard and Visa accepted

1-800-828-7080

All ticket sales are final.

No refunds or exchanges.

Tour begins at Hamilton Hall, 9 Chestnut Street 10am - 5pm Rain or shine

Follow signs for Public Parking.

Limited on street parking available.

Highlights of the 1993 House and Garden Tour include the recently refurbished River Street, an eighteenth century village within the McIntire District, and a focus on the kitchens, both traditional and updated, of the Tour properties. Visitors will also be encouraged to partake of lectures and demonstrations, shopping in the Home and Garden Boutique and a Victorian Tea.



The Tour will feature a sampling of private homes and museum houses in Salem's McIntire Historic District, named after famed federal-era architect and woodcarver Samuel McIntire.

Proceeds from the 1993 House and Garden Tour will support preservation and restoration projects in the city, so that future generations may enjoy Salem's architectural legacy.

LECTURE INFORMATION

• "Summer Houses of Samuel McIntire"

Dean Lahikainen

Curator of American Decorative Arts,

Peabody and Essex Museum

• "Fundamentals of Design"

Randall Wieting

Award Winning Landscape Designer

• "Creating at Giverny:

Monet's Painting Gardens"

Ruth West

Artist

• "Composting for a Green Garden"

Ann McGovern

Environmental Analyst,

Department of Environmental Protection

Additional lectures will be scheduled. Ticket price includes lectures, admission to historic Witch House, and the House of Seven Gables garden.

◆ Historic Salem Incorporated ◆

Spring 1993

P.O. Box 865, Salem, MA 01970

It's a Garden Party

Back in 1973, Abby Burns came up with a way to raise money to buy Elm trees for Chestnut Street: Hold a walking tour and charge visitors an admission fee to get a glimpse inside Salem's historic homes. Burns held three meetings to prepare for the event, one to organize volunteers, one a week before the tour and one final wrap-up session.

Fast forward to 1993. Kelly Wyke and Tori Macmillan, co-chairwomen of this year's house and garden tour, have been working steadily for the last nine months. It's March now, six inches of snow have just fallen outside and the tour is three months away. Still, Wyke and Macmillan, who are sitting in Wyke's living room sipping red wine, are edgy.



Tori Macmillan and Kelly Wyke, Garden Tour Co-Chairwomen

After all, there are newspapers to contact, thousands of brochures to distribute, fourteen gardens to get ready. The house and garden tour this year is June 18th and 19th.

"Just talking about this is making me really nervous," says Wyke, whose Federal Court home and garden are on the tour. Macmillan's perennial garden on Botts Court is not on the tour, but

visitors will be walking past it.

Macmillan and Wyke figure they put in about 10 hours of work a week on the tour. In addition, 15 members of the house and garden tour committee, have been working on the event since last fall.

"It's like running a mini business almost," says Wyke.

Wyke and Macmillan hope to raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000. One way they plan to do that is by keeping costs down to \$5,000. They've been able to keep expenses down innovatively: Selling ad space on the ticket itself, and getting the Lyceum Bar and Grille to help pay for the brochure.

"The real worry is that you don't make enough money," says Wyke. "What a sad thing it would be just to break even after all this work. For this reason, pre-sales are absolutely essential!"

Wyke and Macmillan tried to keep the event a really tight walking tour.

She Headed the First Tour

It's the gardeners.

They're the ones who have changed the most in the last 20 years, according to Abby Burns. And Burns should know. She was chairwoman of Historic Salem's first house tour back in 1973 and has been involved with the event ever since.

"The gardeners who come now are a lot more knowledgeable than they were then," she says.

The first tour, titled Three Centuries of Salem Homes, focused exclusively on houses, most of which were on Chestnut Street.

Gardens did not become part of the tour until the mid-1970s. The first tours that did include gardens were held in May,



Abby Burns

in part because Helen Usher, who lived at 37 Chestnut Street, had an extraordinary spring garden.

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Garden Party

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"We wanted it to be a Federal Street focus," says Wyke. "Fortunately, people were very responsive."

Macmillan also praised The House of the Seven Gables and the Peabody and Essex Museum for their help with the tour.

Among the new features of this year's tour are a Victorian tea and fashion show, which will be held at Hamilton Hall both days of the event. Also, a boutique featuring unique gifts and specialty items for the home will be held in the ballroom at Hamilton Hall.

For more highlights of the tour, see story below.

Macmillan and Wyke seem to work easily together and it's no coincidence. The two have known each other since working together in Boston, where they lived near each other on Gloucester Street. Wyke, 32, moved to Salem about four years ago. She is married and has two children. Macmillan, 33, moved here about a year after that. She is married and has a son.

"The real question is, will we be able to go on the tour ourselves?" says Wyke.

"We have to," answers Macmillan.

One way or another, one thing is certain. "We've planned pretty major vacations.

House and Garden Tour Committee

Tori Macmillan, Co-Chairwoman
Kelly Wyke, Co-Chairwoman

Nina Anderson	John Casey
Alice Clarke	Nina Cohen
Michele Collins	Jane Guy
Carol Hedstrom	Jessica Herbert
Debbie Hilbert	Nancy Hughes
Terrie LeBel	Betsy Murphy
Katherine Palmer	Beth Parks
Tracy Pierce	Paula Richter
Mary Usovicz	Kate van Dyke
Donna Vinson	

House and Garden Tour Tickets

\$15 - days of event
\$13 - Advance purchase
\$10 - Senior Citizens and advance purchase by groups of 10 or more

\$5 additional for a ticket to the Victorian Tea and Fashion Show. Space limited, order early.

Tickets may be purchased by mail:

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Salem, MA 01970 (508) 745-0799

Tickets are also on sale at the following outlets:

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Beverly
Peter Barter, Inc., Salem
The Garden Collection, Marblehead

Tickets may also be purchased through TicketPro:

Phone: 1-800-828-7080

Tour Highlights

Your ticket also includes admission to the Witch House, The House of the Seven Gables garden, and a variety of lecture and demonstrations.

Victorian Tea, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Pickering Room, Hamilton Hall. Features fashions from the Victorian Period. \$5.00 admission.

House and Garden Boutique, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Ballroom, Hamilton Hall. Unique gifts and decorative items for the home. Free admission. Garden tour ticket is not necessary to attend boutique.

Lecture Topics:

Friday

11:00 a.m., **Ann McGovern,** "Composting for a Green Garden."

12:00 noon, **Jim McAllister,** "Treasures of the McIntire District."

1:00 p.m., **Ruth West,** "Creating at Giverny-Monet's Garden."

2:00 p.m., **Reg Butler,** "Successful Container Gardening."

Saturday

11:00 a.m., **Randall Wieting,** "Fundamentals of Design."

1:00 p.m., **Dean Lahikainen,** "Neo-classical Summer Houses of the Derby Family."

2:00 p.m., **Betty Stone,** "Perennials in a Natural Setting."

Burns

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Burns has a cache of newspaper stories from the 1970s about the early tours and Historic Salem. One article from 1971 features a picture of Burns' husband, Jeremiah, and Usher holding up picket signs outside the doctors' offices at 24 Chestnut Street. Usher, wearing a hat, white gloves, a dress and high heels, was among the some 45 people protesting against the doctors' decision to put vinyl siding on their house.

In another article, from 1973, there is a picture of Burns herself staring straight up from the bottom of a circular flying staircase at 14 Cambridge Street. On the back of that article are ads for the movie "1776," which was playing at the Salem Cinema on Essex Street, and for the restaurant 3 Coins in the Fountain, which was located across from Salem Hospital.

Burns, who has lived at 15 Chestnut Street for almost 30 years, has three children and five grandchildren. She attended the Radcliffe Seminar's Landscape Design Program and, for many years, opened her garden for the tour.

Burns' garden is not on the tour this year, but one of the lectures will be held in her garden.

"It was fun," Burns says of the years she let visitors into her garden. "It's a gardener's dream to have people tell you you have a beautiful garden."

A Neighborhood United

River Street homeowners work together to put in brick sidewalks

John Carr can barely walk 10 feet down River Street without pointing out one project or another that he and his neighbors have worked on. Over here, the trees he and other residents pitched in to plant. Over there, the community garden everyone tends to. Along the way, the piece de resistance -- brick sidewalks that run the entire stretch of road.

The idea to put in the brick sidewalks began last June at a neighborhood meeting; about half of the homes had had brick sidewalks installed by the city in the mid-1970s.

Everyone in the neighborhood was polled.

"The general consensus was that it was a good idea," says Carr. A couple of older residents were worried about the bricks being slippery in the winter, but they went along with the wishes of the rest of the neighborhood.

"We offered to shovel their sidewalks," says Carr. "At the time, we had no idea we would have the winter we had."

The next step was approaching Salem officials.

"We went to the city and said, 'Look if you provide the materials and take the asphalt, we will tear up the asphalt and put down the sidewalks'," Carr says.

The city agreed.

The bricks, which were paid for by the city, were delivered to River Street in August. Work began Labor Day weekend. Each of the some 18 neighbors who volunteered for the work went through training sessions with the mason overseeing the project, William Lach.



John Carr

Each Saturday and Sunday throughout the fall, residents worked on the sidewalks, tearing up the asphalt and laying down bricks one house at a time. Once the asphalt was torn up, neighbors would load it onto a truck and take it to the city garage.

"The tools were simple, but we discovered we really needed our mason," Carr says. "We have an interesting assortment of people on the street, accountants, lawyers, a public works director, a machinist. Only one person had any experience with bricklaying."

Many of the people volunteering to do the work, including Carr, already had brick sidewalks in front of their homes. But that didn't stop them from helping out.

"There was a strong feeling that everyone was benefiting. You can't take a parochial view," Carr says. "It was really a neighborhood effort and everyone pitched in."

The bulk of the bricklaying was completed by Thanksgiving. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to which the mayor was invited was planned for the second Sunday of December. That weekend, the

first blizzard of the winter struck.

"We had the entire street plowed down," Carr says. Residents didn't just plow the snow into drifts at the end of the street. They scooped up every bit of snow and ice to be found and carted it out of the neighborhood.

"We got it looking like it was the middle of July," Carr says. The ceremony, which was one of the only two events in Salem not canceled that day, went on as planned.

Carr, a lawyer, is a longtime member of Historic Salem and a former board member. He is also vice chairman of the Salem Historical Commission.

So what's next for Carr and his neighbors? For now, residents are concentrating on the community garden, which will be on the house and garden tour. Everyone on the street contributes money, time and labor toward the garden's upkeep.

"There isn't much space for gardens on this street," Carr says. "But you can always work with what you've got."

President's Message

At Historic Salem Inc.'s 49th Annual Meeting, held May 10, 1993 at the Lyceum Restaurant, HSI President John Casey highlighted the organization's accomplishments over the last year and outlined some goals for the future.

50th Anniversary

Our 50th anniversary is fast approaching in 1994. At our February, 1993 meeting, the board voted to ask historian Jim McAllister to compile a history of HSI so we can produce a 50th anniversary brochure describing our involvement in the city and our activities as an organization.

Community Involvement

We are a member of the Salem Partnership and participate on the Walkways Committee as well. This committee has received funding from the National Park Service to mark a network of walkways throughout the city, the first of which will be through the McIntire District and Forest River Park. Implementation is anticipated for this fall and funding hopefully will be forthcoming for the Salem Willows/Salem Common portion, the Lafayette St. area, and North Salem.

We are also working with the Salem Partnership on neighborhood issues such as code enforcement and a Home Rule petition regarding housing vouchers. The neighborhoods have been affected by the recession, the lead paint laws, and the absence of an investment tax credit to stimulate redevelopment. Property owners have had difficulty selling properties because of the downturn in the real estate market. Therefore, we are working with the city on enforcing issues of health, property maintenance, and zoning.

Our Downtown Committee, which is co-chaired by John Wathne and John Goff, has worked with the Salem Planning Department on the renovations of Lafayette Park at the intersection of Lafayette and Washington Streets. The bids were received this spring and construction is scheduled for completion in June with a dedication in July. The committee's project for the coming year will be to work with the Salem Conservation Commission on a bicycle path for the North River Canal.

Other Activities

We are working with the Rotary Club to co-sponsor a memorial planter in memory of Ann Farnam, former director of the

Essex Institute. The planter will be placed on the grounds of the Peirce-Nichols House, hopefully in time for the Garden Tour.

For the first time, we've taken into our office the production of the newsletter, which we are getting out on a quarterly basis. The newsletter is co-edited by Tina Selecman and Lisa Buckley, with Debbie Hilbert handling production. We have our own desktop publishing program to assist with this task and Minit-Print does our printing.

We are approaching our 30th year of producing house plaques. This is a very important project, because we have documented over 400 residences, providing a picture of Salem through its 350 plus years. Copies of all reports are shared with the Peabody & Essex Museum and the Salem Historical Commission.

Lastly, I intend to ask the Board of Directors to create a scholarship fund to assist a preservation student each year on the graduate level. We are interested in students who are either from Salem or have a research interest in Salem.

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City sidewalk keeps a 'sense of continuity'

A News staff report

SALEM — The asphalt sidewalk set amongst charming centuries-old homes vanished this fall — good news for River Street residents who gathered Sunday to toast the city and their own work that produced a new red brick walkway.

John H. Carr Jr., a River Street resident, said Friday that the project "adds to the historical fabric because it brings (the sidewalks) in line with the 18th century homes we all have."

"It gave us a sense of camaraderie," Carr said of the effort to install the sidewalks. "And in an age where the cities by necessity have to downscale... we didn't feel it would be right... It would've been presumptuous to ask for brick sidewalks."

"It was a nice public/private partnership," Carr said.

A dedication of the more than 411-feet of new sidewalk and 66 feet of granite curbing was held Sunday, attracting residents and city officials as well.

The partnership involved the city paying for 8,000 bricks, which came to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 when the cost of disposing of the asphalt was added in.

The old pavement, Carr said, had to be ripped up by crowbar and fulcrum, before the bricks could be put down. That work was done by residents of the street.

Ward 2 City Councilor Kevin Harvey said Sunday, "That's just a great partnership. It makes for good government. This is the way of the future."

amount of time to do the rest of the street.

"The old-timers almost to a man did not want it," he said of brick sidewalk. "Newcomers wanted it."

Finally, during this past summer, neighbors went to the city to work out a deal of bricks for labor.

A mason had to be used, for liability reasons, and residents were trained in the fine art of brick work.

The final highlight of the project was a compass rose, built at the intersection of Beckford and River streets, based on the design of Salem mason Willie Lach.

Lach said he "just wanted something special on this side of the sidewalk. I said 'Give me enough time, and I will think of something.'"

He spent about four hours designing the idea and 16 hours actually creating it, including cutting the bricks.

"This is the type of work I do best," said Lach, 40, who also redid a chimney at a River Street home. "The challenge is there."

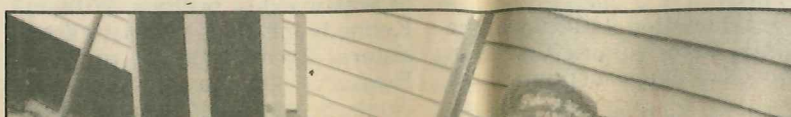
One problem in designing the compass was determining where north is, because a difference exists between true north and magnetic north.

So in stepped the Coast Guard, after Carr called them at their Boston headquarters.

"I gave them the impression that this was a public works project to the scale of the third harbor tunnel," Carr said, adding, "We didn't know where north



Above, River Street residents, from left, Paul Willis, William Lach and John Carr admire the sidewalk they helped build along their homes. Below left, Jere Jennings puts a brick in place. Below right, Lach, standing, who oversaw the mason work, and Ed Pliner put in their sidewalk shift.



just one or two people."

A total of about 15 men worked on putting the brick down on weekends between Labor Day and early December. The women supplied plenty of hot coffee and sandwiches.

Marrington said he thought the idea could spread to other communities in the city, with Salem putting up a small chunk of money and residents contributing the labor.

About one-half of the sidewalk on the small, narrow street had been bricked about 15 years ago, according to Carr.

He described the neighborhood as being in transition, which partially explained why it took that

which was at sea, and a petty officer determined exactly where the desired direction was located.

Ten minutes later, the officer called back, asking, "Do any of your group know how to read a compass?"

The sidewalk project involved merging the past and present.

Bricks from an old coal chute, going into the cellar of resident Margaret Hill's home, were recycled for use on the sidewalk.

Carr theorized that Hill's great-grandfather, a mason, may have laid the chute, which could have been used for coal.

"We wanted to have a sense of continuity," Carr said.



'Habitual traffic offender' threatened with jail term

A News staff report

IPSWICH — An Ipswich man, labeled an "habitual traffic offender," faces a year in jail if he should be stopped for any traffic offenses in the next two years.

Richard W. Pitts, 54, of 1 Winter St., was also fined \$655 in Ipswich District Court on Thursday for his latest motor vehicle offense, operating a motor vehicle after his license was suspended.

Deputy Ipswich Police Chief Peter Foote, the department's prosecutor, had recommended that Pitts be given 60 days in jail. Foote noted Pitts had been adjudged an "habitual traffic offender" for past offenses. Approximately 20 charges had been brought against Pitts over the past several years.

However, Pitts' lawyer, David Rifkin, asked for a suspended sentence, without a jail term, say-

ing Pitts had changed his previous behavior.

"He had problems with alcohol years ago. When he was arrested (Oct. 8 in Ipswich) he had just had a fight with his girlfriend. He knows he shouldn't have been driving," said Rifkin.

Rifkin said Pitts is a cook at the Millstone Restaurant and works six days a week, 8 to 12 hours a

day.

His employer stood ready to testify he was a good worker and had even agreed to pay Pitts' legal fees, said Rifkin.

Judge J. Dennis Healey, however, noted "based on his record, it raises serious questions whether he's changing his behavior." He noted Pitts had been committed to jail for 10-day sentences twice.

"What's the message he gets?" if there is only another suspended sentence, asked Healey.

Rifkin noted Pitts was also due to appear in Peabody District Court on a probation surrender. A charge of driving an uninsured motor vehicle was brought against Pitts in Peabody, for which he had previously been given six months in jail, suspended for a year. The violation

of probation hearing was delayed Friday in Peabody District Court until Feb. 25.

Healey sentenced Pitts to a year in jail, but stayed the sentence until Dec. 8, 1994, meaning the jail term won't start until then, unless there is another motor vehicle offense during that time.

He was also fined \$655 and given three months to pay.

Inmates get \$1.4M in lawsuit settlement

BOSTON (AP) — Inmates of the now closed Essex County Jail at Salem, ruled to be overcrowded and in poor condition, will share \$1.4 million in the settlement of a class-action suit.

Justice Hiller B. Zobel of the Suffolk Superior Court has ruled that 943 former inmates of the jail will share the settlement that resulted from a suit charging cruel and unusual punishment.

The suit involved prisoners at the jail, built in 1813, who were housed there from August 1984 to February 1991 when a new jail opened in Middleton.

In their complaint, the ex-inmates said they were forced to use buckets and pizza boxes because of a lack of toilet facilities

Former prisoners will receive \$10 for each day spent in Salem jail in the jail.

Under the agreement reached last week, the former prisoners will receive \$10 for each day they spent in the old jail. The money will be paid by the state Department of Correction, not Essex County.

"It was a fair outcome," said Barry Barkow, director of Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, the inmate advocacy group that filed the class-action suit. "It is admirable that the Commonwealth and the Department of Correction recognized their responsibilities.

"The long-term lesson here is

that the Commonwealth should do more earlier to build and maintain facilities for prisoners," he told The Boston Globe.

Originally, 823 former inmates were named in the suit. Barkow successfully argued, however, that many former inmates did not hear of the suit because they did not speak English, were serving time at other institutions or did not have recent, valid addresses.

Zobel extended the cutoff date from Sept. 13 to Dec. 4, by which time 119 more inmates had joined the class action.

Last Thursday, Barkow tried to

include 36 more who missed the Dec. 4 deadline. Zobel allowed the 119 filed as of Dec. 4, but only one of the 36 who filed after that date.

The final figure of \$1.4 million could be more than the state's self-imposed cap or less, depending on how many of the 943 eligible ex-inmates respond to the release forms, according to Charles Wyzanski, attorney for the Department of Correction.

As part of the settlement, Essex County has established a grievance procedure agreed on by both inmates and prison administrators at the new jail.

While there have been grievance mechanisms in the past, the terms were dictated by prison officials.

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Police spokesman Sgt. Conrad Prosniewski says disruptions brought on by downtown traffic changes have eased and tie-ups associated with the Riley Plaza reconstruction project have lessened considerably. **Page 9**

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