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42 Essex Street

Built for, ELIJAH LOW

Built by, A. K. HOOD

1840

Research by,

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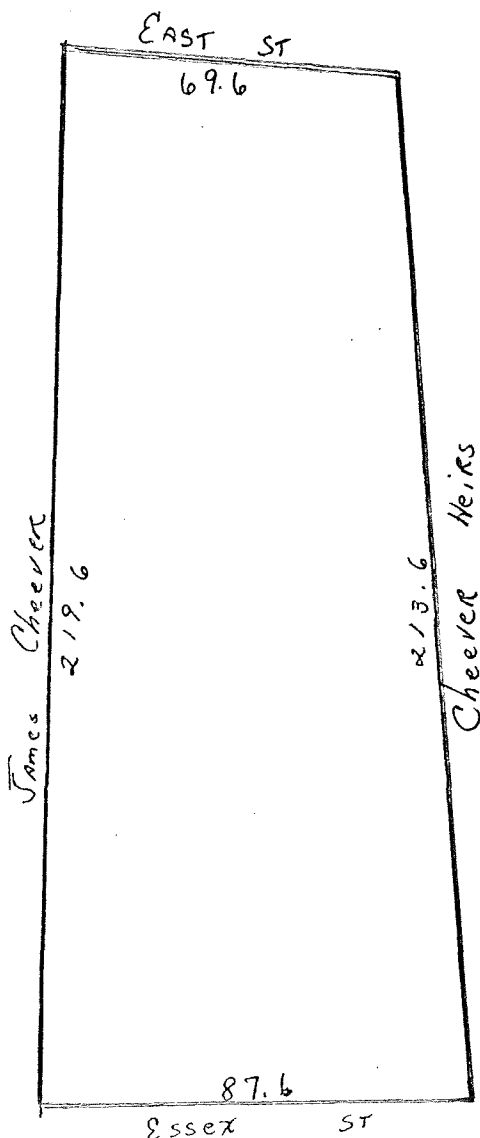
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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

42 Essex Street

Essex Street was the original main thoroughfare in this section. It was called a street or highway in 1667; ye street, 1670; "a highway or the strete that goes from ye meeting house down to the neck so caled," 1683; ye high street, 1687; ye main street, 1706; Main street, 1788; and Essex street, 1795. (Essex Antiquarin, vol. 10, page 60)

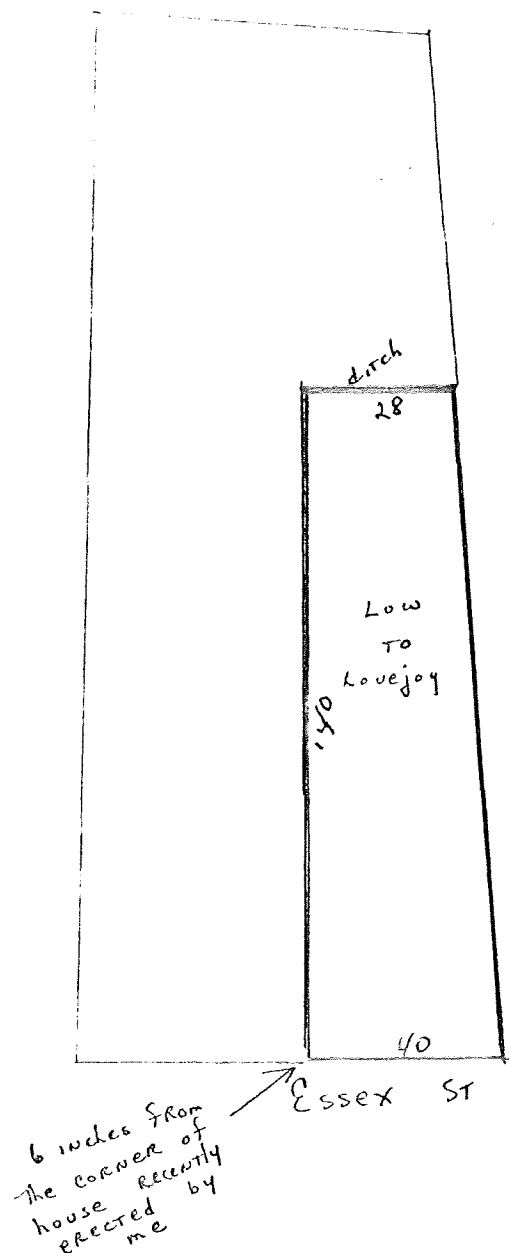
The lot on which this house stands was part of the land sold by Joseph S. Leavitt to Elijah Low, yeoman, on Oct. 20, 1840, for the sum of \$330. Mr. Low obtained a mortgage for the \$330 from Mr. Leavitt on the same date. (book 321 page 22 and book 321 page 68)



This was the same land conveyed to Mr. Leavitt by William F. and Mary G. Endicott, Nathaniel Silsbee and Richard Rogers in May of 1835.

Immediately after the purchase of the land, on Oct. 21, 1840, a contract was drawn up between Mr. Low and Mr. A. K. Hood. Mr. Hood agreed to build Mr. Low's house according to the proposal drawn up, for the sum of \$974. (book 322 page 206) (Appendix A)

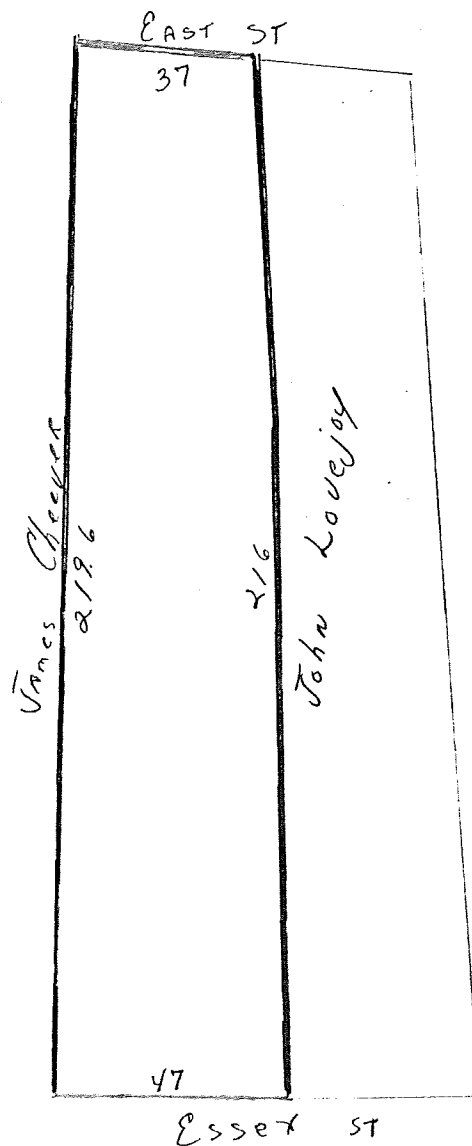
The house was evidently completed before the end of the year. The tax records of 1840 show Elijah Low assessed for a "new house". Another indication of the date of construction is shown in a deed written on Jan. 9, 1841, when Mr. Low sold off a portion of his land to John Lovejoy. The description of this land mentions one boundary as: "beginning at a point on Essex St. 6 inches from the south east corner of the house recently erected by me". (book 322 page 197)



The 1842 Salem Directory lists the occupants of 42 Essex St. as Elijah Low and Edward Lane. The tenant, Mr. Lane, was a sailmaker in the business established by his father at 57 Union St. Shortly after 1842 the Lane family moved to 12 Union St. The next tenant was Peter Wright, the proprietor of a Derby St. grocery, as indicated in the census of 1850:

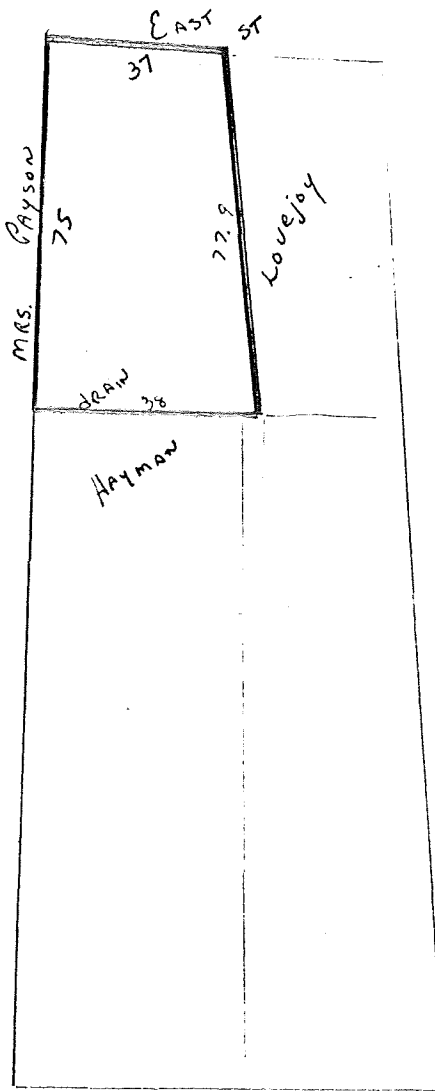
Elijah Low	age 47	labourer	- property value \$1,200,	born Maine
Hannah "	" 46			" "
Charles A. Low	" 22	carpenter		" Mass
Hiram E. "	" 19	labourer		" "
Peter E. Wright	age 36	grocer		born Mass
Hannah H. "	" 35			" "
Silvia E. "	" 11			" "

The details of Mr. Low's life have not be ascertained. What is known is that on March 13, 1853, Elijah Low sold the land and building at 42 Essex St. to Albert Day. (book 322 page 206) Mr. Low had sold the other half of the land in sections by this date.



One month later, April 12, 1853, Albert Day sold the property to his father-in-law John Hayman, shipmaster, for the sum of \$2,200. (book 485 page 108)

On Nov. 2, 1853 John Hayman sold the portion of land fronting on East St. (Forrester St.) to Caroline W. Franks. This was subject to an easement and right for Hayman to have the drain leading from his present dwelling house run and empty into the drain aforesaid, and reserved for the term of three years a right for Hayman to pass over the land for himself and workmen for the purpose of carrying earth and other materials to fill up and raise the level of his land.



(book 487 page 8)
(Appendix B)

The 1860 census gives some insight as to the occupants at that time:

John Hayman	age 77	master mariner	born England
Mary A. "	" 40	"	" Mass
Abby "	" 26	"	" "
George "	" 32	"	" "
Peter E. Wright	age 45	provision dealer	born Mass
Hannah M. "	" 44	"	" "
Anna "	" 9	"	" "
Ellen "	" 7	"	" "

Capt. John Hayman died in the summer of 1869 after a long sea faring career. Capt. Hayman was born in Miller Co. Cornwall, England in 1785, the son of John and Mary (Stoveman) Hayman. He came to Salem in 1804 on the brig "Commerce" and married Abigail West on Sept. 26, 1813. During the 1850's he was an inspector at the Custom House. The most memorable and controversial event in his life was on the voyage of the ill-fated "Margaret" 1809-1810.

After being seized in the Mediterranean in August of 1809 the "Margaret" finally set sail for home on April 10, 1810. On May 20 a storm hit, and capsized the vessel. The men found a longboat that was very badly damaged. A repair crew transferred to it and patched her until she was well enough to appear seaworthy. Unfortunately, that small craft would not hold all 46 men. Fifteen men managed to reach the longboat and kept a good distance from the wrecked "Margaret" and the remaining 31 men.

The men on the longboat refused to take on any more of the crew and left the wreck on May 21. Five days later they were picked up by the brig "Poacher", then transferred to the brig "Mentor" and arrived at Salem on June 19, 1810. All fifteen men who escaped in the longboat were saved. John Hayman was among them.

Three of the men who were left aboard the wreck managed to survive unbelievable hardships and arrived in Salem on July 22. Once the second group of survivors arrived the violent argument that had begun at sea over the longboat's departure from the wreck was renewed. The final chapters in the story of the "Margaret" voyage did not come until more than twenty years after her sinking. (For a full account see the Essex Institute Historic Collection, Vol. 91 page 9)

Capt. John Hayman's probate, case #42019, listed his heirs as:

John Hayman	son	of California
Margaret E. Day	daughter	Salem
Mary Ann Hayman	"	"
George Hayman	son	"
Abby Hayman	daughter	"

In his will Capt. Hayman bequeathed all his property to Mary Ann, Abby and George. If Margaret was a widow at the time of his death she was to share in the estate.

Three of Mr. Hayman's children remained at the house as disclosed in the census records:

1870

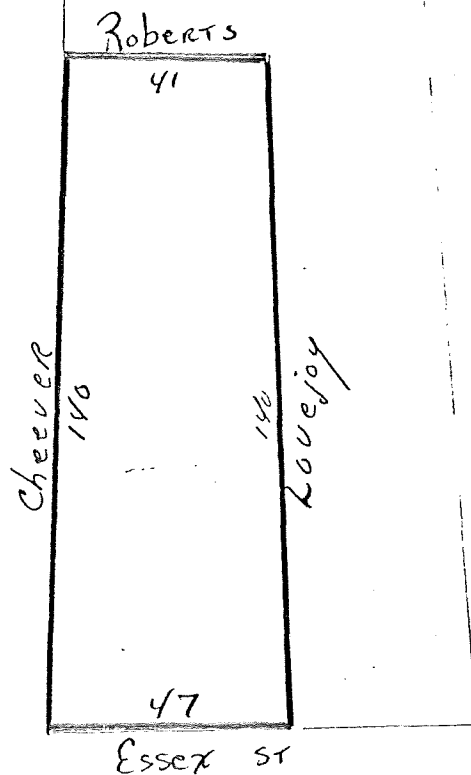
Mary Hayman	age 44	variety store	born Mass
George "	" 42	no occupation	" "
Abby W. "	" 36	no occupation	" "
Francis Torry	" 55	seaman	" Peru S.A.
Rebecca "	" 54		" Mass

1880

Mary Hayman	age 50		born Mass
Abby "	" 44		" "
George H. "	" 48	laborer	" "
Frank Pearl	" 35	shoemaker	" New Brunswick
Cecelia "	" 31		" Mass
Frank "	" 12	at school	" Maine

Mary and Abby died leaving the house to George. George Hayman died on March 6, 1904 leaving as his heirs: Emma & Clara Day, nieces; Annie Battis, grand niece; Eldbridge Currier, grand nephew.

On May 29, 1905 Arthur W. West administrator of the estates of Abby, Mary and George, sold the property to Jennie Mc Math. For reference see chain of title Albert Day to John Hayman 1853. (book 1781 pages 31-33)



On August 26, 1915 Joseph A. and Jennie Mc Math sold to David Winer the same estate conveyed to Jennie by deed of Arthur W. West except what land was taken to widen the street. (book 2304 page 245)

On March 22, 1947 David and Ethel G. Winer sold to Emanuel T. and Margaret Solovicos the same estate conveyed by Jennie Mc Math. (book 3511 page 77)

Salem News Feb. 1, 1949:

"A fire resulting from an overheated smoke pipe between the first and second floors of 42 Essex St. yesterday afternoon necessitated firemen to tear away sections of partitions so that water could be played on the blaze.

Notified by residents who complained of an odor of smoke, firemen found the blaze between the walls. A booster line was then brought into play and a total of 70 gallons of water used."

Fire Department records:

42 Essex St. - Building - Owner, Manuel Solovicos: occupant, Mrs Mallon and others. Value \$7,000. Insurance \$5,000. Loss \$650.61 cause overheated smoke pipe.

Emanuel T. Solovicos died on Oct. 13, 1964. His obituary simply stated: "Funeral service for a well known merchant of 43 St. Peter St. was held from St. Vaslilos Greek Orthodox Church, Peabody."

On Jan. 5, 1968 Mrs. Margaret (Kilpatrick) Solovicos of 5 Summer St. died Thursday after a long illness. Born in Londonderry, Ire. the daughter of the late John and Mary Kilpatrick.

She was associated with her late husband in operation of Martha Sweets Restaurant at the corner of North and Essex Streets for the past 60 years.

She left two sons Janes and Theodore Solovicos of Salem, one daughter Mrs. Raymond (Elizabeth) White, of Peabody.

On Oct. 14, 1975 James M. Solovicos and Raymond T. White of Peabody trustees under the will of Margaret Solovicos, probate #295282, sold for \$32,000 to Robert M. and George E. Maguire. For title see deed of David Winer to Emanuel and Margaret Solovicos. (book 6189 page 004)

On Jan. 5, 1976 Robert and George Maguire sold to William M. Rice, Ann M. Rice and Peter W. Rice, trustees for Hibbard Realty, Marblehead for the sum of \$40,000. For title see deed James Solovicos and Raymond White. (book 6212 page 347)

All reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds and probate numbers refer to cases in Probate Court, both located in the same building on Federal St., Salem.
All maps in this report are not meant to be exact - just as an illustration.

Agreement.
A. H. Flood
E. Low.

(A)

Said House, to be built according to the plan & finished in
in every part, one half an inch boards to be matched the remainder
to be square edged to be boarded with No. 3. seasoned pine boards
the roof to be boarded with hemlock, to clapboard the sides & ends
with best clapboards, to shingle the roof with best sawed pine shi-
ngles, return the cornice around the ends to receive the fly boards,
make a door head like that of William Still in Dorby St. finish
first & second stories according to the plan with single architraves
to the doors & windows, to put as many shelves in each closet as
will be required by said Low put stairs to have large turned posts at
the bottom and finished with plain brackets & banister back stairs to go
to attic the yard floor to be square edged, make scullie stairs, build
window frames with plain Ogee & lead caps also lead over front
door the cut side door to be made of thick stuff similar to A. Kelly
in Union St. The Contractor to find all the wood materials
nails bands & lead. The lower floor timbers to be of pine of suitable
size the rest of sawed timber. All the inside finish to be equal to
No. 2. stock. Said Low to furnish the Sashes & glazing to be painted
in by the contractor, all the trimmings to be furnished by E. Low,
and to be put on by the contractor. The Contractor to furnish
all the materials & to build two chimneys according to the plan
excepting two fire places in the pantrys which are to be dispen-
sed with, to furnish all the Lathes & mortar & plaster the said
house in a faithful and workmanlike manner.

October 21, 1840. A. H. Flood agrees to build Mr. Low's House accor-
ding to the above proposals for the sum of Nine hundred and 87
seventy four dollars. Mr. Low agrees to pay one third of the above
sum down and one third when the house is completed, the rem-
ainder in six months or sooner as he may be able.

A. H. Flood.

Elijah Low.

1/2 page p. Received June 23, 1876. Recorded & Examined by A. H. French.

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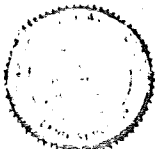
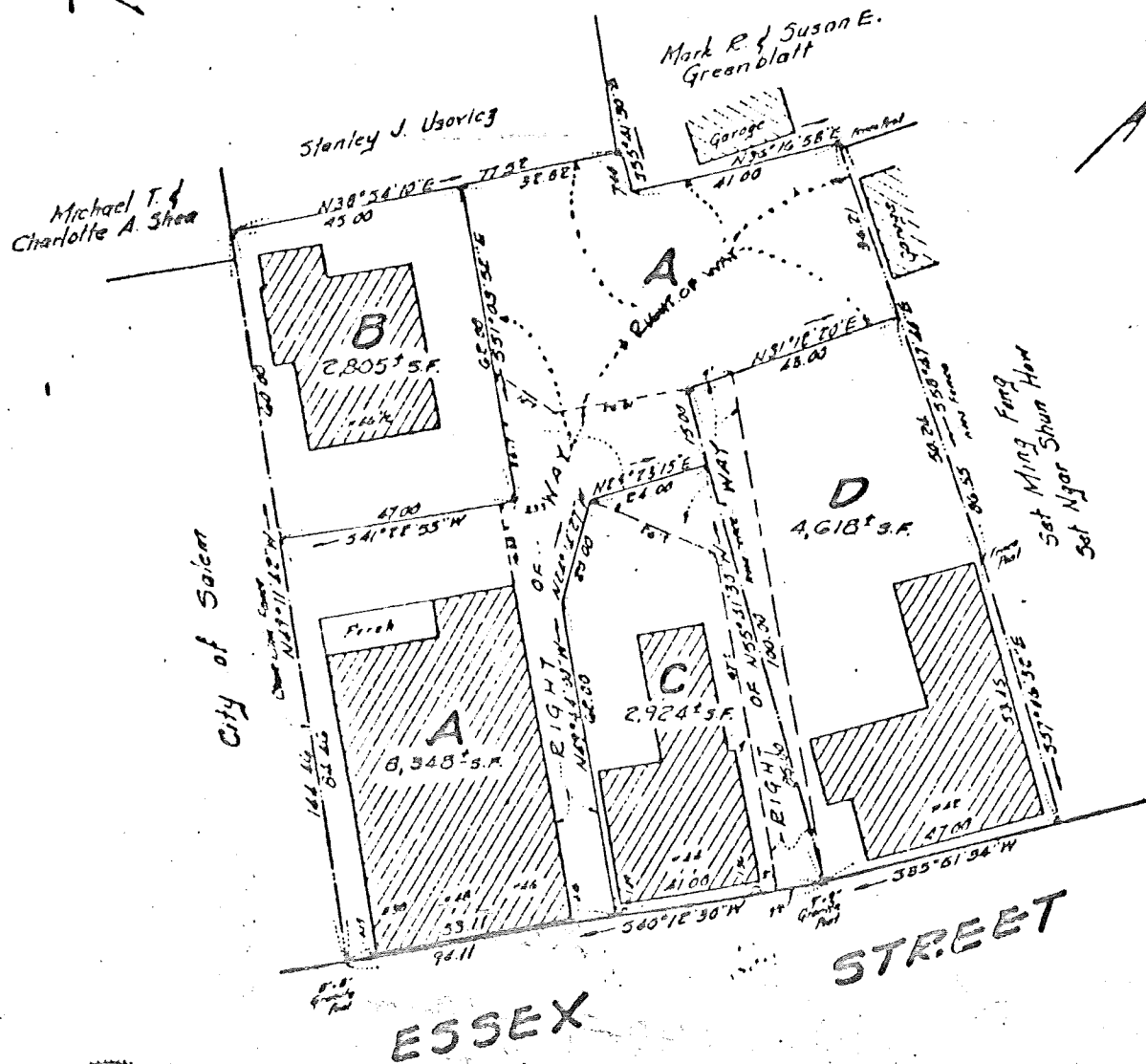
Mary M. Webster her heirs and assigns forever in manner as
 aforesaid; and that I will, and my heirs, executors and ad-
 ministrators, shall warrant and defend the same to the said
 Mary M. Webster her heirs and assigns forever, against the
 lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof
 the said Walden Webster and Mary M. the wife of said Walden
 in tokens that she hereby releases power in the premises have
 presented set our hands and seals this nineteenth day of
 November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty three
 Walden Webster. Seal
 Mary M. Webster. Seal
 Sealed, signed and delivered in presence of
 Stephen Barker, Emily M. Johnson } Ex. ss. Nov. 19. 1853. Then per-
 sonally appeared the above named Walden Webster and acknowledged
 the above instrument to be his free act and deed, -
 before me, Stephen Barker, Justice of the Peace.
 Ex. ss. Rec. Nov 25, 1853. 2) in part of Mr. Recorder by Ephm. Brown. Rec.

(B)

I know all men by these presents, that I John Hayman J. Hayman
 of Salem in the County of Essex Shipmaster, in consideration of C. W. Franks
 five hundred dollars to me paid by Caroline W. Franks of said Book 187 pg 8
 Salem widow, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,
 do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the
 said Caroline and her heirs and assigns a certain parcel
 of land in said Salem bounded Northerly by East Street
 about 37 feet more or less, Easterly by land of Lovejoy about
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(B)
77 feet 9 inches, more or less, to a drain now running through the land of said Hayman including said drain and bounded by the southerly side of said drain, about 38 feet, more or less, and southerly by other land of said Hayman measuring there about 38 feet, more or less, westerly, by land occupied by Mrs. Payson measuring there about seventy-five feet, more or less. This conveyance to be expressly subject to an easement and right for said Hayman and his heirs and assigns to have the drain leading from his present dwelling house run and empty into the drain aforesaid, and reserving also for the term of three years a right for said Hayman to pass over said land for himself and workman for the purpose of carrying earth and other materials to fill up and raise the level of his land, if he shall think fit to do so, at any time or times during said term, to have and to hold the above granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto, belonging, to the said Caroline her heirs and assigns to her and their use and behoof forever. And I the said John for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said Caroline and

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I certify that this plan was prepared in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Registers of Deeds
 Date Nov. 10, 1977 Robert D. [Signature]
 Draftsman

THIS PLAN HAS BEEN REDUCED, FOR CORRECT SCALING SEE ORIGINAL ON FILE.

PLAN OF LAND
 in
 SALEM

Prepared for
 HIBBARD REALTY TRUST
 Scale: 1"=20' Nov. 10, 1977

Approval under the Subdivision Control Law not required under Chap. 41 G.L. Sec. 81 P.
 SALEM PLANNING BOARD
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ESSEX SURVEY SERVICE INC.
 47 Federal Street Salem



