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20 PLEASANT STREET

Built for
JOHN W. STOCKER, carriage and chaise maker
in 1844

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The house currently located at 20 Pleasant Street in Salem was built in 1844 by John W. Stocker, a self-employed "carriage and chaise maker". Stocker bought the property from Hannah Buxton in 1844. Tax records indicate that Stocker paid taxes on the house located at 33 Pleasant Street (the original address of the house until the 1880's) in that same year [Tax Records, 1844, Essex Institute]. In 1845 the value of the property was \$800.00, with \$4.64 in real estate taxes being paid by Stocker [Tax Records, 1845, Essex Institute]. In 1859 he sold the property to Helen M. Smith of Salem. She was married to Oliver C. Smith, who was employed as a machinist. The deed carried the unusual provision that the property be conveyed to Helen "to her sole and separate use free from the interference or control of her husband and without the intervention of trustees..." [E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163]

In the 19th century the house was occupied by prominent businessmen. In addition to Stocker, who owned his own business (see attached ads), the house was home to Andrew Dowbridge, Jr. and his wife Abby in the 1860's [Salem Directory, 1866]. Andrew was employed as a dealer of "Fresh and Pickled Fish" at City Wharf on Front Street, which was one of the busiest commercial centers in Salem at the time [Salem Directory, 1866]. In 1868 Dowbridge sold the property to Francis B. Story, who owned the property until 1877, when he sold it to William Story. Francis owned a variety store on Essex Street in Salem, which in the mid-19th century was filled with countless shops, carriage makers,

dry goods dealers, blacksmiths, etc. Story was a prominent name in Salem, and Francis may have been related to Judge Joseph Story of Salem, who served on the United States Supreme Court from 1811 to 1845.

Although William Story bought the house in 1877, he appears to have spent little time in it. Records indicate that Charles Odell, who was employed as an auctioneer and in real estate, lived in the house until 1882, when it was sold to Mary E. Bowen. [Salem Directory, 1881]. Mary was married to Thomas Bowen, who was employed as a carriage painter [Salem Directory, 1890-1891]. The Bowen family occupied the house from 1882 until 1950.

In 1900 Mary and her son, Warren, are listed as residing at 20 Pleasant Street, although Warren appears to have been living there temporarily, because he was employed as a teacher in Edgewood, Rhode Island. By 1920 Warren resettled in Salem and was employed locally as a teacher [Salem Directory, 1920]. In the 1920's it appears that Warren was the sole occupant of the house, and in the 1930's and 1940's records indicate that Marion H. Bowen, a bookkeeper, lived in the house [Salem Directories, 1935, 1945]. In 1950, Sally Bowen sold the property to Madge Deery, who in turn sold the property to Alyce Kenney in 1958.

In 1959 the house was sold to William A. Milliken, who was employed as a business manager at the Essex County Sanitorium. He occupied the house with his wife Patricia. In 1987 the house was sold to Jerold and Regina Flynn.

In 1993 the property was purchased by Shawn L. Sabine and Elisabeth Paige Sturner.

DOCUMENTATION

*** Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 347, Leaf 44

Grantor: Hannah Buxton of Salem, widow

Grantee: John W. Stocker of Salem, Coach and Chaise Maker

Consideration: \$200.00

Conveyance of: "a certain lot of land situate in said Salem and bounded as follows, viz, beginning at the Southeasterly corner thereof on Pleasant Street and thence running Northerly on said street fifty two feet eight inches, then turning and running Westerly and bounding Northerly on Parker's land one hundred three feet eight inches, then turning and running Southerly bounding Westerly on other land of said Buxton fifty feet, then turning and running easterly and bounding Southerly on--- Barton's land one hundred and three feet eight and an [sic] half inches to the corner begun at on Pleasant Street..."

Date Recorded: August 31, 1844

*** E.C.R.D. Book 444, Leaf 149-150

Grantor: Hannah Buxton of Salem, widow of Thomas Buxton

Grantee: John W. Stocker of Salem

Consideration: \$200.00

Conveyance of: "under and by virtue of the will of said Thomas, and because I deemed [sic] it necessary for my comfortable support and maintenance, in consideration of two hundred dollars to me paid by John W. Stocker of Salem aforesaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Stocker, his heirs and assigns forever, all my right, title and interest in and to the lot of land on Pleasant Street in said Salem on which said Stocker has erected a story and a half house, as described in my deed to him dated August 31st, 1844... (see above deed). Meaning and intending to ratify and confirm the conveyance made by said deed, and enlarging the westerly boundary to fifty one feet and ten inches instead of fifty feet..."

Date Recorded: April 24, 1851

*** E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163

Grantor: John W. Stocker of Salem, Coach and Chaise Maker

Grantee: Helen M. Smith of Salem, wife of Oliver C. Smith,
Machinist

Consideration: \$1600.00

Conveyance of: "... do hereby give, grant, sell, and convey unto the said Helen M. to her sole and separate use free from the interference or control of her husband and without the intervention of trustees, a certain lot of land situate in said Salem, and bounded and described as follows viz; beginning at the bound stone in the southeasterly corner thereof on Pleasant Street and thence running northerly on said Street fifty three feet seven inches, then turning and running westerly and bounding northerly on land formerly of Parker one hundred and three feet eight inches, then turning and running southerly and bounding westerly on land formerly of Buxton fifty one feet and ten inches, more or less, to land of Worcester, then turning and running easterly and bounding southerly on land of Worcester sixty five feet ten and a half inches more or less to a point three inches northerly from the underpinning of the northwest corner of the main part of said Worcester's house, and then turning and running a little more easterly by land of Worcester thirty seven feet ten inches to the bound stone begun at..."

Date Recorded: October 8, 1859

*** E.C.R.D. Book 755, Leaf 79

Grantor: Andrew Dowbridge, Jr. and Abby C. Dowbridge of Salem

Grantee: Francis B. Story of Salem

Consideration: \$2500.00

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163 (above)

Date Recorded: September 16, 1868

*** E.C.R.D. Book 985, Leaf 190

Grantor: Francis B. Story and Nancy Story of Salem

Grantee: William Story of Essex

Consideration: \$2400.00

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163 (above)

Date Recorded: October 17, 1877

*** E.C.R.D. Book 1083, Leaf 200

Grantor: William Story II of Salem

Grantee: Mary E. Bowen of Salem

Consideration: \$2500.00

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163 (above)

Date Recorded: May 29, 1882

*** E.C.R.D. Book 3778, Page 413

Grantor: Sally A. Bowen of Salem

Grantee: Madge (Marguerite) B. Deery of Salem

Consideration: For consideration paid

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163 (above)

Date Recorded: October 20, 1950

*** E.C.R.D. Book 4448, Page 484

Grantor: Robert M. Collins, administrator of the Estate of Marguerite B. Deery late of Salem

Grantee: Alyce A. Kenney of Salem

Consideration: \$3500.00

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163 (above)

Date Recorded: March 28, 1958

*** E.C.R.D. Book 4531, Page 47

Grantor: Alyce A. Kenney of Salem

Grantee: William A. Milliken of Salem

Consideration: For consideration paid

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163 (above)

Date Recorded: January 16, 1959

*** E.C.R.D. Book 9257, Page 201

Grantor: Robert A. Ledoux, Executor under the Will of William A. Milliken

Grantee: Jerold M. Flynn and Regina R. Flynn of Salem

Consideration: \$143,000.00

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163

Date Recorded: October 29, 1987

*** E.C.R.D. Book 11912, Page 46

Grantor: Jerold M. Flynn and Regina R. Flynn

Grantee: Shawn L. Sabine and Elisabeth Paige Sturner

Consideration: \$143,000.00

Conveyance of: See E.C.R.D. Book 595, Leaf 163

Date Recorded: May 28, 1993

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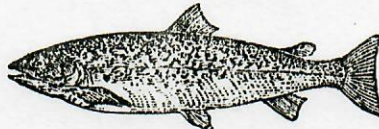
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 Rogers John W. 316 Essex
 Shepard S. 298 Essex
 THURSTON HENRY W. 24 Federal, and 38 and 40 Wash-
 ington (see page 333)

Upholstery Goods.

GOLDTHWAITE WILLARD & CO. 25 Washington (see
 page 333)
 HASKELL, LOUGEE, & CO. 281 Essex (see line outside
 back cover)
 IDE EDWIN R. 229 Essex (see page 337)

Variety Stores.

Aylward George G. Mrs. 77 Federal
 Caraway C. S. 58 Derby
 Carlton John, 158 Essex
 Carter Lydia, 108 North
 Egan Barbara, 40 Broad
 Foley Bridget, 30 Norman
 Gorman Margaret, 50 Harbor
 Knight M. B. & M. 5 Pleasant
 Lemon Helen W. 2 Walnut
 McLaughlin Mary, 76 Mill
 Minor A. H. Mrs. 18 Beckford
 O'Keefe Mary, 11 Charter
 Phillips George Mrs. 38 St. Peter
 Reeves William, 20 Essex
 Rhodes Louisa A. 373 Essex
 Stephenson Elizabeth, 60 Essex
 Story Francis B. 148 Essex ✓
 Tibbets Betsey, 9 Winter
 Wihr L. W. 52 Endicott
 Wilson Charlotte H. Mrs. 5 North

Veterinary Surgeons.

SAUNDERS ROBERT J. 7 Buffum (see page 343)
 Saunders William, 5 Buffum

Washing Machines.

MOONEY, WADLEIGH, & CO. 37 North (see page 309)
 STATEN DANIEL F. 273 Essex (see last white page)

Watchmakers and Jewelers.

APPLETON GEO. B. 180 Essex (see outside back cover,
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Salem Directory, 1872

