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4 FEDERAL COURT

Built for

MICAH WILD, gentleman

by 1807

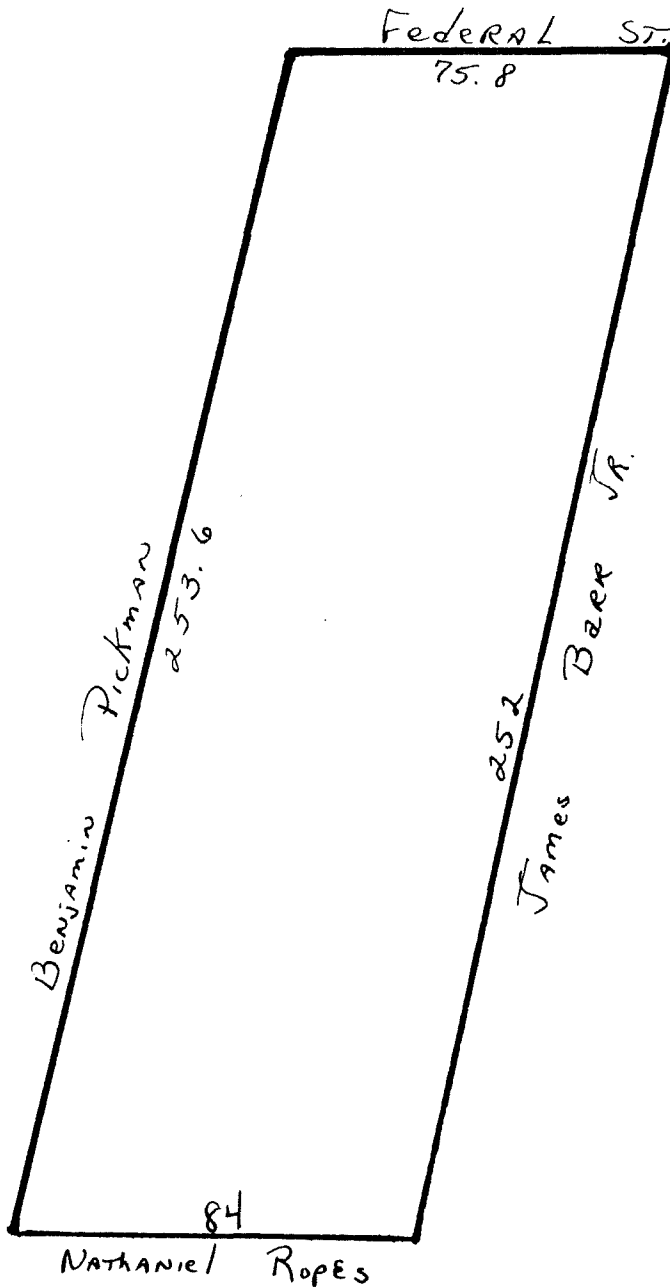
Research by,
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November 1985

*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

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BOOK 171 PAGE 72

DATE - October 8, 1802
CONSIDERATION - \$1,158.50
GRANTOR (seller) - Samuel C. Ward and his wife Jane in her own right
GRANTEE (buyer) - Micah Wild
DESCRIPTION - Piece of land of Federal street

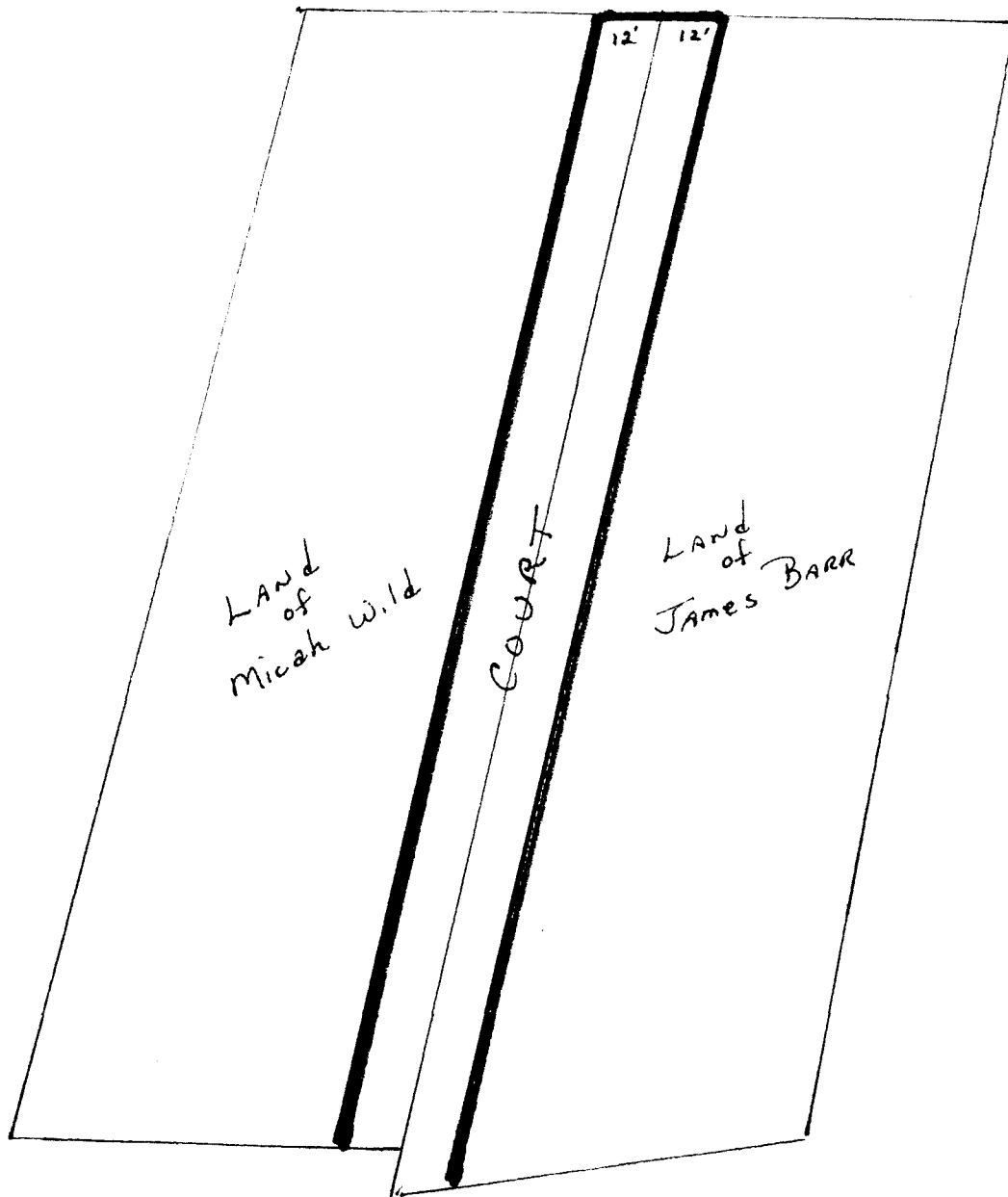


BOOK 177 PAGE 149

DATE -

February 12, 1806

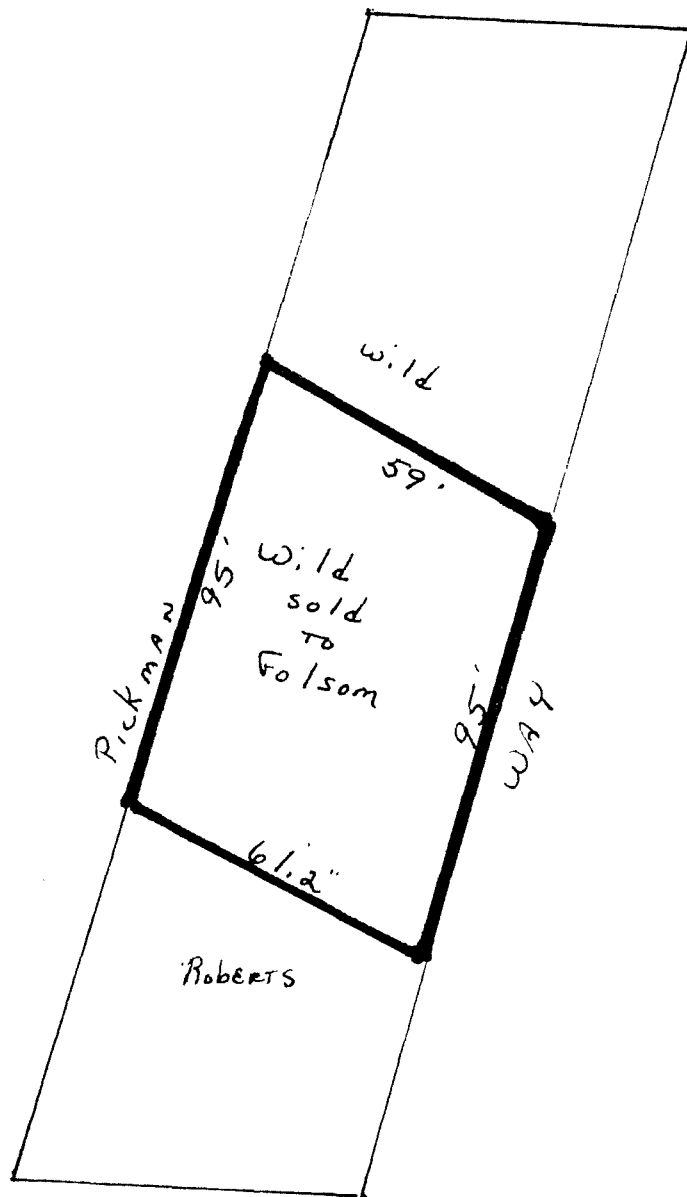
Indenture - James Barr and Micah Wild have agreed to lay out a court or private way of 24 feet wide extending from Federal Street to Nathaniel Ropes' land. Half to be laid out of said James land and the other half out of said Micah's land and that the same shall be forever kept open for the accommodation of their estates:



The first mention of this house appears on the 1807 tax rolls:
Ward 4 Micah Wild
1806 p(ar)t h(ouse) \$1,000 and house lot Federal St. \$500
1807 p(ar)t h(ouse) \$1,000 and "new h(ouse) unf(inished) \$800"

BOOK 193 PAGE 29

DATE - April 4, 1811
CONSIDERATION - \$2,100 (mortgage \$1,100)
GRANTOR (seller) - Micah and Deborah Wild
GRANTEE (buyer) - Lewis Folsom, mariner
DESCRIPTION - Land with dwelling house and other buildings. Also a right of way as described in an indenture on February 12, 1806.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - none given



BOOK 205 PAGE 219

DATE - April 25, 1815
CONSIDERATION - \$1,800
GRANTOR (seller) - Lewis and Eunice Folsom of Newbury
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ebenezer Dodge of Hamilton
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land with dwelling house and other buildings. Also right to the way. Same dimensions as previous deed.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

BOOK 853 PAGE 25

DATE - May 1, 1872
CONSIDERATION - \$4,650
GRANTOR (seller) - Francis Dodge administrator of the estate of Ebenezer Dodge late of Salem
GRANTEE (buyer) - William D. Thorndike
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land with the dwelling house and othe buildings. Also right of way.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Meaning to convey the same estate conveyed to Ebenezer Dodge by Lewis Folsom on April 27, 1815.

I William D Thordike of Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, make this my last will,

After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges I bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Thordike all my estate, real and personal, for her life.

After the decease of my said wife I bequeath and devise my said estate as follows:—

First. My house and land on Federal Court in said Salem and all the furniture and other household effects in my said house to my four daughters, Lydia A Thordike, Sarah E Thordike, Caroline E Thordike and Mary L Thordike for their lives and the life of the last survivor of them.

Second. To my son Charles F Thordike the sum of two thousand dollars in trust, to apply the income thereof to keeping in repair my said house during the life estate of my said daughters and the survivor of them.

Third. All the rest of my estate to be equally divided among my children who shall be living at the decease of my wife, and the issue of any child who may then have deceased: such issue taking the share to which such deceased child would be entitled if living. But I hereby direct that the share

of my son Benjamin S Thordike shall not absolutely vest in him, but his share shall be retained by my executor and trustee for the time being and only the income thereof paid to my said son Benjamin S Thordike during his natural life; and after his decease his share to be equally divided among his issue; if he leave no issue then among my heirs at law.

I nominate my said son Charles F Thordike to be the executor of this my will and request that he be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his bond as such executor; and I further request that he shall be exempt from giving any bond as trustee under this will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, and in the presence of three witnesses declare this to be my last will, this ninth day of September A.D. 1875.

Wm. S. Thordike



On this ninth day of September A.D. 1875. William S Thordike of Salem Massachusetts signed the foregoing instrument in our presence, declaring it to be his last will, and as witnesses hereof we three do now at his request, in his presence, and in presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names.

Saml. A. And.

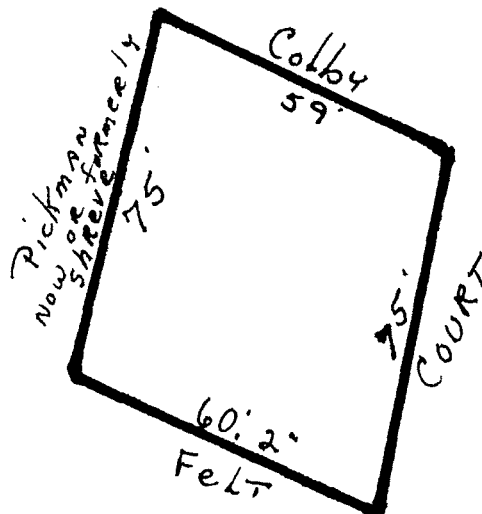
John C. B. Pitt
Joseph B. F. Osgood

BOOK 2393 PAGE 175-176

DATE - May 31, 1918
CONSIDERATION - \$6,500
GRANTOR (seller) - The heirs of William D. Thordike
(Joseph J. Thorndike Jr., Anna Porter
and the estate of Sarah E. Thorndike)
GRANTEE (buyer) - Katharine L. Felt wife of John P.
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings. Same dimensions.
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - See deed of Francis Dodge administra-
tor to William D. Thorndike on May 1,
1872

BOOK 2448 PAGE 571

DATE - May 7, 1920
GRANTOR (seller) - John P. Felt and Katharine L. his
wife in her own right
GRANTEE (buyer) - Channing Bacall
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being part of the premises conveyed
to Katharine Felt by deed of Joseph
Thorndike May 31, 1918



BOOK 2681 PAGE 352

DATE - May 26, 1926
GRANTOR (seller) - Channing Bacall
GRANTEE (buyer) - Charles H. Parker
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings. Same dimensions as in book 2448 page 571
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed off Katharine L. Felt on May 7, 1920

BOOK 4991 PAGE 252

DATE - October 2, 1962
GRANTOR (seller) - Mary P. Bacall (widow)
GRANTEE (buyer) - Channing Bacall Jr.
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see estate of Abigail N. Parker #238356 and Charles H. Parker #186689 and deed from Channing Bacall to Charles Parker on May 26, 1926

BOOK 5586 PAGE 48

DATE - January 15, 1969
GRANTOR (seller) - Channing Bacall Jr.
GRANTEE (buyer) - Cotton C. Parrot
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to grantor by deed of Mary P. Bacall on October 2, 1962

BOOK 5728 PAGE 576

DATE - November 24, 1970
CONSIDERATION - \$39,000 (mortgage \$35,100)
GRANTOR (seller) - Cotton C. Parrot of Manchester
GRANTEE (buyer) - William J. and Cecelia Tichi
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to me
by deed of Channing Bacall Jr. on
January 15, 1969

BOOK 6130 PAGE 755

DATE - February 28, 1975
CONSIDERATION - \$55,000
GRANTOR (seller) - William J. and Cecelia Tichi of
Brookline
GRANTEE (buyer) - Robert and Cynthia Hall
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to
the grantor by deed of Cotton C.
Parrot on November 24, 1970

BOOK 6237 PAGE 487

DATE - April 22, 1976
GRANTOR (seller) - Robert E. and Cynthia Hall of
Springfield, Ill.
GRANTEE (buyer) - Robert E. and Christine P. Healey
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to
us by deed of William J. Tichi et ux
on February 28, 1975

NOTES:

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#4 Federal Court

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"This two-story plus pitch roof, clapboard house is gable end to the street and faces south. The southern facade has five bays and a central entrance trimmed with flat pilasters and a semicircular fanlight above the door. The casement windows with small panes are not original or typical of the period, and the iron railings on the doorstep are also new. There is a small kitchen ell at the far end of the house. A grape arbor in the yard shades a small brick terrace and a picket fence separates the house from the sidewalk." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

Micah Wild was born in Braintree on April 2, 1758, the eldest of 12 children. His name is entered on the Braintree muster roll of an independant company in service of the Colony of Mass. Bay from January 1st to June 7th 1776. He then joined Col. Jonathan Bass' Regiment assembled on the 13th of June 1776, in order to drive the British ships out of Boston harbor. Micah was married, in Braintree, to Mary Cowen on December 25, 1779. The couple moved to Salem around 1790. Mary died in December 1798 leaving Micah with several young children. He was remarried, on November 22, 1799, to Deborah Foote. The Wild family moved from Salem to Andover during 1810 and it was there that Micah Wild died on May 8, 1835, at the age of 78.

Lewis Folsom was born in Newburyport in 1784. He was a master mariner and was married to Eunice Deland on June 8, 1806. They moved from their Salem home to High Street, Newburyport. Lewis Folsom died in January of 1825 at Cayenne, at the age of 41.

The Federal Census of 1850 for 4 Federal Court:

Eben Dodge age 70 merchant, property value \$15,000, born Mass.

Joanna Dodge age 60 born Mass.

James A. Dodge age 27 merchant, born Mass.

Elizabeth McCann age 23 servant, born in Nova Scotia

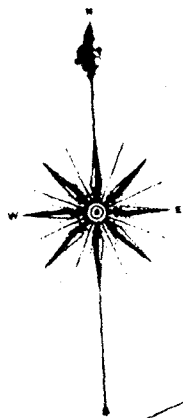


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CAMBRIDGE

MILTON

SALEM ATHENAEUM

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(UNITARIAN)
WIND TOWER
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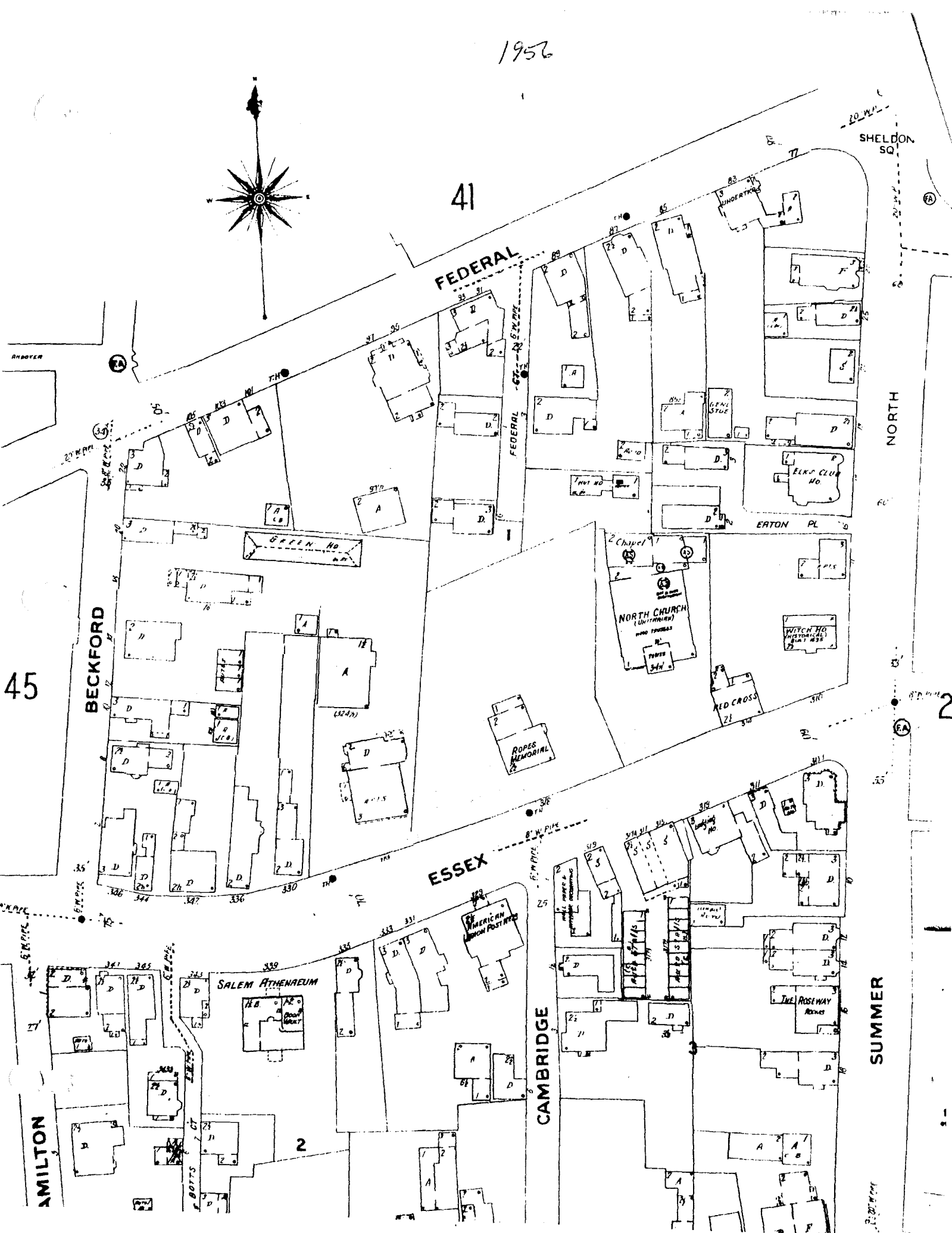
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Who built your house? When? Who were the first owners? What were their occupations? You can get the answers to these and other questions in an HISTORIC SALEM INC. (HSI) house report, along with the well-known house sign that states the year in which your house was built and the name & occupation of the first owner.

The more we know about the history of Salem's neighborhoods, the more we can work to preserve and protect them. It is generally agreed that the sign and research are a good investment in the value of an older house. Studies have indicated that an historic plaque on a house does increase its value. In addition, it establishes an interesting human history of the house.

Over the years, dozens of Salem homeowners have taken advantage of this program offered by HISTORIC SALEM INC., Salem's non-profit group for historic preservation and education.

- Title research is \$75.00 for HSI members and \$95.00 for non-members. Those wishing to do research are encouraged to do so, but should contact the H.S.I. office for directions and information on what is needed for correct documentation. Self research starts at \$35.00. Sample copies of the various types of reports are available for inspection at the H.S.I. office upon appointment.

Called on 10.28.85 J.R. ✓ OK 10.28.85

HISTORIC SALEM INC. House Research & Sign Application:

DATE: *10.28.85* NAME & ADDRESS (please print)
 TELEPHONE Home: *744-0321* *Christine P. and Robert E.*
 Work: *4 Federal Court Healey*
Salem, MA 01970

ADDRESS of Property to be Researched:
 Name of Property Owner: *Robt. F. and Mrs. P. Healey*
 When and From Whom was property Acquired? *May 1978 - Robt. Healey - 945928*
 Approximate Age of Building: *1806*
 Any helpful additional information:

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Enclosed is my Check for _____ Full Payment _____ \$25.00 Deposit _____
 for Full _____ Title _____ Self-Research.

Please make checks payable to Historic Salem, Inc. and send to Historic Salem, Inc. P.O. Box 865, Salem, MA 01970