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ONE DEARBORN STREET

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in 1869

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History of the Property:

The house presently bearing the address One Dearborn Street was built in 1869 by William Maynes, provisioner of "hats, caps and furs" as an investment property. Maynes then occupied an adjoining house on the corner of North and Dearborn Streets and operated a business at 88 North Street.

The parcels of land on which Maynes' two Dearborn street houses were erected had been purchased from the city of Salem in 1867-1868 (Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 737, leaf 246 and Book 745, leaf 264). North Salem, known as Northfields until well into the nineteenth century, was pastureland for Salem's seventeenth- and eighteenth-century settlers. Parcels of land were distributed to Salem householders in ten-acre lots by the town council from 1634 to 1691, but the Maynes lots somehow escaped distribution, despite the laying out of North Street in the eighteenth century. The main thoroughfare of Northfields, North Street was alternatively called "Proprietors'

Way", "Weld's Lane", and the "Highway through ye Northfield" until the following century.

Dearborn Street was laid out by the proprietors of Northfields from North Street to "Rope's Point" on the North River in 1787 in an attempt to capture the proposed bridge to Beverly for their neighborhood. They were not successful, and consequently Dearborn Street began developing shortly thereafter along residential, rather than commercial, lines. In 1868, when William Maynes purchased "a certain parcel of land situate in Northfields" bounded by North Street from the city of Salem, little pastureland remained on Dearborn Street.

Maynes retained his Dearborn Street property for less than a decade. In 1877 he sold "a parcel of land, upon which are two dwelling houses, situated in said Salem, beginning at the corner of North and Dearborn Streets and thence running Northeasterly by Dearborn Street ninety-four feet and nine inches more or less...." to Thomas Symonds of Salem, a descendant of the first settler of North Salem (E.C.R.D. Book 986, leaf 81). The Symonds family possessed numerous properties in the neighborhood, and so One Dearborn Street was let to their daughter and son-in-law Anna and Joseph Waldron, after their marriage in 1886 (Salem Directories, 1886-1900). The Waldrons shared the house with Alvin Evans, a Chelsea clerk. After Thomas Symonds died in 1900, his widow Mary Ann conveyed One Dearborn Street to her daughter Anna S. Waldron for "love and affection and \$1" (E.C.R.D Book 1603, page 567). The Waldrons did not reside at their newly-acquired house for long; it remained a two-family house and was successively leased out to the Mansfield, Pepper, Putnam, Delaney, and Kingsley families for the term

of their possession (Salem Directories, 1900-1923).

The heirs-at-law of Anna Waldron sold the "certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon being numbered One on Dearborn Street in said Salem" to Mary Clancey of Salem, a widow, in 1923 (E.C.R.D. Book 2541, page 357). Mrs. Clancey held on to the property for only a year, after which it was transferred to Fred and Katherine Litka of Salem (E.C.R.D. Book 2586, page 145). Mr. Litka, a shoemaker, and his wife occupied the house exclusively during their three years of possession, then sold the property to Mary L. Creeden of Salem, another widow (E.C.R.D. Book 2730, page 14).

Mary Creeden occupied part of One Dearborn Street during her thirty-year period of ownership, while the other part of the house was leased to a succession of widows and leatherworkers (Salem Directories, 1927-1957). In 1957 Mrs. Creeden conveyed One Dearborn Street to Marie E. Reardon and Mary Almeida, both of Salem, and the former continues to own and occupy the property (E.C.R.D. Book 4414, page 269).

Documentation:

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Bood 745, leaf 264

Grantor: City of Salem

Grantee: William Maynes of Salem

Consideration: \$75

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land situate in Northfields, so called, in said Salem, bounded as follows, viz.: beginning at the northerly corner of land heretofore conveyed to said Maynes by City of Salem at land heretofore conveyed by said City to Augustus Hutchings and thence running in a nothwesterly direction said land of Hutchings a distance of eighteen feet to a point which shall be forty-seven feet from Dearborn Street, measured on line between land of said Maynes and land of said Hutchings...."

Date recorded: May 22, 1868

E.C.R.D. Book 986, leaf 81

Grantor: William Maynes of Salem

Grantee: Thomas Symonds of Salem

Consideration: \$7100

Conveyance of: "a parcel of land, upon which are two dwelling houses, situated in said Salem, beginning at the corner of North and Dearborn Streets and thence running northeasterly by Dearborn Street ninety-four feet and nine inches more or less...."

Date recorded: October 27, 1877

E.C.R.D. Book 1603, page 567

Grantor: Mary Ann Symonds, widow of Thomas Symonds

Grantee: Anna Symonds Waldron, wife of Joseph E. Waldron

Consideration: "love and affection and \$1"

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land with the dwelling house thereon numbered One on Dearborn Street....being a part of the same land conveyed by William Maynes to my late husband Thomas Symonds".

Date recorded: March 3, 1900

E.C.R.D. Book 2541, page 357

Grantors: Isabelle A. Patten, widow, and Ethel S. Parsons, both of Salem, and Ernest Y. Waldron of Ogden, Utah

Grantee: Mary F. Clancey of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon being numbered One on Dearborn Street in said Salem....the grantors obtained their title in said premises as the only heirs-at-law and legatees under the will of the late Anna S. Waldron, deceased, who was their mother...."

Date recorded: February 14, 1923

E.C.R.D. Book 2586, page 145

Grantor: Mary F. Clancey, widow, of Salem

Grantee: Katherine Litka of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: One Dearborn Street

Date recorded: February 2, 1924

E.C.R.D. Book 2730, page 14

Grantors: Fred Litka and Katherine Litka of Salem

Grantee: Mary L. Creeden, widow, of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: One Dearborn Street

Date recorded: July 8, 1927

E.C.R.D. Book 4414, page 269

Grantor: Mary L. Creeden of Salem

Grantees: Marie E. Reardon and Mary Almeida, both of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: "the land with the buildings thereon situated at
One Dearborn Street in said Salem"

Date recorded: October 24, 1957

E.C.R.D. Book 4757, page 80

Grantor: Marie E. Reardon of Salem

Grantee: Mary Almeida of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: One Dearborn Street

Date recorded: April 4, 1961

E.C.R.D. Book 5811, page 662

Grantor: Mary Almeida of Peabody

Grantee: Marie E. Reardon and Charles H. Reardon, both of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: One Dearborn Street

Date recorded: October 16, 1971