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164 NORTH STREET

Built for

EPHRAIM WOODS, horticulturist

in 1855

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

164 NORTH STREET (formerly 120 renumbered in 1877)

BOOK 504 PAGE 120

DATE -

December 2, 1854

GRANTOR (seller) -

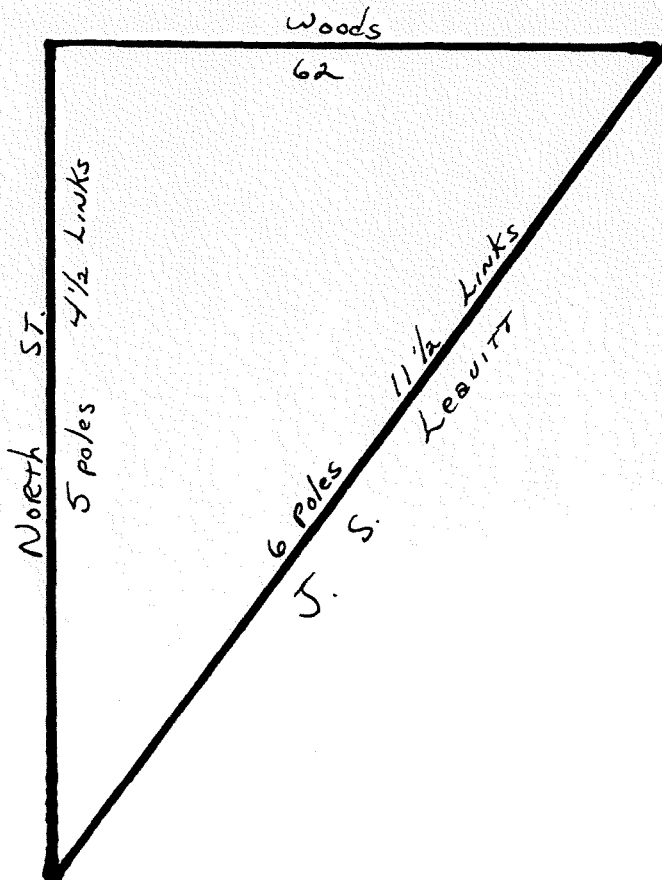
Charles F. Eaton of Boston, adm. of goods and estate of Anna Grant, widow

GRANTEE (buyer) -

Ephraim Woods

DESCRIPTION -

Land with dwelling house (the old dwelling was removed and replaced by the house now known as 164 North)



BOOK 726 PAGE 40

DATE - June 25, 1867

CONSIDERATION - \$2,200

GRANTOR (seller) - Ephriam and Mary A. Woods

GRANTEE (buyer) - John T. Mooney

DESCRIPTION - Parcel of land with dwelling house and other buildings. The estate known as 120 North St.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same described in book 504 page 120

BOOK 969 PAGE 5

DATE - June 1, 1872

CONSIDERATION - \$3,300

GRANTOR (seller) - John T. and Mary T. Mooney

GRANTEE (buyer) - Charles H. Beckford

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by Ephraim Woods in book 726 page 40

BOOK 969 PAGE 6

DATE - January 3, 1877

CONSIDERATION - \$7,000

GRANTOR (seller) - Charles H. and Mary A. Beckford

GRANTEE (buyer) - Hannah H. Sanborn, wife of James A.

DESCRIPTION - messuage (old term for land and buildings)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by John T. Mooney on June 1, 1872 (property on Front St. was also included in this sale.)

BOOK 1199 PAGE 257

DATE - June 11, 1887

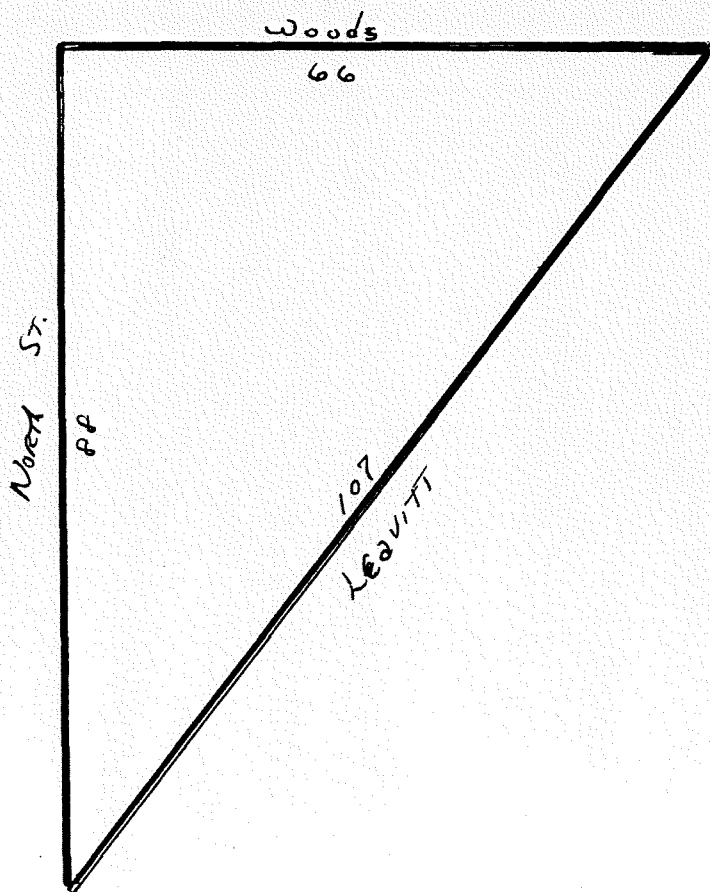
CONSIDERATION - \$3,200

GRANTOR (seller) - James A. Sanborn and Hannah, his wife in her own right, of Laramie, Wyoming

GRANTEE (buyer) - Benedicta L. Beckford

DESCRIPTION - Messuage

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed from Charles H. Beckford on Jan. 3, 1877



BOOK 2338 PAGE 241

DATE - July 15, 1916

CONSIDERATION - none given

GRANTOR (seller) - Mary J. Beckford, unmarried

GRANTEE (buyer) - Dennis J. and Ellen A. Gibbons

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to Benedicta L. Beckford by James A. Sanborn et ux on July 6, 1887

BOOK 3002 PAGE 596

DATE - August 20, 1934  
CONSIDERATION - none given  
GRANTOR (seller) - Dennis Joseph Gibbons, unmarried  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Ella A. Gray  
DESCRIPTION - Land and building  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same conveyed by deed of Mary J. Beckford recorded in book 2338 page 241. Also by probate of Ella A. Gray.

BOOK 3196 PAGE 462

DATE - September 1, 1934  
CONSIDERATION - less than \$100  
GRANTOR (seller) - Ella A. and John M. Gray  
GRANTEE (buyer) - D. Joseph Gibbons  
DESCRIPTION - Land and building  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of Dennis Joseph Gibbons in book 3002 page 596

BOOK 6673 PAGE 187

DATE - January 18, 1980  
CONSIDERATION - \$10 and other valuable consideration  
GRANTOR (seller) - Harriet L. Putney of 164 North St.  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Barbara L. Putney individually  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings 164 North St.  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed by deed of Ella Gray to D. Joseph Gibbons Sept. 1, 1934. Also by probate #338630 will of Daniel Joseph Gibbons.

BOOK 6979 PAGE 243

DATE - September 17, 1982

CONSIDERATION - \$62,500

GRANTOR (seller) - Barbara Putney

GRANTEE (buyer) - Cynthia L. Homer of 4 Briggs St.

DESCRIPTION - Land and building 164 North St.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises conveyed by deed of Harriet Lee Putney in book 6673 page 187. Also by probate D. Joseph Gibbons #338630. For deed reference see deed Ella A. Gray to D. Joseph Gibbons recorded in book 3916 page 462

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.

NOTES:

As shown, Ephraim Woods purchased this property on December 2, 1854. At that time there was an old house on the lot, formerly the home of Elias Grant. Elias purchased the land and dwelling house from John and Elizabeth Woodbury in March of 1797. It is probable that Mr. Woodbury built the house shortly after his purchase, of the land, in April 1796.

For reasons unknown, Ephraim Woods removed the old house and built the house now known as 164 North St. in its place. This is substantiated by the tax records:

120 North (renumbered in 1877 to 164)  
 1854 Anna Grant value \$600 not taxed  
 1855 Ephraim Woods new house - value \$1,000  
 (Mr. Woods also owned the property adjoining at 122, now 166)  
 1856 Ephraim Woods #120 house value \$1,000; land \$200

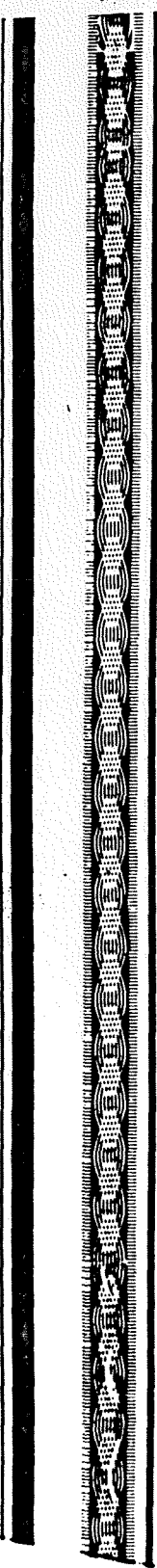
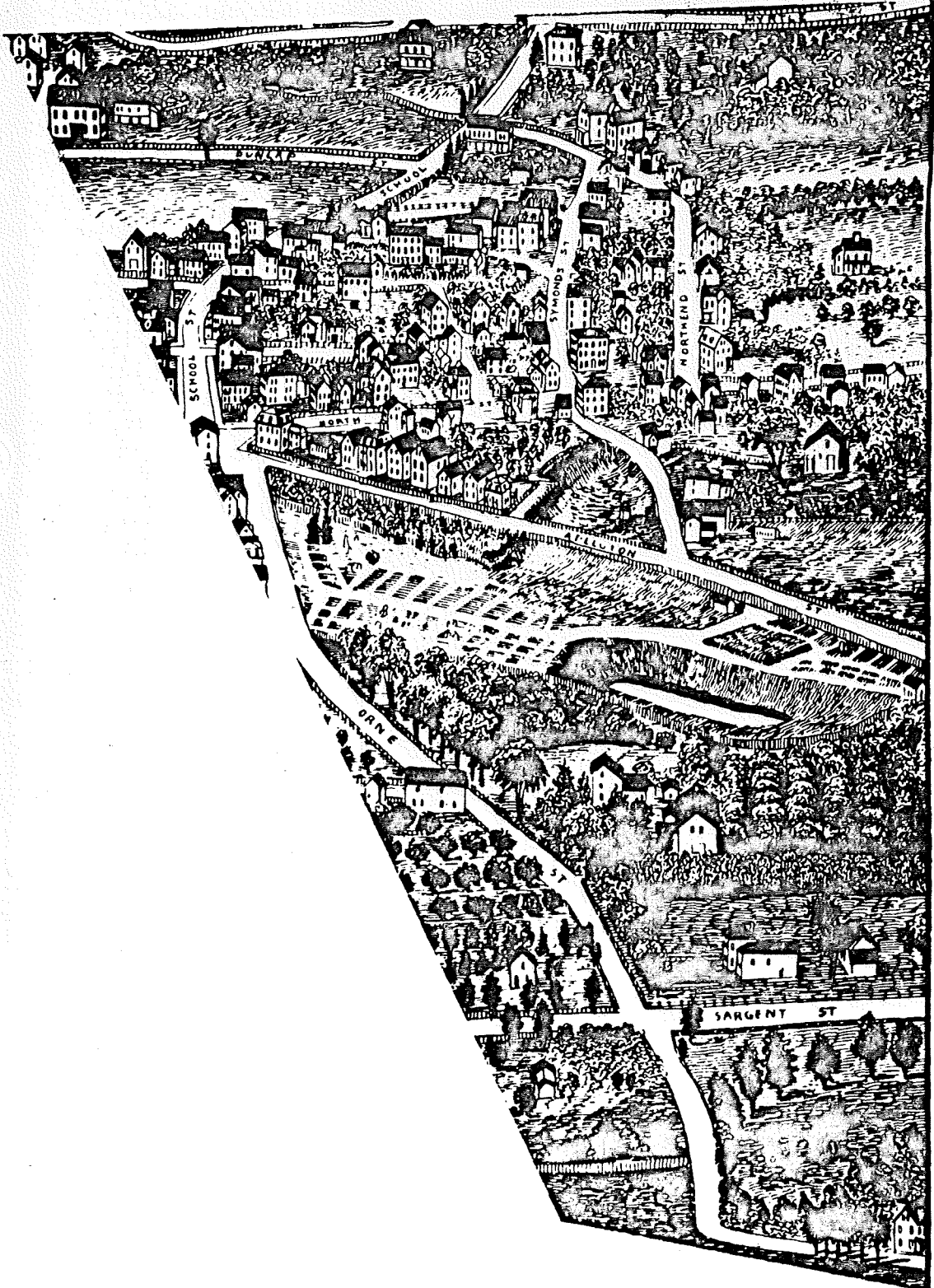
The Federal Census records give some insight regarding both owner and occupants :

| 1860 122 North    |   | <u>age</u> | <u>occupation</u> | <u>born</u> |
|-------------------|---|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Ephraim Woods     |   | 59         | gardner           | N.H.        |
| Mary A.           | " | 53         |                   | Mass.       |
| Eunice            | " | 78         |                   | N.H.        |
| Jane              | " | 20         |                   | N.H.        |
| Nathaniel Holsom  |   | 9          |                   | Texas       |
| Benjamin          |   |            |                   |             |
| 120 North         |   |            |                   |             |
| Benjamin Tibbetts |   | 36         | baker             | Mass.       |
| Sarah             | " | 29         |                   | N.H.        |
| Eliza A.          | " | 4          |                   | Mass.       |
| Benjamin L.       | " | 11 months  |                   |             |
| 2nd family        |   |            |                   |             |
| Leonard Wood      |   | 60         | shoemaker         | Mass.       |
| Almera            | " | 62         |                   | Mass.       |
| Robert Rowley     |   | 22         | currier           | Maine       |
| Charlotte         | " | 19         |                   | Mass.       |
| George P.         | " | 2 months   |                   | Mass.       |
| 1870              |   |            |                   |             |
| 120 North         |   |            |                   |             |
| John T. Mooney    |   | 35         | tinsmith          | N.H.        |
| Mary              | " | 32         | keepshouse        | N.H.        |
| Lillingbelle      | " | 40         | at home           | Mass.       |
| Tamson Tibbetts   |   | 77         | no occupation     | N.H.        |
| Clara Shephard    |   | 24         | no occupation     | N.H.        |
| 122 North         |   |            |                   |             |
| Ephraim Woods     |   | 70         | cooper            | N.H.        |
| Mary A.           | " | 55         | keeps house       | Mass.       |
| Edward Mitchell   |   | 33         | tinsmith          | Mass.       |
| Elizabeth         | " | 32         | keepshouse        | Mass.       |
| Ada               | " | 12         | at school         | Mass.       |





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