

THE  
HISTORY  
AND  
DOCUMENTATION  
OF:

#28 Buffum St.  
Salem, Mass.

1806

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17 Buffum St.  
Salem, Mass.

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February 6, 1970

Mrs James A. Bailey  
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Re: 28 Buffum St.  
Salem, Mass.  
&  
17 Buffum St.  
Salem, Mass.

Dear Joan:

Enclosed please find history and documentation prepared by David T. Gavenda on the above houses.

The date of 1849 for the house at 17 Buffum St. is difficult to fix from the records at the Registries. The house was not in existence on March 1, 1848, but it is shown on the Salem Atlas of 1874. The tax records from the City of Salem show 1849 or 1850 as the date and if this fits architecturally, a date of 1849 is probably correct.

The house at 28 Buffum St. will have to be dated on the basis of its architecture. The mortgage from Robert Clouston and Samuel Randall to Jonathan Buffum executed on June 5, 1806 (179-22) refers to a lot of land and the first evidence of the house being in existence is in the inventory of the estate of Samuel Randal in 1852 (Docket No. 51329).

You now have all of the abstracts that were in my possession. I have enjoyed taking part in the important work you have been doing and I hope to be in touch with you soon.

Very truly yours,

*William J. Tinti*  
William J. Tinti *pmc*

WJTpmc  
Enclosures

DEED TITLES

concerning #28 Buffum St, Salem, Mass.

<u>Book</u>	<u>Leaf</u>	
3802	568	- First Universalist Society of Salem, by vote, to Anthony J. Cervoni ( Shirley M. ) February 23, 1951 - \$ 7600.00
3802	567	- Anna M. Peterson estate to Anthony J. ( Shir- ley M. ) Cervoni February 26, 1951
#231492		- Probate of will of Anna M. Peterson ( daugh- ter ) to First Universalist Society of Salem February 26, 1951
3546	29	- Joseph N. Peterson estate to Henry Rynkowski, et ux - deed and plans ( concerning "Lot B" - 8 Randall St. see attached Plan # I. ) November 5, 1948
#170784		- Probate of Anna Maria Peterson ( mother )
#117027		- Probate of Joseph N. Peterson ( father )
1119	297	- Moses S. ( Mary J. S. ) Prime to Joseph N. Peterson - ( see attached Plan # II. ) December 1, 1883 - \$ 4100.00
920	139	- Grover and Baker Sewing Machine Co. to Moses S. ( Mary J. S. ) Prime January 12, 1875 - \$ 900.00

- 12      288      -      (in Book of Executions) Levy of an execution against Samuel C. Randall of Detroit Michigan, December 18, 1873, by the Grover and Baker Sewing Machine Co. "for damages" - amounting to \$ 3161.90. Granted to said company is "one undivided fourth part of real estate, subject to dower of mother and wife of said Samuel Randall". lying on the corner of Buffum and Randall Streets, 100' X 150' X 100' X 150'
  
- 530      101      -      Francis W. Randall (Mercy C.) to Samuel Randall and Mary J. S. Randall of Madison, New Jersey. (see attached Plan III)

April 25, 1856
  
- 530      101      -      Daniel Potter, blacksmith, to Francis W. Randall.

April 24, 1856
  
- 528      89      -      Francis W. Randall, "his undivided third", to Daniel Potter

*rel of l'd.*

March 12, 1856
  
- #51329      -      Probate of Samuel Randall, dec'd, of Salem, housewright

Will: dated April 20, 1852

Inventory: dated July 7, 1852

  - real estate      \$ 7175.00
  - personal              284.50
  
- 214      254      -      Jonathan Buffum to Samuel Randall, housewright

Discharge of mortgage

\$ 500.00

December 27, 1817
  
- 179      22      -      Robert Clouston and Samuel Randall, housewrights, to Jonathan Buffum

Mortgage assignment *act of land*

\$ 500.00

June 5, 1806

179 21 - Jonathan (Anna) Buffum to Robert Clouston  
and Samuel Randall, housewrights -(see  
attached Plan # IV)

no buildings mentioned  
June 5, 1806

- \$ 500.00

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The following is an inventory of some early nineteenth century architectural features present in the Randall house

- Two chimneys: a. Four flues; four fireplaces  
b. Two flues; two fireplaces and one or two brick ovens
- Classical doorway complete with original door, hardware, and window glass
- Circular "hung" staircase with simple bracketed ends and unusual handrail consisting of many interlocked small pieces; Federal style.
- Wide pine flooring
- All original six-panel "Christian" doors
- Dentil ceiling cornices
- Recessed windows (first floor)
- Simple circular ceiling medallion
- One remaining fluted corner pilaster (second floor)
- Hand-adzed and pegged roof timbers

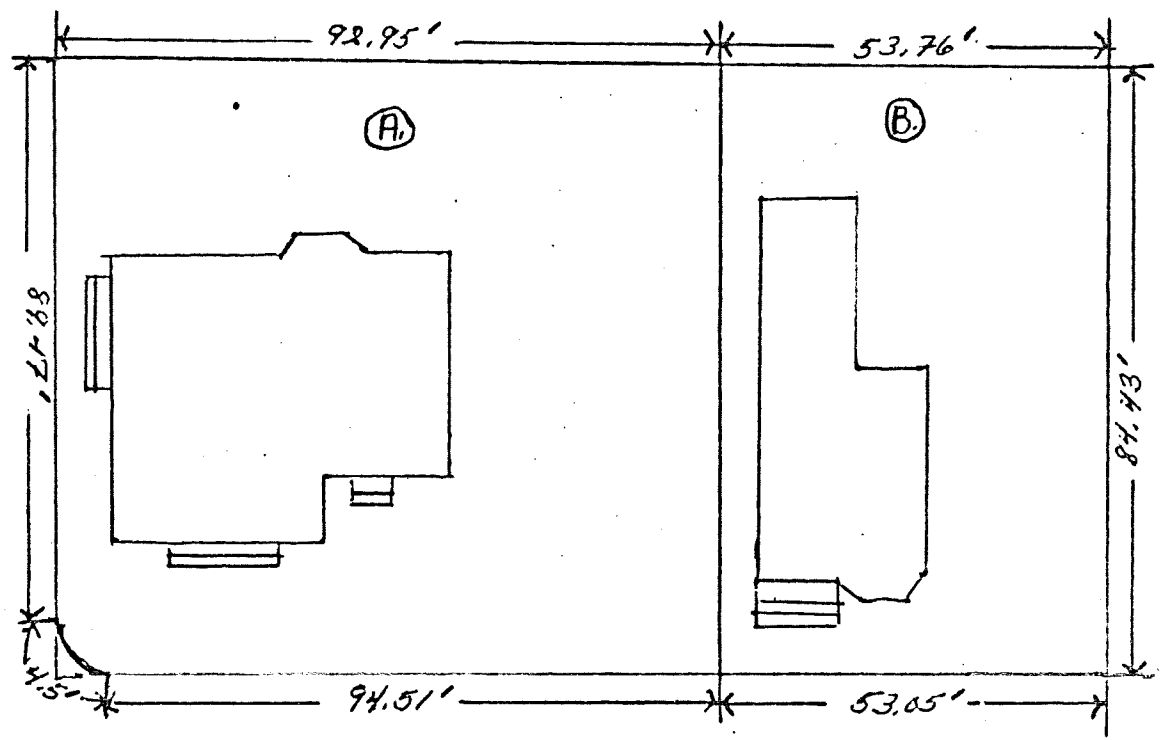
# PLANS

Concerning 28 Buffum St.  
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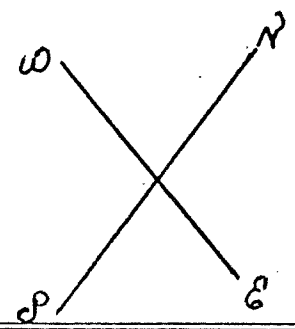
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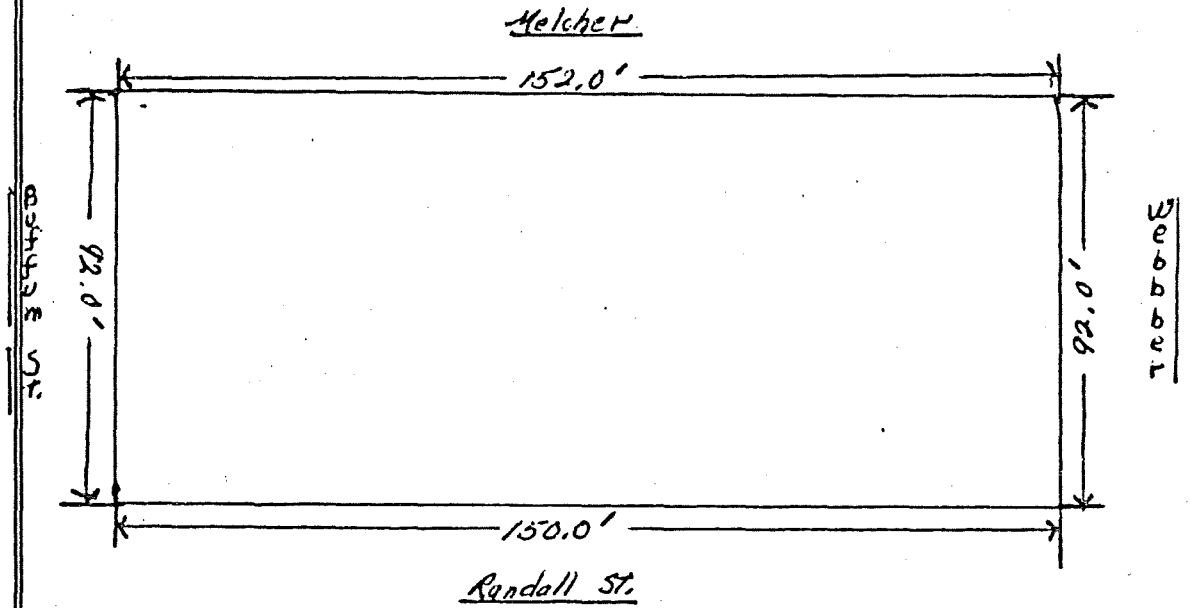
354922 St.



Randall St.

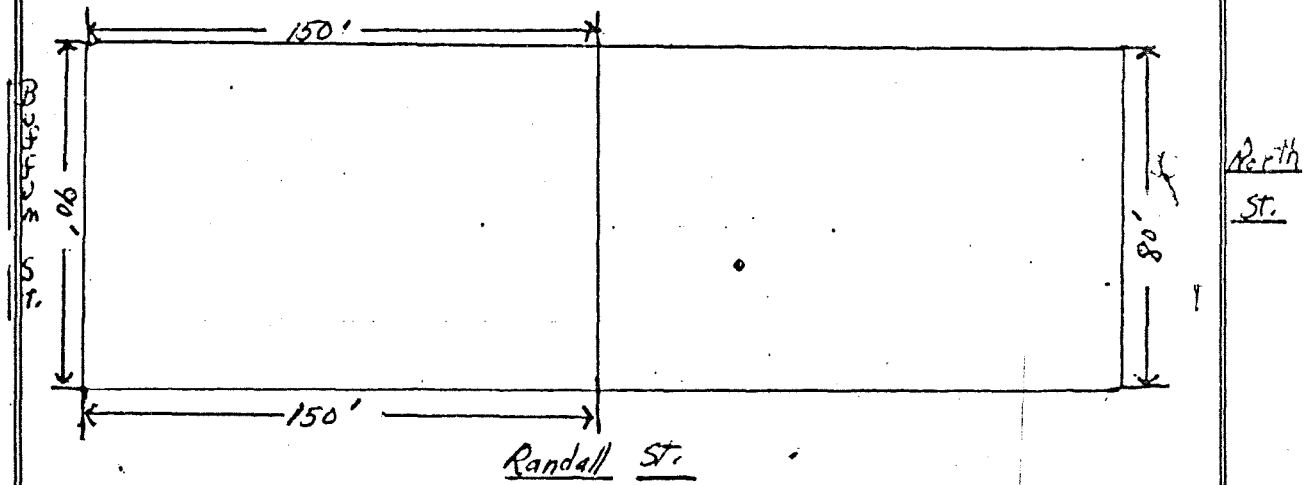


II, 1883



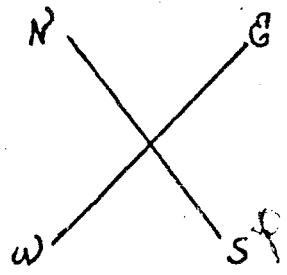
III, 1856

Pictorial Explanation of deed:

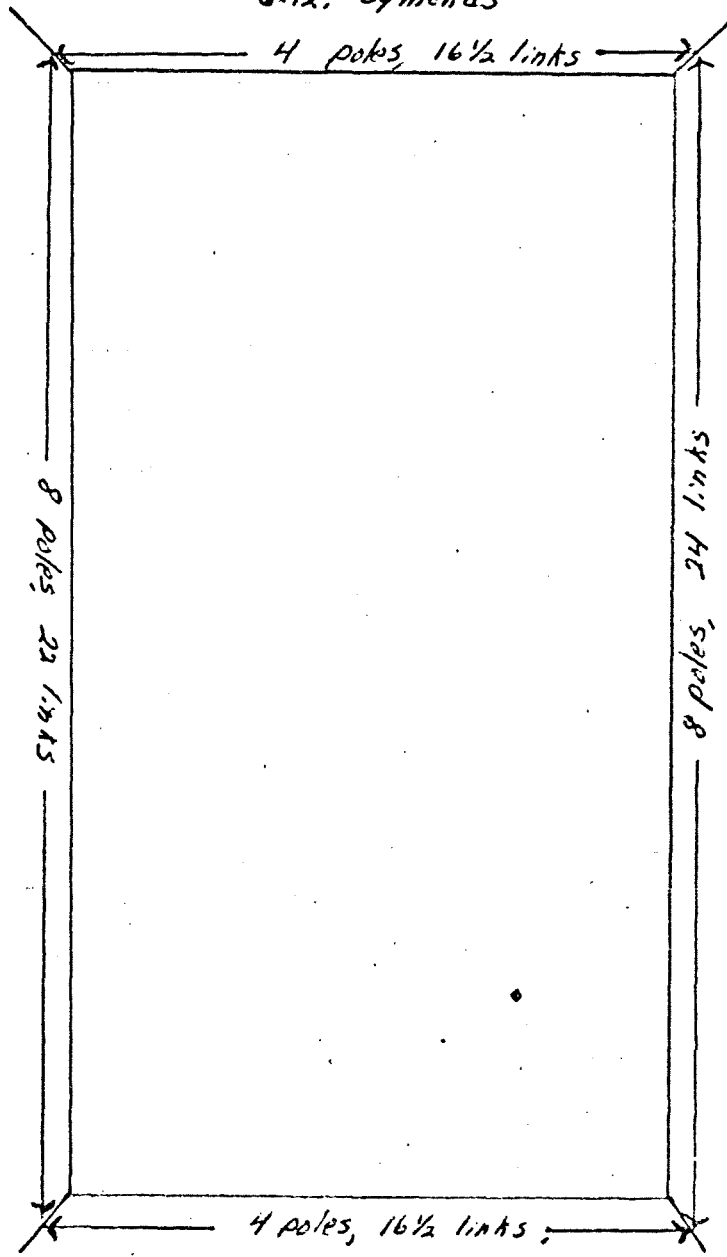




IV. 1806



Elix. Symonds



HONBLE KERRILL

GEORGE WINTHROP

4 poles, 16 1/2 links;

Buffum St.