

House at 14 Pickman Street, Salem, Mass.

This house was built, probably in 1808, and certainly by 1809, for Robert Cook Jr, Salem painter. It is likely that Samuel McIntire or his son Samuel Field McIntire was responsible for much of the interior carving.

The estate was purchased in two parts, as can be seen by the enclosed illustration. The front lot, bounding 60' on Pickman Street, was sold to Cook by Col. Samuel Archer, 23 Sept 1806 (179:210); the back lot was sold to Cook by William Browne, 29 Ap 1807 (183:153). Robert Cook Jr soon had a cellar dug on the front lot, but the building of his house took a while longer, as can be seen by Salem's assessments on the real estate of Robert Cook Jr:

1806: Part house & shop House lot & cellar on Pickman St	} \$1000
1807: Part house & shop-\$1200 House lot & cellar, Pickman St -	\$500
1808: Unfinished house & shop Part of a house, Creek Court	} \$2800
1809: House & shop - House, Pickman Street	} \$2800
1810: Shop & house in Pickman St -	\$1800
1811: House & shop -	\$1500

It seems that the assessments were made each August; the house was therefor "unfinished" in August 1808, but completed by 1809. I would say that it was nearly finished in August 1808, since the 1808 assessment (\$2800) for all of Cook's holdings is identical to that for 1809--certainly a half-built or roofless house would not have been appraised for as much as the same building when finished! So it is probable that the house was ready for occupancy by the fall of 1808.

Descended from a family whose first ancestor, Henry Cook, had come to Salem in 1638, Robert Cook Jr was baptized at Salem's North Church 29 Mar 1778, second of the six children of Robert Cook & Elizabeth Luscomb. Robert Cook Sr (1747-1811) was a fisherman & mariner, but his sons Robert (1778-1815) and John Morong (1785-1826) became "painters." I assume that this designation refers to artistic painting rather than house painting, but neither man is listed in the dictionaries of early American artists. Whatever the nature of his involvement with paint, Robert Cook was a great success.

At the age of 22, on 2 Feb 1800, he married Hannah Gowan; eight years later this house was built for him, his wife, their children, his parents, and perhaps his wife's parents to live in.

Of this I am quite certain, for Robert Cook Jr is assessed for "3 polls"--meaning three adult white males--living under his roof, right up until the assessment of 1812, in which only "2 polls" are listed. Robert's father, Robert Cook Sr, had been buried 19 Dec 1811.

Fiske Kimball, leading authority on Salem's architect/carver, Samuel McIntire, has treated of this house in some depth; unfortunately, he errs in claiming that there are no tax records for this house before 1811, and therefore assigns it a construction date of 1811. Largely on the basis of this error, he ascribes the interior carving to Samuel Field McIntire, son of Samuel McIntire (who died in 1811); however, since this house was finished no later than 1809, it is entirely possible that the elder McIntire did the carving!

Robert Cook made his will 7 June 1815 and died in July, aged just 37 years. He left to his widow Hannah and to his two children, Robert & Mary Ann, real estate valued at \$9,275--including "one brick three-story dwelling house with a small but (sic) house and 29 rods of land in Pickaman Street, worth \$4,000" (#6261). After the death of widow Hannah, Robert Jr, a Salem tailor, and Mary Ann (Cook) Page, of Illinois, sold the house for only \$1800 to Capt. James S Kimball of Salem, on 23 Aug 1839 (314:255).

Capt. James Staniford Kimball** was a real sea-faring man, born in Ipswich 3 Sept 1804 to Captain Thomas & Sarah Kimball. He married Abigail Lane on 17 Mar 1831. He was a prominent master in the foreign trade, and was especially known for his East African voyages, although he also sailed to Europe, the West Indies, and Sumatra. His most noted command was the brig Leander, of which there is a painting by Cernelotte in the possession, evidently, of the Essex Institute. Capt Kimball, a member of the old Salem Marine Society, died in Salem in 1875, aged 70 years, after having retired from the sea. He left his widow, Abigail, and two children, Capt. Thomas S Kimball and Sarah S Kimball, to whom this house was sold by her mother 16 Dec 1885 (1164:65). Sarah S Kimball lived here until her death in 1923 (#146531); the executor of her will sold the estate for \$7500 to Winifred K Shourds, of Carlton, Oregon (2630:114), on 14 Mar 1925; and Mr & Mrs Shourds sold it three weeks later to Arthur M Feenan of Salem (2632:480).

Mr & Mrs Feenan were both deceased in 1960, when the estate was probated (#263910). Their heirs sold the property 15 May 1961 to Mr & Mrs Fish of Salem (4770:437), who in turn sold it to Mr & Mrs L'Heureux, the present owners, 12 June 1962 (4931:2).

--Robert Booth, 24 Sept 1976

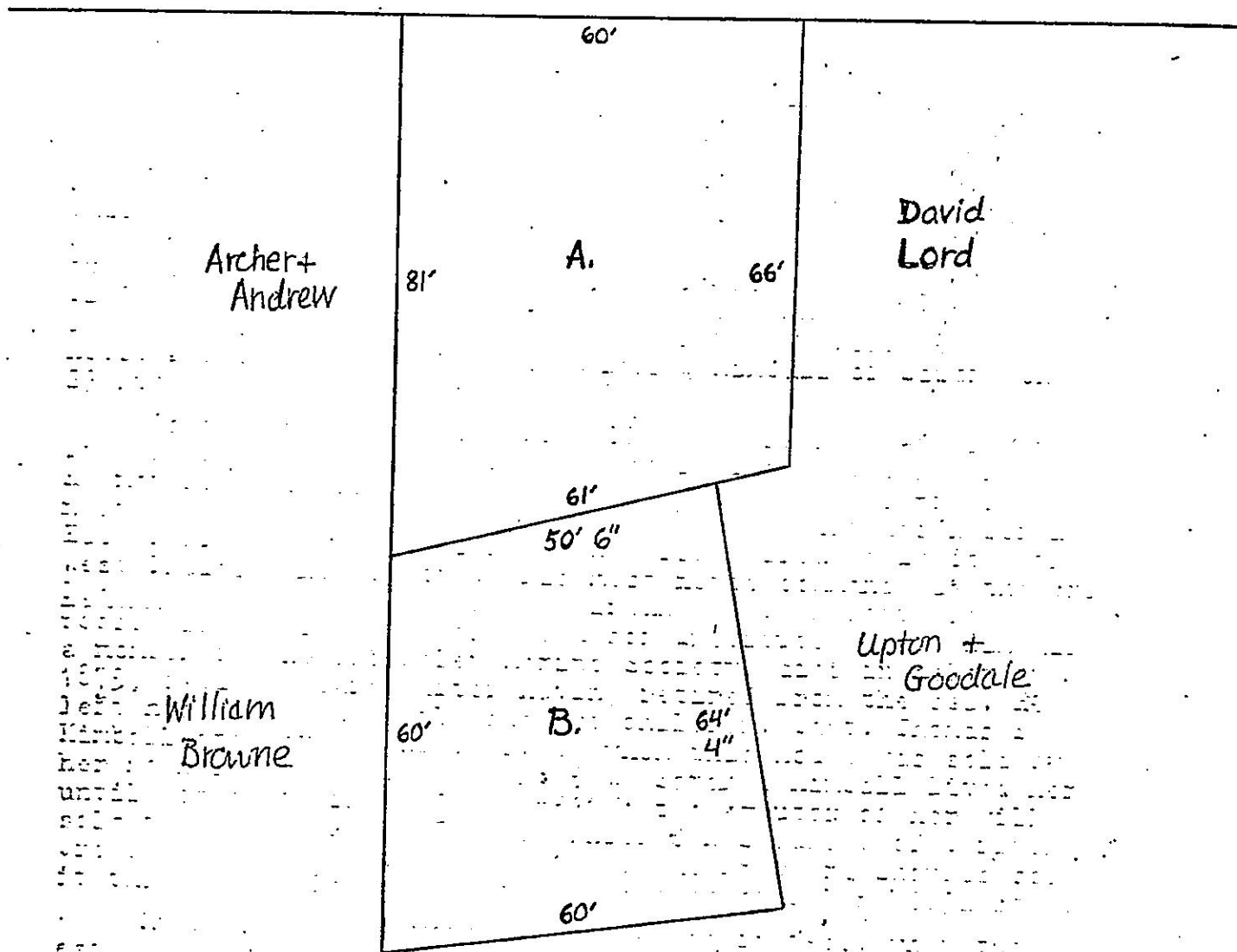
** See Essex Institute Historical Collections: v 3, p 260; v 22, p 253; v 40, pp 179, 329; v 55, p 47; v 57, p 305; and v 58 p 109 (a photo of Capt Kimball) & pp 112, 116-7, 121.

* see Kimball's book, Mr Samuel McIntire, Carver, pp. 52-3, 135, 137; figures 348-9, 352-3.

ROUGH PLAN OF 2013 COMPLETING
 Estate of Robert Cook Jr
 14 Pickman St., Salem



Pickman Street



Archer +
Andrew

David
Lord

William
Browne

Upton +
Goodale

Benjamin
Browne

Scale
1cm = 10'

A. 26 Sept 1806: Samuel Archer Esq to Robert Cook, 179:210.

B. 29 April 1807: William Browne to Robert Cook, 183:153.

R. Booth

COOK

Parents, Siblings, Children of Robert Cook (1778-1815), Salem Painter, And Owner of the House & Land at 14 Pickman St, Salem

I. ROBERT (son of Robert & Margaret (Dimond)) (1747-1811), Salem fisherman & mariner, married, 15 Sept 1775, Elizabeth Luscomb at Danvers. Their children:

- 1) Elizabeth, b 29 Dec 1776, m Samuel Barnard
- 2) Robert, b 29 Mar 1778 (see below)
- 3) Benjamin, b Mar 1780, died young
- 4) Benjamin, b Ap 1782, died young
- 5) a daughter, b Feb 1784, died young
- 6) John Morong, b Nov 1785, died 31 Mar 1826; left issue.
- 7) Martha, m Leonard Barnard

I.2) ROBERT (1778-1815), painter, of Salem, married 2 Feb 1800, Hannah Gowan at Salem. Their children:

- 1) Mary Ann, b abt 1805, m Hazleton Page
- 2) Robert, b abt 1807
- 3) _____, died before 20 Oct 1815
- 4) Benjamin, b June or July 1815, died young

For info about the Cook family, see the Salem Vital Records,; Essex Institute Historical Collections, vol 22, page 253; and Sidney Perley's History of Salem, which, in volume II, pages 43-6, gives a genealogy of the family from 1638 on.

Deed Schedule

26 Sept 1806: Samuel Archer 3d, Esq, of Salem, for \$640 grants to Robert Cook Jr, Salem painter, a piece of land in Salem. (Deeds, 179:210)

29 Ap 1807: William Browne, Salem gentleman, for \$325 grants to Robert Cook, Salem painter, a piece of land in Salem. (Deeds, 183:153)

23 Aug 1839: Robert Cook, Salem tailor, and Hazelton & wife Mary Ann Page of Weathersfield, Illinois, for \$1800 grant to James S Kimball, Salem master mariner, a Salem messuage consisting of land with brick dwelling house & other buildings thereon. (Deeds, 314:255)

16 Dec 1885: Abigail W Kimball, Salem widow of James S Kimball, deceased Salem mariner, for \$3,000 grants to Sarah S Kimball the Salem messuage. (Deeds, 1164:65)

14 Mar 1925: Ralph B Harris, Salem executor of the will of Sarah S Kimball, late of Salem, for \$7500 grants to Winifred K Shourds, Carlton, Oregon, a Salem parcel with the buildings thereon. (Deeds, 2630:114)

8 Ap 1925: William G Shourds & wife Winifred M, in her own right, both of Carlton, Oregon, grant to Arthur M Feenan, Salem, a Salem parcel with buildings thereon. (Deeds, 2632:480)

15 May 1961: Feenan heirs grant to Edward A & wife Barbara D Fish, Salem, a Salem parcel with the buildings thereon. (Deeds, 4770:437)

12 June 1962: Edward A & wife Barbara D Fish, Salem, grant to Roland A & wife Mary M L'Heureux, Salem, Salem land with buildings thereon situated at 14 Pickman Street. (Deeds, 4931:2)

Know all men by these Presents that I Samuel Archer esquire of Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts merchant in consideration of Six hundred and forty dollars paid by Robert Cook of Salem aforesaid Painter the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Robert Cook jr his heirs and assigns forever a Piece of Land situate in Salem and is Bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a marked stone at the Northeast corner of Archer and Andrews land, thence running East northerly sixty feet to a marked stone, and Bounded northwesterly on Bickman street, thence running southeasterly on a Right angle about sixty six feet to land late William Brown, and Bounded East northerly on land of David Lords, thence running west southerly about sixty one feet to the land of Archer and Andrews, and bounded southeasterly on land of W. Brown, thence running northwesterly in a Line parallel with the Easterly Line about eighty one feet to Bickman street and Bounded first mentioned and Bounded westerly and southerly on land of Archer and Andrews, Do have and to hold the aforesaid Premises to the said Robert Cook his heirs & assigns to their use and behoof forever, and I do covenant with the said Robert Cook jr his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforesaid Premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the said Robert Cook jr and that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Robert Cook jr his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. Attest whereof we the said Samuel and Susanna his wife for the consideration of one dollar paid her hath quit all her Right of Power in the Premises have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 Samuel Archer
 Susanna Archer
 Mary Bates
 Rebecca Archer
 Sep. 27 1806. Then the above named Samuel Archer & act
 acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed
 before me John Service J. quit. of Peace.
 Sep. 28 Dec. 13. 1806. Recorded & Examined by Amos Choley Reg.

William Browne

to

Robt. Cook

183:153

Know all Men by these Presents That I William Browne of Salem
of Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentleman
in consideration of three hundred and twenty five dollars paid by Robert
Cook of Salem Painter the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby
give grant sell and convey unto the said Robert Cook his heirs and assigns
a certain piece of land in and about Salem situate and bounded as follows to-wit
Beginning at the Northeast corner of my Garden thence running Southerly on
land of Upton & Goodale sixty fore feet and fore inches thence Westerly on
land of Benjamin Browne sixty feet thence northerly on land of William
Browne the Grantor sixty feet thence easterly on land of Robert Cook fifty
feet and six inches to the first boundary said lot containing thirteen poles or
theire about. So I will & do to hold the granted premises with the
assurances to the said Robert Cook his heirs and assigns to their use and
benefit forever, and the said William Browne for myself my heirs executors
and administrators do hereby covenant with the said Robert Cook his heirs and
assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises that they are free of
all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the
said Robert Cook and that I will and my heirs executors & administrators
shall warrant and defend the same to the said Robert Cook his heirs and
assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of any persons. In
Witness whereof I the said William Browne have hereunto set my hand
and seal this twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and seven.

William Browne

Signed sealed & deliv^d in presence of us, Sarah Savage Elizabeth Savage
Essex. May 18th 1807. Here the above named William Browne acknowledged
the above instrument to be his free act & deed before me Elizabeth Savage Justice of the
Peace. Dec^r 19. 1808. recorded & examined by Anna Chace Reg^r

Know all Men by these Presents, That We,

M. Cook & Co.
J. Kimball

Robert Cook of Salem in the County of Essex, Fair, and Hazelton
Page of Weather, seised in the State of Illinois, Cooper, and Mary Ann
Page, his wife, in her right,
in consideration of eighteen hundred dollars to us paid by James
L. Kimball of said Salem, Master Mariner,

the receipt whereof do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said

Kimball and his heirs and assigns forever, a certain
messuage situated in said Salem and bounded as follows,
viz. Westerly by land of Millet, Southerly on land of Brooks
Easterly on land of Henry Prince, and Northwesterly on Pick-
man Street, said messuage consisting of said parcel
of land, and the brick dwelling house and other build-
ings thereon; said land was conveyed to Robert Cook
deceased by William Brown by his deed dated 29th
April 1807, and recorded Book 183, leaf 153, and by
Samuel Archer by his deed dated 26th Sept, 1806
Recorded Book 179 leaf 210; and said messuage
having been devised to said Robert Cook and
Mary Ann Page by their father said Robert
Cook deceased in his last will and Testament.

To Have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Kimball and his
heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever.
And We do covenant with the said Kimball and his
heirs and assigns, that we lawfully seised in fee of the afore-granted premises
that they are free of all incumbrances;
that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Kimball in man-
ner aforesaid,
And that we will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Kimball and
his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.
In witness whereof we the said Robert, Mary Ann, and
Martha W. Cook, wife of said Robert, who in consideration
of one dollar hereby releases to said Kimball all her right
to power in the premises
have hereunto set our hand and seal this twenty third day of August, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us,
McGlen King
Sarah Danforth

Robert Cook - Seal
Martha W. Cook - Seal
Hazelton Page by Oliver - Seal
Saunders his atty
Mary Ann Page by - Seal
Oliver Saunders, her atty

Essex, ss. August 23rd 1839 - Then the above-named
Robert Cook and Oliver Saunders
attorney to said Hazelton Page & Mary Ann
acknowledged the above instrument, to full free act and deed,
before me, McGlen King Justice of the Peace,

Essex, ss. Received Aug. 23rd 1839

Know all men by these Presents. I Abigail W. Kimball - W. Kimball
ball of Salem, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
widow of James S. Kimball late of said Salem, married
deceased, testate, under and by virtue of the power given to
me in the will of said James S. Kimball duly proved April 2^d,
A. D. 1875, and in consideration of three thousand dollars paid by
Sarah J. Kimball of said Salem, single woman, daughter of said
James S. the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby

give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Sarah
J. Kimball a certain mesuage situated in said Salem and bound
ed as follows, viz: westerly on land formerly of Mallet, southerly
only on land now or formerly of Purvokes, easterly on land of
Barnes formerly of Prince, and northerly on Pickman street, be-
ing the premises conveyed to said James S. Kimball by deed
of Robert Cook and wife dated Aug. 23. 1839, and recorded in
Essex So. Dist. Reg. B. Book 314 p. 255. To have and to hold
the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances
thereof belonging, to the said Sarah J. Kimball and her heirs
and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever. And I there-
by, for myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators,
covenant with the grantee and her heirs and assigns that I and
lawfully seized in fee simple of the granted premises; that they
are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell
and convey the same as aforesaid; and that I will and my
heirs, executors, and administrators shall warrant and defend
the same to the grantee and her heirs and assigns forever against
the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness
whereof I the said Abigail W. Kimball hereunto set my hand
and seal this sixteenth day of December in the year one
thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

Signed, sealed, and deliv- } Abigail W. Kimball seal.
ered in presence of } Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Wm. P. Upham. } Essex ss. Dec. 16. 1885. Then personally
appeared the above named Abigail W. Kimball and acknowledged
the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before
me. Wm. P. Upham. Justice of the Peace.

Essex ss. Dec. 16. 1885. 45m. past 2 P.M. Dec 16. 1885. Chas. D. Good, Reg.

2630:114

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I, Ralph B. Harris, of Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, Executor of the Will of Sarah S. Kimball, late of said Salem, by power conferred by the Probate Court for said County of Essex, by decree dated December 29, 1924, and every other power for seventy five hundred dollars paid, grant to Winifred K. Shourds, of Carlton, in the State of Oregon, all the right, title and interest of said Sarah S. Kimball in and to a certain parcel of land in said SALEM with the buildings thereon bounded and described as follows, viz: Westerly on land formerly of Millet; southerly on land now or formerly of Brooks; easterly on land of Barnes formerly of Prince, and northerly on Pickman Street, being the premises conveyed to James S. Kimball by deed of Robert Cook and wife dated August 23, 1839, and recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 314, Page 255, and also being the same premises conveyed to Sarah S. Kimball by Abigail W. Kimball by deed dated December 16, 1885 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 1164, folio 65. WITNESS

my hand and seal this 14th day of March 1925.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS) Ralph B. Harris, Executor (seal)

Essex, ss. March 14th, 1925. Then personally appeared the above named Ralph B. Harris, as Executor as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me.

E. Lawrence Howie Justice of the Peace

My commission expires Oct. 2, 1931

Essex ss. Received Mar. 16, 1925. 45 m. past 12 P. M. Recorded and Examined

Shourds et ux
to
Feenan

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We, William G. Shourds, and Winifred K. Shourds, his wife, in her own right, both of Carlton in the State of Oregon, for consideration paid, grant to Arthur M. Feenan of Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with WARRANTY COVENANTS a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Salem and bounded and described as follows: Northerly by Pickman Street; Easterly by land now or late of Prince; Southerly by land now or late of Brooks; Westerly by land now or late of Millett. See deed to me from Ralph B. Harris, Executor under the will of Sarah S. Kimball, dated March 14, 1925 and recorded in Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2630, Page 114; and also the Probate proceedings on the estate of said Sarah S. Kimball and on that of my grandfather, James S. Kimball deceased. The above premises are conveyed subject to the taxes assessed thereon for the year 1925 which the said grantee is to assume and pay. WITNESS our hands and seals this eighth day of April 1925.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex ss. April 8, 1925.

} William G. Shourds (seal)

} Winifred K. Shourds (seal)

Then personally appeared the above named Winifred K. Shourds and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me

Wm. D. Chapple Justice of the Peace

My commission expires June 12, 1925.

Essex ss. Received Apr. 8, 1925. 27 m. past 10 A.M. Recorded and Examined.

We, Marion F. Feenan, widow, Nancy I. Feenan, being unmarried, both of Marblehead; John S. Feenan and James J. Feenan, both of Beverly; Sylvia Murphy of Salem, all in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Arthur E. Feenan of Chevy Chase, State of Maryland; Mary A. MacDonald of Houston, State of Texas

for consideration paid, grant to Edward A. Fish and Barbara D. Fish, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, both of Salem, said County of Essex

with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS

a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Salem and bounded and described as follows:

Northerly by Pickman Street;
Easterly by land now or late of Prince;
Southerly by land now or late of Brooks;
Westerly by land now or late of Millett.

For title see deed from William G. Shourds, and Winifred K. Shourds, his wife, in her own right, dated April 8, 1925 to Arthur M. Feenan, recorded with the Essex South District Deeds, Book 2632, Page 480. See also Probate proceedings on the Estate of Arthur M. Feenan, Essex Probate No. 263910.

We, Barbara Feenan, wife of John S. Feenan; Maureen Feenan, wife of James J. Feenan; Richard A. Murphy, husband of Sylvia Murphy; Olga M. Feenan, wife of Arthur E. Feenan; John A. MacDonald, husband of Mary A. MacDonald, release to said grantees all rights of tenancy by the curtesy or dower and homestead and other interests therein.

WITNESS our hands and seals this 5th day of May, 1961.

<u>Barbara Feenan</u>	<u>Maureen Feenan</u>
<u>Richard A. Murphy</u>	<u>John A. MacDonald</u>
<u>Olga M. Feenan</u>	<u>John S. Feenan</u>
<u>John S. Feenan</u>	<u>James J. Feenan</u>
<u>John A. MacDonald</u>	<u>Sylvia Murphy</u>
	<u>Arthur E. Feenan</u>
	<u>Mary A. MacDonald</u>

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss.

May 15, 1961

Then personally appeared the above named Marion F. Feenan and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed, before me

William B. [Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires June 1, 1962

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Salem, Massachusetts

of Salem

Essex County, Massachusetts,

for consideration paid, grant to Roland A. L'Heureux and Mary M. L'Heureux, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, both

of Salem in said County of Essex

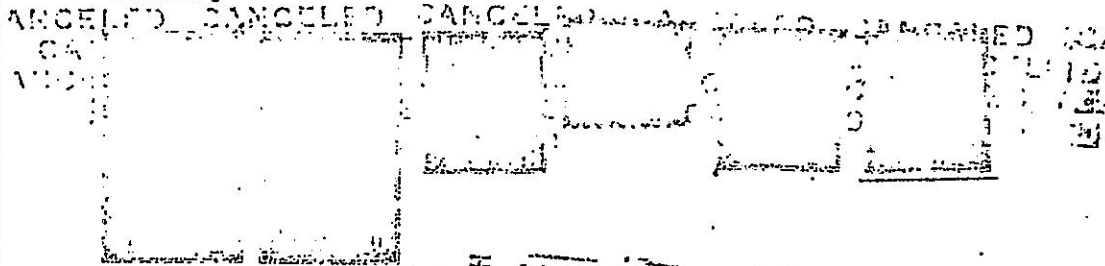
with quitclaim covenants

be had in said Salem together with buildings thereon, situated at 14 Pickman Street, bounded and described as follows:

- NORTHERLY by Pickman Street;
- EASTERLY by land now or late of Prince;
- SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Brooks; and
- WESTERLY by land now or late Millott.

Being the same premises conveyed to the grantors herein by deed of Marion F. Feenan et als., dated May 15, 1961 and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 4770 Page 437.

Said premises are conveyed subject to taxes assessed by the City of Salem for the year 1962, which have been apportioned as of the date hereof.



CELEBRATED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS
 CANCELLED BY THE REGISTER
 ANCELLING OFFICE
 2135

husband and wife

Witness our hands and seals this 12th day of June 1962

.....
 Edward A. Fish

 Barbara D. Fish

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex ss. June 12 19 62

Then personally appeared the above named Edward A. Fish and Barbara D. Fish and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, before me,

Richard E. Daly
 Notary Public
 My commission expires Feb. 20 1968

Essex ss. Recorded June 13, 1962. 20 m. past 1 P.M. #121

(* Individual — Joint Tenants — Tenants in Common — Tenants by the Entirety.)