

Historic Salem Incorporated

P.O. Box 865

Salem, Massachusetts 01970

25 North Street

Built for

Joseph Torrey, physician

By 1825

Research by

Joyce King

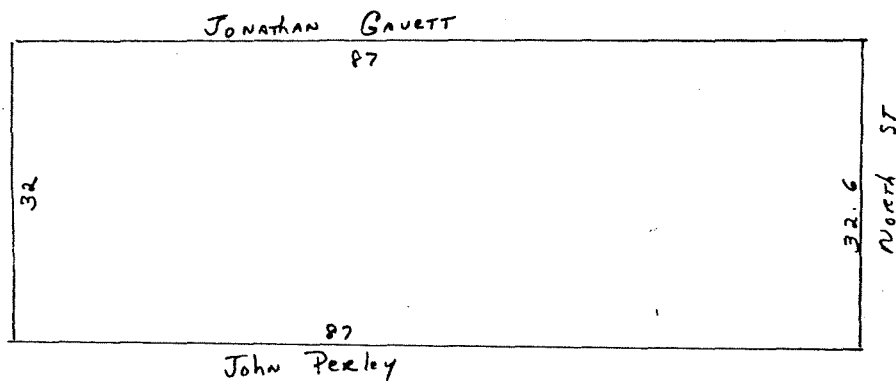
May, 1979

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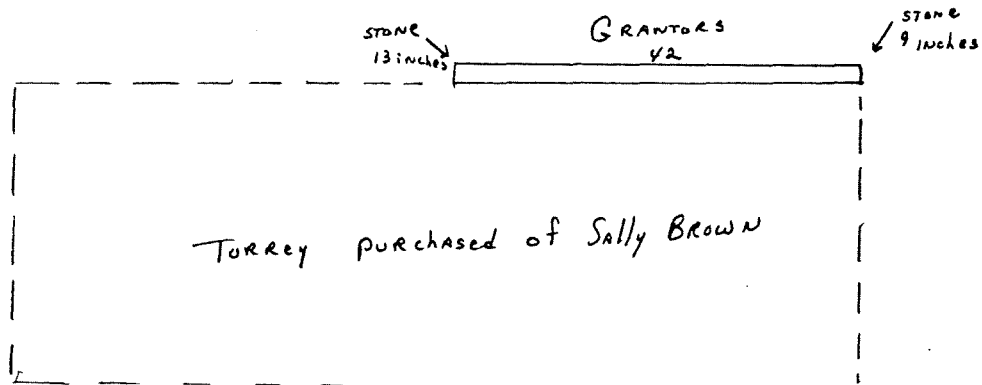
North Street is one of Salem's oldest streets. It was called street or highway in 1674; lane in 1755; highway leading to the North field in 1759; lane leading from the main street to the North Bridge in 1763 and North Street in 1797.

The lot on which this house stands was part of the Gavett estate. In 1815 a partition was made of the estate of Jonathan Gavett. Sarah Brown was awarded this lot of land with a shop on it as her share. (book 229 page 80)

On Nov. 6, 1822 Sarah Brown, single sold to Joseph Torrey, physician, the land and tenements for \$600:
(book 230 page 143)



Doctor Joseph Torrey probably removed the shop shortly before building the house now known as #25 North St. The first mention of this house is found in a deed to Dr. Torrey from William Gavett Turner, Mary Gavett, single and Deliverance Curtis, widow, on Feb. 6, 1826. In this deed a small strip of land, north of the land said Torrey purchased from Sally Brown, is sold. It is described as being 9 inches north of Torrey's new building. It seems safe to say that this new building made its appearance by 1825 since Jan. and Feb. are not the usual months for construction. (book 449 page 226) (This deed was not recorded until Aug. 23, 1851)



~~then this deed, as also a note of hand bearing even date
with these presents, signed by the said Mary Green
whereby she promises to pay to the said Goodwin the
said sum and interest at the time aforesaid, shall
both be absolutely void to all intents and purposes. In
witness whereof, the said Mary Green have hereunto
set my hand and seal this twelfth day of July in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.
Executed and delivered } Mary + Green. Seal,
in presence of us, John Sparhawk Jr. } Essex, ss. July 12 A.D. 1851. Then per-
sonally appeared the above named Mary Green and ack-
nowledged the above instrument to be her free act and
deed, before me, John Sparhawk Jr. Justice of the Peace,
Essex, Rec'd Aug 14, 1857, 20m. before 3 P.M. Rec'd & examined by Ephm. Brown Jr. Reg~~

Know all men by these presents, That we, William Gavett ^{W. Gavett, et al}
Turner, Mary Gavett, singlewoman, Deliverance Curtis, wid. ^{to} Joseph Torrey
of Salem, in the County of Essex & Commonwealth
of Massachusetts, in consideration of seventy five dollars
to us paid by Joseph Torrey of said Salem Physician (the
receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge) do hereby
give, grant, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joseph
Torrey, his heirs & assigns, a certain strip of land, in
said Salem, laying North of the land said Torrey purchased
of Sally Brown bounded & described as follows, to wit
Beginning at the the Northeast corner of said Torrey's
land

land on North Street, and running Northerly to a stone,
set down in the ground, nine inches North from the
under pinning of said Torry's new building, thence
running Westerly parallel with the North side of said
building forty two feet to another stone, set down in
the ground & bounding Northerly on other land of the
grantors, thence South about thirteen inches to said
Torry's land, thence East forty two feet on said Torry's land
to North Street and the bound first mentioned. To have
and to hold the granted premises with the appertena-
ances to the said Joseph Torry his heirs and assigns,
to his & their use and benefit forever. And we the
said William, Mary & Deliverance for ourselves, our heirs,
executors and administrators, do hereby covenant with
the said Joseph Torry his heirs and assigns. That we
are lawfully seized in fee of the premises. That they are
free of all incumbrances. That we have good right to sell
and convey the same to the said Joseph Torry and that
we will, and our heirs, executors and administrators
shall, warrant and defend the same to the said
Joseph Torry his heirs and assigns, forever, against the
lawful claims and demands of any persons. And I John
Daland of Salem aforesaid Gentleman in consideration
of twenty cents paid me by the said Joseph Torry, the
receipt whereof I acknowledge do for myself & my heirs,
forever release & quit claim, to the said Joseph Torry, his
heirs & assigns, all my, right, title, interest & estate in
and to the above described & granted piece or strip
of land. In witness whereof, we the said William,
Mary & Deliverance & John have hereunto set our
hands and seals this sixth day of February in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

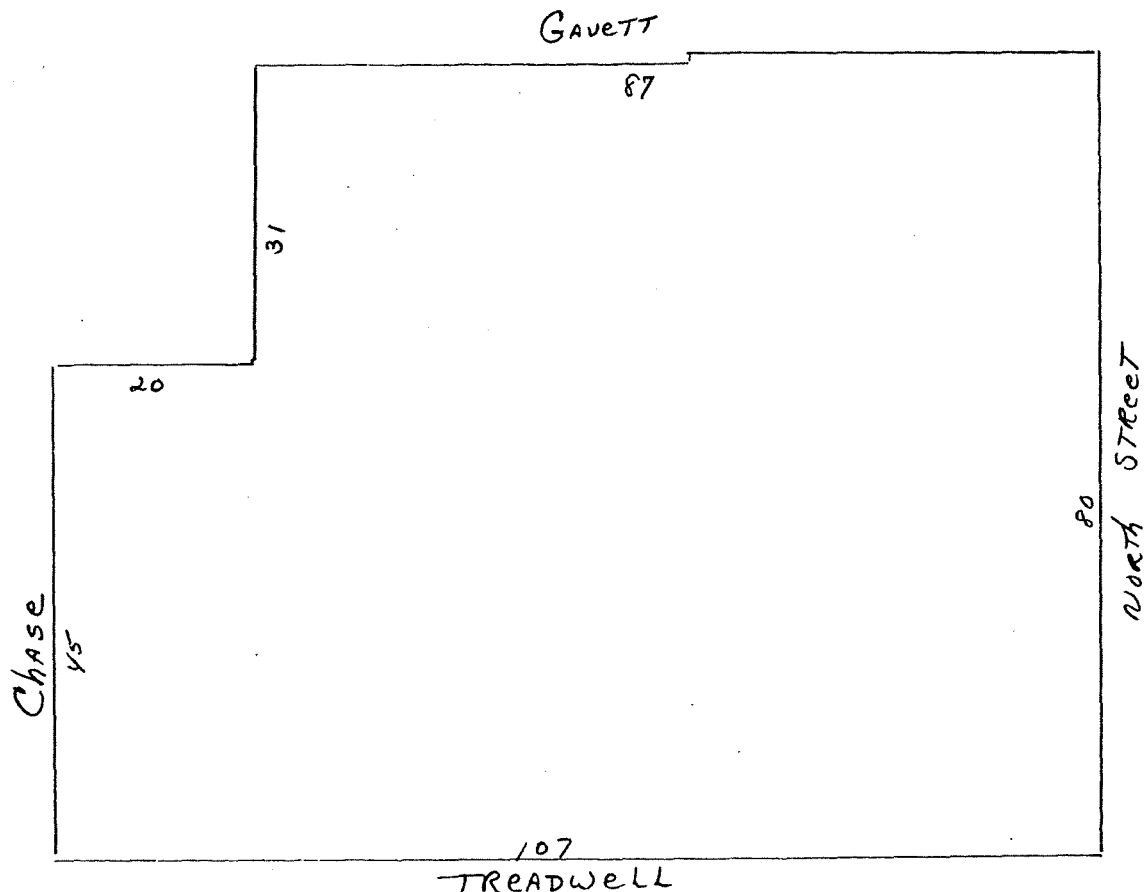
Signed, sealed and delivered } W^m Garrett. Seal

Doctor Joseph Torrey was born in Killingley, Conn. March 18, 1768. He was the son of Col. Joseph and Hannah (Fiske) Torrey and married at Hamilton, Mass. March 18, 1794, Mary Cutler. At the time of his marriage, Dr. Torrey was practicing in Rowley. Later he lived in Danvers, Salem and Beverly where he died, Dec. 8, 1850. He was the father of two artist sons, Manasseh Cutler Torrey, who painted a portrait of Dr. Torrey (now at the Essex Institute) and Charles C. Torrey, who was also well known as an engraver. He was also the father of Dr. Augustus Torrey of Beverly, and Joseph Torrey, president of the University of Vermont. (Portraits in the Essex Institute, page 164)

Since Dr. Torrey owned other property during this time, (including the house next door) it is not known if this house was used as his residence or as rental property.

In the 1830's this house was numbered as 15 North St. The Salem Directory for the year 1836 shows living at #15, Jonathan Wilson and William Waters. Dr. Torrey is listed at #13.

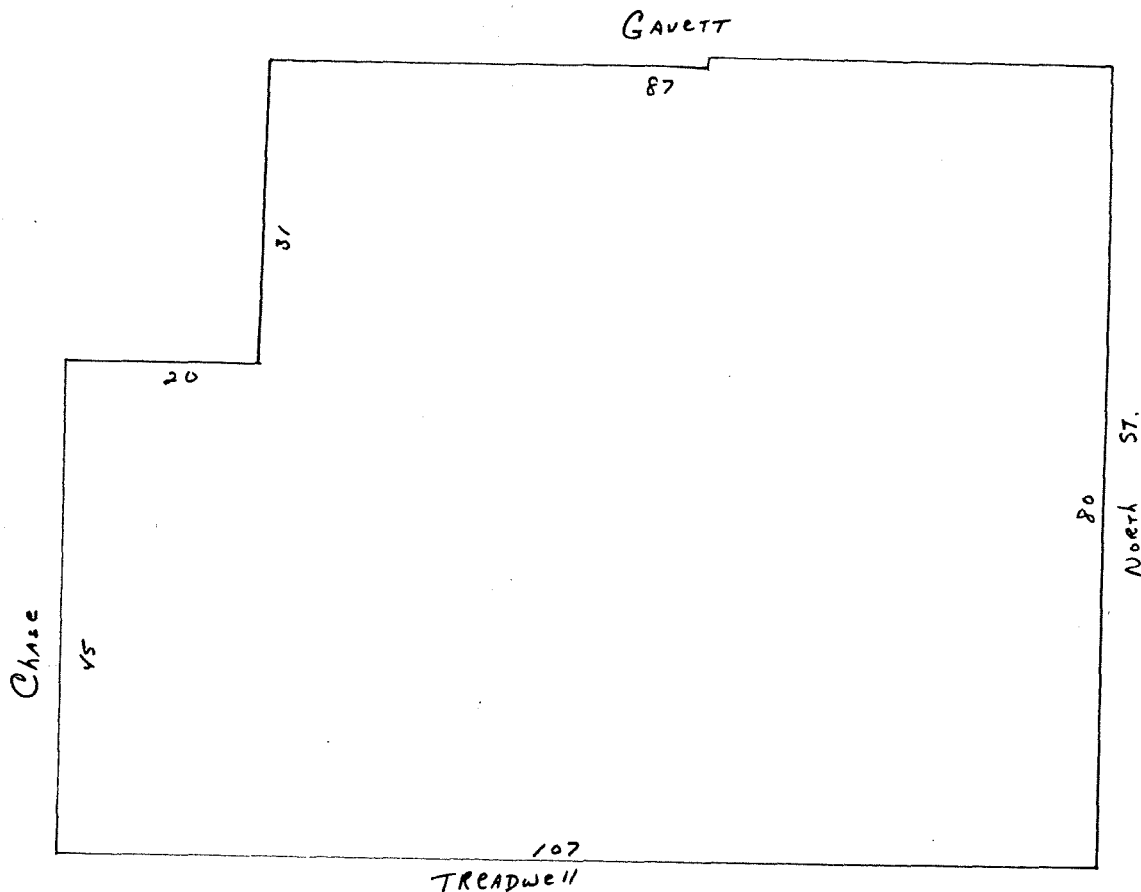
On Feb. 8, 1840 Joseph Torrey, late of Salem now of Beverly, physician, sold "to my son" Joseph Torrey of Burlington, Vermont land with two dwelling houses. Subject to a mortgage to John G. King. (book 449 page 140) (Recorded Aug. 22, 1851)



This includes #13 and #15 North Street.

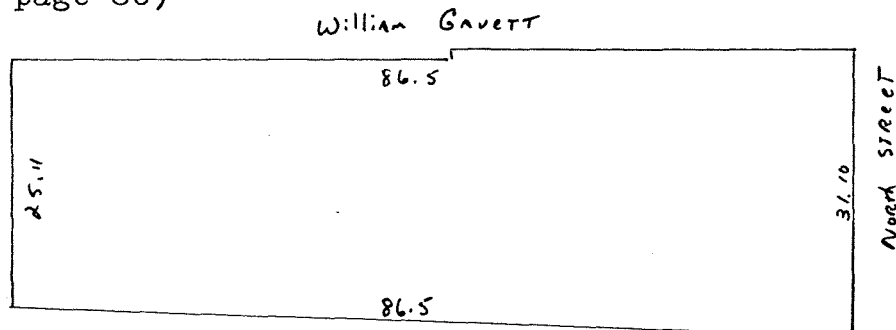
The directory of 1842 shows Elijah Haskell, mariner; Nehemiah Andrews, mariner and Elizabeth Andrews, teacher, as tenants in this house.

On Aug. 22, 1851 Joseph Torrey, of Burlington, Vt. sold to John G. Treadwell, of Salem, physician, for \$4,500 the message consisting of about 5,000 feet of land with two dwelling houses and outbuildings. (book 449 page 227)



Dr. John G. Treadwell was born in Salem Aug. 1, 1805, the son of Dr. John D. and Dorothy (Goodhue) Treadwell. He was a graduate of Harvard and died in Salem Aug. 6, 1856, unmarried.

Sept. 20, 1852 John G. Treadwell, of Salem physician, for consideration sold to his mother Dorothy Treadwell, widow, the land and building:
(book 567 page 86)



The Salem tax records for the year 1856 show:

North St.	occupant	owner
#11	John G. Treadwell	John G. Treadwell
13	Charles Ward	" " "
	Thomas Perkins	" " "
15	Elijah Haskell	" " "

Dorothy Treadwell died Jan. 29, 1858. In her will, written Jan 25, 1858, she appointed "my friend" Arthur W. Austin, of West Roxbury, executor. After several monetary bequests the rest of the estate was to go to Arthur W. Austin. (Probate #55626)

On April 13, 1858 Arthur W. Austin, of West Roxbury sold to Elijah Haskell of Salem gunner, the land and buildings, North St. for \$2,000. The same devised to the grantor by Dorothy Treadwell and the same described in a deed of John G. Treadwell to Dorothy on Sept. 20, 1852. Meaning to convey the premises described in the deed from John and no other. (book 569 page 294)

In 1860 North St. was renumbered, This house was then #17. Elijah Haskell had been a tenant for a long time. A federal census taken in 1860 gives a clearer picture of the Haskell's:

Elijah Haskell	age 57	mainer	born Mass.
Lucinda "	" 55	"	"
Georgianna "	" 15	"	"
Francis "	" 12	"	"
Mary Wilson	" 86	"	"

Census 1870:

Eli Haskell	age 66	seaman U.S. Navy	- property value \$2,500
Lucinda "	" 64	keeping house	
second family,			
Lizzie Millet	" 64	keeping house	

Tax records 1872:

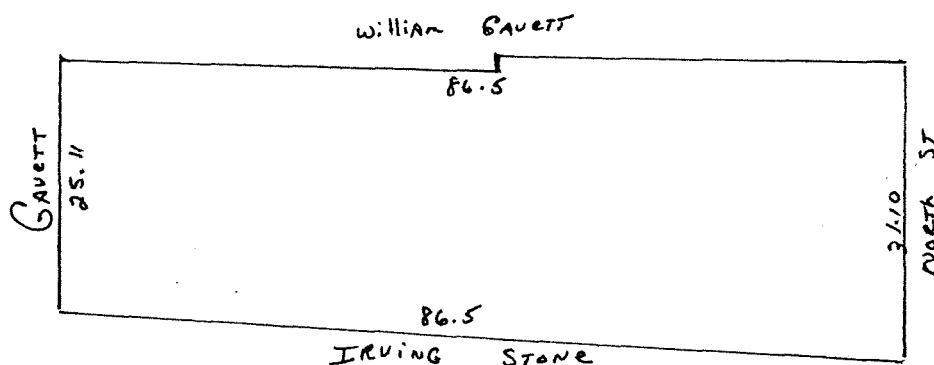
North St.	
#19	Jono Gavett
17	Elijah Haskell age 68 owner
15	Irving Stone

Oct. 16, 1879 Lucinda Haskell relict of Elijah Haskell sold to Sara K. Hart, wife of Charles, the land and buildings. Reference see deed Arthur W. Austin to Elijah Haskell 1858, book 569 page 294. The grantor reserves the whole second floor of the dwelling house and land, and west $\frac{1}{2}$ of cellar during her natural life. To pay \$100 per year and also to pay the taxes and water rates and all gas and keep furnace in good repair. (book 1026 page 15)

Around 1880 North St. was renumbered once again. This house was then #25.

March 19, 1880 Charles N. Hart, of Salem and Sarah K. Hart wife of Charles in her right, sold to Lucinda Haskell of Salem, widow of Elijah Haskell dec., the land and buildings North St. reference to deed Arthur W. Austin to said Elijah Haskell 1858, and is agreed by Lucinda Haskell as part of the consideration of this deed that the said Sarah K. Hart released and discharged from all conditions which she said Sarah K. Hart took said real estate upon, so that she shall stand the same as if she had never held a deed of the granted premise. The same conveyed by Lucinda Haskell to Sarah K. Hart 1879. Grantors shall have 3 weeks to remove all goods from the premises.

June 19, 1880 Henry K. Burrison and Frances I. Burrison wife of Henry, in her right, both of Somerville, sold to William Neilson and Augusta Neilson, daughter of said William the land and buildings for \$3,400. The same conveyed by Charles and Sarah K. Hart his wife, to Lucinda Haskell by deed book 1033 page 228, and devised by Lucinda Haskell to said Frances Burrison, maiden name Frances Ingalls Dayley. (book 1040 page 24)



Sept. 6, 1889 William Neilson of Marblehead, Mary A. B. wife of William Herbert Neilson of Boston and Fannie H. wife of Herbert Heway Neilson of Salem and Arthur Neilson of Newton and Alice J. wife of Arthur, sold to Augusta Neilson of Salem, $\frac{1}{2}$ of homestead known as #25 North St. The same conveyed to William and Augusta Neilson by deed of Henry K. Burrison and Francis J. Burrison. (book 1260 page 566)

The title was transferred by the administration of Augusta Neilson to William S. Felton, of Salem. Mr. Felton then sold it to Arthur Neilson, of Boston, on Oct. 15, 1906, for \$3,100. (book 1851 page 2)

Sept. 25, 1908 Arthur Neilson of Boston, sold to Mary E. Grant the land and building the same conveyed by William Felton 1906. (book 1935 page 518)

May 7, 1909 Mary E. Grant, single sold to Ann R. Grant the same conveyed by deed of Arthur Neilson 1908. (book 1962 page 201)

Mary E. Grant mortgaged to the Salem Savings Bank on April 7, 1934. (book 2989 page 234) Then the Salem Savings Bank took possession of the property for breach of mortgage. (book 3144 page 599)

On March 28, 1939 Salem Savings Bank holder of a mortgage from Mary E. Grant, April 7, 1934 book 2989 page 234, by power conferred by mortgage, grant to Salem Savings Bank the same premises conveyed to Ann R. Grant by deed of Mary E. Grant, May 7, 1909 also by administration of Ann R. Grant, probate #178432 and administration of Annie N. Grant, probate #178433. To be sold subject to taxes.

Sept. 3, 1941 Salem Savings Bank sold to Henry N. Clement and Dorilda Clement, husband and wife, the same conveyed by foreclosure 1939. (book 3269 page 164)

In 1942 North Street was widened. Henry N. Clement and Dorilda sold part of the premises to the City of Salem for this purpose. (book 3316 page 246, plan included)

The house was moved back around 20 feet and set on a new foundation. (book 3316 page 248, plan included) The property remained in Henry N. Clement's name until March 28, 1979.

Reference to book and page are deed books kept at the Registry of Deeds and probate numbers are cases at Probate Court, both located in the same building on Federal St., Salem.

Maps are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.

tire flag pole was painted one coat in May. The flag was flown on holidays and other occasions nineteen times during the year.

WHARF IN BEVERLY

No expense was incurred during 1942 for the maintenance of this property. However, the real estate tax paid to the City of Beverly amounted to \$202.74.

POLLING PRECINCTS

Booths, tables, chairs, lights and other polling equipment were transported and set up in the twenty polling places for the State Primaries and State Election in 1942.

TRAFFIC BOX IN TOWN HOUSE SQUARE

The traffic box was painted two coats, relettered and properly maintained during the year. Collision and property damage insurance was purchased and paid in advance for three years.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOOTH

The tourist information booth was not used during the year. This building has been boarded up and is stored at the rear of the Hawthorne Garage.

MAY STREET PLAYGROUND HOUSE

In accordance with plans and specifications prepared by this department, the old three-car concrete block garage, recently acquired by the City, has been converted into a Community House to be used in connection with playground activities. This work required the removal of the old garage doors and rebuilding the side of the building with concrete blocks on a new concrete foundation. New floor joists were installed on 4' x 6' sills over the old concrete floor. A double floor was laid with a heavy asphalt paper between

to protect against dampness. The finished floor is select oak. Walls are finished in knotty pine. The ceiling is Celotex Tile. Seven new windows including frames were installed, also two new doors. A new pole was set and a new electric line run in from May Street. The building was wired and new electrical fixtures installed. The roof of the entire building was recovered with heavy asphalt shingles. A new brick chimney was erected. Other repairs and changes were made with the result that this building is in excellent condition.

NORTH STREET WIDENING

During 1942 the dwellings at 25 North Street and at 27 North Street were relocated under the supervision of this department and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by this office. The dwellings at 29 North Street, at 31 North Street and the store at 73 Federal Street were torn down in connection with this proposed street widening.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend that the ordinance be changed to allow the appointment of a civilian janitor at the Police Station, in place of the present arrangement that requires the janitor work being performed by a Police Officer. The present arrangement has proved most unsatisfactory.

IN CONCLUSION

I wish to express my appreciation to His Honor the Mayor and members of the City Council for their cooperation and interest in the work of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. O'ROURKE,
Superintendent of Public Property.

Received Oct 23, 1942. With Deed:
Henry N. Clement et ux to City of Salem
Rec. B 3316 P 246 Filed as No. 277 1942
Attest:

A Franklin Priest

Register of Deeds

LAND OF HENRY N. & DORILDA CLEMENT
25 NORTH ST. SALEM, MASS.

SCALE 1 IN. = 10 FT. MAY 1942

Frank P. Morse
CITY ENGINEER

Dwelling

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank

N 1° 43' 10" E
1.06

S 87° 49' 10" E

21.46

20.09

45.52

S 89° 57' 00" E

Dwelling

30.84

N 5° 30' 00" E

642 SQ. FT.

Henry N. & Dorilda Clement

Garage

N 2° 21' 00" E 25.66

Shed

65.27

N 85° 45' 30" W

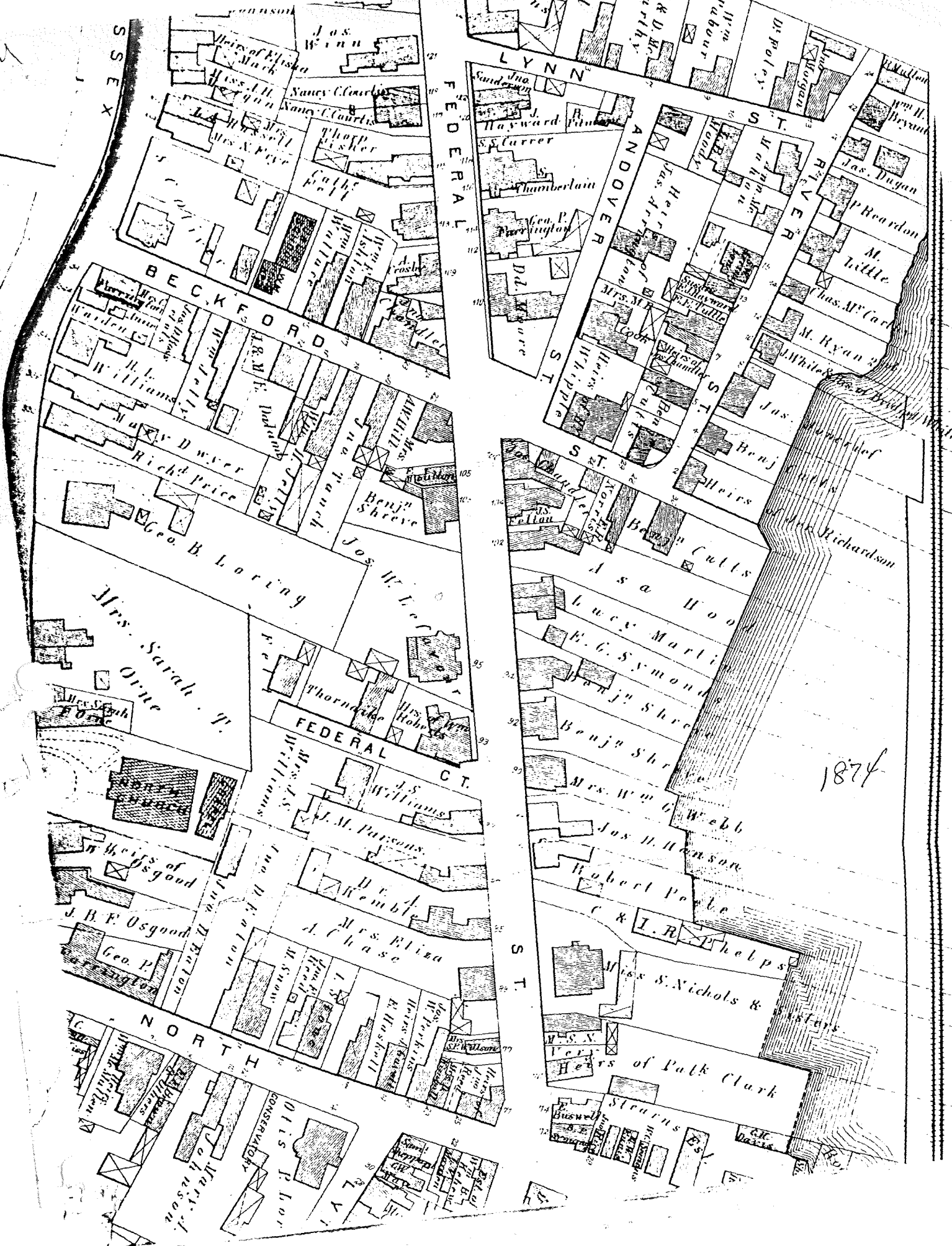
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Est. of Marion F. Gardner

Dwelling

S 3° 34' 30" W 19.10

S 4° 02' 20" W 12.45



1874

65784

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Inheritance Tax Bureau, Room 707
100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02204

INHERITANCE TAX RELEASE OF LIEN

MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE WITH FORMS L16, L16A OR L-53
TOGETHER WITH CERTIFIED COPY OF DEED, IF ANY

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Date March 19, 1979

Probate Court Essex

Docket No. (if any) 292259

ESTATE OF Henry N. Clement, aka
Name of Decedent

LATE OF Salem
City or Town

This is to certify that:

An inheritance tax has been paid, or
 No inheritance tax is due on any interest that accrued to Irene Roy Lacharite, Agnes Huntres
Fred W. McCarthy, Blanche Clement and Jeannette McLean

Name of Person(s) to whom interest passes

As Surviving Joint Owner(s) As Donee(s)
 As Beneficiary(ies) u/Trust As Devisee(s) or Legatee(s)
u/Will, or u/Administration

In Real Estate located in Salem

As described by Deed dated September 3, 1941 and October 23, 1942 and recorded in
Essex South Registry Book No. 3269, Page 164 and 3316, Page 246 and Book 3316 Page 24
Registry of Deeds

As described by certificate of Title No. _____ recorded in _____

County Land Registration Office

COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION

By

Richard O. Asadourian

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1/28/79
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