

# Historic Salem incorporated

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ONE FORRESTER ST.

Built for  
JOHN IVES, tanner  
by 1760

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Built by 1760 for John Ives, Tanner**

**History:**

One Forrester Street sits on a parcel of the vast eighteenth-century holdings of the Ives Family, who had established their "tan yard" on the adjacent lot between the family "homestead" and Collins Cove, then called simply "the Cove". The entire lot was the seventeenth-century land grant of Isaac Estes, whose administrators sold it to William Lord between 1657-59. Lord conveyed the same lot to Henry Bartholomew of Salem, an apparently-wealthy merchant, who transferred the property to his daughter and son-in-law, Nehemiah Willoughby, in 1689 [Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 8, leaf 142]. Mr. Willoughby died in possession of the premises in 1702. His son and heir, Francis Willoughby, sold the estate, including several buildings and the original Estes lot, to Captain Benjamin Ives in May of 1720 [E.C.R.D. Book 36, leaf 279]. Captain Ives bought much property in Salem Town, on "the Neck", and in Essex County after 1720 until his death in 1756, and he also established what appears to have been the major family business, the tannery and adjoining "bark house". The Ives family occupied a dwelling house that sat between their tannery and Salem Common, then alternatively known as the town "swamp", training field, or common, though south of the site of the present-day One Forrester Street. The lane which ran from the Common to Essex Street or the "Main Street" came gradually to be known as Ives' Lane.

Forrester Street began as an access route through the Ives' property from the Common to the Cove. It might have originated as a "rope walk", as was common on this swampy east side of the Common. That part of Forrester Street lying parallel to Essex Street was not laid out until after 1767, when Samuel Webb and Nathaniel Richardson had divided the Ives' estate. City records indicate that at that time, there were only two houses at the head of the new street, both occupying lots across from the Common, and the tannery. By 1794 Forrester Street was referred to as the "new street....leading to Gerrish's Lane", and it was designated "East Street" after 1804. Forrester Street becomes the official designation only after 1857-60.

The house that presently bears the address "One Forrester Street" was built not by Benjamin Ives, but by his son John after the former's death and the partition of the Ives' properties in 1756 [E.C.R.D. Book 102, leaves 282-284]. Benjamin Ives had divided his many properties among his five children, John Ives, Mary Crowninshield, and Elizabeth, Abigail, Martha, and Margaret Ives. In the 1756 partition, John Ives purchased shares from his sisters that allowed him to remain as sole

owner of the tannery and the original Estes parcel. Mary Crowninshield and her husband John received the southern lot and the family dwelling house or "Mansion House and Homestead Land with the buildings thereon in Salem aforesaid containing about half an acre of land being more or less bounded westerly on Ives' Lane (so-called), northerly on the Training Field or Common Land adjoining, easterly on land of Nathaniel Andrew, and southerly on the Main Street." This became the site of the McIntire Crowninshield house. The Ives' spinster sisters recieved outlaying lands and enough money to purchase the old "Gerrish House" from Jonathan Very in the following year [E.C.R.D. Book 104, leaf 115]. The Curwen Manuscripts indicate that two Ives' houses were constructed in the decade between 1750 and 1760; one was built by the Ives' sisters, upon the "Old Foundation" of this Gerrish house, while the other was likely built by John Ives across from the Crowninshield's lot between the 1756 partition and 1760 "List of Houses Built in Salem from 1750-1773", Essex Institute Historical Collections 58 (1922): 292-296.

John Ives began selling parcels of land in the early 1760s. One particularly large parcel, "containing thirty-two poles bounding as follows, westerly on the Common (or Training Field), measuring four poles from land of Gamaliel Hodges as the Fence now stands, northerly on said Hodges eight poles, easterly on land of said Ives four poles (and in the same angle as that on the Common) then southerly on land of Ives eight poles" [E.C.R.D. Book 112, leaf 247] was sold to Captain Samuel Webb in 1764. Webb purchased another parcel of John Ives' estate from his widow Sarah three years later, including "the Mansion House and land under it and a parcel of land adjoining in said Salem being a part of the Homestead land whereof by said late husband John Ives deceased died seized and bounds southerly on a way or common land of said Salem six poles and eleven links of the chain, westerly on a way or common land of said Salem six poles and ten links of the chain, northerly on said Webb's land four poles and twelve links of the chain, and easterly on the residue of said Homestead Land late of said deceased John Ives six poles and fourteen links of the chain." [E.C.R.D. Book 121, leaf 166]. Sarah sold the tannery to Miles Ward in 1769 who in turn sold it to Nathaniel Richardson in the following year.

Captain Samuel Webb and his family occupied the house until his death in 1808, after which it was conveyed to one of his daughters, Hannah Hosmer, and let out to Enos Briggs, master shipbuilder, until 1819 [E.C.R.D. Book 184, leaves 176-177]. Hannah Hosmer's daughter and her husband, Captain James B. Briggs, occupied the property shortly thereafter. Thus One Forrester Street, then designated One East Street and, later, 38 Forrester Street, remained in the Webb family until the death of Captain Webb's great-grandson, James C. Briggs, in 1879 [Salem Directories, 1836-1880]. The administratrix of Briggs' estate, Mary Ellen Briggs, sold the house to the Stephen Whipple that same year, and at present it remains the property of a member of that family [E.C.R.D. Book 1019, page 87].

Stephen Whipple was the owner of a "gum copal works" located at 8 White Street and the purveyor of coal, wood, bark, hay, etc.. from a

shop located at 125 Derby Street. Stephen Whipple occupied One Forrester Street until his death in 1890, and his widow, Martha P. Whipple, lived in the house until her death in 1910. Their son, Charles L. Whipple, had a house built on an adjoining lot (Seven Forrester Street) in which he lived until his mother's death [Salem Directories, 1880-1910]. William G. Maloon, an insurance broker, and his wife Alice took up residence at Seven Forrester Street after Whipple moved next door. Stephen A. Whipple took over both the house and the family business after his father's death, but around 1935 he shifted his residence to Seven Forrester Street and became a Councillor-at-Large [Salem Directories, 1930-35]. Successive generations of the Maloon family, first William and Alice, and then Raymond and Mary Whipple Maloon, have owned and occupied One Forrester Street from 1935 until the present.

**Documentation:**

**E.C.R.D. Book 8, leaf 142**

**Grantor:** Henry Bartholomew of Salem, Merchant  
**Grantee:** Nehemiah Willoughby of Salem, Mariner  
**Consideration:** paid  
**Conveyance of:** former Isaac Estes estate  
**Date recorded:** April 1, 1689

**E.C.R.D. Book 36, leaf 279**

**Grantor:** Francis Willoughby of Salem, Mariner  
**Grantee:** Benjamin Ives of Salem, Mariner  
**Consideration:** paid  
**Conveyance of:** land between the Common and the Cove  
**Date recorded:** May 9, 1720

**E.C.R.D. Book 102, leaves 282-284**

**Partition of the Estate of Benjamin Ives of Salem, Tanner, Deceased, among John and Mary Crowninshield, John Ives, Elizabeth Ives, Abigail Ives, Martha Ives, Margaret Ives**  
**Date recorded:** December 28, 1756

**E.C.R.D. Book 112, leaf 247**

**Grantor:** John Ives of Salem, Tanner  
**Grantee:** Samuel Webb of Salem, Mariner  
**Consideration:** 64 pounds, Lawful Money  
**Conveyance of:** "a certain piece or parcel of land in Salem containing thirty-two poles bounded as follows: westerly on

the Common (or Training Field), measuring four poles from land of Gamaliel Hodges as the fence now stands, northerly on said Hodges eight poles, easterly on land of said Ives four poles (and in the same angle as that on the Common), then southerly on land of Ives eight poles."

**Date recorded:** November 28, 1764

**E.C.R.D. Book 121, leaf 166**

**Grantor:** Sarah Ives of Salem, Widow and Administratrix of the estate of John Ives, late of Salem intestate

**Grantee:** Samuel Webb of Salem, Mariner

**Consideration:** £116 13s. 4p. Lawful Money

**Conveyance of:** "the Mansion House and land under it and a parcel of land adjoining in said Salem being a part of the Homestead land whereof my said late husband John Ives deceased died seized and butts southerly on a way or common land of said Salem six poles and eleven links of the chain, westerly on a way or common land of said Salem six poles and ten links of the chain, northerly on said Webb's land four poles and twelve links of the chain, and easterly on the residue of said Homestead land late of said deceased six poles and fourteen links of the chain with the fences and appurtenances thereof."

**Date recorded:** July 22, 1767

**E.C.R.D. Book 184, leaves 176-177**

**Grantor:** Samuel Webb, Goldsmith, and Priscilla Webb, Singlewoman, both of Salem

**Grantee:** Hannah (Webb) Hosmer of Salem, Widow

**Consideration:** \$2616.47

**Conveyance of:** "a certain dwelling house with the land under and adjoining and is bounded as follows: southerly on East Street there measuring one hundred and eight feet, westerly on Pleasant Street there measuring fifty-six feet and six inches, northerly land of Priscilla Webb one hundred feet and easterly on the land of Nathaniel Richardson's heirs fifty-six feet and six inches, together with all the buildings standing thereon."

**Date recorded:** October 16, 1808

**E.C.R.D. Book 1019, page 87**

**Grantor:** Mary Ellen Briggs of Salem, Singlewoman

**Grantee:** Stephen Whipple of Salem

**Consideration:** \$3660

**Conveyance of:** "a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated at the junction of Pleasant and Forrester Streets in Salem aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof on Forrester Street, there running southwesterly on said Forrester Street

about one hundred and twenty (120) feet to Pleasant Street, thence turning and running as the fence stands northwesterly by said Pleasant Street about fifty-five (55) feet to land of heirs of G.G. Newhall, thence turning and running in a north-easterly direction by land of heirs of late Newhall about one hundred feet to land of Miss E.P. Richardson, thence turning and running southeasterly by land of Miss E.P. Richardson about fifty-two and one-half feet to the point of beginning."

**Date recorded:** June 26, 1879

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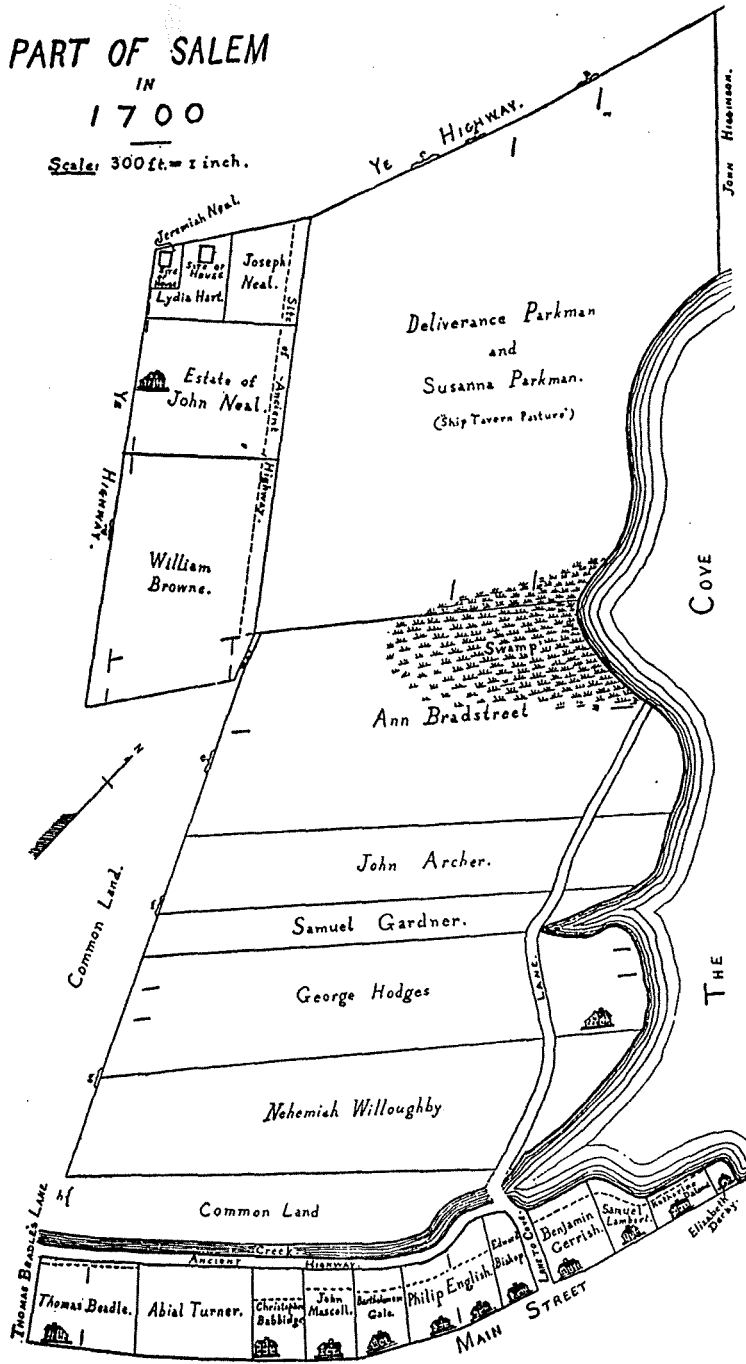
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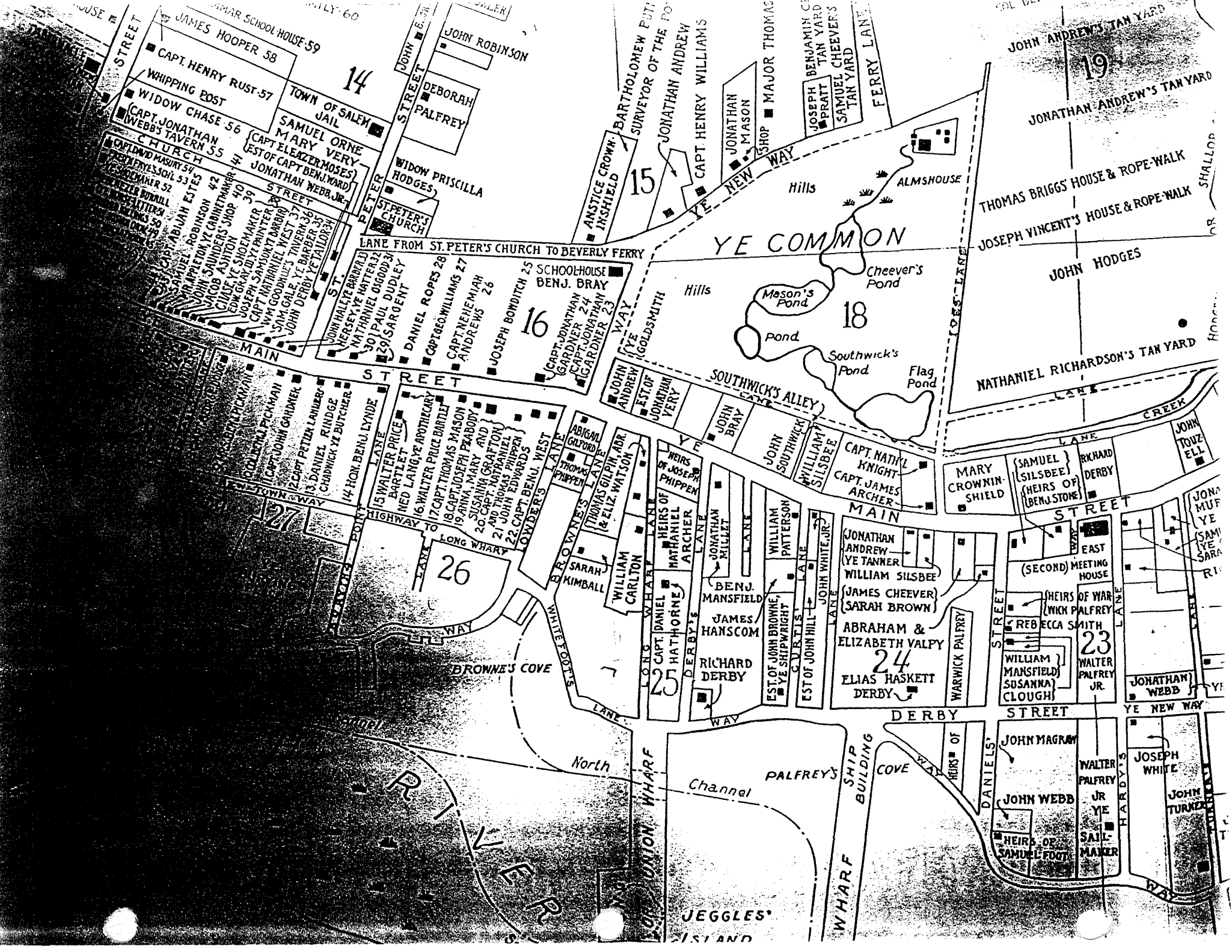
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WIDOW HENRY RUST 57  
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CAPT. JONATHAN WEBB'S TAVERN 55  
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BROWNE'S COVE

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