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- 5796 374 August 25, 1971
Lawrence J. and Judith A. Moynahan of Salem sell for \$19,900 to Roger J. and Pamela A. Bohanon of Salem land and buildings in Salem bounded: on W. by Turner St. 34.75'
 on N. by land now or formerly of Berry 72'
 on E. by land now or formerly of Wholly, Evans and Webb 37.25'
 on S. by land now or formerly of Cunningham 74.66'
 Being same premises conveyed us by deed Book 5357 p. 212
- 5357 212 April 29, 1966
Gerald E. and Janet R. MacDonald of Salem sell to Lawrence J. and Judith A. Moynahan land and buildings on Turner St. (described above)
 Being same premises conveyed us by deed 5230 p. 434
- 5230 434 December 9, 1964
Robert L. and Antoinette M. Masse of Salem sell to Gerald E. and Janet R. MacDonald land and buildings (same description) Being same premises conveyed Book 5162 p. 735
- 5162 735 April 14, 1964
J.S.Gleason, Jr. Adm. of Veterans' Affairs sells to Robert L. and Antoinette M. Masse land and buildings (described above)
- 5112 557 October 8, 1963
J.S.Gleason Jr. Adm. of Veterans' Affairs holder of a mortgage from Alexander F. and Ruby E. Jendraszek to H.V.Higley Adm. of Veterans' Affairs by power conferred by said mortgage, for \$7,777.92 sold at public auction to J.S.Gleason Jr. Adm. of Veterans' Affairs land and buildings (described above) See deed 4416 p. 27
- 4416 27 October 15, 1957
Alexander F. and Ruby E. Jendraszek mortgage for \$8010.00 to H.V. Higley, Adm. of Veterans' Affairs (same property)
- 4350 426 February 14, 1957
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank grants (same property) to H.V.Higley, Adm. of Veterans' Affairs.
- 4321 563 October 31, 1956
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank forecloses on a mortgage from James F. and Barbara A. McMahon on same property.
- 4072 178 June 2, 1954
Theresa J. Kulakowski and Frederick Kulakowski of Salem sell to James F. and Barbara McMahon (same property) The McMahons mortgage the property to Salem Five Cents Savings Bank. (p. 179) For title see Book 4044 p. 263
- 4044 268 February 3, 1954
Kulakowskis mortgage same property to Salem Five Cents Savings Bank. For title see Book 3963 p. 167
- 3963 167 March 6, 1953
Theresa J. Kulakowski, widow, grants to Theresa J. Kulakowski and Frederick Kulakowski (same property) being same premises conveyed to me and my husband Roman J. Kulakowski by deed Book 3540 p. 329.

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- 3540 329 July 3, 1948
Roman J. Kulakowski grants to Margaret Donlon who grants to Roman J. and Theresa J. Kulakowski of Salem land and buildings described: beginning on E. side of Turner St. running E. by land now or late of Berry 72' to land formerly of Wholly, Evans, and heirs of Webb; running S. by said land 37'-3" to land now or late of Cunningham; running W. by said land 74'-8" to Turner St.; running N. by Turner St. 34'-9" to beginning. Being same premises conveyed to Martin Kulakowski in Book 1646 p. 95 and devised to me under will of said Martin, see Probate #210149.
- 1646 95 July 12, 1901
Annie J. Riley, unmarried, of Salem, for \$1 and considerations grants to Martin Kulakowski land and buildings (described above) Being same premises conveyed me by deed Book 1478 p. 389
- 1478 389 May 9, 1896
John F. Cunningham of Everett for \$1 and considerations grants to Annie J. Riley of Salem a certain parcel of land with buildings there on on Turner St. (described above) Meaning to convey part of the premises conveyed me by deed of Katharine Cunningham Book 1361 p. 378
- 1361 378 December 3, 1892
Lawrence and Mary J. Cunningham of Salem for \$1 and considerations grant to John F. Cunningham of Salem land and buildings on Turner St. bounded: on W. by Turner St. 98'
on N. by land of Berry 73'
on E. by land of Wholley, Evans and heirs of Webb 98'
on S. by land of Flynn 79' more or less.
- 927 151 May 3, 1875
Helen M. Lemon of Salem in pursuance of a power in deed Book 778 p. 13 wherein these premises were conveyed to me, for \$3500 sell to Laurence Cunningham (same property described above)
- 778 13 July 21, 1869
Nathaniel O. Very, Benjamin Perkins and wife Martha in her right, all of Salem, George L. Page and wife Esther in her right of Indiana, Samuel Smith and wife Abby in her right of Kentucky, for \$3725 sell to Helen M. Lemon of Salem land and dwelling house thereon (same description) being part of the estate of the late Nathaniel Very, and inherited by us his children.
- 610 123 July 31, 1860
George Baldwin and wife Catharine in her right, Josiah Phinney and wife Lucretia in her right, and Catharine Baldwin all of Charlestown for \$350 sell to Nathaniel Very of Salem, blacksmith our rights and title to a certain house lot on Turner St. described: beginning at a point on Turner St. at the S.W. corner of Very's house lot, running E. along Very's land 36' to a point 7' in rear of a kitchen that stood formerly on premises; turning and running S. 10'-9" bounded on E. by Very's land; turning and running E. 41' along Very's land to land formerly Joshua Dodge now Wholley; turning and running S. 18' along said Wholley's land; then turning and running W. 80' more or less to Turner St. bounded on the S. by land formerly Ellison's now Flynn's; turning and running N. 31' more or less by Turner St. Being same premises described in a deed from Knight to Beckford Book 162 p. 228

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778 15 April 4, 1840

Hannah Bowland of Norway Maine for \$215 sells to Nathaniel Very of Salem blacksmith the N. half of a dwellinghouse on Turner St. together with the land under and adjoining, described: beginning on Turner St, opposite the middle of the front door, running E. through the house to a stake 7' E. of the kitchen, bounding S. on the S. half of the house; then running S. 10'-9" bounding W. on a 7' way; then E. 41' to land late of Joshua Dodge; then N. 16' to land late of Edward A. Holyoke bounding E. along Dodge's land; then W. 40'; then N. 13'-6"; then W. 40' to Turner St. ; then S. 17'-6" to beginning. Meaning to convey 1/2 of the dwellinghouse and land conveyed to Thomas Bowlin by E. Beckford Book 161 page 54.

239 243 September 28, 1825

William Jelly of Salem, hairdresser, Hannah his wife in her right, and Mary MacDonald singlewoman for \$600 sell to Nathaniel Very of Salem blacksmith dwellinghouse and 19 poles of land in the E. part of Salem bounded: beginning at the W. corner on Turner St. running on the N.E. side of the street 51'; then running N.E. in a right line directly by the N.W. side of the old well there, and bounded S.E. on land of Bowland formerly Beckford's 39 1/2' to a stake; then S.E. along Bowland's land 13 1/2' to a stake; then N.E. along Beckford's land 40' to Carroll's formerly Dodge's fence; then N.W. as fence runs along land formerly Dodge's now partly of Carroll, Bishop and Webb 63'-4"; then S.W. as fence runs bounding N.W. on land of Berry formerly Foot or Lufkin 74 1/2' to westernmost corner first mentioned, with privilege of use of the well.

162 228 September 17, 1797

Benjamin Knight mariner and wife Sarah of Salem for \$186.66 sell to Thomas Bickford mariner part of a dwellinghouse and land under in Salem, where we now live described: beginning on Turner St. opposite the front door, running E. through the house in a straight line to a stake 7' from the Kitchen, bounding N. on the N. part of the house (etc. a long description. this is the S. half of the house)

161 53 September 17, 1796

Ebenezer Beckford of Salem merchant, sells for \$156.67 to Benjamin Knight part of a dwellinghouse on the E. side of Turner St. (the S. half) and a lot of land bounded by Dodge and Ellison (complicated description)

161 54 September 17, 1796

Ebenezer Beckford for \$400 sells to Thomas Bowlin mariner of Salem (the N. half) of a dwellinghouse on the E. side of Turner St. (complicated description: same house as above; abutters are Holyoke, Dodge, and Ellison)

There are several more complicated transactions concerning this house as it was traded back and forth between various Beckfords and Knights for some years, but it is not necessary for this house that we try to untangle it any further back. In the tax records below, this house was numbered 11 for some years until more houses on Turner St. required renumbering, and it was then (and now) 15.

TAX RECORDS

Ward 1		valuation
1821 through 1828	Nathaniel Very (was assessed for) 1 pt. house and shop	200
1829 and 1830	" " " "	300 and 600
1832 through 1838	" " house	400 and (in 1838) 600
1839 and 1840	" " 11 Turner house	800 and 900
1841 through 1850	" " " 1 house	1500
1852 through 1860	" " " "	2200

During all those years there was no William Jelly or Knight or Bowland listed as paying taxes on that property. The earliest Salem Directory which is 1837 lists

Nathaniel Very blacksmith as living on Turner St.

SUMMARY

This house presents some contradictory aspects, and dating it has been quite a puzzle. The early deeds are very specific in describing the house as having a front door right on Turner St, and being able to divide the house through the door into a north and a south half. The house as it now stands has the front door on the south side, and the house cannot be divided into halves starting from Turner St. The general design plus the doors, interior trim and fireplace trim are all in the style of the period approx. 1820 to 1840. The assessed valuation of the house took a big jump from 900 in 1840 to 1500 in 1841. Other comparable houses of those years remained the same in assessed value. It is my conclusion that Nathaniel Very began living in the house even before he had finished buying off the various shares held or inherited by Knights, Beckfords and Bowlands and their heirs. And that he either tore down or had moved the old house in 1840, and built himself a new one at the same location in 1841.

Sally Dee, researcher.

June 19, 1974

erman, April 2, 1685.* Mr. Foot owned it in 1700.

Matthew Barton House. This was a part of the Edward Woollan lot; and, for ten pounds and five shillings, he conveyed that part of this lot lying northerly of the dashes to Richard Simons of Salem, mariner, Oct. 28, 1680.† Mr. Simons had built a cellar and erected the frame of a house over it when he died. Administration was granted upon his estate June 27, 1682. In the inventory of his estate the property is described as "a small pcell of ground with a new frame ftanding there vpon in Salem," and valued at twenty-six pounds. His administratrix, for thirty-five pounds, conveyed the lot with the house's frame and cellar to Matthew Barton of Salem Jan. 15, 1682-3.‡ Mr. Barton finished the house and lived in it.

That part of the lot lying south of the dashes was a part of the lot conveyed by Mr. Woollan to Thomas Searle of Salem, fisherman, Feb. 17, 1681-2.§ Mr. Searle died before 1686; and his widow married, secondly, Joseph Phippen of Salem, mariner, before 1686. Mr. Phippen conveyed this part of the Searle lot, to Mr. Woollen before May 14, 1686, when Mr. Woollen, for six pounds and five shillings, conveyed it to Mr. Barton.¶ The house was standing in 1702, and was there some years later.

Estate of John Searle House. This lot was a part of the land of Edward Woollen; and Mr. Woollen conveyed this lot and a part of the land adjoining on the north-west to Thomas Searle of Salem, fisherman, Feb. 17, 1681-2.§ Mr. Searle died before 1686; and the lot descended to his son John Searle, apparently. John Searle (?) erected a house upon the lot immediately after his purchase; and probably died, possessed of the estate, before Dec 20, 1694, when his widow, Mary Searle, married Joseph English. Mr. and

Mrs. Searle apparently had a daughter Mercy, who, under the name of Mercy English, married John Beadle Oct. 11, 1722. The house was standing Oct. 6, 1738, when the rights of commonage allowed for this house were sold by Joseph English, shoreman, and wife Mary, and John Beadle, mariner, and wife Mercy, all of Salem;* and Mrs. Mercy Beadle owned the lot when she died in 1777.

John Cromwell Lot. This was a part of the lot of Edward Woollin of Salem, who conveyed it, for eleven pounds, to Mr. John Cromwell of Salem, slaughtere. Dec. 17, 1687.† Mr. Cromwell died, possessed of this lot, in 1700.

John Turner Houses. This lot and an old house standing thereon belonged to a Mr. More before 1661. He died before 1664, leaving a wife Ann (also, Anna or Hanna). She conveyed that part of the lot lying within the dashes at the easterly corner, for thirteen pounds, to Nathaniel Grafton of Salem, mariner, March 10, 1664-5;‡ and that corner came into the possession of John Turner, who owned the remainder of the lot, before 1670. A sale of the house and remainder of the lot being necessary for her support, as she stated in the court, she conveyed the same to John Turner of Salem, mariner. Aug. 17, 1668.§ In this deed the house is called "one old dwelling house," and the land is partly an orchard and partly arable. Mr. Turner apparently removed the old house and erected a house, probably on the same site, on the easterly side of the present Turner street. He died in possession of the new house Oct. 9, 1680. The estate was described as "The dwelling house land out houfing two ware houses & a wharfe, belonging there vnto," and appraised at five hundred pounds. The estate descended to his son John Turner of Salem, merchant. The latter died in 1692, in the possession of the estate, This portion of his estate was then described

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 8, leaf 161.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 5, leaf 98.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 74.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 41.

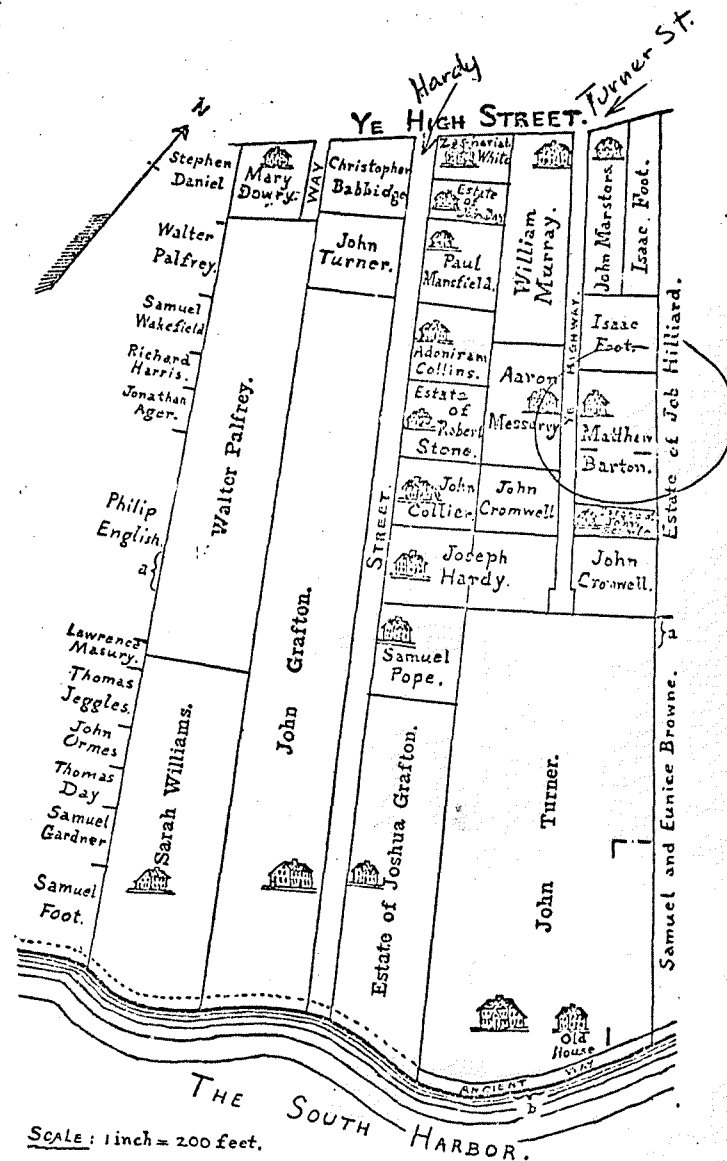
¶Essex Registry of Deeds, book 8, leaf 82.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 74, leaf 196.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 8, leaf 13.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 2, leaf 101.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 3, leaf 49.



PART OF SALEM IN 1700. NO. 23.

This is Sidney Perley's map and research of Turner St. in 1700