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392 ESSEX STREET

Built for
WILLIAM IVES, printer
1850

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Built in 1850 by William Ives, Printer

History of the Property:

The building presently bearing the address 392 Essex Street was built circa 1850 by William Ives, a Salem printer-publisher who owned nearly all the land between Flint, Essex, Boston, and Federal Streets at the time. Ives' residence was next door at number 390 Essex Street, so presumably he built the large Italianate building numbered 392 as an investment property.

The large nineteenth-century Essex Street holdings of William Ives encompass the smaller seventeenth-century grant of Edward Flint, the namesake of Flint Street (see inserted "Part of Salem in 1700"). The parcel of Flint's property adjoining Essex Street was transferred successively to the Fabens and Mason families in the eighteenth century, and it was from Charles Mason that William Ives purchased the lot on which he would later build 392 Essex Street (Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 384, leaf 170). In the first decade of its existence, 392 Essex Street was home to a number of residents, though

it does not seem to have been fully occupied (Salem Directories, 1850-60). In 1859 Ives sold part of the estate to George F. Putnam, tanner and currier (E.C.R.D. Book 587, leaf 253), and another part ten years later (E.C.R.D. Book 788, leaf 71).

Putnam utilized 392 Essex Street as both a residence and an investment property during the sixteen years that he possessed the building. In 1875 he sold the estate to George W. Rogers of Peabody and took up residence in Boston (E.C.R.D. Book 942, leaf 80). Rogers held the property for only a few years, during which he apparently went insane. In 1880 his court-appointed guardian sold 392 Essex Street to Nathan A. Frye of Salem at a public auction (E.C.R.D. Book 1041, leaf 183). Frye transferred the property to Joseph F. Dane of Salem, currier, three years later (E.C.R.D. Book 1099, pages 47-48). Dane would own and occupy the property for over twenty years.

The heirs-at-law of Joseph F. Dane conveyed 392 Essex Street to Alice Fletcher of Salem in 1906 (E.C.R.D. Book 1808, pages 526-527). Fletcher never occupied the property, nor does she appear to have sought out tenants, as the property is listed as vacant from 1906 to 1917 (Salem Directories, 1905-1920). The administrator of Mrs. Fletcher's estate conveyed the property to John H. Lewis and John J. Lewis, both of Salem, in 1910, and they also left the building vacant.

After J. Webster Dane, a relative of Joseph F. Dane and owner of property adjacent to 392 Essex Street, purchased the building in 1917 he began leasing rooms under the auspices of the "Salem Inn" (E.C.R.D. Book 2363, page 176). Dane divided the property into two parcels, both

of which were eventually purchased by Elizabeth Murtaugh of Salem in 1932 and 1949 (E.C.R.D. Book 2917, page 160 and Book 3690, page 370). Murtaugh renamed the Salem Inn "Murtaugh Apartments", the name by which it was known from 1935-1980 (Salem Directories, 1935-1980), despite the facts that Murtaugh died in 1951 and the building was conveyed by her estate to John M. Atkins of Marblehead (E.C.R.D. Book 3797, page 274).

John M. Atkins died in 1971 and his widow conveyed 392 Essex Street to George E. Maguire, trustee of the "Orne Street Realty Trust" the following year (E.C.R.D. Book 5937, page 443). A succession of short-term owners followed. Maguire transferred the property to Robert C. Bramble, trustee of the "Allyn Realty Trust" in 1974 (E.C.R.D. Book 6043, page 373). Bramble conveyed the building to two of its occupants, Herbert M. White and Helen E. White, two years later (E.C.R.D. Book 6259, page 161). Five years later, the Whites, then of Danvers, sold 392 Essex Street to Frederick and Karen Small of Topsfield (E.C.R.D. Book 6863, page 791). The Turners conveyed the property to another pair of out-of-town owners and landlords, David T. Ramsey of Wenham and Donald M. Moran of Beverly, in 1985 (E.C.R.D. Book 8053, page 385). Less than two years later Ramsey and Moran, as trustees of the "Phillips Pleasant Realty Trust" sold 392 Essex Street to John J. Suldenski, trustee of the newly-established "392 Essex Realty Trust" (E.C.R.D. Book 8975, page 39). After the holder of the mortgage on the property foreclosed in 1992, its present owners, James A. and Claire P. Bailey, purchased 392 Essex Street (E.C.R.D. Book 11214, page 442; Book 11317, page 378).

Documentation:

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 384, leaf 170

Grantor: Charles Mason of Salem

Grantee: William Ives of Salem

Consideration: \$2732

Conveyance of: "the following described lot of land situate in said Salem, viz. commencing at the southeast bound and running westerly by Essex Street, eighty-one feet; thence northerly by land of Cowan one hundred and seventy-four feet and eight inches; thence easterly by land of said William Ives, now occupied by John F. Allen, seventy-three feet and ten inches; thence southerly by other land of said William Ives twenty feet on a line parallel to the westerly side of said Ives' barn, and one foot westerly therefrom; thence a little more easterly by land of said Ives to the point begun at...."

Date recorded: June 30, 1847

E.C.R.D. Book 587, leaf 253

Grantor: William Ives of Salem, Printer

Grantee: George F. Putnam of Salem, Tanner and Currier

Consideration: \$7000

Conveyance of: "the following described lot of land, with the dwelling house and all other buildings thereon, situate in said

Salem.....on Essex Street."

Date recorded: May 17, 1859

E.C.R.D. Book 788, leaf 71

Grantor: William Ives of Salem

Grantee: George F. Putnam of Salem

Consideration: \$202.50

Conveyance of: "a strip of land in said Salem, bounded viz.
situate in rear of Essex and Dean Streets"

Date recorded: December 17, 1869

E.C.R.D. Book 942, leaf 80

Grantor: George F. Putnam of Boston

Grantee: George W. Rogers of Peabody

Consideration: \$21,000

Conveyance of: 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: November 9, 1875

E.C.R.D. Book 1041, leaf 183

Grantor: Gilbert L. Streeter, Guardian of George W. Rogers,
an insane person

Grantee: Nathan A. Frye of Salem

Consideration: \$16,500 (at public auction)

Conveyance of: 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: July 30, 1880

E.C.R.D. Book 1099, pages 47-48

Grantor: Nathan A. Frye of Salem

Grantee: Joseph F. Dane of Salem

Consideration: "\$1 and other good considerations"

Conveyance of: "a messuage in said Salem in Essex Street,
bounded by said street," land formerly of William Ives, land
of the City of Salem, land of Reynolds, the Friends' Burial
Ground, lands of Osgood and Ward

Date recorded: January 1, 1883

E.C.R.D. Book 1808, page 47

Grantors: Joseph A. Dane of Salem, King Upton and Anne Dane
Upton, his wife, and Walter I. Dane, all of Marblehead

Grantee: S. Alice Fletcher of Salem

Consideration: "\$1 and other good and valuable considerations"

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of land with the buildings
thereon situated in Salem" on Essex Street

Date recorded: January 27, 1906

E.C.R.D. Book 2052, page 45

Grantor: William D. Chapple, administrator of the estate of
Sarah Alice Fletcher, late of Salem

Grantees: John H. Lewis and John J. Lewis, both of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: "a certain parcel of real estate situate on
Essex Street in said Salem....", adjoining lands formerly of
Ives, of the City of Salem, the Friends' Burial Ground, now or
late of Osgood and Ward. "That portion of the above described
premises upon which are the stable buildings and sheds is subject
to a lease to J. Webster Dane, and the buildings upon said leased
portion of the premises are not owned by said estate."

Date recorded: November 15, 1910

E.C.R.D. Book 2363, page 176

Grantor: John H. Lewis of Salem

Grantee: J. Webster Dane of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: 392 Esses Street

Date recorded: May 4, 1917

E.C.R.D. Book 2917, pages 160-161

Grantor: J. Webster Dane of Salem

Grantee: Elizabeth Murtaugh of Salem

Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: Parcel One of 392 Essex Street: the building

Date recorded: May 17, 1932

E.C.R.D. Book 3690, page 370

Grantors: Naumkeag Trust Co. of Salem and Richard D. Phippen,

Executors of the Will of J. Webster Dane of Salem, deceased

Grantee: Elizabeth Murtaugh of Salem

Consideration: \$2500

Conveyance of: Parcel Two of 392 Essex Street: rear property

Date recorded: September 13, 1949

E.C.R.D. Book 3797, pages 274-275

Grantor: Dennis P. Murtaugh, Executor of the Will of Elizabeth
Murtaugh

Grantee: John M. Atkins of Marblehead

Consideration: \$23,600

Conveyance of: 392 Essex Street in its entirety

Date recorded: January 23, 1951

E.C.R.D. Book 5937, page 443

Grantor: Helen T. Atkins of Marblehead

Grantee: George E. Maguire, Trustee of the "Orne Street Realty Trust" of 323 Essex Street, Salem

Consideration: \$85,000

Conveyance of: 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: December 29, 1972

E.C.R.D. Book 6043, page 373

Grantor: George E. Maguire, Trustee of the "Orne Street Realty Trust"

Grantee: Robert C. Bramble, Trustee of the "Allyn Realty Trust"

Consideration: \$130,000

Conveyance of: Parcels One and Two constituting 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: February 1, 1974

E.C.R.D. Book 6259, page 161

Grantor: Robert C. Bramble, Trustee of the Allyn Realty Trust of Marblehead

Grantee: Herbert M. White and Helen E. White of 392 Essex Street, Salem

Consideration: \$201,500

Conveyance of: Parcel One of 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: July 14, 1976

E.C.R.D. Book 6863, page 791

Grantors: Herbert and Helen White of Danvers

Grantees: Frederick and Karen Small of Topsfield

Consideration: \$230,000

Conveyance of: Parcel One of 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: September 17, 1981

E.C.R.D. Book 8053, page 385

Grantors: Frederick and Karen Small of Topsfield

Grantees: David T. Ramsey of Wenham and Donald M. Moran
of Beverly, Trustees of the Phillips-Pleasant Realty Trust

Consideration: \$750,000

Conveyance of: Parcel One of 392 Essex Street

Date recorded: December 20, 1985

E.C.R.D. Book 8975, page 39

Grantors: David T. Ramsey and Donald M. Moran, Trustees
of the Phillips-Pleasant Realty Trust

Grantee: John J. Suldenski, Trustee of the 392 Essex Street
Trust

Consideration: \$812,000

Conveyance of: "the land in Salem....together with the buldings

thereon, situated at 392 Essex Street"

Date recorded: May 20, 1987

E.C.R.D. Book 11214, page 442

Foreclosure Deed: Advantage Bank for Savings f/k/a Winthrop Savings Bank forecloses on John J. Suldenski, Trustee of the 392 Essex Street Realty Trust

Date recorded: April 1, 1992

E.C.R.D. Book 11317, Page 378

Grantor: Advantage Bank for Savings, Winthrop

Grantees: James A. and Claire P. Bailey, of Salem

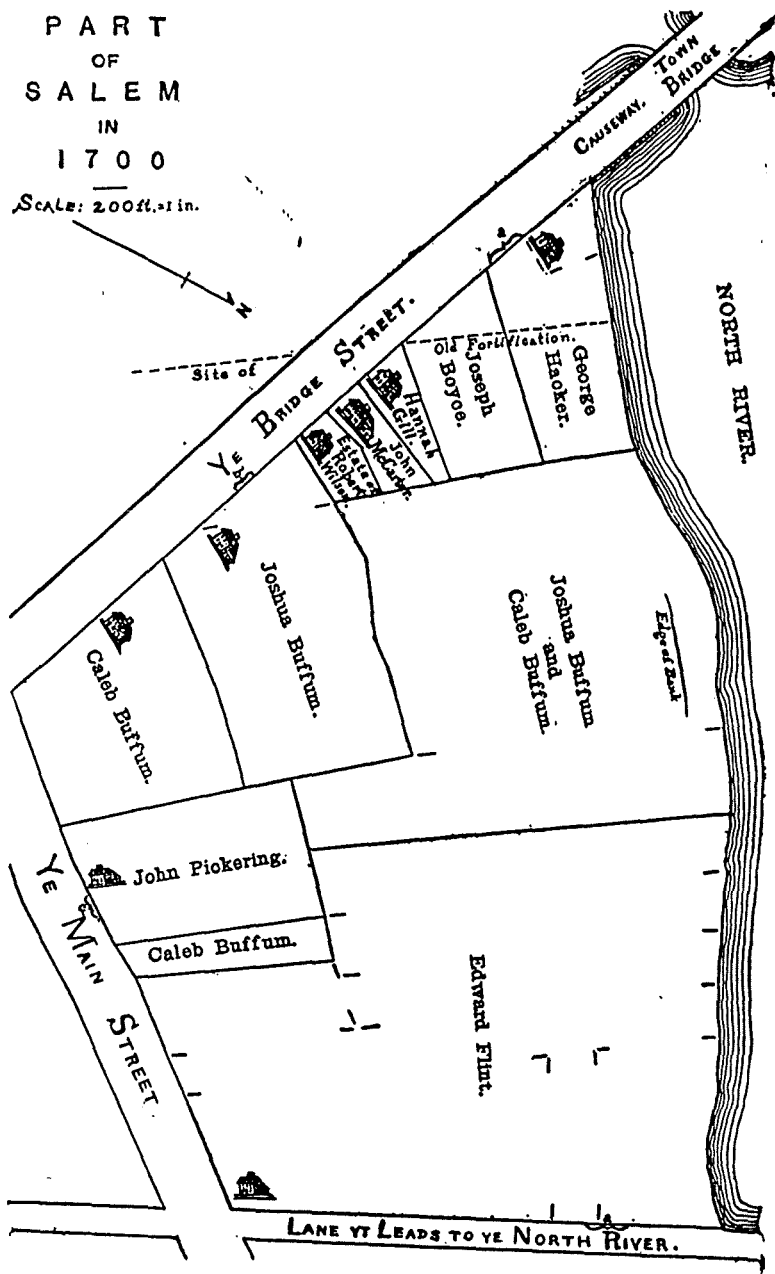
Consideration: paid

Conveyance of: 392 Essex Street, "Said premises are subject to and have the benefit of a twelve foot right of way shown on plan recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds, in Book 6157, page 742."

Date recorded: May 29, 1992

PART
OF
SALEM
IN
1700

SCALE: 200ft. = 1 in.



Map of Salem



FEDERAL STREET

ESSEX STREET

BROAD STREET

WARREN STREET

PROSPECT STREET

BROAD STREET

PHILLIPS STREET

DEAN STREET

CHESTNUT STREET

GREEN STREET

BROAD STREET

MINIOTHOPE STREET

BROAD STREET

PHILLIPS STREET

TURNPIKE