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116-118 FEDERAL STREET
LEACH-NICHOLS HOUSE
built circa 1782

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[&]quot;to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects, and to work for the education of the community in the true value of the same."

116 FEDERAL STREET

BOOK 140 PAGE 152

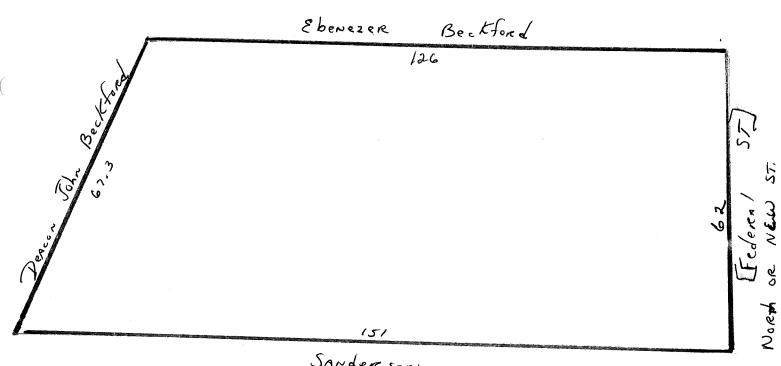
January 19, 1782 DATE -

200 pounds CONSIDERATION -

Ebenezer Beckford, merchant GRANTOR (seller) -

John Leach, mariner GRANTEE (buyer) -

Lot of land DESCRIPTION



BOOK 172 PAGE 191

DATE - June 8, 1803

CONSIDERATION - \$4,000

GRANTOR (seller) - John Leach

GRANTEE (buyer) - Ichabod Nichols

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land

BOOK 175 PAGE 253

DATE - February 14, 1805

CONSIDERATION - \$5,200

GRANTOR (seller) - Ichabod Nichols

GRANTEE (buyer) - George Nichols

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land

BOOK 198 PAGE 146

DATE - August 27, 1812

CONSIDERATION - \$6,000

GRANTOR (seller) - George Nichols

GRANTEE (buyer) - Ebenezer Seccomb

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same real estate conveyed

by Ichabod Nichols as recorded in

book 175 page 253

vidence of Possession scar! Seccomb awid Thinkley a:

We John Towne neveral and Theodore bames beg! both of Jalen in the bounty of been and bounty or the said bound of the said on the said bounded and say that on the said day of July in the year of our Jord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, been ever beecomb of said Jalen merchant in our presence delivered quiet and peaceable possession of acidam piece of land and the dwelling house; and tenements thereon situate in Federal tree to eatled in said Jalen, and mortgaged by said obenesser second to David Hinchley of Boston in the County of Suffolk merchant by deed of Mortgage, dalid the deventh day of December with your of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen to secure payment of a certain note given by said Second to said Hinchley for the sain of twenty one hundred dollars unto boenesser Moseley of Newburyport in said County Esq. as the agent and altorney of the said David Hinchley and for his was and benefit. Und we further testify that the possession of the said Estate was declared by the said furthes to be given to the said Slinckies as aforesaid for the breach of the condition we putties to be given to the said Slinckies as aforesaid for the breach of the condition we present in said mortgage deed, and with intention to foreclose the cavity of redemption.

Theodore Counes

John Towne

Essess so. Town of Julen this thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord one Thansand eight hundred and twenty two personally appeared before us the Subscribers
two fustices of the Peace in and for the County of Essex Quorum times the aforesaid deponents and after being carefully examined and duly cautioned to testify the whole
truth, and nothing but the truth severally made outh that the foregoing deposition
by them subscribed is true. Taken at the request of John Bunchard of said Jalem Expl
to be preserved in perpetual remembrance of the thing. And we duly notified all
persons living within twenty unites of this place of caption we know to be interested
in the property to which the said deposition relates, and Ebenezer Seccomb attended
in be half of himself and george I Johnmob John Tunchard and Iscual Hacher to
whom said Seccomb has afraged the capity of redemption of said colder for the bought
of the creditors of said Seccomb and of the late firm of Seccomb and Williams

Leverett Taltonstall Benj. Mervill

Esses ss. Received March 19. 1822, recorded and examined by Amos Charle Region

exville

As shown in the previous document, Ebenezer Seccomb lost possession of his land and dwelling house, on January 30, 1822, to David Hinkley. The next owner of record is John Punchard. The deed to Mr. Punchard must have been unregistered, but the transaction is recorded in the Memorandum of Prices of Houses, Vessels and Goods Sold in Salem, 1821-1826:

"John Punchard bought the house in Federal street lately

belonging to Ebenezer Seccomb."

BOOK 240 PAGE 195

DATE - April 22, 1826

CONSIDERATION - \$4,500

GRANTOR (seller) - John Punchard

GRANTEE (buyer) - William Punchard

DESCRIPTION - Being the same estate in and upon

which I now reside, with dwelling

house and singular the other

buildings and erections of every kind

that are now on said estate.

BOOK 261 PAGE 30

DATE - July 12, 1831

CONSIDERATION - \$3,300

GRANTOR (seller) - William Punchard, of Meredian Springs

Miss., gentleman

GRANTEE (buyer) - Samuel Chamberlain and Samuel

Chamberlain Jr.

DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and out building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises I purchased

of John Punchard Esq., as recorded in

book 240 page 195

BOOK 298 PAGE 76

DATE - April 5, 1837

CONSIDERATION - \$2,300

GRANTOR (seller) - Samuel Chamberlain and Samuel

Chamberlain Jr.

GRANTEE (buyer) - John H. Nichols

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the whole estate that was

conveyed to us by William Punchard

July 12, 1831

BOOK 320 PAGE 268

DATE - October 1, 1840

CONSIDERATION - \$2,500

GRANTOR (seller) - John H. Nichols

GRANTEE (buyer) - John Punchard

DESCRIPTION - Undivided half part

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same estate conveyed to us

by Samuel Chamberlain and Samuel

Chamberlain Jr.

BOOK 450 PAGE 148

DATE - September 9, 1851

CONSIDERATION - \$1,150

GRANTOR (seller) - Mary, John and James Chamberlain

GRANTEE (buyer) - Samuel Chamberlain and Samuel

Chamberlain Jr.

DESCRIPTION - All our right in the dwelling house

and land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises purchased by the

late Samuel Chamberlain and his son

Samuel Chamberlain Jr.

BOOK 676 PAGE 3

DATE - October 10, 1864

CONSIDERATION - \$2,150

GRANTOR (seller) - George Punchard

GRANTEE (buyer) - Seth S. Currier

DESCRIPTION - Half of the dwelling house and land

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by John H. Nichols.

Part from the will of my father John

and part by the will of my sister

Kezia

BOOK 1004 PAGE 145

DATE - September 20, 1878

CONSIDERATION - \$3,550

GRANTOR (seller) - Samuel Chamberlain

GRANTEE (buyer) - Edward W. Chamberlain

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For my title refer to deed from Mary

Chamberlain et al book 450 page 148

BOOK 1268 PAGE 445

DATE - November 7, 1889

CONSIDERATION - \$1

GRANTOR (seller) - Edward W. Chamberlain of Louisville,

Kentucky et al

GRANTEE (buyer) - Daniel Low

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same premises described in mortgage

deed assigned to grantor in book 1004

page 145

BOOK 1541 PAGE 109

DATE - February 21, 1898

CONSIDERATION - \$1

GRANTOR (seller) - Susan D. Currier, widow of Seth

GRANTEE (buyer) - Seth Frederic Low

DESCRIPTION - One half of undivided real estate with the north half of the wooden

barn or woodhouse as the partition

now stands and all the west tenement in the dwelling house late occupied by Kezia Punchard, with an equal right in and to the front entry in said dwelling house and in to the outer cellar door and passageway leading therefrom to the cellar under the west tenement.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by said George Punchard to my late husband Seth S. Currier.

BOOK 2517 PAGE 172

DATE - May 20, 1922

CONSIDERATION - None given

GRANTOR (seller) - Robert M. Mahoney and Seth F. Low

trustees under the will of Daniel Low

GRANTEE (buyer) - Ara N. Sargent

DESCRIPTION - Half of the real estate

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed by

deed of Edward W. Chamberlain et al

BOOK 2517 PAGE 172

DATE - Ma 20, 1922

CONSIDERATION - None given

GRANTOR (seller) - Seth Frederic Low

GRANTEE (buyer) - Ara N. Sargent

DESCRIPTION - Half of the real estate

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the estate conveyed by John H.

Nichols to John Punchard book 320

page 268

BOOK 3507 PAGE 182

DATE - February 6, 1947

CONSIDERATION - None given

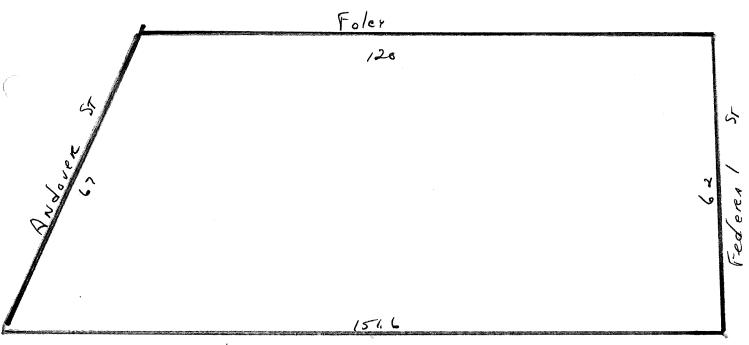
GRANTOR (seller) - Mary B. Tudbury

GRANTEE (buyer) - Eugene A. O'Donnell

DESCRIPTION - 116 & 118 Federal Street

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Intending to include all real estate on Federal and Andover Streets assessed by the city to Ara N.

Sargent also see deeds to Ara N. Sargent from Robert Mahoney et al book 2517 page 172 and probate Ara N. Sargent and Mary B. Tudbury



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BOOK 3640 PAGE 104

December 24, 1948 DATE -

None given (mortgage \$13,500) CONSIDERATION -

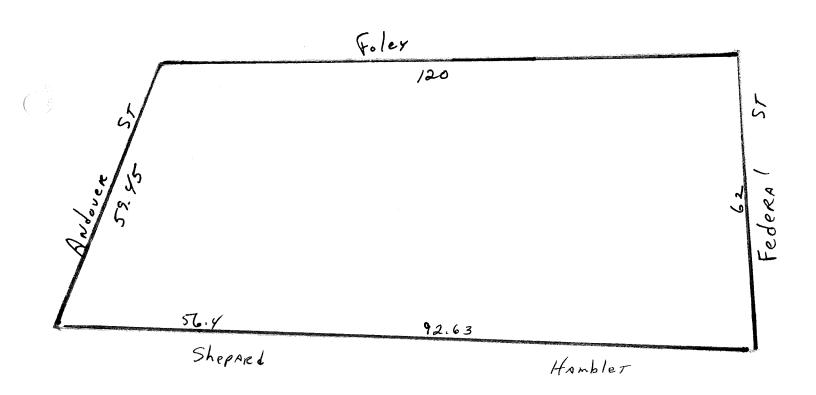
Eugene F. O'Donnell GRANTOR (seller) -

Walter B. and Mary F. Lee GRANTEE (buyer)

Land and building DESCRIPTION

The same premises conveyed to Ara Sargent book 2517 page 172. Except PREVIOUS REFERENCE portion conveyed by Ara N. Sargent to

Ethelwyn Shepard book 2800 page 313. The same conveyed to me by deed book 3507 page 182.



BOOK 3898 PAGE 556

DATE - May 29, 1952

CONSIDERATION - None given

GRANTOR (seller) - Walter B. and Mary F. Lee

GRANTEE (buyer) - Eugene W. and Emily G. Rose

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed book 3640 page 104

BOOK 4863 PAGE 388

DATE - December 28, 1961

CONSIDERATION - None given

GRANTOR (seller) - Eugene W. and Emily G. Rose

GRANTEE (buyer) - Seacoast Realty Co. Inc.

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to us by

deed of Walter B. Lee et ux book 3898

page 556

BOOK 5179 PAGE 326

DATE - June 12, 1964

CONSIDERATION - None given

GRANTOR (seller) - Seacoast Realty Co. Inc.

GRANTEE (buyer) - Bradford and Adrienne E. Marvin

DESCRIPTION - Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises conveyed to grantor

herein by deed of Eugene and Emily

Rose

BOOK 5576 PAGE 188

DATE -

November 27, 1968

GRANTOR (seller) -

Bradford and Adrienne E. Marvin

GRANTEE (buyer) -

James A. and Joan M. Bailey

DESCRIPTION -

Land and building

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Seacoast Realty on June 12, 1964 and recorded in book 5179 page 326

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NOTES:

"This three-story plus hip roof house has kept its original style intact. The boldly pedimented, pilastered central entrance on the five-bay facade has a four-light transom over the door, a typical feature of the Pre-Federal period.

John Leach, son of Robert and Mary (Trask) Leach, was born in Salem in 1747. He was very active during the Revolutionary War and commanded private armed vessels: the ship "Brutus" 20 guns, 110 men; brig "Franklin" 18 guns, 90 men; brig "Eagle" 14 guns, 70 men; schooner "Dolphin" 6 guns, 25 men and the schooner "Greyhound" 8 guns, 35 men.

Captain John Leach built this house shortly after purchasing the land in January 1782 and just prior to his marriage to Ruth Ropes which occurred on May 18, 1783. Their children:

Joseph b. April 28, 1874; died 1799 Charles b. September 15, 1785; died October 3, 1785

Charles b. December 27, 1786

Ruth b. December 20, 1788; died November 20, 1857

Mary b. February 18, 1791

George b. February 25, 1793; died August 18, 1823

Hardy b. March 14, 1796; died August 22, 1839

Joseph b. December 4, 1800; died October 3, 1817

Benjamin b. December 16, 1802; died August 26, 1838 Captain Leach died at sea in 1804. Ruth Leach died on May 18, 1850.

George Nichols, the son of Ichabod and Lydia (Ropes) Nichols, was born in Salem July 4, 1778. He married Sally Peirce in November 1801. George made a number of voyages to Europe and the Indies, several as captain of his ship. He made only two voyages after his marriage, and retired from the sea apparently with great relief in 1804. Sally and George Nichols had eight children. (Witch's Breed by Susan Nichols Pulsifer)

1794/95



D-6 ORNE-PRINCE HOUSE			c. 1788
108-110 Federal Street			
NR; MHD			
PAGE-LAWRENCE-FARRINGTON HOUSE			c. 1786
112-114 Federal Street		/	
NR; MHD			
LEACH-NICHOLS HOUSE			c. 1782
116-118 Federal Street	1 .	•	
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The trio of early Federal-style, three-story wooden dwellings situated in the block between Beckford and Lynn streets (facing south) form Salem's most impressive immediate post-Revolutionary War streetscape. The house at number 108-110, though it looks to be of a later vintage, was built by sailmaker John Orne c. 1788, but was sold to Rev. John Prince in 1793. The Prince family held title to the property until 1859, after which it was owned by the Parsons and the Moores. It was David Moore who raised the building onto a high foundation and had it remodeled and expanded to the rear. Protected by a hipped roof, the house has retained such clearly Federal features as a molded classical cornice and molded window frames. The recessed trabeated doorway also dates from the time when the house was constructed.

The house numbered 112-114 is unusual in that it has a pitched instead of a hipped roof (see also A-31). Erected by distiller John Page c. 1786, it was acquired by the Lawrence sisters in 1823, before passing in 1845 to druggist George P. Farrington, who owned torian bracketed window hoods and a heavy doorway surround, recently replaced by a pedimented and pilastered surround more appropriate to the period of the structure. Supposedly the famous lawyer Rufus Choate also resided here for a time.

The facade of the house situated at numbers 116-118 bears some resemblance to that of the Joseph Felt house (1794/95) (see D-7) across the street, but lacks the crisply molded window caps and precise friezes of its neighbor. The boldly pedimented and pilastered Palladian doorway is a typical feature of early Federal domestic architecture. This building was erected c. 1782 by mariner John Leach on land purchased from Ebenezer Beckford. Ichabod Nichols bought the property in 1803 and sold it in 1805 to his son George, who lived there with his bride Sally (Peirce) until 1811. From 1831 until the 1860s the Punchard and Chamberlain families shared the house.



D-7 JOSEPH FELT HOUSE

113 Federal Street

NR; HSI; MHD

Set within a few feet of the street, this square, symmetrical hippedroof, three-story wooden house is a nicely proportioned and handsomely detailed example of early Salem Federal domestic architecture. A legacy from the pre-Revolutionary era is the front central Palladian doorway, featuring fluted Doric pilasters and a closed, molded triangular nediment set on an entablature decorated with

