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7 - 9 Aborn Street Court

EPES SHOOOL

built in 1841

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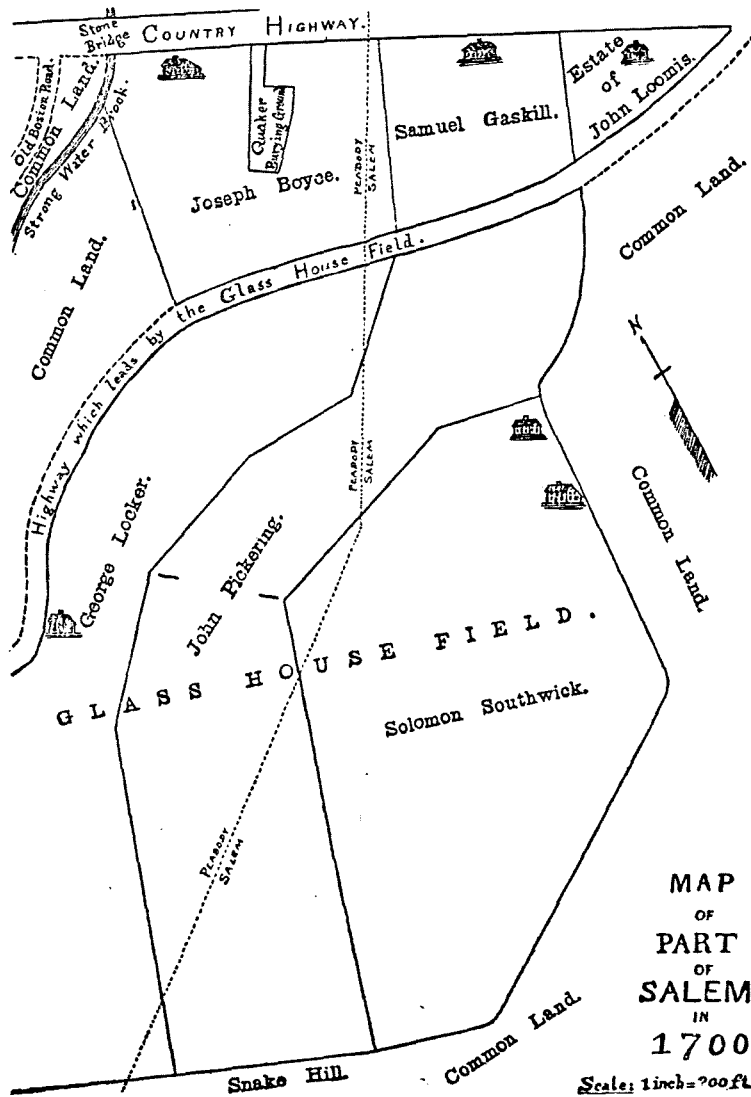
*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

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Aborn street was called a highway in 1660; and John Robinson, aged about eighty-eight years, deposed, in 1729, "that he very well remembers that there was a road by the dwelling house of Samuel Aborn and was improved as a road from Case's and Locker's to ye said Samuel Aborn's house and so over the brook for about sixty years and upward." It was called the highway which leads by the field called glass house field in 1707; country road, 1733; the way to glass house fields, 1735; way to Aborn's, 1735; lane in 1738; Shillaber's lane, 1760; way leading to Locker's run, 1767; way leading to Samuel Aborn's, 1770; a back road, 1774; and Aborn street in 1804. The Aborn house stood in what is now Peabody between the Locker lot and Strong Water brook on Aborn street. (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 6 page 97)

The section on the south side of Aborn street was the historic glass house field. Here glass was made by Lawrence Southwick, Ananias Concline, John Concline, and Obadiah Holmes in or before 1638. After 1645, the works apparently did not thrive, though they may have been continued a number of years. In a petition of the Conclines to the general court in October, 1645, it is stated that the undertakers or company have neglected the works for the past three years. Earthen ware is said to have been made here at the glass house by the glass men.

The lot on which this house stands was a portion of what was called the John Pickering lot:



John Pickering Lot. Henry Rennalds and Ananias Concline, both of Salem, were probably grantees of this lot in separate parcels. Mr. Concline built a house before 1661, and it was gone before 1702. Mr. Rennalds owned the lot April 10, 1688, when he conveyed the four acres southwest of the dashes to Lt. John Pickering and Edward Flint.* Mr. Rennalds conveyed the remainder of the lot to John Pickering, jr., of Salem July 6, 1689.† Mr. Flint apparently conveyed his interest in the southern part of the lot to John Pickering, jr., Nov. 14, 1693.‡ John Pickering, sr., died in May, 1694; and in his will he devised this land at the glass house field to his eldest son, John Pickering, who then owned the other part. The son died possessed of the lot in 1722, having devised it to his wife Sarah, for life, and remainder to his eldest son Theophilus Pickering.

MAP
OF
PART
OF
SALEM
IN
1700

Scale: 1 inch = 200 ft

1840 - With an increase in population it was deemed necessary to build a new school to accommodate the families who resided in the vicinity of Aborn street. With the line dividing Salem from Peabody so near a proposal was made to use the school in common for the children on both sides of the road.

1841 - The new school was called the Aborn street Grammar and Primary School House. It was built of wood; two stories high; accommodating 200 pupils; on leased ground; 60 X 30 feet; the lower story was 10 feet and the upper 12 feet in height. The assessed value of the new building was \$1,500.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
 for 1841-42

Amount originally appropriated	\$1,500.00
Subsequently added	<u>877.23</u> 2,377.23

The amount expended is as follows viz:

Carpenter's and mason's work, stock and trimmings for school house, outbuildings and fences,	1,757.15
Stone work for underpinning, steps, valuts, & c	115.38
Desks, tables, chairs, and all other furniture	246.09
Drawing plan, whitewashing fences, cleaning windows	16.76
Painter's work and stock	193.34
Stoves and fixtures	<u>48.51</u> \$2,377.23

1841

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TABLE

Showing the number of scholars for whom seats are or may be provided in the school houses already owned or hired by the city, the number of teachers that will be required when all the schools are in operation, and the amount of salaries that will become payable at the rates now established.

Names of Schools.	No. of Seats.	Male Principals.	Female Assistants.	Rate of Salary.	Amount of Salary.
1 Latin Grammar School	40	1		\$1200	\$1200
2 English High School	100	1	2	1000—250	1500
3 East School for Boys	352	2	6	700—150	2300
4 East School for Girls	204	1	3	700—150	1150
5 West School for Boys	174	1	3	700—150	1150
6 West School for Girls	204	1	3	700—150	1150
7 North School	140	1	2	700—150	1000
8 South School	120	1	2	700—150	1000
9 School in Aborn street	140	1	2	700—150	1000
	1474	10	23		\$11,450
10 School at Tapley Brook	40			Male teacher, winter, at 360 Female " summer, 150	220
11 School for colored children	60			One male teacher,	500
12 Primary School, Bridge street	56			One female teacher,	150
13 " " Williams	50			" "	150
14 " " "	50			" "	150
15 " " Essex and Bath	50			" "	150
16 " " "	50			" "	150
17 " " East	48			" "	150
18 " " "	45			" "	150
19 " " Marlborough	45			" "	150
20 " " Chestnut	56			" "	150
21 " " Beckford	48			" "	150
22 " " Dean	48			" "	150
23 " " Near Turnpike	49			" "	150
24 " " Aborn	48			" "	150
25 " " North Salem	54			" "	150
26 " " "	45			" "	150
27 " " South Salem	63			" "	150
28 " " "	42			" "	150
	2424				\$14,720

Estimates of Average Expense of Tuition per Scholar.

Latin Grammar School,	40 scholars at	\$1200	\$30	per Scholar.
English High School,	100 " "	1500	15	" "
Seven Eng. Grammar Schools,	1334 " "	8750	6 50	" "
Tapley Brook School,	40 " "	220	5 50	" "
Colored School,	60 " "	500	8 33	" "
Seventeen Primary Schools,	840 " "	2550	3	" "
	2424	\$14720	6 07	" "

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

One room in the School House in Aborn street is not yet furnished with seats, and one of the two assistants included in the estimate is not yet appointed. Teachers have not yet been appointed for the Primary Schools numbered 16 and 18, but it will undoubtedly become necessary to open these schools immediately, and to establish a new school in the neighborhood of High street. The whole number of Scholars returned at the close of the last term—before the opening of the East School, or of the Primary Schools numbered 13—18 inclusive, was 1,901.

1845 - For the first time the names of citizens were bestowed upon the public schools. The Aborn Street School was called the Epes School for Daniel Epes, a famous teacher.

Daniel Epes was born in Ipswich March 24, 1649, and occasionally preached as well as taught. He was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1669. On July 18, 1670, an agreement was made with him to teach the Salem Grammar School, for which he was to have twenty pounds a year from the town "in such pay as may be sutable for him; to haue, besides, halfe pay for all scollers of the towne and whole pay from strangers." In 1671 it was "Voted that the selectmen shall take care to provide a house for Mr. Epps to keep skoole in." After teaching a year or two, it appears that "he went out of towne," and the school was taught by Mr. Norris.

In April 1677 it was "Voted by ye towne that Mr. Daniell Epps is called to bee a grammar schoole master for ye towne, soe long as hee shall continue and performe ye said place in ye towne, prouided hee may haue wot shall bee anually allowed him, not by a towne rate, but in some other suiteable way."

Felt says Mr. Epes held many town and county offices, was a Commissioner of Excise, a Justice of the Peace, of the Court of General Sessions, and Representative to the General Court. He was most distinguished and revered in all parts of Salem. (Salem Register, July 2, 1891)

Charles Northend was appointed the Epes School's first principal. Mr. Northend was a native of New Britain, Conn. born in 1814. He and his wife, Lucy Ann, were the parents of John (b. 1835), Charles (b. 1841) and David (b. 1846 d. 1855) Northend.

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Some of Charles Northend's memories about the Epes School were printed in the Salem Register on Oct. 17, 1892:

SCHOOL REMINISCENCES

In 1841, after nearly 5 years of pleasant service in Danvers, I was elected to the mastership of a school about to be opened in Aborn street, Salem__.

On the 30th day of August, 1841, the schoolhouse in Aborn street, which I was to occupy, was first opened with an attendance of about 60 pupils which, within a year, was increased to nearly 100. From the beginning I was favored with the ready co-operation of the district committee and the cheerful support of the parents. I cannot recall any unpleasant experience of the twelve years that I had charge of the Epes School. As a whole the pupils were orderly and attentive and the parents kind and helpful. Not a year passed without bringing to me some substantial token of kindly interest on the part of parents and pupils, and parental visits to the school were frequent__.

The salary paid a public teacher in 1840 was \$600. A few years later it was raised to \$700, and about the year 1850, by vote of the School Board, the salaries of the masters were raised to \$800, but the common council demorred at the action of the committee and refused to pay the increase. The matter was taken to the court and decided in favor of the committee.

During my term of service in the Epes School I was favored with three good assistants, Miss Sarah E. Cross, Miss H. S. Moody and Miss. M.A. Wilkins.

1848 - This notice appeared in the local papers:

Epes School - Aborn Street A very pleasant meeting of the scholars of this school, with their parents and friends, was held at the school house on Wednesday evening, by invitation of their worthy teacher, Mr. Northend. The excercises consisted of speaking dialogues and other pieces, by the girls and boys__.

This school, under the faithful and untiring exertions of its teachers, we believe, is equal to any other in the city, and we wish that better apartments were provided for the school. The building in which it is now kept is too small to accommodate all who wish to attend, and we hope a larger house will soon be erected, or the present one so enlarged as to make it better adapted for the purpose of education.

1854 - Pupils of the Epes School

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Street</u>
Cornelius Low	Boston	James M. Brown	Aborn
George H. Low	"	Joel Friend	Boston
Sam A. Ferguson	Main, Dan.	Mary Shillaber	Boston Rd.
George P. Ferguson	" "	Elvina Carlton	" "
Emily Ferguson	" "	Mary Davidson	Prospect
Franklin Pope	Boston	Lucy O. Swett	Boston Rd.
George W. Varney	"	Anna Swett	" "
Sarah M. Varney	"	James Swett	" "
Charles A. Northend	Silsbee	Sarah Bott	Boston
Dan ^l D. Frothingham	Boston	Clarrissa Barnard	Aborn
George G. Hannan	Federal	Augusta G. Barnard	"
John H. Walton	Aborn	Wm Robertson	Boston
Charles W. Walton	"	Wm Austin	"
James H. Turner	Boston	Andrew Murray	Boston Rd.
Thomas J. Putnam	Aborn	Wm Hall	Boston
Mary B. Putnam	"	John Roberts	Prospect
Rebecca Putnam	"	George A. Moore	Aborn
Ann E. Higbee	Boston	John Russell	Prospect
Lucy E. Varney	"	Charles Marshall	Boston
Caroline E. Varney	"	John Varney	"
Mary C. Nichols	"	George Foote	"
Sarah A. Nichols	"	Nelson Stark	Aborn
Mary Thorndike	Prospect	Caroline Goldthwait	Boston Rd.
Theodore Thorndike	"	Caroline Trofatter	Beaver, Salem
Charles Thorndike	"	Lucy Stickney	Boston
Susan Hanson	Beaver, Dan.	Lucy H. Pope	Aborn
Hannah Hanson	" "	Esther M. Pope	"
Sarah Saunders	Prospect	Lucy Winchester	Boston
Lydia Colby	Boston	Eliza Woodbury	"
Porter Trofatter	Prospect	Albert A. Smith	Boston Rd.
A. Aug. Trofatter	"	Porter Roberts	Prospect
Charles Babcock	Fowler	Henry Clark	"
Joseph Babcock	"	Charles Clark	"
Emily A. Babcock	"	Frances Blaney	Boston Rd.
Edward Frye	Boston	Ellen A. Blaney	" "
Hannah Frye	"	John W. Noah	Boston
John H. Marshall	Boston Rd.	Luther Perkins	Boston Rd.

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Street</u>
Albert Chester	Aborn	George A. Newhall	Boston Rd.
Albert Brown	Prospect	Lewis Peabody	" "
Melzar Williams	Boston Rd.	Wm W. Tucker	Aborn
Frances Holman	Boston	Harriet Trofatter	Boston
Margaret Stone	"	Mary J. Walton	Aborn
Abba Nimblet	"	Mary Abbott	Boston Rd.
John Nimblet	"	Mary Osborne	" "
Sarah E. Roberts	Prospect	Jane E. Day	Prospect
George Galucia	Boston Rd.	Marion O'Brian	"

1870 March 28 - With the consolidation of the Hacker, Higginson and Epes into the newly built Bowditch School, the city council voted that the Aborn Street School should be put up for auction.

1870 April 12 - Salem Gazette

BUILDING AT AUCTION

On Wednesday, April 13 at 11 o'clock, will be sold on the premises. The building lately occupied as a School House in Aborn Street, to be removed within 14 days. The building is in excellent condition, is thirty by sixty feet, and good stud, and is well adapted for a manufactory, or can be altered into a dwelling, at small expense.

The tax records indicate that William Sutton became the owner of the schoolhouse which had been on the Sutton land for many years.

1870- William Sutton of Peabody

(School)			
house	19 Aborn St.	val. \$1,800	land \$1,000
house	21 Aborn St.	1,500	
barn		100	
land	Aborn St. north to boundary of his part of the Sutton Farm		



William Sutton

William Sutton was born to William and Elizabeth (Treadwell) Sutton on July 25, 1800 at South Danvers (now Peabody). He was a merchant and president of the Commercial Bank. He was a major General of the Second Division of the Massachusetts Militia. He married Nancy Osborn on Oct. 4, 1822.

William Sutton Jr. was the son of William and Nancy (Osborn) Sutton and was born November 13, 1831. He was a wool dealer in "Poole's Hollow (Peabody). Mr. Sutton died on Dec. 12, 1883.

Tax records:

Aborn Street

	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Occupant</u>
1871-79		
#19 school house	William Sutton	Thomas Layton (Leighton) (b. 1838) leather worker
1880		
#19 William Sutton		John O'Neal
1881		
#19 William Sutton		John Potter

1881 Nov. 30 - William Sutton conveyed all his real estate to his brother, Eben Sutton to hold in trust.

1882 June 20 - Eben Sutton, of North Andover, sold a large parcel of land and the buildings (including 7-9 Aborn St. Ct.) to Lyman Holman for the sum of \$3,400. (book 1085 page 161)

1883 May 28 - Lyman Holman died. His obituary appeared in the local papers:

"Lyman Holman, the well known building mover, died at his residence on Boston Street, last Thursday evening, from heart disease. He had retired a half hour previously apparently in his usual health. He was in his 69th year, and had a large circle of friends who will lament his sudden call from our mist."

The tax records:

Aborn Street		<u>Owner</u>	<u>Occupant</u>
1883	Rear 19	Lyman Holman	Francis Allen age 48 Charles Allen " 21
1884	Rear 19	" "	John Potter " 31
1885	Rear	" " house val. \$800	James McKurry " 40
1886	Rear 21	" " " " "	vacant
1887	Rear 21	" " " " "	store house (T.M. Griffin, cork shoes manufacturer)
1888	Rear 21	" " " " "	Jeremiah Daily
1894	Rear	" " " " "	-----
1897	Rear	" " " " "	-----

1898 - A major change occurred. The estate was placed under the ownership of Lyman Holman Jr. The valuation of the house doubled from \$600 to \$1,200, while the land (10,110') was valued at \$400.

The male occupants over 18 years of age were listed as:

Patrick Herlihy, currier
 John Jennings " "
 Patrick " laborer
 Michael " "
 Thomas Armstrong, leather worker
 Patrick J. Durkin " "
 James " " "
 Isaac Freeman stone mason

The 1900 census gives a closer look at the families occupying

7 - 9 Aborn Street Court:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Came to USA</u>
John Jennings	26	iron molder	Ire.	1889
Bridget "	26	wife	"	1890
Alice "	4	daughter	Mass.	
John J. "	3	son	"	
Mary E. "	1	daughter	"	
2nd family				
Isaac Freeman	47	mason	Canada	1864
Delia "	21		Vermont	
Nellie "	20	shoe paster	Vermont	
Elizabeth "	18	servant	Vermont	
Isaac A. "	16	brass foundary	Vermont	
Eva L. "	14	shoe paster	Vermont	
Emma "	13	at school	Vermont	
Edith M. "	12	at school	Vermont	
Lewis "	9	at school	Vermont	
Homer Patterson	31	nephew morocco dresser	Vermont	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Came to USA</u>
3rd family				
Seth Tinkham	32	teamster-glue	Canada	1881
Minnie "	32	wife	Ire.	1885
Chester "	5		Mass.	
Margaret "	11 months		Mass.	
4th family				
Thomas Armstrong	30	morocco dresser	Ire.	1889
Frances "	29	wife	Ire.	1889
Annie "	1		Mass.	
Michael "	21	brother, laborer	Eng.	1900
Michael Durkin	31	boarder, staker	Ire.	1889
Patrick "	29	boarder, machinist	Ire.	1893
Nora "	59	boarder	Ire.	1900

1905 - Male occupants:

- Frederick Guyette, teamster
- John Jennings, laborer
- Isaac Freeman, stone mason
- Isaac Freeman Jr., machinist
- Thomas O'Donnell, currier

1910 Sept. 13 - Lyman Holman died. This obituary notice appeared in the local papers:

"Lyman Holman, a well known citizen, died yesterday, in his 57th year. He was born in Salem on January 4, 1854 and was the son of the late Lyman and Fannie (Smith) Holman. He leaves a widow, three sons Joseph, Theodore and Lyman. Also four daughters Mrs. Frank Perley and Misses Pauline, Lena and Ruth and a sister Mrs. Joseph E. Harris.

A list of Mr. Holman's real estate is given in Probate #109359:

1919 Oct. 22 - Lyman Holman, unmarried, sold the land and building in the Rear of Aborn St. being lots #15 and #16 on plan (appendix A). Also land on Bow St. lot #17. "Being the premises inherited by me from my father Lyman. (book 2426 page 574)

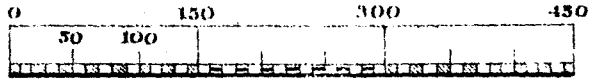
1945 Aug. 4 - Oryna Paskowski, widow of Alexander, transferred the title of lots #15, #16, and #17 to Theodore, Michael and Theresa Paskowski. (book 3412 page 222)

Notes: Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. Both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.

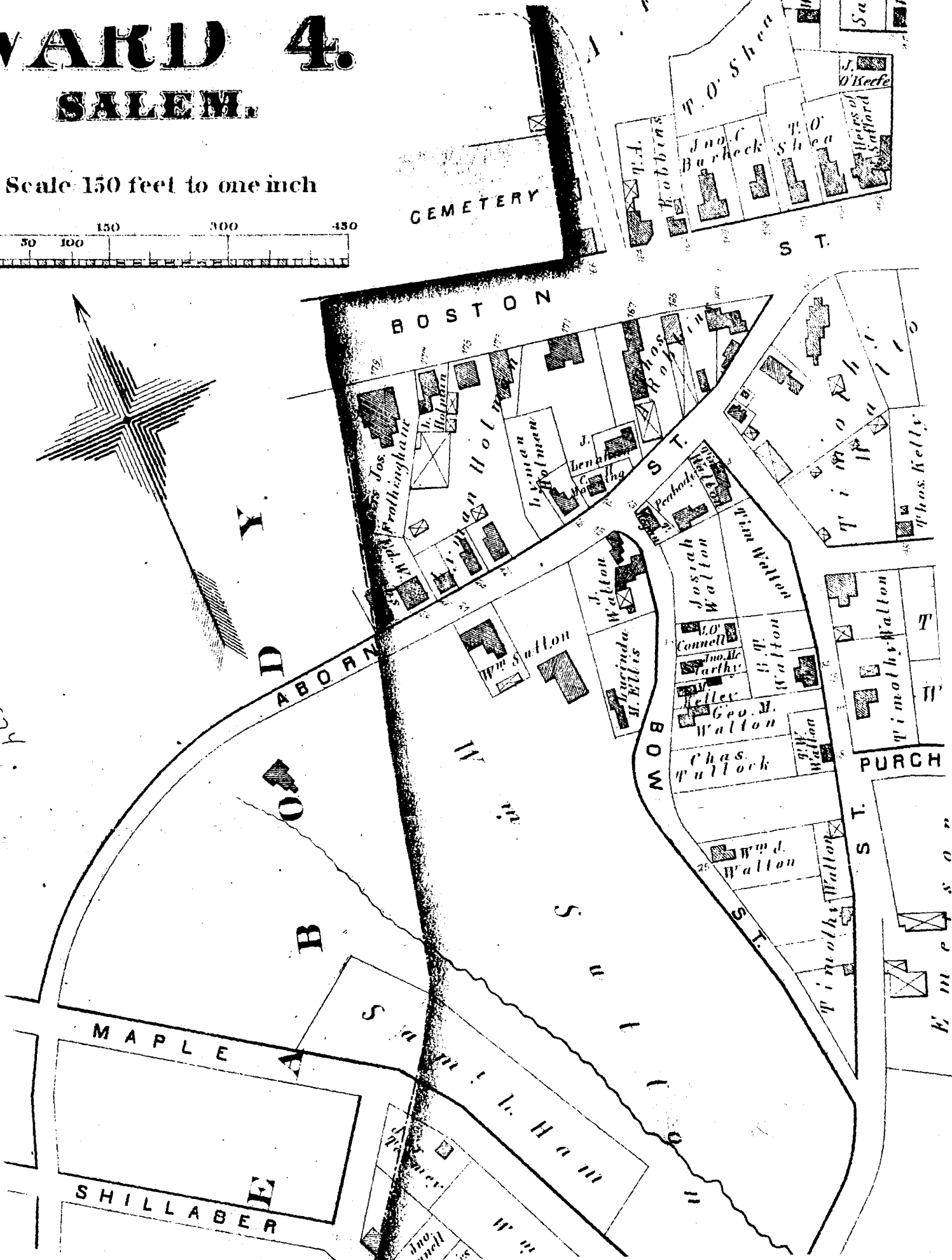
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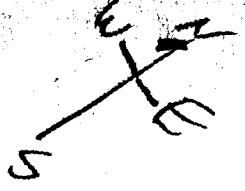
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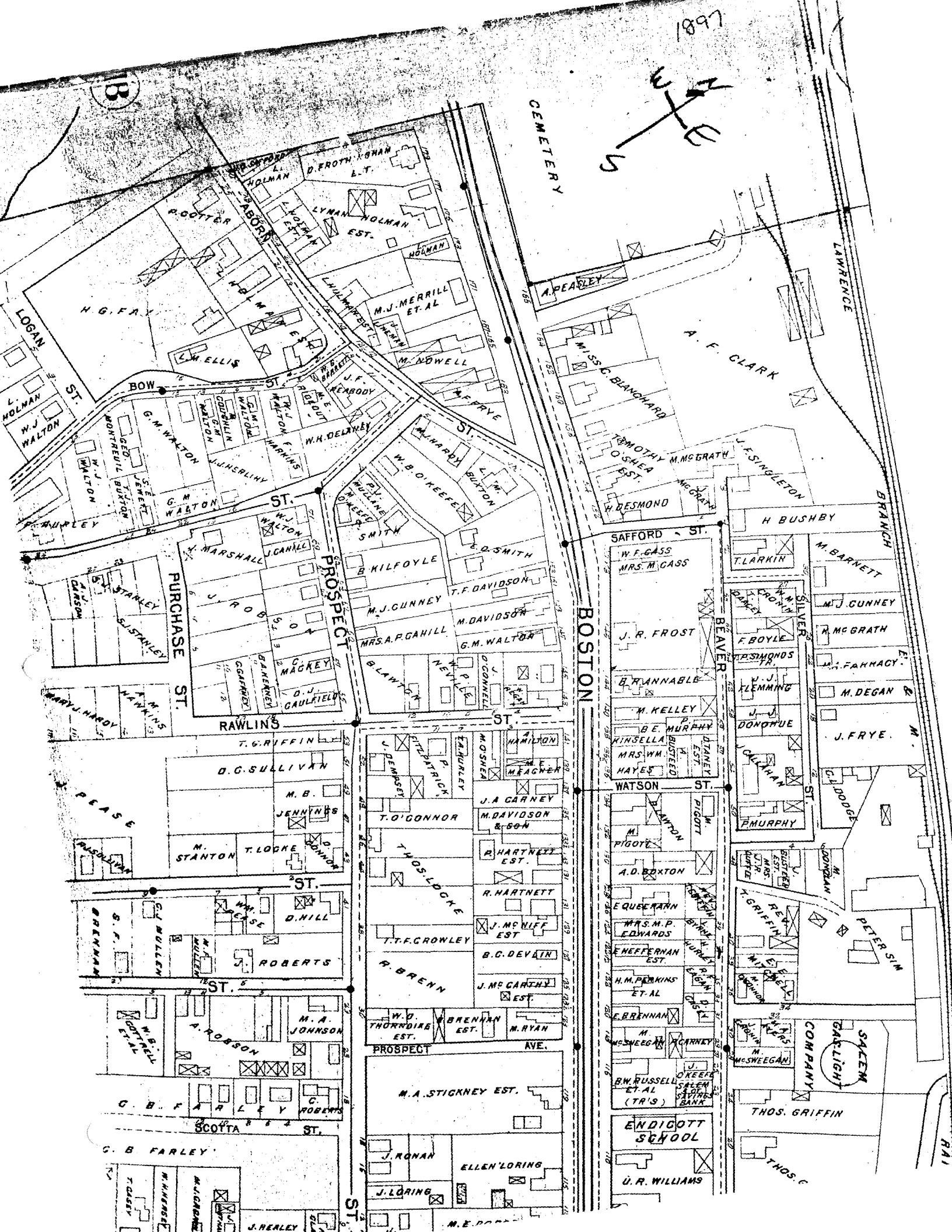
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WATSON ST.

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B. W. RUSSELL
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V. CALLAHAN

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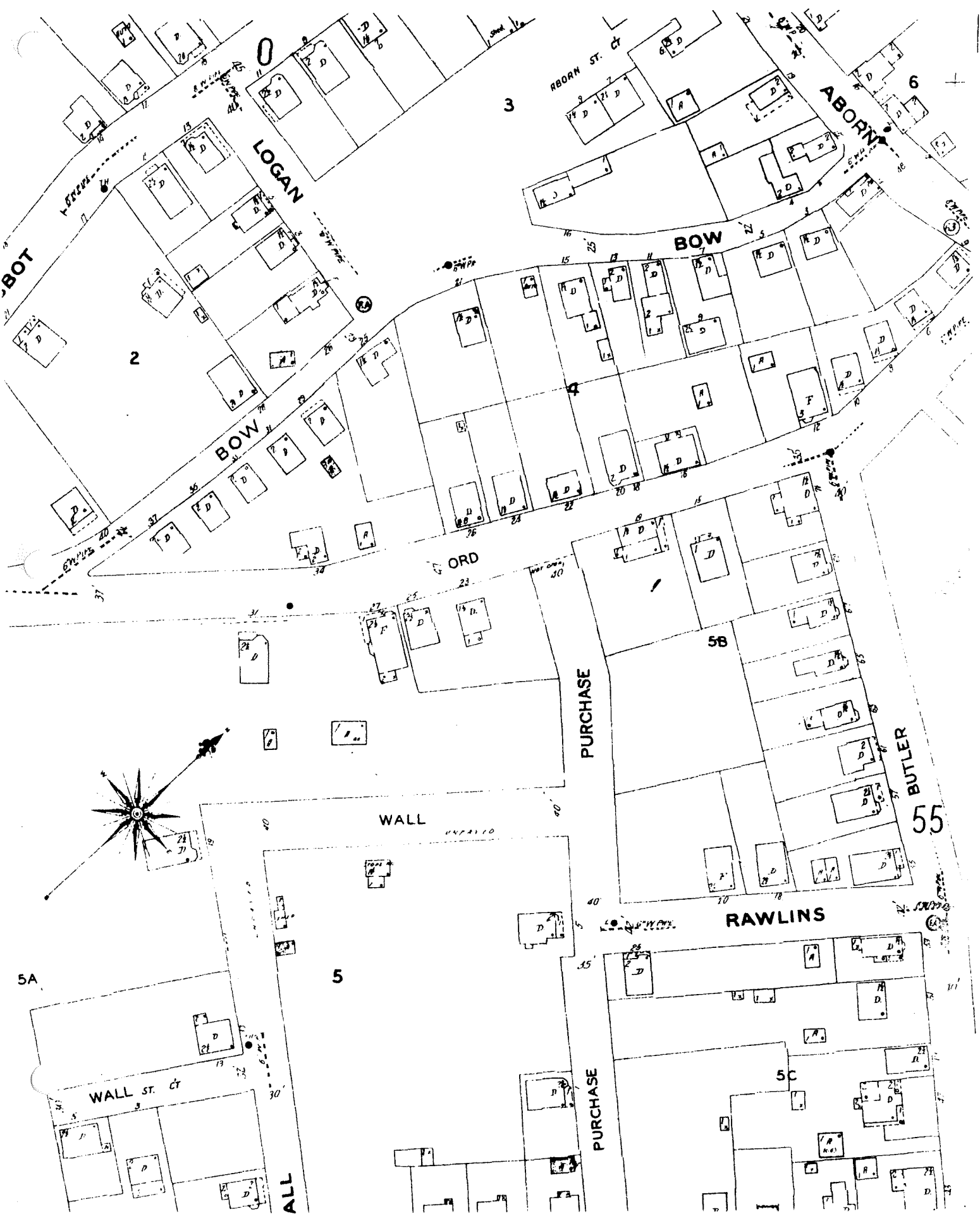
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