

Rec. 4/10/75 from  
Jill Doe

Title Search for House Located  
At #9 March Street Court, Salem, Mass.

Book 6037  
Page 715

December 31, 1973 Edward J. Gatchell to Mark R. Petit

Boundaries as follows:

- Northwesterly by the North River forty three and seven/ tenths feet (43.7 ft.)
- Northeasterly by land now or late of Brown, formerly of Dowbridge and of Briggs, one hundred sixty ~~thre~~ five and three/tenths feet (165.3 ft)
- Southeasterly by March St. Ct. forty four and sixth/tenths feet (44.6 ft)
- Southwesterly by land now or late of Fitzgerald and Hagert one hundred eighty eight and four/tenths fee (188.4 ft.)

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with the Esses South District Registry of Deeds, Book 6026 p.45

Book 6026  
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October 9, 1973 Helen E. Gilbert to Edward J. Hatchell

Same dimensions as above.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deed Book 5578, p. 731.

Book 5578  
Page 731

December 7, 1968 Milbury V & Patricia A Jordan to Frederick P. & Helen E. Gatchell.

Same dimensions as above.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 5259, Page 225.

Book 5259  
Page 225

April 13, 1965 Charles P. & Kathleen E. Jones to Milbury V. & Patricia A. Jordan.

Same dimensions as above.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds Book 4609, P. 563.

Book 4609  
Page 563

October 15, 1959 Francis J. McCarthy & Robert W. Baker to Charles P. & Kathleen E. Jones

Same boundaries.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded WITH Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 4309, p. 510.

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Book 4309  
Page 510

September 25, 1956 Francis J. McCarthy to Francis J. McCarthy  
and Robert W. Baker

Same Boundaries.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with  
Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 4048, p. 410.

Book 4048  
Page 410

February 23, 1954 Jacob Galper to Francis J. Mc Carthy

Northwesterly by the North River forty three and seven/tenths  
feet (43.7 ft.)

Northeasterly by land now or late of Brown, formerly of  
Dowbridge and of Briggs, one hundred and sixty  
five and three/tenths feet (165.3 ft.)

Southeasterly by March St. Court formerly known as Gardner  
Court, 44.6 ft.

Southwesterly by land now or late of Fitzgerald and Hagerty for  
merly of Briggs and Fifield, 188.4 ft containing  
about 7500 sq. ft. together with all flats  
appurtenant thereto.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with  
Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2936, p. 522.

Book 2936  
Page 522

November 2, 1932 Roger Conant Co-operative Bank to Jacob Galper

— Same boundaries as above.

Registry

See plan recorded with Essex South District of Deeds Book 2288,  
Page 557.

Book 2288  
Page 557

William T. & Sarah A. Iles to Daniel Taylor, March 5, 1915

Same dimensions as above.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with  
Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 1502 p. 276

Book 1502  
Page 276

January 14, 1897 Thomas O'Hare to Sarah A. wife of William T.  
Iles.

Northerly by the North River, 42 ft.

Southerly on Gardner Court, so called, about 45 ft.

Easterly on land now or late of Dowbridge and Briggs

Westerly on land now or late of Briggs and Fifield.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with  
Essex South District Registry of Deeds Book 1453 p. 384.

Book 1453 p.  
Page 384

August 9, 1895 Hugh J. Munsey to Thomas O'Hare

Same boundaries as above.

This being the same premises conveyed by deed recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 1175 p. 87.

Book 1175  
Page 87

June 9, 1886 Hugh J. Munsey to Charles Briggs.

Same boundaries

This being the same premises conveyed to said Mary E. Munsey formerly Mary E. Smith by deed recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds Book 803, p. 239.

Book 1175  
Leaf 87

June 9, 1886 Charles Briggs to Hugh J. Munsey

Same boundaries.

Book 803  
Page 239

August 17, 1870 Andrew Dowbridge and Henry F. Dowbridge, Charles C Briggs and Lucy A. Briggs to Mary E. Smith

Northerly by the North River 42 ft.  
Southerly on Gardner Court, so called, about 45 ft.  
Easterly on land this day conveyed to Dowbridge and Briggs  
Westerly on Briggs and Fifield

This being the homestead of our father Andrew Dowbridge late of Salem of whom we are the heirs at law.

Checked Urantee Index for the following finds.

Book 250  
p. 220

December 18, 1827 Joseph Gardner, Baker to Mary Dowbridge, by consent of husband Andrew Dowbridge, mariner.

... a certain message situated in said Salem containing about seventeen poles of land more or less together with the dwelling house and the other buildings thereon standing and the said land is bounded as follows, to wit,

Southerly on Gardners Court, so called, ther it measures 40 ft.

Easterly on my own ladd, there it measures 120 ft.

Northerly by land of ~~THOMAS~~ William Manning there measuring 40 ft.

Westerly by land of thomas Gwin and by my own land on a strait line till it comes to the said court, the boundary first mentioned and ther measurang 120 ft.

Book 167  
Page 263

December 19, 1800 Thomas March Woodbridge, William Woodbridge, Joseph Fenne, Mary Gilman Fenne, Stephen Phillips, Dorcas Phillips, Benjamin Woodbridge and Elizabeth Grafton Woodbridge to Joseph Gardner, Baker.

... The receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge have and hereby doo give grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto him the said Joseph Gardner his heirs and assigns our six undivided seventh parts of the following lots or parcels of land situate in Salem aforesaid to wit one lot or parcel containing one hundred & sixteen poles and three quarters of a pole and bounded southeasterly by land this day conveyed to Dorcas Woodbridge by the heirs of Dudley Woodbridge deceased and there measuring two hundred & fifty five feet, south westerly by a private way fifty feet wide, extending from Bridge St. to the North River laid out by us, one hundred & twenty feet, northwesterly by land this day conveyed to William Porter, by said heirs & there measuring two hundred & seventy five feet and north easterly by land lately held by Elias Haskel Derby, Esq/ deceased and there measuring one hundred & twenty four feet and two inches Also another lot or parcel of land containing two acres and nintee poles and a half pole bounded southeasterly by land this day conveyed to William Porter by said heirs, & there measuring two hundred and ninety five feet, southwesterly by the private way aforesaid and there measuring two hundred forty feet, westerly and northwesterly by the North River so called and northeasterly by land late of Elias Haskel Derby aforesaid deceased and there measuring two hundred seventeen feet and three inches and our six undivided seventh parts of all the flatts-ground lying to the west ward and northward of the unland hereby conveyed and between the same and the channel of said north river which belonged to our father said Dudley Woodbridge at the time of his decease exceptin and reserving our of our grant any public, town or private way there may be over said flatts and all our rights and title to and interest and estate in said flatts ground and all the privileges and appurtenances to the granted premises belonging and we do grant to said Gardner his heirs and assigns a right and privilege of using the aforesaid private way in common with the proprietors of the other lots of land adjoining upon the same....

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... he ( Joseph Gardner) carried on business in a house then recently erected on the south side of Bridge Street between the corners of Winter and Pleasant Sts. March Street was open soon after and he built the house on that street which he occupied the remainder of his life. A Mr. Woodbridge located a tannery in March St. and built the brick house on the corner of this and Bridge St.

\* 1801

Additional information on #9 March St. Ct.

City of Salem Tax Records

Ward 2

1797	Joseph Gardner	house and bakehouse, lot of land William St.	700
1799	"	" " " "	1000
1800	"	" " " "	1000
1801	"	house and 1½ acres of land and outhouses	1000
1803	"	house, shop, and land	1200
1805	"	house and land	1000
1807	"	house	800
1809	"	house	800
1811	"	Estate in Bridge St.	800
1813	"	1 homestead	800
1815	"	house on March St.	800
1817	"	" " "	800
1819	"	1 house	800
1821	"	"	800
1823	"	house and bakehouse	800
1825	"	" " "	600

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"When Joseph located in March St. which was named for the owner of the land Thomas March Woodbridge, he was one of the pioneer settlers in that neighborhood."

- - - Joseph Gardner Married Elizabeth Bell in 1789. (they) had sons Joseph, John, Samuel, Daniel, Simon, Henry, and several daughters. - - - he opened his house for public entertainment on all holidays.

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- - Dudley Woodbridge died in 1799. He left a lot of property including a "considerable amount of land down on Bridge St. near March St. toward Horton's Point".

His widow died many years later.

Summary

#9 March St. Ct. is quite a small house, with several later additional sections. Although the original chimney has been removed, there is some very nice panelling remaining. The ceilings are low, and the cellar shows the hand-hewn framing and structure of an 18th or early 19th C. building. The map of Salem in 1851 shows three buildings close together which belonged to the Dowbridge family, who bought the property from Joseph Gardner. The house next door is larger, seemingly of the same vintage. I wonder if that (#11) was the Gardner home, and #9 the bakehouse. This answer may never be known, as the fireplaces and chimney are gone. Tax records only occasionally mention the street the house was on, but we do find that in 1811 Gardner's house was on Bridge St. and by 1815 he was living on March St. This evidence is the earliest that can be found of a building on the land (no buildings mentioned) he purchased in 1800 from the heirs of Dudley Woodbridge.

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