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63 Federal Street

Built for

NATHANIEL R. TREADWELL, leather manufacturer

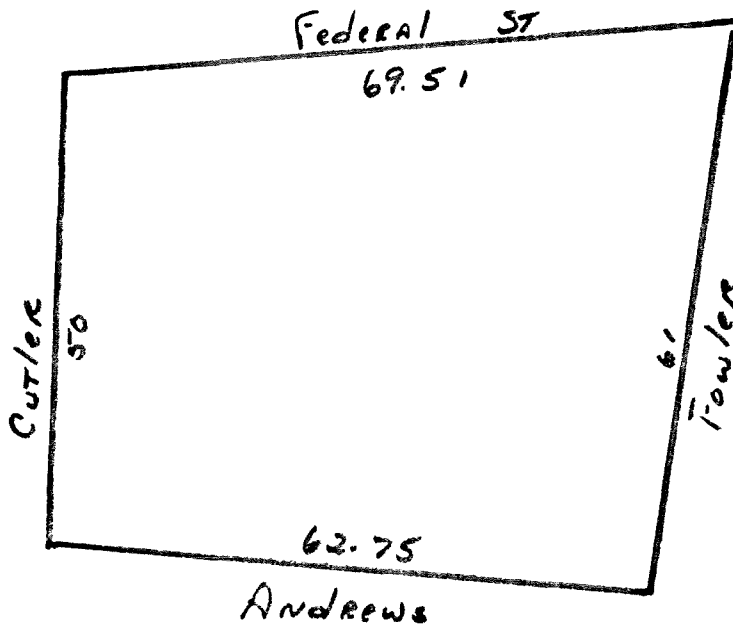
in 1875

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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

63 Federal Street

On July 15, 1874 William R. Weeks sold a lot of land on the south side of Federal St., for the sum of \$3,100, to Nathaniel R. Treadwell (of 18 Barr St.)



(book 909 page 70)

Tax records:

63 Federal St.

1875 - land 3,030 ft.

owner Nathaniel R. Treadwell val. \$1,200

On June 7, 1875 Nathaniel R. Treadwell was issued a building permit to build a dwelling house 38.8' X 39', two story with a "french roof". (Essex Institute - Salem building permits)

1876 tax:

63 Federal St.

Nathaniel Treadwell house \$9,000; land \$1,200

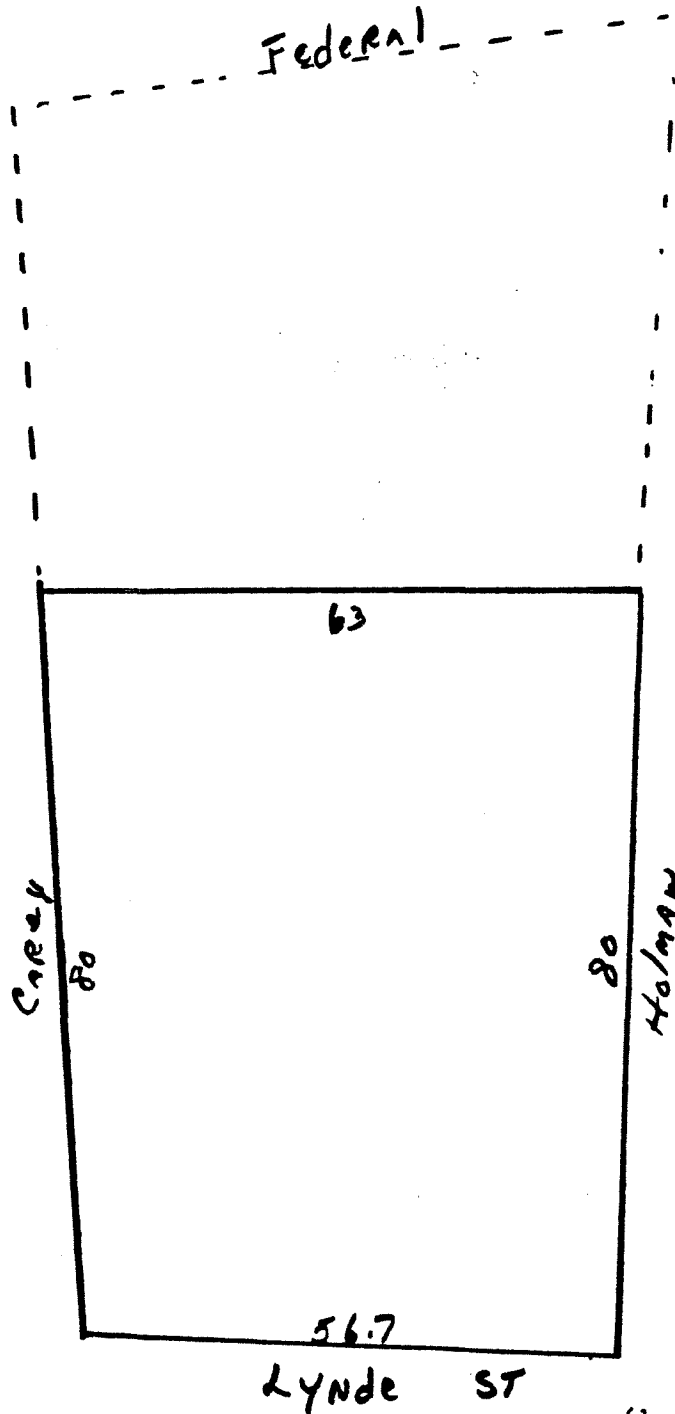
Valuation-	stock in trade	\$20,000
	machinery manufacturing	3,000
	horses	400
	carriages	400
	house 18 Barr	3,000
	land " "	1,200

tannery and buildings	\$8,000;	land	\$3,000
Franklin St. "	6,000	"	5,000
land Laboratory St.			500
land Orchard St.			1,200

Directory listing:

1875- Nathaniel R. Treadwell, tanner & currier
 11 & 13 Franklin St. (& 82 High St., Boston)
 house 63 Federal St.

1879 May 29 - Nathaniel Treadwell purchased the adjoining property fronting on Lynde St.:



Nathaniel Treadwell died of spine disease on March 1, 1888.

This obituary notice appeared in the local papers:

"Mr. Nathaniel R. Treadwell, one of the leading leather manufacturers in Salem, died Thursday night, after a lingering illness of several months, in the 62nd year of his age. Mr. Treadwell was a North Salem boy. He learned the tanning and currying business of the late Alvan A. Evans, though he worked for a time with L. B. Harrington, Mr. Treadwell began business for himself in a small way before the war, and when the struggle came he amassed wealth rapidly. He was especially successful as a manufacturer of heavy wax leather, and built and operated one of the largest tanneries and leather factories in New England. Twice he suffered heavily by fire, his buildings being swept away, but each time he rallied with great energy and pluck and rebuilt better than before. Mr. Treadwell was associated with the late John Culliton, in the firm of Culliton, Treadwell & Co. who conducted a successful hide and leather business on High St. in Boston before the great fire and was subsequently the senior partner of the firm of Treadwell, Dugan & Osgood in the same business at 68 High street for several years after the fire. He was a member of the Salem Common Council in 1866, '67 and '68 and was formerly a Director of the Asiatic National Bank. Mr. Treadwell's estate is estimated in the vicinity of \$500,000. He was a veteran member of the Salem Light Infantry. A widow and three children survive him."

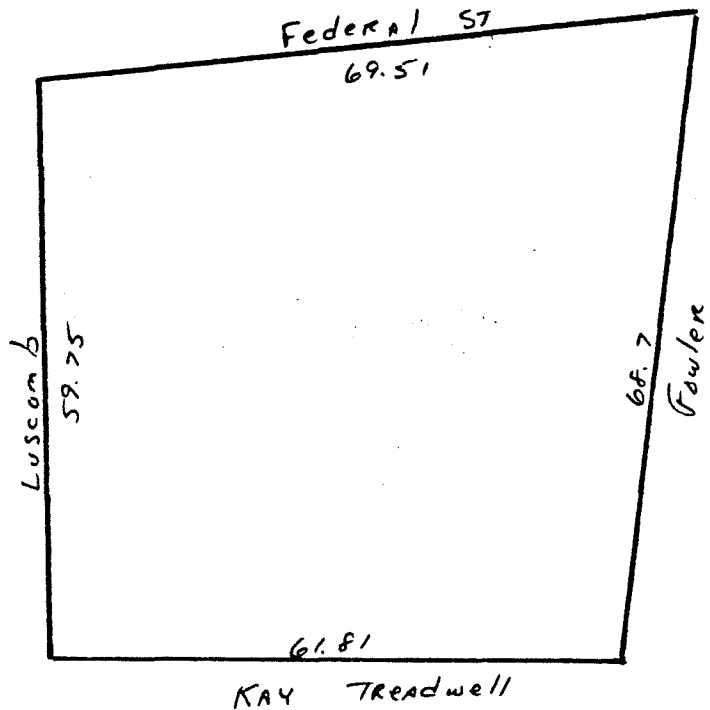
The heirs of Nathaniel Treadwell remained in the house until 1897 when they rented to Henry G. Rice. Mrs. Lucy Treadwell was listed as living at 30 Lynde St.

1898 May 20 - Mrs. Lucy E. Treadwell died. Her obituary read:

"Mrs. Lucy Emily, widow of Nathaniel R. Treadwell died yesterday, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence S. Clark, 376 Essex St. She was born in Salem, April 24, 1830, and was the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth (Blake) Redding. Death was caused by a appendicitis. She leaves three children,

Mrs. Clarence S. Clark, Frank R. and Harry D. Treadwell. Her husband was an extensive morocco manufacturer for many years on Franklin street, and the business which he established is still conducted by his children under the firm name of Treadwell Bro. & Clark."

The estate was divided on Nov. 19, 1900. The house and land at 63 Federal St. along with a parcel of land on Foster St. became the property of Annie F. Clark, wife of Clarence S. Clark and Harry D. Treadwell:



(book 1627 page 175)

1900 tax record:

63 Federal Street

Owner - Heirs of N.R. Treadwell, house \$7,000, land \$1,300

Occupant - Luther G. Straw, shoemanufacturer

On Feb. 3, 1909 the land and building at 63 Federal St. was sold to Jennie M. Straw, wife of Luther G. (book 1952 page 511)

The 1910 tax record reflects the change in ownership:

63 Federal Street

Owner - Jennie M. Straw, house \$7,000, land \$1,600

Occupant - Luther Straw age 46 owner of Luther G. Straw Co.
located at 47 Canal St.

In 1912 Luther G. Straw was listed as the President of Marston & Brooks Co. (Hallowell, Maine). The Straw family remained at 63 Federal St. until 1916 when they moved to Maine.

In 1917 the house was leased to Walter S. Sikes, a clerk at 232 Essex St.

On June 10, 1918 Luther and Jennie M. Straw sold the land and dwelling house at 63 Federal St. to Margaret A. Tivnan. "Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Clarence S. Clark and Annie F. Clark date February 4th 1909." (book 2392 page 334)

Margaret Tivnan was the wife of Jeremiah F. Tivnan a janitor at the post office. The Tivnans converted their large home into a rooming house. The 1932 tenants were:

James Dean
Martha P. Goodell
John Hennessey
Thomas King
Michael F. Regan
Jeremiah Tivnan

**THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE LAND
ON WHICH 63 FEDERAL STREET STANDS**

Stephen Sewall House. The northern portion of this lot, down to the lot of Dr. Weld, was the western portion of Elder Samuel Sharp's field. Elder Sharp died in or before 1662, and his wife Alice survived him three years. Upon her decease this section of the field was divided among four of his children, the division lines running from east to west where the dashes are placed at either end.

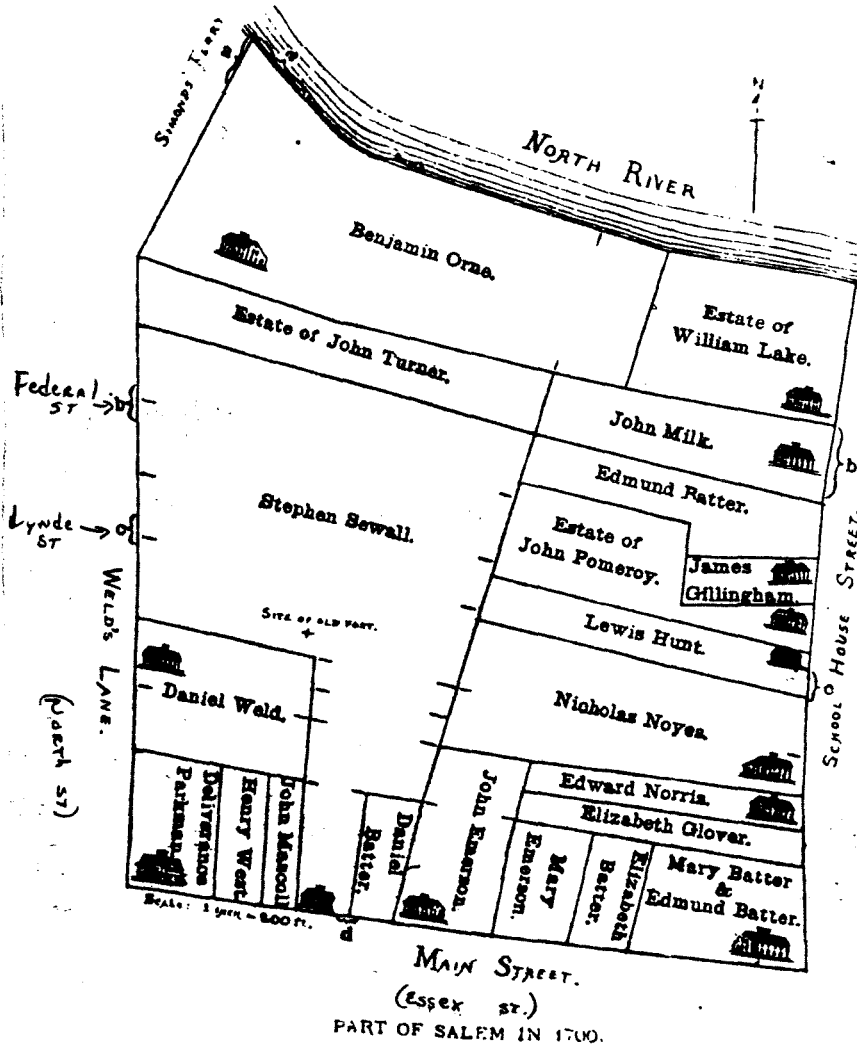
To whom the northern strip was assigned the writer does not know, but it was "ye widow Eleanor Robinson's" in 1671. She probably had only a dower interest in it, and at her decease in 1674 it came into the possession of Edmund Batter, who died in 1685, having devised it to his son Edmund. The latter conveyed it to Stephen Sewall Oct. 9, 1696.†

The next strip was assigned to Elizabeth, first wife of Christopher Phelps. Mr. Phelps conveyed it to Mr. Sewall May 18, 1685.§

The third strip was assigned to Nathaniel Sharp, who conveyed it to John Turner June 5, 1671.¶ Mr. Turner died possessed of it in 1680; and his widow Elizabeth subsequently married Maj. Charles Redford and possessed it. Upon her decease, Mr. Turner's only son and heir, Capt. John Turner, conveyed it to Mr. Sewall Jan. 10, 1697.‡

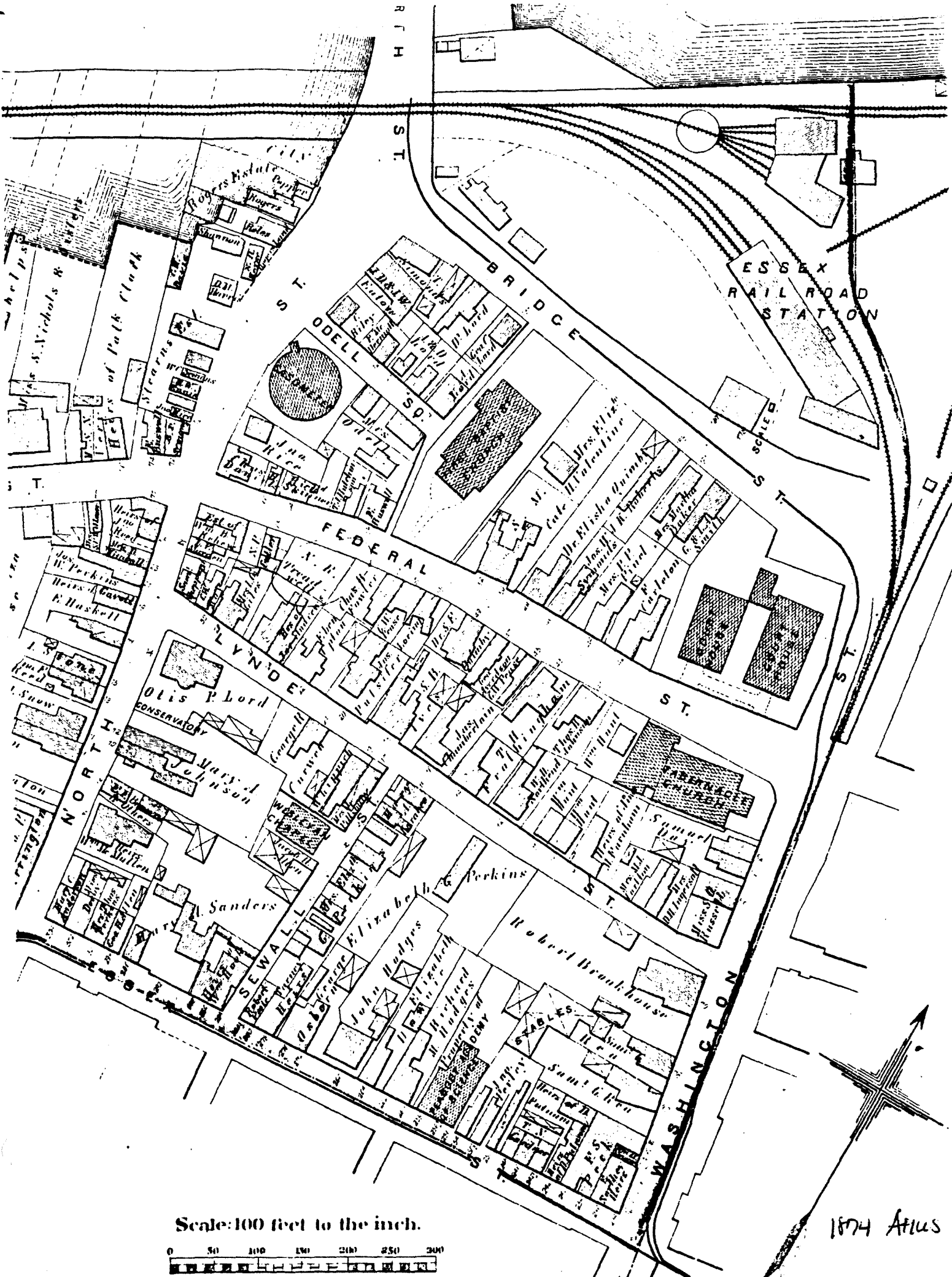
The next strip was assigned to Hannah Sharp, who afterwards married Peter Odlin.¶ They conveyed it to Mr. Sewall May 2, 1685.* Upon this part of Sharp's field (at the cross†) was erected about 1630 the block house or fort for the defence of the town, Mr. Sharp being the gunner.

The remainder of the lot came into the possession of Mr. Sewall as follows: The northern part down to the dashes was originally owned by Henry Cook, who died in 1661. Judith Cook, his widow, conveyed it to Joshua Rea, husbandman, May 21, 1662.† The next space (down to the next dashes) Mr. Cook's son John conveyed to Thomas Maule March 7, 1671.§ June 10, 1672, Mr. Maule sold the northern half of the strip to Mr. Rea;¶ and also about that time Mr. Rea became possessed of the other half. He died owning the lot, and his son Joshua conveyed both this and the section above to Mr. Sewall April 6, 1685.‡ The next section (down to the next dashes) was a portion of the estate of Edward Norris, who conveyed it to George Booth, as a part of the consideration for the instruction of his son Edward in the trade of a carpenter, Jan. 9, 1677-8.¶ Mr. Booth conveyed it to Dr. Daniel Weld, who sold it to Mr. Sewall April 7, 1685.‡ The remainder of the lot was a part of the original lot of Edmund Batter, who conveyed it to Mr. Sewall Oct. —, 1681.** Upon this portion of his homestead, which was the first part he bought, Mr. Sewall erected his residence.

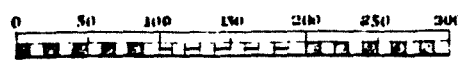


MAIN STREET.
(Essex st.)
PART OF SALEM IN 1700.

THE ESSEX ANTIQUARIAN.



Scale: 100 feet to the inch.



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