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122 FEDERAL STREET

BUILT BY

ELIJAH AND JACOB SANDERSON, cabinetmakers

in 1783

Research by, JOYCE KING January 1985

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

"Federal street was laid out but very shortly before 1773, when it was called ye new street. It was called the new street laid out between the North river and the main street in 1774; the new street called the north street, 1776; the back or new street, 1781; and Federal street in 1792." (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 7 pg. 116)

"Lynn Street is on Bentley's list of streets in 1796 and on Saunders' Map in 1820. The number of Pre-Federal houses on the street indicates that it is even older. Retaining walls in the yards of some of the buildings at the northern end suggest tht the land once sloped off sharply to the banks of the North River which was at the end of the street before it was filled in and Bridge Street was laid out." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

BOOK 139 PAGE 39

DATE - March 6, 1781

CONSIDERATION - 155 pounds

GRANTOR (seller) - Ebenezer and Hannah Beckford

GRANTEE (buyer) - Elijah Sanderson and Jacob Sanderson,

cabinetmakers

DESCRIPTION - Parcel of land (A)

BOOK 157 PAGE 72

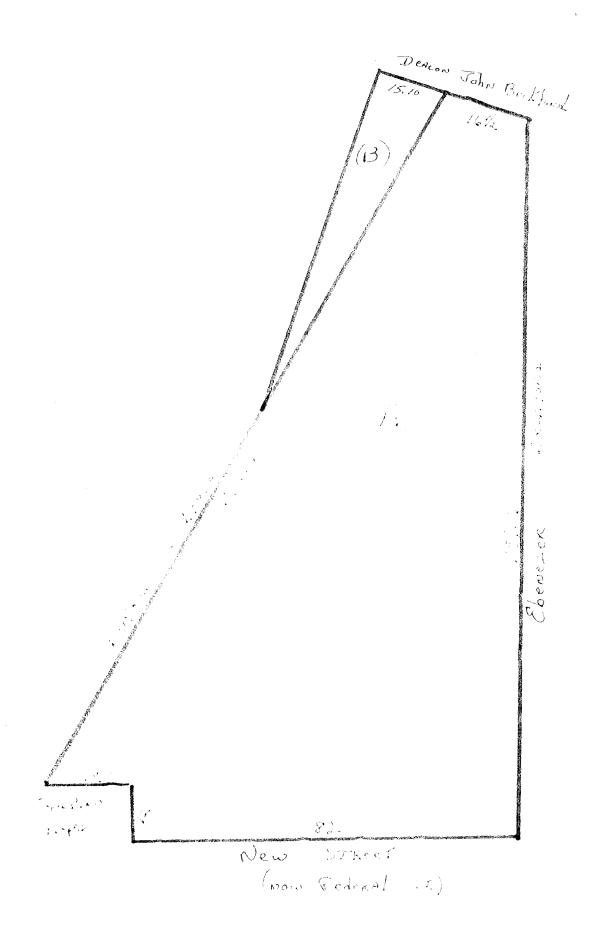
DATE - August 7, 1782

CONSIDERATION - 5 shillings

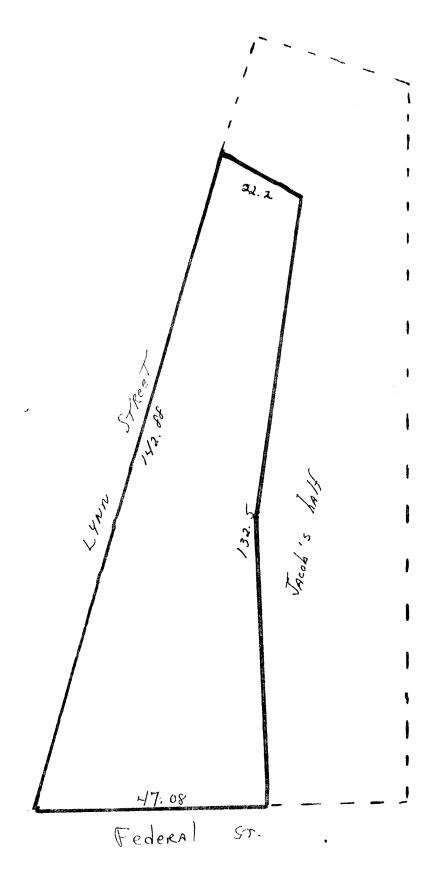
GRANTOR (seller) - Benjamin Goodhue Jr.

GRANTEE (buyer) - Elijah Sanderson and Jacob Sanderson

DESCRIPTION - Small piece of land (B)



The property was owned in common by the Sanderson brothers until a division was made on August 26, 1783. Jacob was assigned the easterly half (#120). Elijah was assigned the westerly half (#122), dimensions later described as:



Elijah Sanderson died on Feb. 13, 1825.

PROBATE #24567

By his will, written February 14, 1825, "All real and personal and other estate shall be had, improved and held by my beloved wife during her widowhood and natural life — intending hereby that all the profit improvement and interest thereof shall accrue to her, and at the termination of her life the same real and personal estate whatever there may be shall be equally divided among my present children or their legal heirs and representatives."

John Samderson, son of Elijah, was appointed executor (Inventory appendix A)

BOOK 1178 PAGE 233 MORTGAGE

DATE - August 7, 1886

GRANTOR (mortgagor) John A. Sanderson, Abigail Sanderson,

Mary E. Sanderson, William Pope and Abby H. his wife in her own right

GRANTEE (mortgagee) George Ropes

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

BOOK 1253 PAGE 494

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

DATE - June 19, 1889

CONSIDERATION - \$3,050

GRANTOR (seller) - George Gordon of Beverly

GRANTEE (buyer) - Benjamin Shreve

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings.

The same premises conveyed by mortgage on August 7, 1886, book 1178 page 233 to George Ropes of Salem, which mortgage has since been duly assigned to George Gordon of Beverly and whereas in and by said mortgage deed the grantee therein named as executors, administrators and assigns were authorized and impowered to sell at auction.

BOOK 1256 PAGE 470-471

DATE - July 15, 1889 and August 3, 1889

CONSIDERATION - \$1

GRANTOR (seller) - John A. Sanderson, Mary E. Sanderson,

William A. Pope and Abby H. his wife.

Willim Henry Archer, Henry Archer and

Mary E. Archer

GRANTEE (buyer) - Benjamin Shreve

DESCRIPTION - All right in the property on the

corner of Lynn and Federal Streets

North - Benjamin Pitman

East - Josiah Haywood as the fence

and adjoining buildings now

stand.

South - Federal Street West - Lynn Street

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same belonging to Elijah

Sanderson deceased

Benjamin Shreve PROBATE #79852

Will written August 23, 1879. Estate on Chestnut St. bequeathed to son Octavis. All the rest to son and nephew William P. Shreve with half under trust for support of son and family. The other half in trust for the benefit of his wife. To support and maintain her and his children by her begotten, until there is no child surviving under the age of 21.

BOOK 2816 PAGE 401

DATE - June 11, 1929

PARTITION - Among tenants in common (122 Federal one of many parcels in the division).

- 1. Octavius B. Shreve and 1st National Bank of Boston, trustees under the will of Benjamin Shreve
- 2. Octavius B. Shreve and Benjamin D. Shreve, trustees under the will of Benjamin Shreve for the benefit of Octavius B. Shreve

DESCRIPTION - The property at 122 Federal St. was assigned to Octavius B. Shreve and Benjamin D. Shreve

BOOK 2849 PAGE 200

DATE -

May 27, 1930

CONSIDERATION -

\$1 and other valuable consideration

GRANTOR (seller) -

Benjamin D. Shreve surviving trustee under the will of Benjamin Shreve for the benefit of Octavius B. Shreve et al by power conferred by said will, and every other power and for the purpose of fulfilling the provision for distribution of the trust estate upon the death of Octavius B.

Shreve

GRANTEE (buyer) -

Benjamin D. Shreve 1/3 share Mary Shreve Northey 1/3 share Edward Peirson Jr. 1/9 share Octavius Peirson 1/9 share Benjamin S. Peirson 1/9 share

(b) The property now numbered 122 DESCRIPTION Federal St. in Salem, with the buildings thereon. (Other property conveyed at this time was 95-97 Federal St., 297 Bridge St. and 17-17 1/2 Chestnut St.)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -The same premises convyed to Benjamin Shreve by George Gordon June 19, 1889 book 1253 page 494. of John A. Sanderson et al July 15, 1889 book 1256 page 470. Deed of William Archer August 3 1889 book 1256 page 471. Reference is also made to partition decree book 2816 page 401.

BOOK 3474 PAGE 170

DATE -

July 22, 1946

CONSIDERATION -

none given

GRANTOR (seller) -

Benjamin D. Shreve, Mary Shreve Northey, Edward L. Peirson, Octavia Hamlin (formerly Octavia Peirson) and Benjamin S. Peirson

GRANTEE (buyer) -

Mary Holden Eastman

DESCRIPTI]ON

Land and building 122 Federal St.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -The same premises described in paragraph (b) of deed from Benjamin D. Shreve et als May 27, 1930 book 2849 page 200

BOOK 4658 PAGE 107

DATE -

April 11, 1960

CONSIDERATION -

none given

GRANTOR (seller) -

Mary Holden Eastman otherwise known as Mary H. Eastman, wife of Roger K.

GRANTEE (buyer) -

Mary H. Eastman and Roger K. Eastman

DESCRIPTION -

Land and builings at 122 Federal St.

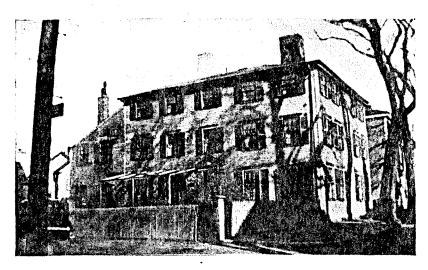
North - Benjamin Pitman 22.2' East - Josiah Haywood 132.5' South - Federal St. 47.08' West - Lynn St. 142.88'

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same premises in deed from Benjamin D. Shreve et als to Mary Holden Eastman July 22, 1946 book 3474 page 170

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.

DATE DOCUMENTATION

The first mention of a dwelling house on this land appears in the August 1783 deed in which Elijah and Jacob Sanderson divide the "house" and land. The Sandersons first appear on the tax rolls in "1784-5" when the brothers are each taxed for part of a house, valued at \$300 and a shop, valued at \$75.



HOUSE ON CORNER OF LYNN AND FEDERAL STREETS, SALEM, MASS.
Where Elijah Sanderson, early Salem cabinetmaker, lived.
For a time his business was also conducted from this house.

NOTES: #120-122 FEDERAL STREET PRE-FEDERAL

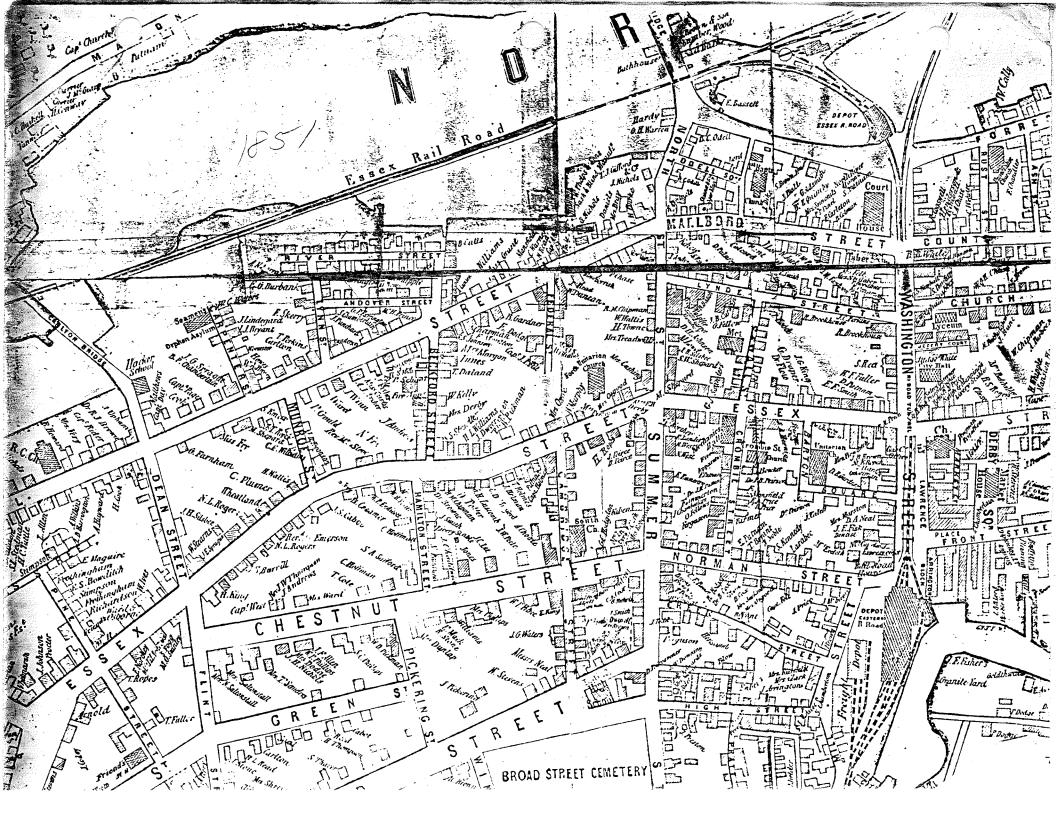
"Built as a two-family house by and for Jacob and Elijah Sanderson in 1783 (See Salem Evening News 1966), this three-story plus hip roof building has two front entrances, one in each side yard. The house still has Pre-Federal period molded window caps and sills; the latter are not seen frequently. The eastern half of the house was modified when Victorian trim and bay windows were added, but the west side remains as it was with a pedimented, pilastered entrance. Archer says that Josiah Hayward, a stone mason, lived at #120 where his daughter kept a private school and that Deacon John Punchard and his daughter Keziah lived in the other half of the house." "Salem Historic District Study Committee Investigation)

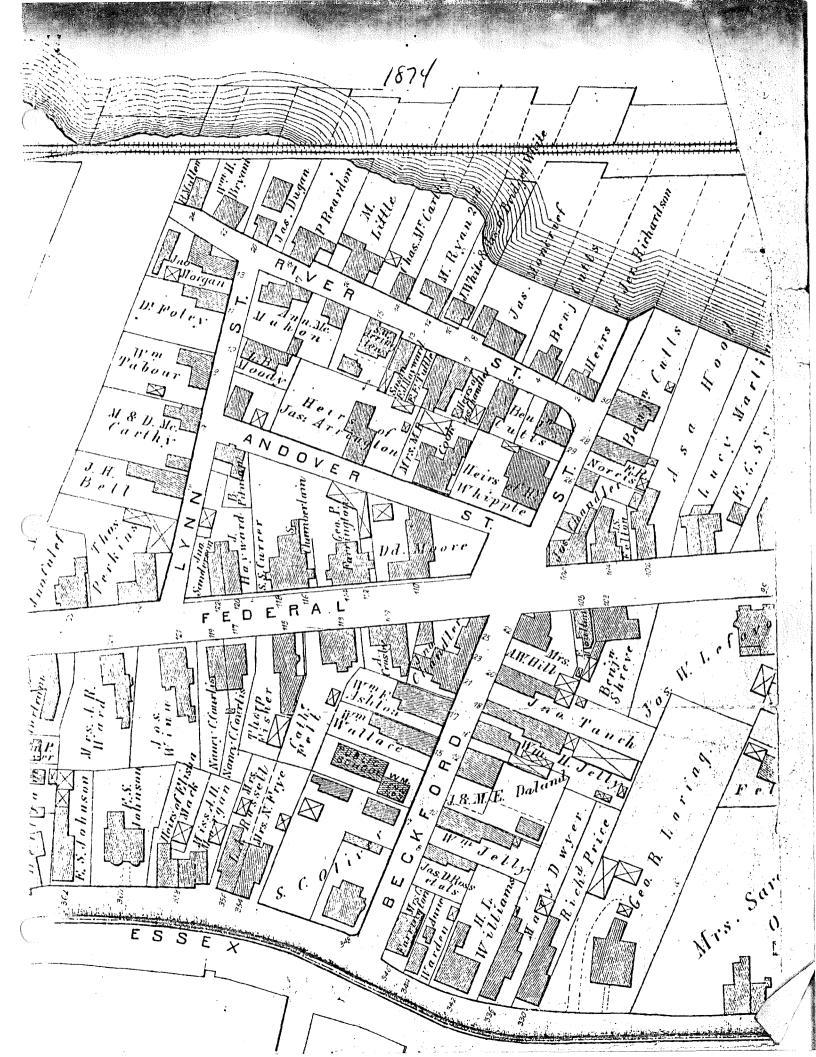
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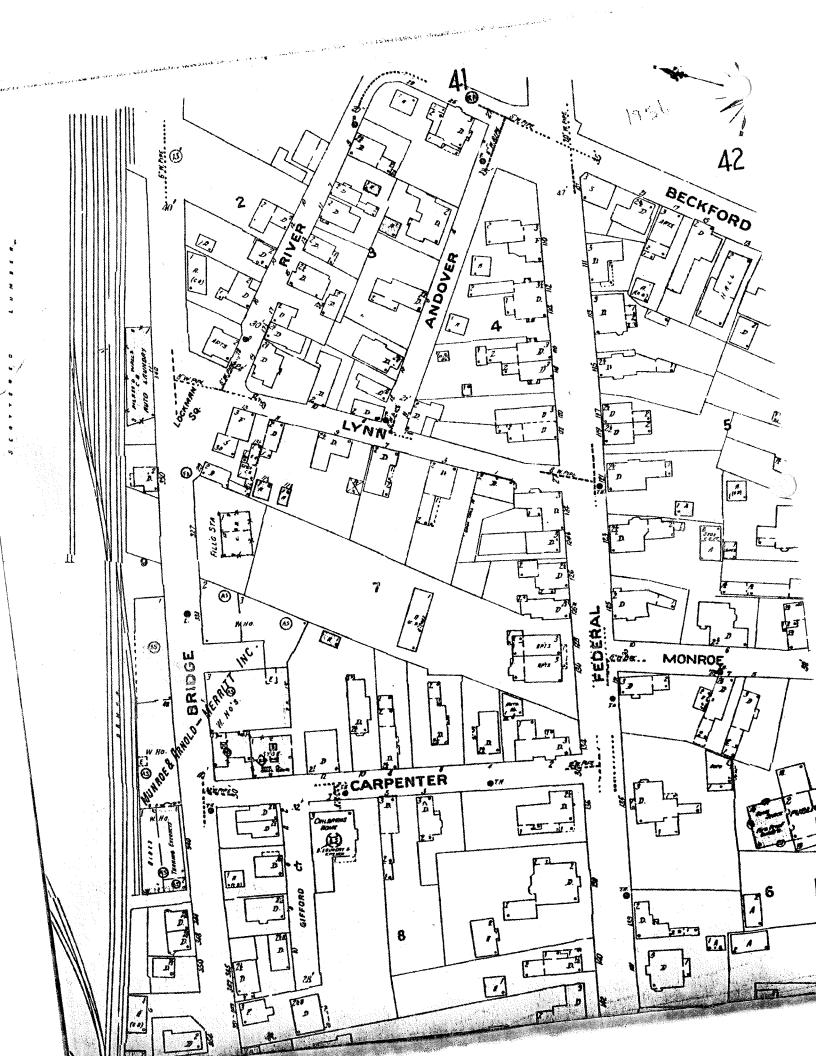
Elijah Sanderson, son of Jonathan and Mary (Bemis) Sanderson, was born in Waltham on Oct. 10, 1751. He married Mary Mulliken of and at Lexington Jan. 12, 1781. Elijah died on Feb. 13, 1825. His obituary appeared in the Salem Gazette:

"In this town - Deacon Elijah Sanderson, aged 73. A worthy and honest man and a useful member of society. He was at the Battle of Lexington, on the evening of the 18th of April 1775, he saw a party of nine British officers pass up through Lexington, where he then resided, it being unusual to observe British officers pass into the country at evening, attention was attracted - he and one or two of his neighbors followed to ascertain what were their intentions; when they had followed as far as Lincoln, the officers who had so posted themselves as to command the road, made prisoners of Mr. Sanderson and his companions, and led them aside into the fields, and detaned them there till about two o'clock in the morning, when this officers posted in the road made prisoner of Col. Paul Revere who had escaped from Boston after the British troops had embarked and was rushing into the country to sound the alarm. Col. Revere informed them that their movements were detected and the country alarmed, notwithstanding their precautions. They then ordered their prisoners to mount, and returned towards Lexington.

When they arrived near the meeting house, they heard the alarm bell ringing; the British officers then ordered their prisoners to dismount, cut their saddle girths and bridles to prevent their reaching their countrymen. The British officers then started offf at full speed and soon met the British troops marching on to Concord. When they came up to the meeting house at Lexington, they rushed on huzzaing and fired. The militia soon dispersed."







Sandersons, Cabinetmakers, Built Home on Federal Street

by MRS. C. M. CAMENGA Historic Salem, Inc., made the first presentation in the organization's house sign program to the Sanderson house at the corner of Federal and Lynn streets, on Monday, Aug. 15. The present owners of the property are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bailey, who reside at 120 Federal street, the Jacob Sanderson side, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Eastman, 122 Federal street, the Elijah Sanderson side.

Built by the Sanderson brothers in 1783, the large, three-story house was at first



ELIJAH SANDERSON

held in common but as evidenced by the deed, they soon made a division of it. At that time the street was known as the New street, and began at Washington street, running west to Boston street. The name was changed to Federal street and about 1854 it was extended eastwardly to St. Peter street. The necessary re-numbering changed that of the house from 50 to 120-122. The eastern side of the hip-roof has been modified by the addition of victorian trim around the entrance.

town, Oct. 10, 1751, and married Mary Mulliken of Lexington in 1781. She was the sister of Samuel Mulliken, clockmaker. Jacob was born six years after Elijah had married Katherine Harrigan of Watertown in 1781. The brothers came to Salem about the time of the marriages, after they had served their apprenticeships in Watertown. In addition to their house, records indicate the Sandersons had several other holdings of land and stores on Federal street and its environs, which housed their extensive enterprise.

Elijah and Jacob Sanderson were Salem's most prominent cabinetmakers. In 1799, in partnership with Josiah Austin and under the name of the E. & J. Sanderson Co., they instituted a co-operative business venture in which cabinetmaker, carvers, gilders, turners, upholsterers and many other craftsmen contributed their respective parts in the making of furniture for exportation to the southern states, the East and West Indies, the Manderias, South America and Africa, - wherever a cargo would be disposed of to the best advantage.

The large craft which sailed from Salem to do an immense business in the sugar and pepper trades to the East Indies and other ports required outgoing cargoes and it was the habit of the local merchants to entrust to these vessels "ventures" of various goods to be taken to certain likely ports where they could bring rather

than carry them home to the home port as cargo space, especially in the pepper trade was at a premium. Pepper The Salem Gazette of Feb. was piled in every hole and 18, 1825, in Elijah's death nocorner of the vessel including tice, praised him as "a worthy the captain's cabin where he and honest man and a useful often slept on bags of pepper | member of society." The instead of his bunk.

Sanderson furniture trust com- of Lexington, and on the eve-

and on the account and risk of the company. Though these cabinetmakers were all prominent men whose furniture was known to be of a fine type, Elijah considered his own to be the best. He not only branded with his initials E. S. all the pieces which he made for exportation, but on one "venture" he requested that his furniture "not be mixed in a bargain with others", but let him have the benefit of the sale of "my own," noting the difference in the goodness of the work and stock. Samuel McIntire contributed his excellence to the firm as shown by bills to the brothers from the. Salem craftsman for fine carving on the Sanderson furniture.

Labor troubles were at times trying to the Sandersons and. in 1798, Elijah brought suit against a Mr. Radson for in-ducing one of his apprentices to leave. The firm had numerous apprentices in addition to journey-men workmen and the law suit may have started the Sanderson practice of pro-viding free educational advantages to their apprentices as an added inducement to hold them.

Jacob Sanderson, generally known as "Deacon" Sanderson, was a much respected selectma nof Salem in 1795. He appears to have been the ruling spirit of the E. & J. Sanderson Co., although he was the younger of the two brothers. After his death in 1810, when new members were admitted

to the firm, troubles multipled fast. After a series of law suits which dragged out over a period of years, the once powerful company came to an end.

article went on to note that The procedure which the Elijah had been at the battle pany followed in obtaining a ning of April 18, 1775, he and cargo of furniture varied, several friends were captured When Airniture of their own by British officers in Lincoln, production was insufficient, tied up and guarded in a field, they purchased from other About 2 o'clock in the morning cabinetmakers on commission they were joined in their captivity by Paul Revere. After Colonel Revere informed the officers that the countryside had been warned of British troop movements all of the prismers were released, but not before their saddle girths and bridles had been cut.

A study of the records of the E. & J. Sanderson Co. reveals the true co-operative nature of Salem cabinetmaking and provides an insight into the Yankee shrewdness of the traders. It may have been on one of the Sanderson "ventures" that the handsome secretary made by Nehemiah Adams started the journey to Capetown, South Africa, where it was found in recent years. This piece is now in the Winterthur Museum, Winterthur,

(Reference material for the above was found in: "Samuel McIntire, Carver and the Sandersons, Early American Cabinetmakers," by Mabel M. Swan, the Essex Institute, and "Furniture Exported by Cab-inet Makers of Salem," by Henry Wyckoff Belknap, The Essex Institute Historical Colby l lections, Vol. 85-Oct., 1949.)

To the Honorable Laniel AMhile Esquire, Judge f Probate for the County of Essex.

Pursuant to a warrant from your honor, we, the subscribers, the committee therein named, having been first sworn, have made the following

Inventory and appraisement of the estate of

Whyah Sander Sono.

in said county, Cabinethake deceased, Salem. _

as shown to us by the administrat Executors

Real Estate

A. Dwelling House with the land thereto belonging situate by Federal Street, corner of Lynn Streets being the West half of the house ... at \$ 1.700. ... A Lot of Land ophosito thereto by said Federal Sto with the work shop .- & buildings thereon - at . & 1.100. One o one half right in the Great Pasture so called

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