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60 Butler Street

MICHAEL KELLEHER, carrier

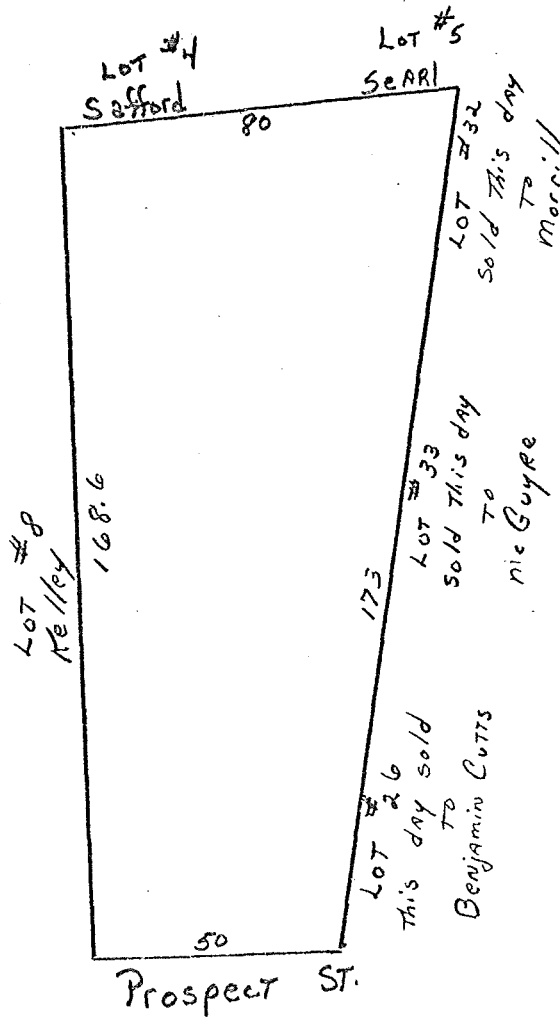
Built 1859

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60 Butler St. (formerly called 42 Prospect St.)

The lot on which this house stands was once part of what was called "common land". A portion of this common land, extending from "Walton's to Canton's bordering on Boston St., was the property of the Pickman family.

On May 16, 1859 George B. Loring, physician; John W. Rogers of Boston, merchant; J. Ingersoll Bowditch and John A. Loring both of Boston, trustees of Mary Loring under the will of William Pickman sold for \$360.26 to Michael Kelleher land part of the Pickman estate, lot #27.



(book 588 page 125)

The same day Michael Kelleher mortgaged lot #27 to George Loring physician of Salem and John Rogers of Boston. (book 588 page 126-7)

Mr. Kelleher built this house soon after purchasing the land and securing the mortgages in 1859. The tax records during Mr. Kelleher's ownership show:

1860	Michael Kelleher	Prospect St.						
1861	Michael Keleher	owner - tanner	value	\$500				
1862	Michael Keleher	age 42 owner -	value, house	\$250	land	\$250		
	Thomas Galway	age 40						
1863	Michael Keleher	age 43 owner	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Daniel Cronan	age 42						
	John Keleher	age 40						
1866	Michael Keleher	owner						
	John Mylan							
1872	Michael Keleher	value	\$600					

Michael Kelleher, currier, died Feb. 8, 1876. In his will, written Jan. 4, 1876, he left all real estate to his wife Johanna during her lifetime. After her death the same was to go to William F. Cahill. Besides his wife, a sister Mary Welch, widow, of Salem, is the only heir of record. (Probate #43987)

Johanna, now the sole owner, continued to live in this house taking in various tenants as the tax records for the subsequent years show:

1876	occupant	William Cafferty	age 35	owner	Johanna Kellaher			
1878	"	Cornelius Burke	age 27	"	"	"		
1881	"	William Davey	age 44	"	"	"		

The 1880 federal census gives detailed information about Johanna and her tenants for that year:

42 Prospect St.

Johanna Kelleher	age 50	keeping house, has consumption, born in Ire.			
Mary Sherlock	age 18	orphan child			born Mass.
Bryan Cahill	age 48	stone mason			born Ire.
Alice Cahill	age 45	wife			born Ire.
William Cahill	age 9	son			born Mass.

Johanna Kelleher died May 27, 1882. Since William F. Cahill was a minor at this time, Bryan Cahill was appointed trustee. (Probate #58400)

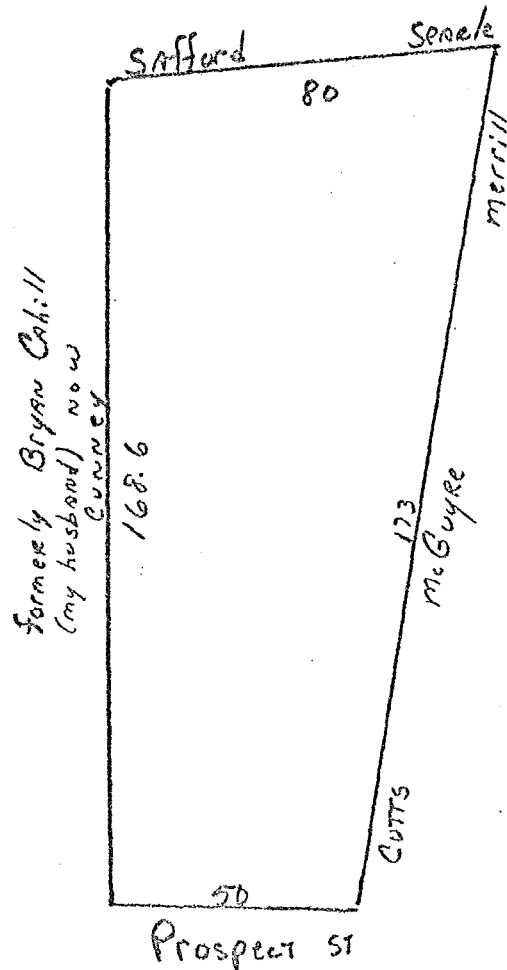
Bryan Cahill, of Marblehead, formerly of Salem, died Jan. 19, 1890. His only heir was listed as William F. Cahill, minor son. (Probate #68715)

On March 30, 1892 William F. Cahill for \$1 transferred the property to his mother Alice Cahill the land and building the same premises inherited from his father Bryan Cahill. The same property conveyed by George B. Loring and others to one Michael Kelleher in 1859, book 588 page 125. (book 1338 page 100)

During this time the tax records are as follows:

1887 #42 Prospect	Bryan Cahill	stone mason	age 56			
	David Toomey	currier	"	31		
1889 #60 Prospect	Bryan Cahill	stone mason	age 58			
	Walter Brennan		"	23		
	Thomas Brennan		"	55		
1892 #60 Prospect	William Cahill,	traveller	age 22			
	Anthony McNutly		"	36		
	owner Alden P. White, guardian of Wm P. Cahill					
1900	Thomas S. Munroe	age 51				
	William P. Cahill	"	30	traveller	owner	Alice Cahill
1905	Michael Leahey	"	33	"	"	"
	William P. Cahill	"	35	"	"	"

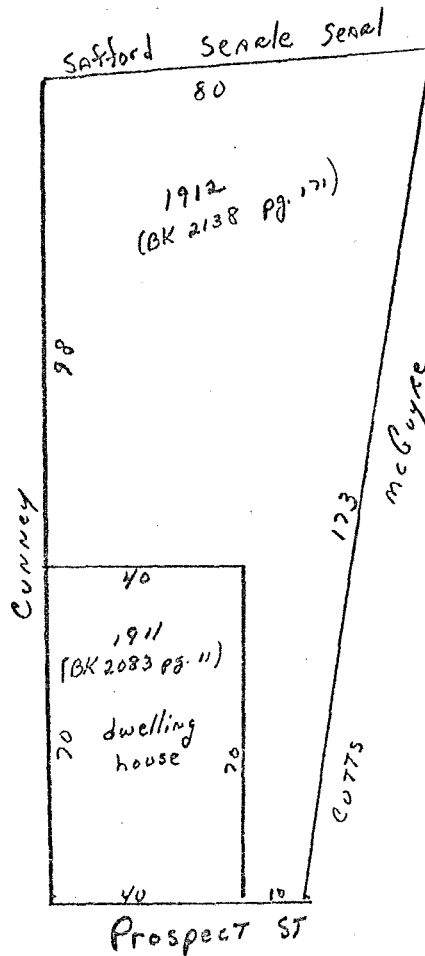
Nov. 28, 1910 the property was under default: Whereas Alice Cahill by mortgage of Dec. 20, 1905 book 1953 page 228 conveyed the premises to Alden P. White, then assigned by White to A. Myron Tarr. A. Myron Tarr by power sold for \$875 to Winifred J. Delaney the land and buildings the same conveyed to Alice by her son William.



(book 2053 page 194)

On Jan. 19, 1911 Winifred J. Delaney of Salem sold for \$1 to Elizabeth F. Crean, wife of Cornelius Crean, the land and dwelling house. This was a portion of the premises conveyed by deed of A. Myron Tarr under power of sale 1910. (book 2083 page 11)

On April 13, 1912 Winifred J. Delaney of Salem, single, sold for \$1 to Elizabeth Crean, wife of Cornelius Crean, the remainder of the estate conveyed by deed of A. Myron Tarr in 1910. (book 2138 page 171)



Jan. 19, 1957 Elizabeth F. Crean, widow, sold to Elizabeth F. Crean and Mary A. Crean as joint tenants with rights to survivorship. The same conveyed to her in two deeds:

1. May 11, 1911 book 2083 page 11
2. Apr. 13, 1912 book 2138 page 171

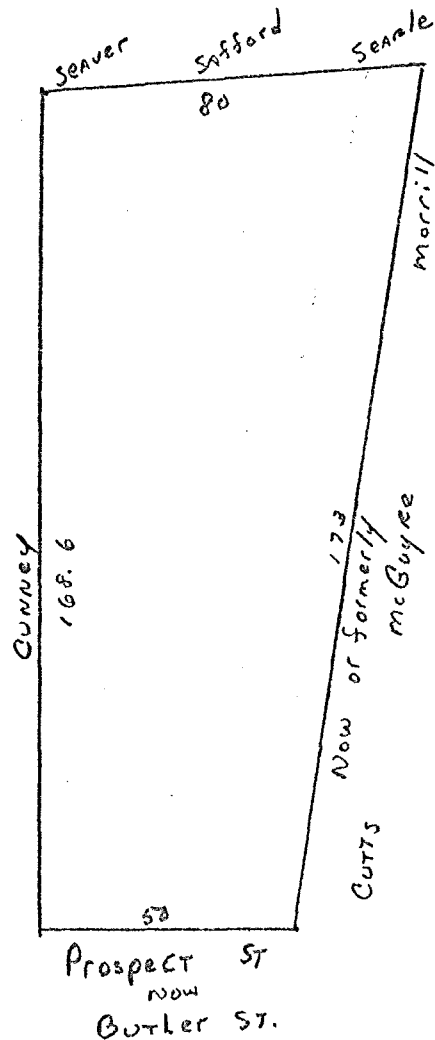
Subject to encumbrances of record if there be any. (book 4341 page 478)

In the mid nineteen-sixties the house was vacant. During this time it was reputed to be the hideout of the "Phantom" (Richard White wanted for murder). He was notorious for his ability to elude the police with his driving capabilities.

Dec. 8, 1966 Elizabeth F. Crean, widow, sold to Teresa A. Sullivan of Peabody reserving however, for myself a life estate in said property during my natural life. The same conveyed by myself to myself Elizabeth F. Crean and to Mary A. Crean 1957. Said Mary Crean being deceased having died May 11, 1965. Subject to encumbrances of record if any there be. (book 5412 page 527)

March 30, 1967 Elizabeth Crean of Salem and Teresa A. Sullivan of Peabody sold to Robert J. and Elizabeth A. Sheehan of Gloucester. (book 5432 page 652)

May 2, 1969 Robert J. Sheehan and Elizabeth A., husband and wife sold to Paul W. and Billie Ann Dempsey of 12 Dearborn St. property at #60 Butler St.



(book 5605 page 261)

