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OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

95 BOSTON STREET

Built by

ELIPHALET HALL, housewright

by 1833

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

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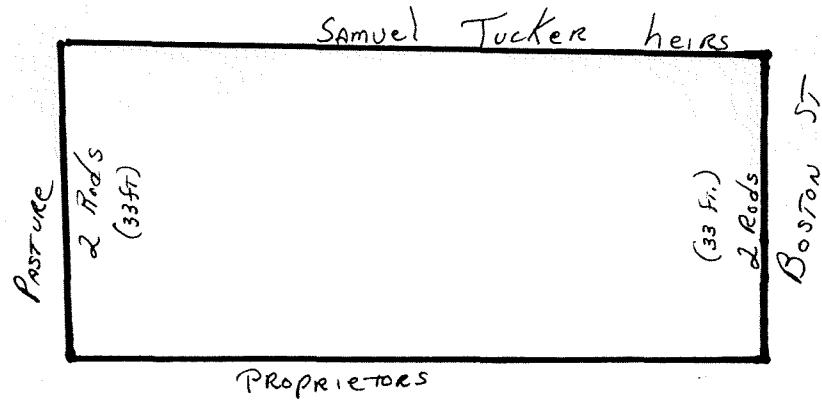
DATE - October 1, 1829

CONSIDERATION - \$130 and for further consideration that said Eliphalet has agreed to take upon himself the payment of all monies due on the mortgage deeds hereinafter mentioned and save harmless said Enos from paying the same.

GRANTOR (seller) - Enos Pope, clothier

GRANTEE (buyer) - Eliphalet Hall, housewright

DESCRIPTION - Lot of land



Reserving to myself liberty to take off an old barn and a few Quince tress on and in the premises, in a reasonable time.

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DATE -	November 25, 1836
CONSIDERATION -	\$350
GRANTOR (seller) -	Eliphalet Hall, housewright
GRANTEE (buyer) -	John S. Felton
DESCRIPTION -	Assign all right and title to property described in two notes

BOOK 322 PAGE 109

DATE -	December 20, 1840
CONSIDERATION -	\$1 and other valuable consideration
GRANTOR (seller) -	John S. Felton
GRANTEE (buyer) -	William T. Felton
DESCRIPTION -	All my right into the land and dwelling house on Boston St.

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DATE -	July 13, 1842
GRANTOR (seller) -	William Felton
GRANTEE (buyer) -	George W. Pousland
DESCRIPTION -	Lot of land and dwelling house
PREVIOUS REFERENCE -	Same conveyed to me by Eliphalet Hall and John S. Felton

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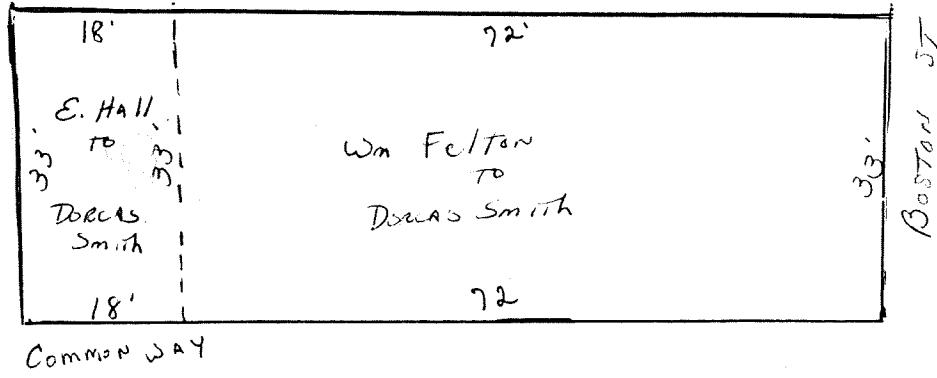
DATE - December 23, 1843  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,800  
GRANTOR (seller) - George W. Pousland  
GRANTEE (buyer) - William Felton  
DESCRIPTION - Messuage (land and dwelling house)  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - none given

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DATE - May 18, 1844  
CONSIDERATION - \$1,750  
GRANTOR (seller) - William S. Felton  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Dorcas Smith, widow  
DESCRIPTION - Dwelling house and land  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Same estate conveyed to me by George Pousland on Dec. 23, 1843

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DATE - June 11, 1846  
CONSIDERATION - \$190  
GRANTOR (seller) - Eliphalet Hall  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Dorcas Smith, widow  
DESCRIPTION - Lot of land

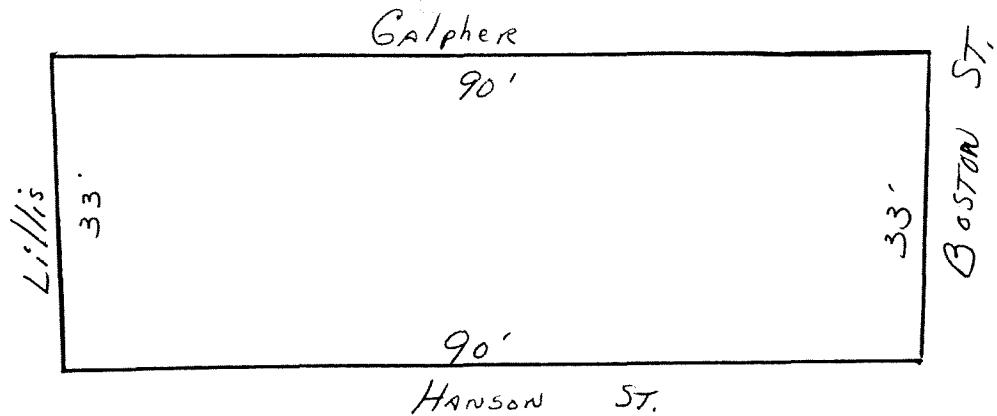


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DATE - November 8, 1951  
 GRANTOR (seller) - Mary C. Bott  
 GRANTEE (buyer) - James and Mary L. Byrne  
 DESCRIPTION - 1/2 interest in the land and dwelling house  
 PREVIOUS REFERENCE - for title see deed from Eliphilet Hall to Dorcas Smith and probates: will of Dorcas Smith #53460, Mary C. Bott #32975, est. John C. Bott #92890, Augustus Bott #144888 and the late John C. Bott #235727

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DATE - November 8, 1951  
 GRANTOR (seller) - William D. Chapple administrator of the estate of John C. Bott probate #235727  
 GRANTEE (buyer) - James E. and Mary L. Byrne  
 DESCRIPTION - 1/2 interest in land and dwelling house  
 PREVIOUS REFERENCE - for title see deed from Eliphilet Hall to Dorcas Smith and probates #53460, #32975, #92890, #144888 and #235727



1951 dimensions

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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"This main highway, now called Boston street, was the ancient road from Salem to Salem Village and Boston. It was called a road in 1717; the main road or street in 1721; the country road in 1724; Boston road in 1759; great country road leading to Salem in 1795; Boston street in 1795; West street in 1813; road leading from the South meeting-house to Salem in 1814; and since then Boston street." (Essex Antiquarian vol. 7 pg. 19)

Eliphalet Hall built several houses during the 1830's. It is difficult to determine which came first. The 1834 tax records indicate that Mr. Hall was taxed for his own house, plus a small one on Fowler St. and two new houses. Since it was common for the assessors to tax a house in the year following construction, it is safe to assume that 95 Boston was one of the two new houses. The most conclusive evidence for the 1833 date is found in the diary of Matthew Stickney (Essex Institute Manuscript):

In my removal to Salem I boarded at Jacob <sup>B.</sup> Winchester's  
(in the house where I now live 1868,) where I continued  
until my marriage on the 17th. of April 1833 by Rev. William  
Williams (in his father's house Fairies, No. 106 Boston Street  
opposite his store in which I was then engaged in business  
for myself) to Mary Elizabeth eldest child of Caleb and  
Betsey (Winchester) Smith who was born in Salem Dec. 17.  
1810, when we moved into the chambers of a new house  
erected by Eliphalet Hall, now 95, Boston Street, and at  
present owned by John B. Botte. I had so far got along  
without any help in my store, nor did we employ a ser-  
vant at home. My wife commenced a journal the first  
day of her housekeeping, which she continued for some  
time, and I have it still in my possession, here we  
remained until Oct. 1833, about which time, Mr Smith  
presented me with \$300. as I suppose what he con-  
sidered his daughter's portion, as previous to that all  
the expense of going to house-keeping I had borne my-  
self, when we removed to the westly side of the house  
of Ichabod Nichols No. 138 Boston Street, next my store,

Additional confirmation of the builder appears in an article "BOSTON STREET AS IT WAS SIXTY YEARS AGO" published in the Salem Gazette May 1888 by H. E. P.

"No. 95 - Here was a cow barn belonging to Enos Pope, clothier. House built by Eliphalet Hall Jr. Now belonging to John C. Bott."

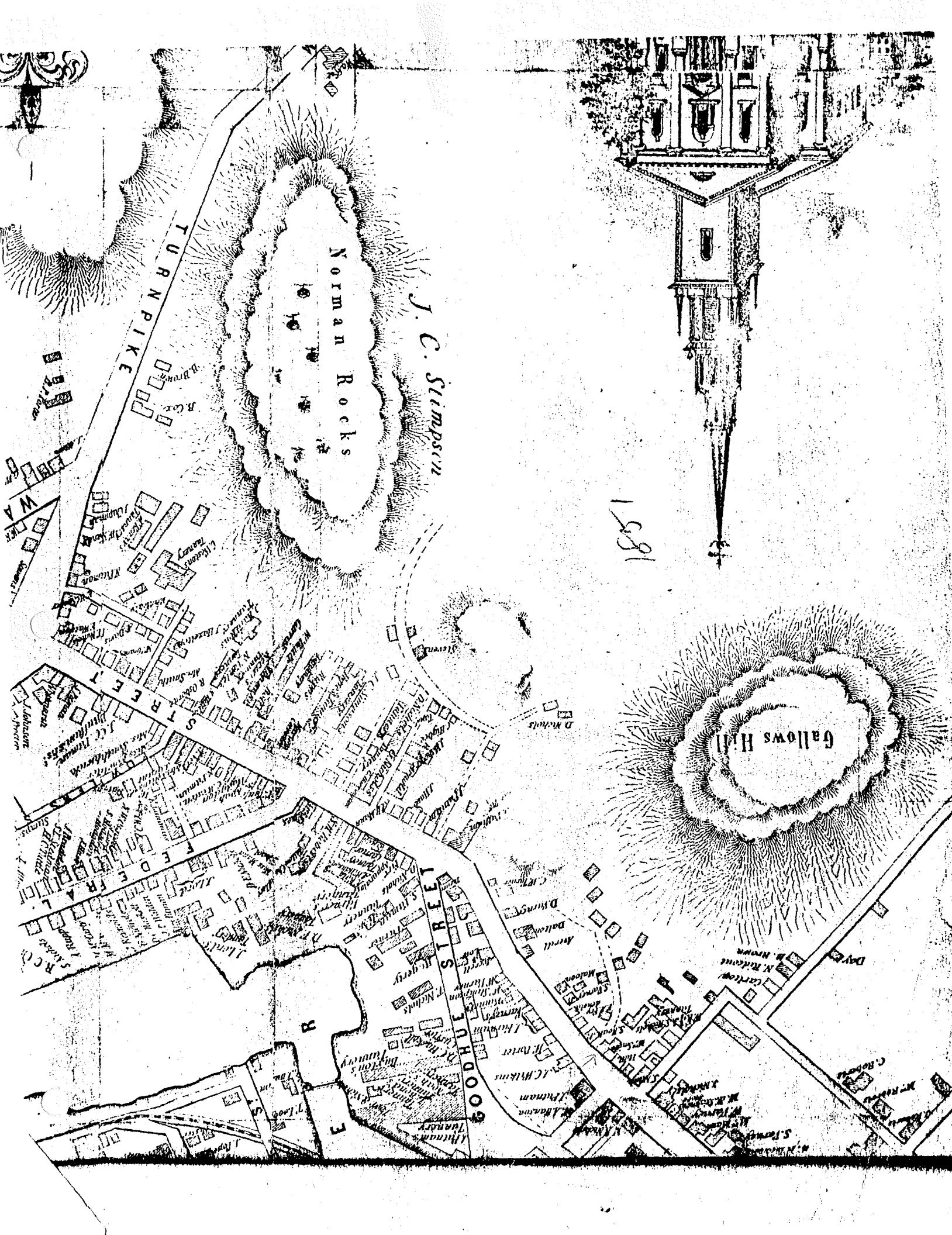
Enos Pope

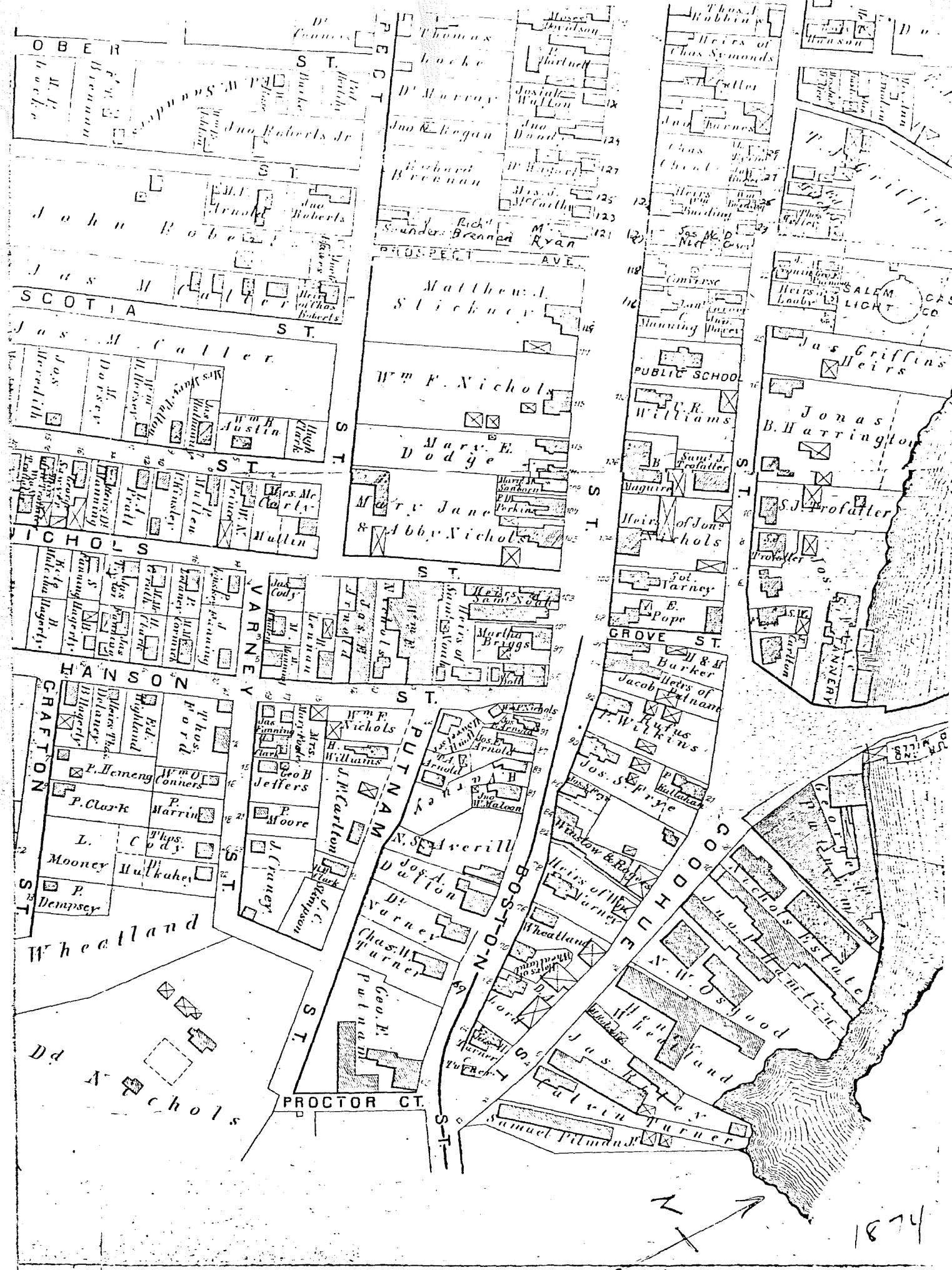
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Know all Men by these Presents That I Enos Pope of Salem in the  
Eliphilet Hall County of Essex clothier in consideration of One hundred and thirty dollars to me  
paid by Eliphilet Hall of the same Salem housewright and for the further consideration  
that said Eliphilet has agreed to take upon himself the payment of all monies due on  
the mortgage deeds hereinafter mentioned and save harmless said Enos from paying the  
same the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have now and forever quit  
claimed and do so myself and my heirs by these presents remaine release and forever quit  
claim unto the said Hall his heirs and assigns all my right in Law or equity  
to redēon a piece of land in said Salem which I purchased of the Proprietors of Gallows  
hill pasture in said Salem by their Committee William Fogg and Benjamin Goodhue  
by deed of January 17. 1818 B 214 L 274. The premises begin at a point on the Southwesterly  
side of Boston street distant Southwesterly two rods from land of the heirs of Samuel  
Tucker there running Westerly, by land lately conveyed by Enos to said Proprietors keeping  
all the way two rods distant from said Tucker's heirs till it comes to Gallows hill  
pasture there running Northerly, by said pasture two rods to said Tucker's heirs  
there Easterly, by said heirs to Boston street then Southwesterly by Boston street two  
rods to the first bounds. The premises being under my two mortgages to Benjamin  
Goodhue one for \$60. of April 21. 1827 B 145 L 180. the other for \$40. 00 of March 10  
1829 B. 260 L. 261. Reserving to myself liberty to take off an old barn, and a  
few Guinea trees on and in the premises, in a reasonable time. **To have**  
**and to hold** the aforementioned premises with all the privileges and appurtenan-  
ces therunto belonging to him the said Eliphilet Hall his heirs and assigns forever,  
so that neither I the said Enos Pope nor my heirs or any other person or persons  
claiming from or under me or them or in the name right or stead of me or them  
shall or will by any way or means have claim or demand any right or title  
to the aforesaid premises or their appurtenances or to any part or parcel thereof

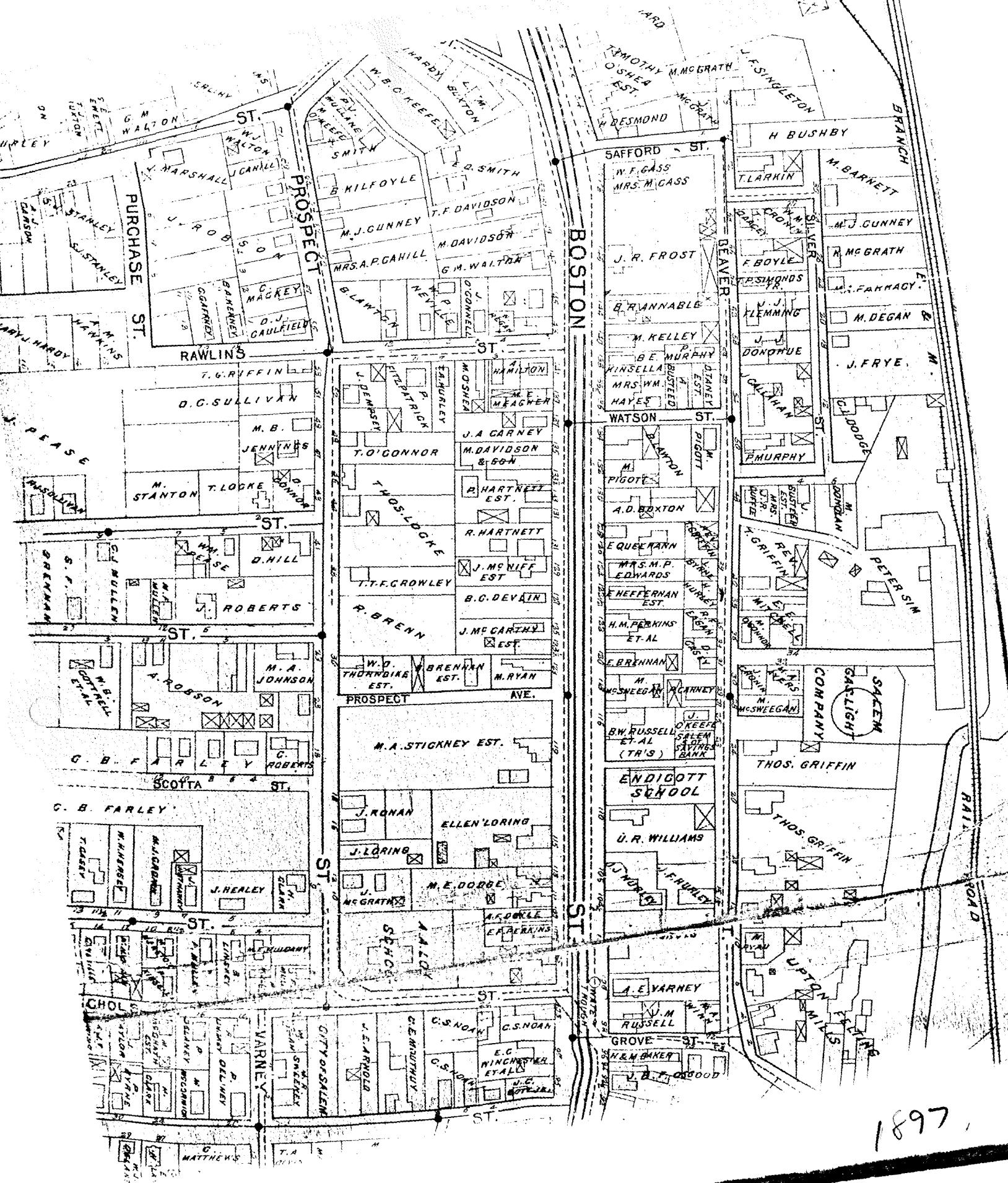
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forever. **It witness** whereof I the said Enos Pope have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty nine.

Enos Pope seal

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us | Enos ss. Oct 12. A.D. 1829. Then the  
mentioned first interlined } above named Enos Pope acknowledged  
Anos Choate Caleb Pierce } the above instrument to be his free  
act and deed before me Anos Choate Just. of Peace.  
Enos ss. Received October 12 1829. recorded and examined by Anos Choate Reg.







1897