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33 Pleasant Street

Built for

CAPT. WILLIAM B. PARKER, merchant

in 1851

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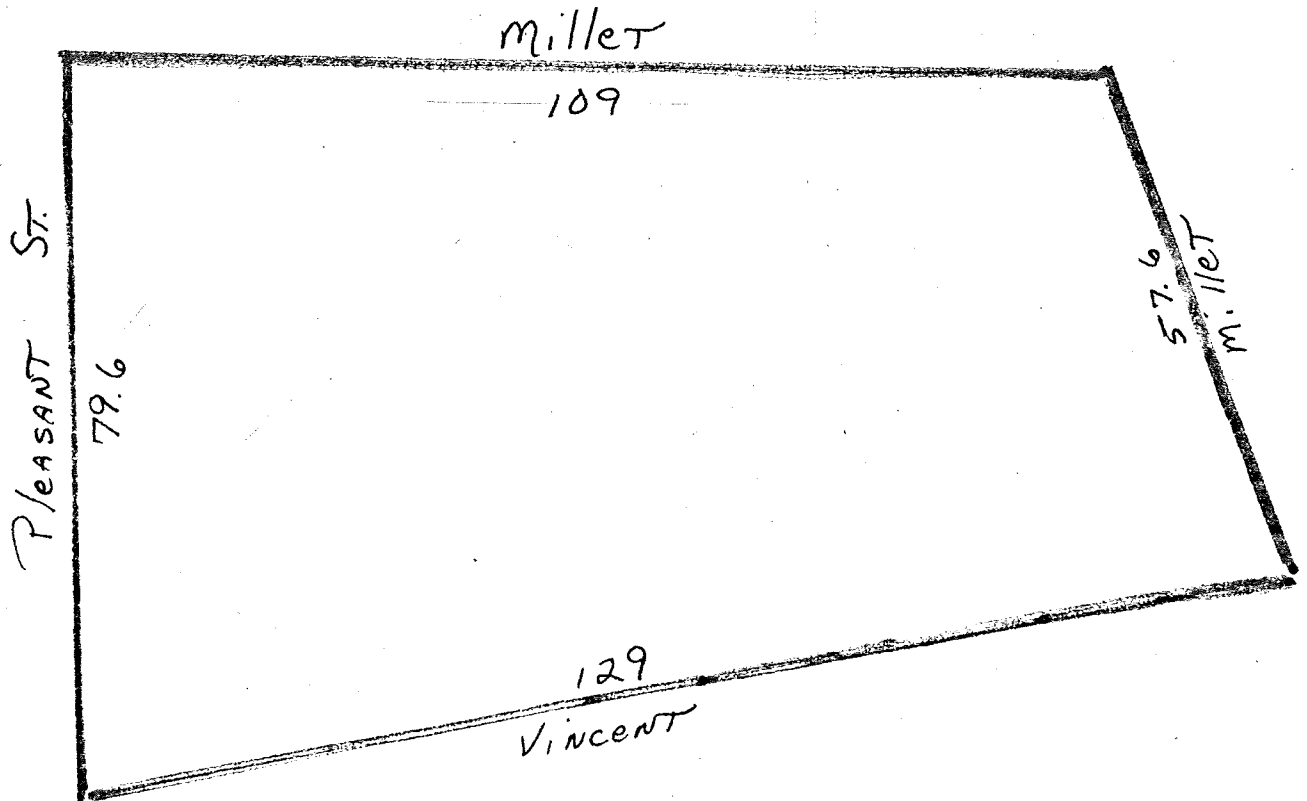
*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

33 Pleasant Street (formerly 22 Pleasant Street)

"Pleasant street was laid out in 1796, as on December twelfth of that year it is described as "a street now staked out which is a continuation from Pleasant street to Bridge street;" was accepted by the town Sept. 2, 1797; and was called Pleasant street in 1801."

Book 430 page 246
June 15, 1850

Charles Millet, merchant, sold a lot of land on Pleasant St. to William B. Parker:



DATE DOCUMENTATION

Captain William B. Parker-obtained a permit to build this house during 1851 as recorded in the Street Book at the Essex Institute:

1851-2
 Buildings which have been Erected in the City of Salem the last year, that is to say, from March first 1851 to March first 1852 with the Names of the Owners & the Names of the Streets Erected in or by;

Names of Owners	Description of Buildings	Streets erected in
James Mc Geary	Dwelling House	Mason Street
Benjamin West	" "	Lafayette
Henry Mellus	" "	Winter
Thomas Day	Cottage	Near School Street
Samuel Fierce	Stable for Horses	Back Lafayette
William Tickering	Dwelling House	Congress Street
Joseph Wint	Dwelling "	Everett Street
Daniel Stoddard	Addition to his house	Harbourn "
George Nichol	Story on his House	Federal "
Lydia Buffum	Store (Grocery)	Buffum "
John Massey	Dwelling House	Becket "
Daniel Haskell	Store & Cartier Shop	Mason "
Amos Hensfield	Chaise House	Endicott "
William B. Bates	Dwelling House	Bridge "
C. H. Stamford	" "	Barn "
Lewis Bond	" "	Boston "
James Fairfield	" "	Carlton "
William B. Parker	Dwelling House	Pleasant "
Richard G. Goss	" "	North "

William B. Parker died on Dec. 24, 1878. In his will (#49191) Mr. Parker bequeathed \$1,000 to his son William Phineas Parker; \$1,000 each to daughters Ellen and Myra; the furniture and bedding in the dwelling house on Pleasant St. to his wife Ellen. The rest of the estate was left to Ellen for her natural life, at her decease the estate was to be divided equally between his children William P., Ellen and Myra.

Book 2046 page 405
Nov. 10, 1910

Daniel Crowley, guardian of William Parker, an insane person, conveyed William's share to Ellen Parker and Myra C. Harper.

Book 3673 page 448
June 28, 1949
\$6,000

Amelia M. Harper administratrix of the will of Ellen Parker, sold half part of the land and buildings to Francis J. and Josephine C. Harrigan. "See deed to William B. Parker from Charles Millet June 15, 1850." Also from Daniel Crowley guardian of William P. Parker.

Amelia M. Harper, unmarried, and John B. Harper of Healdsburg, CA. sold the remaining half part to Francis J. and Josephine C. Harrigan. The same as described in deed to William B. Parker from Charles Millet.

Book 4802 page 18
August 8, 1961

Josephine C. Harrigan, widow, sold the land and building to Jean Joseph Michaud and Jean Ann Michaud, husband and wife. "For title see deed to Francis J. and Josephine C. Harrigan from Amelia M. Harper and John Harper." "Wall to wall carpeting presently laid in the house is to be included in this sale."

Book 5194 page 390
August 4, 1964

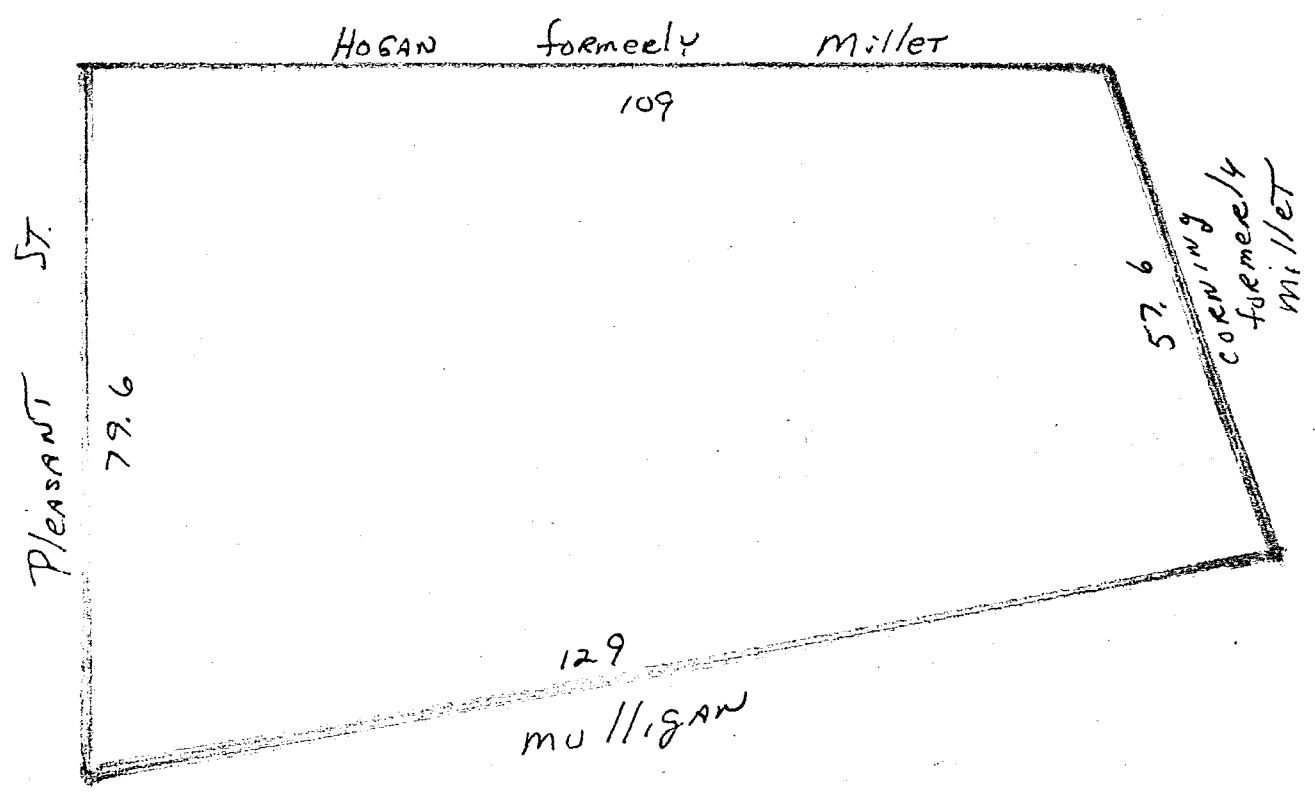
Jean Joseph Michaud and Jean Ann Michaud, husband and wife, of Lynn, sold the land and buildings to George P. Vallis and Janice N. Vallis. "For title reference see deeds to us recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds book 3673 page 448 and book 3673 page 449."

Book 6002 page 259
August 8, 1973

George P. Vallis transferred all rights and title in and to a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on Pleasant St. to Janice N. Vallis. "Being the same premises conveyed to us be deed of Jean Joseph Michaud et ux August 4, 1964."

Book 6302 page 377
November 26, 1976

Janice N. Vallis, of Marblehead,
sold the land and building on
Pleasant St. to Marjorie Wilkinson:



Salem Gazette - December 27, 1875

CAPT. WM. B. PARKER

"Capt. Wm. B. Parker, a well known citizen, and former shipmaster, of this city, died quite suddenly, at his residence in Pleasant street, on Tuesday afternoon, at the age of 77 years 9 months, he having been born in March, 1801. Capt. Parker had not, as we understand, been from his home that day, his last visit to the Naumkeag National Bank of which he was President, having been on Monday forenoon. The final cause of his sudden death was probably heart disease, but he had been in failing health for many months past. Captain Parker was in early life a sailor, and afterwards a merchant, and sailed for many years from Salem, in command of vessels owned by the late John Andrew, in the East India trade. He was chosen director in the Naumkeag Bank in Oct., 1851, and President June 7, 1869, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Capt. Charles H. Fabens. The latter position he filled to the time of his death. Capt. Parker was at one time a director in the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company, and has been connected with the Salem Savings Bank as Trustee and Vice President for about twenty four years: and was an Alderman of the city under Mayor Huntington in 1853, and under Mayor Messervy in 1856. He was a genial and affable man, of strict integrity-one of the kind who, though quiet and unassuming, have contributed to produce that individuality of Salem character as it was generally known and recognized before our foreign commerce took its departure. The directors of the Naumkeag National Bank have adopted appropriate resolutions of respect to Capt. Parker's memory, bearing testimony to his integrity and faithfulness in every relation of life, and in the performance of every duty expressing their sincere respect and esteem for the man; and making recognition of the loss which that institution, in common with others in this community, has sustained in his departure. The funeral will take place this day, at eleven o'clock, from 22 Pleasant street; during which time the bank will be closed."

This square, three-story-plus-hipped-roof brick Federal house is of the type present on Chestnut Street and Washington Square North. Salem tax records reveal that the building was erected c. 1807–1808 for Robert Cook, Jr., a local painter. Upon his death in 1815 the property continued in the Cook family until 1839, when his daughter sold it to James S. Kimball, a sea captain. Kimball's daughter, Sarah, lived here until her death in 1923.

On the basis largely of style, Fiske Kimball (*Mr. Samuel McIntire, Carver . . .*, pp. 52, 53, 135) attributed the exterior and interior carving of the house to Samuel Field McIntire (1780–1819). The most outstanding exterior feature is the slightly recessed front doorway with sidelights ornamented by delicately carved Adamesque husks and ribbons and protected by an Ionic columned rectangular porch with a modillioned cornice. Above is a modillioned roof cornice; the first- and second-story window lintels are of reeded stone. On the interior are a hung spiral staircase and impressive fireplace carvings.

Robert Cook later constructed the three-story, hipped-roof wooden house (1813–15) (NR) next door (west) at number 12. Fiske Kimball also attributed the embellishment of this building to Samuel Field McIntire. After Cook's death the house passed successively to Nathaniel Weston, John Bertram, and Charles Millet. The house has been altered, but still displays on its front facade an attractive doorway (below a Victorian canopy) with sidelights, a semicircular fanlight, and fluted pilasters on either side.

Two other brick Federal residences on Pickman Street are of the same period and type as the Cook-Kimball house. To the east (left) at number 16 is a double house (NR) (photo, left) with two fanlighted entrances and "plank frame" windows; it was built in 1816/17 as a real estate venture by master builder David Lord. Across the street at number 17 is a dwelling (before 1810) (NR) with bold belt courses, "plank frame" windows, and a reconstructed arched front doorway surround with pilasters—this building formerly served as the headquarters of the Mack Industrial School for girls which was disbanded in the 1920s.



A-19

A-19 WILLIAM B. PARKER HOUSE

c. 1851/52

33 Pleasant Street
NR

The center building in a row of three striking wooden mid-Victorian eclectic residences, this two-story-plus-pitched-roof Italian Revival dwelling was erected for sea captain and merchant William B. Parker c. 1851/52. It was owned by his heirs until the late 1920s. Rising above a high granite foundation is a tall, formal, perfectly balanced facade with a slightly projecting central pavilion topped by a closed gable pediment. Projecting from this pavilion is a rectangular entrance porch exhibiting a plain entablature with a modillioned cornice supported by round, fluted Doric columns. Modillions are also present in the flat entablature caps of the first-story windows, and in the main roof and pavilion raking cornices. The repetitious use of this motif, along with the extensive employment of corner quoins serves to unify the many classical elements of the building.

The two-story, truncated mansard-roof house to the right (35 Pleasant) is believed to have been constructed for clothing manufacturer James Trefren c. 1870, and was owned by banker Charles Odell from 1879 to 1910. In 1851/52 the large, boldly articulated square dwelling to the left (31 Pleasant) was constructed for naval captain Charles Millett. Shoe dealer Daniel A. Varney and his heirs held title to the property from 1878 until World War I. The heavily



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HOWARD STREET
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ST. PETERS

WINTER

PICKMAN

BRIGGS

Mrs. Drum

Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford

1851



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Mrs. J. E. Tucker

S. D. Pillon A. Nurse

Wm. G. Goldthwait

Mrs. P. Townsend

Mrs. J. H. Brooks

Mrs. M. E. Volant

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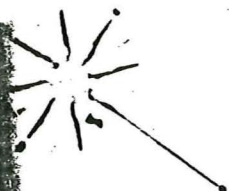
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