

The Josiah Gatchell House
60 Derby St. Salem
built in 1800

SUMMARY

#60 Derby St., Formerly #28

William Hollingsworth had a house on this land before 1661. The house burned in 1663 and he moved to 21 Derby Street until 1672, when he built another house on this site. The house became the famed Blue Anchor Tavern. William's wife, Eleanor, was licensed to draw beer and elder on April 23, 1674. She conducted the Tavern until 1681. It was still conducted as a Tavern until February 24, 1748, at which time Mrs. Hollingsworth's grandson, Philip English sold the estate to C. Richard Derby. Derby tore the house down in 1751.

26 Derby may be the "outer housing" mentioned in the deed when Eleanor
Hollingsworth gave the estate to her daughter, Mary Hollingsworth English,
April 8, 1685, "I confirm, into my sd. daughter, all that my now dwelling house,
outer housing and land with ye wharfe and landing."

The Tavern was near the scarting point of the Marblehead Ferry (Darbie Fort Side Ferry), before the opening of Lafayette Street the only means of getting to Marblehead. The Marblehead landing was at Haskell's Cove, a little to the west of Naugus Head.

William and Eleanor's daughter Mary (the "accused") Hollingsworth, was born at the Blue Anchor. She married Philip English (Philippe L' Anglois) who was born on the Isle of Jersey in 1651, and was in Salem in 1674. He was first a mariner and then a merchant. He built a many gabled structure on the easterly corner of English Lane. It was built about 1683 and taken down in 1833.

The Blue Anchor Tavern and the English house were the most conspicuous houses in this part of town and were somewhat alike as described in the Rev. William Bentley's diary of 1791. "At the eastward of English's Lane near the water, is a Store enlarged, but originally built about a hundred years. A few