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7 Botts Court (formerly 339 Essex St.)

The Sign of the Eagle

Built by,

JONAS ADAMS, mariner

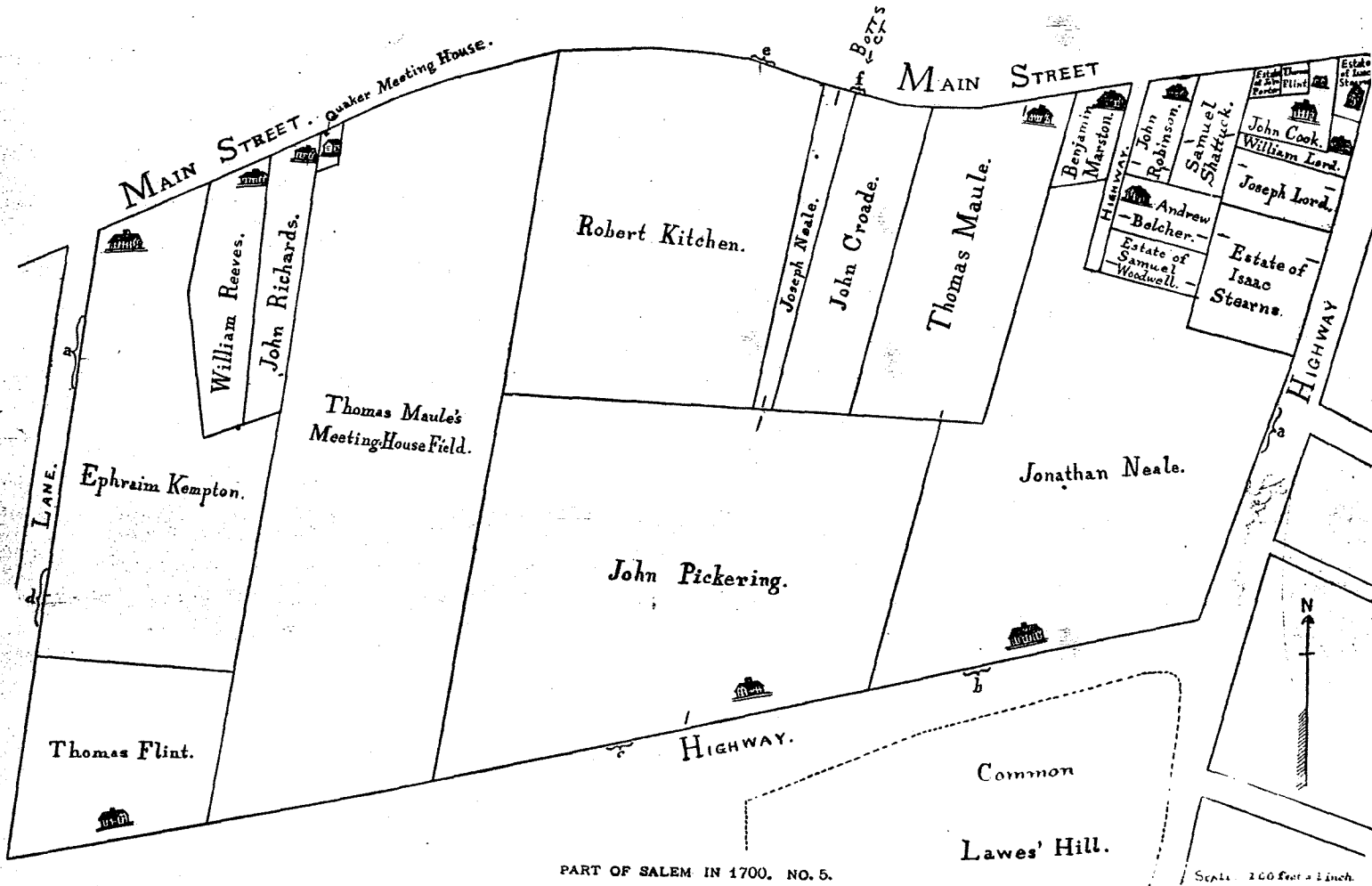
c. 1740

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

7 Botts Court (formerly located at 339 Essex St.)

This house was built on the land called the John Croade lot:



"Joseph Neale conveyed this lot to Robert Kitchen of Salem, merchant June 1, 1695 (book 11 page 148); and Mr. Kitchen transferred it to John Croade of Salem, joiner, Mr. Neale's brother-in-law, three days later (book 42 page 8). Mr. Croade owned the lot many years." (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 4 pg. 168)

Book 43 page 240
Sept. 14, 1724

Samuel Very attorney to Mary Croade of London, widow of John Croade, sold the lot of land to Joseph Neal, cordwainer:

- North - by the Main St.
- East - by Thomas Maule
- South - Jonathan Pickering
- West - Neal's other land

Book 73 page 214
August 18, 1737
150 pounds

Eunice Neal, widow of Joseph, sold the same land to Jonas Adams of Salem, mariner. The lot was described as being 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles on the Main St. and of the same breadth back to Pickering's land.

Jonas Adams then mortgaged the same land to Eunice Neal for the sum of 100 pounds. This mortgage was discharged on Feb. 18, 1745 by Eunice Pickering wife of William, formerly Eunice Neal.

Note: The first indication of Mr. Adams having a building on the land appears when his taxes jump from -2-0 in 1739 to -5-0 in 1740, hence the date c. 1740.

Jonas Adams bequeathed all his estate, both real and personal, to his wife, Sarah, for her natural life (appendix A - inventory). Sarah (Jefferds) Adams died on Oct. 23, 1785 at the age of 78. She willed all her personal property to her daughter Sarah Adams and the real estate was to be divided between Sarah and her brother Daniel Adams (appendix B & C - will and inventory).

Book 174 page 110-114
 Feb. 8, 1787
 &
 Aug. 27, 1787

The other heirs of Jonas Adams conveyed their shares in the estate to Sarah and Daniel Adams.

Book 147 page 207
 May 13, 1788

The estate was divided in two equal parts begining on the center line on Main St. extending back to the land of Pickering. Sarah was given the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the dwelling house, barn and land. Comprehends the shop and lower room, two chambers, the garret over and celler under. Daniel was given the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of said house. Comprehends two lower rooms, two chambers, the garret over and the celler under. The front door of the dwelling house, front entry and staircase of said house, cartway at the west end of said house and yard and land on the south side of said house, with the well of water in the same shall be free for the use and improvement of both parties as if the aforesaid partition and division had never been made. Neither party in the premises shall suffer or cause any lett of hindrance to or from the other from a free and unmolested egress and regress to, thro' or from the several passage ways and the use and improvement of the provisional privileges as afores^d. The fences, gates and of said yard, the front door entry and staircase shall be maintained and kept in repair equally and at the joint expence and charges of both parties and there shall be no building erected in said yard by

Book 147 page 207 (cont.)

4.
either party unless by the assent and consent of the other party. That each party have a separate door leading to said yard.

The land is described as:

North - by Main St.
East - by G. Holman
South - by John Pickering
West - Addison Richardson &
James Bott

Book 151 page 192
Nov. 9, 1789

Hephziba Adams wife of Daniel, as attorney for Daniel, now absent, sold the east half of the dwelling house, barn and land to Josiah Batchelder Jr.

Book 151 page 192
April 15, 1790
85 pounds, 6 shillings

Josiah Batchelder sold the east half of the estate to Sarah Adams. Sarah then mortgaged the property to Josiah. This mortgage was discharged on Aug. 24 1795.

Book 202 page 87
May 13, 1790

Sarah Adams of Salem, singlewoman, sold the messuage and tenement to Jacob Bacon a physician. (Sarah married Dr. Jacob Bacon on Sept. 16, 1790.)

Book 187 page 4
Jan. 18, 1809
\$585

Jacob and Sarah Bacon mortgaged the property to Jacob Peabody. This mortgage was to be repaid within 30 days and did not include the land on the south part extending north from Chestnut St. 160' towards Essex St. (The Chestnut St. portion was sold by the Bacons to Abijah Northey on May 20, 1813)

Book 215 page 19
May 3, 1817

Sally Bacon, single and sole heir of Jacob and Sarah Bacon, granted to Jacob Peabody permission to enter into quiet & peaceable possession of the premises by reason of the condition of the mortgaged deed broken.

Jacob Peabody then assigned the mortgage to Nathan Robinson.

Book 222 page 254
May 3, 1820
\$667.35

Nathan Robinson, merchant, conveyed the property back to Sally Bacon. "The same estate Dr. Jacob Bacon and Sarah his wife died seized of which Jacob and Sarah conveyed in morgage to Jacob Peabody for \$585 recorded in book 187 page 4 and which Jacob took possession as recorded in book 215 page 19 and after Jacob assigned to Nathan as recorded in book 214 page 204 and Sally being the only child and sole heir at law of Jacob and Sarah and having redeemed the premises by paying Nathan all monies due."

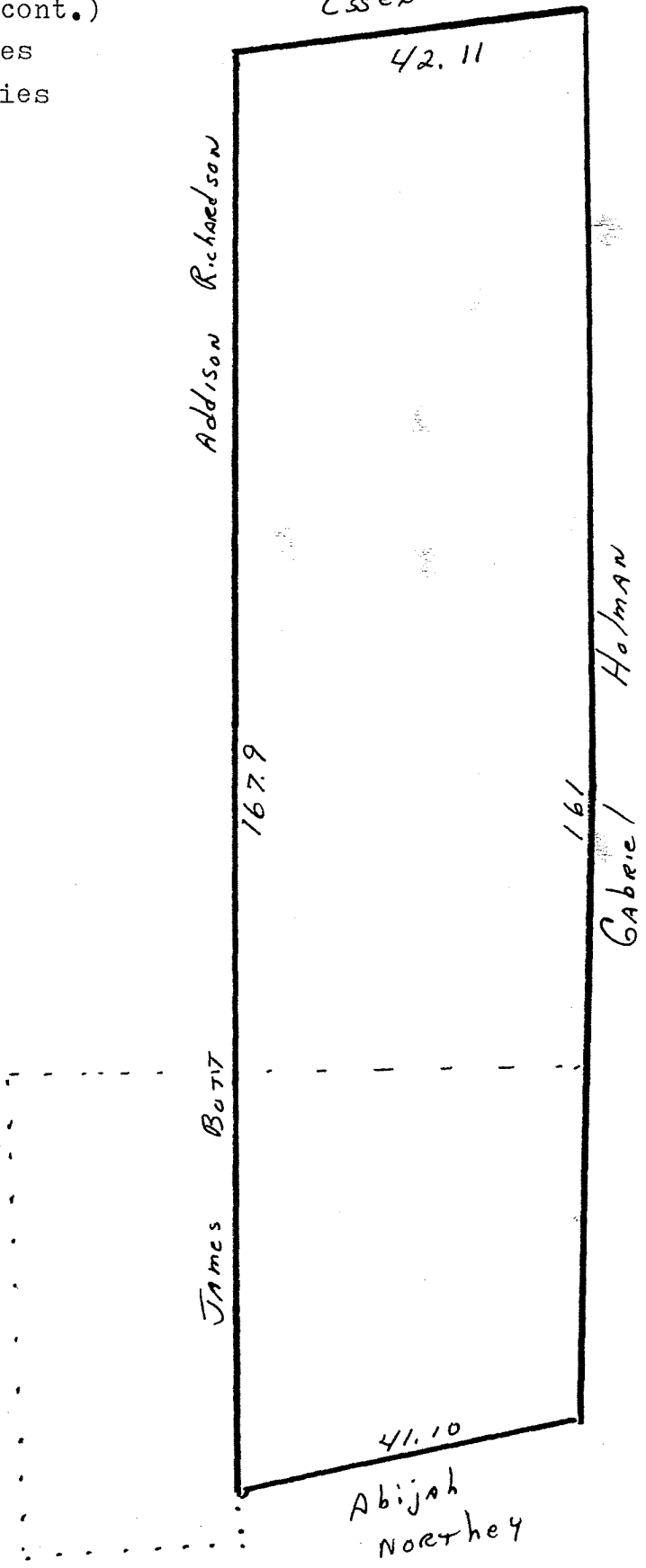
Book 222 page 254
May 3, 1820

Sally Bacon, singlewoman, sold the property to John Bott of Salem, saddler and chaise maker. The dwelling house and other buildings were the same as described in deed of Eunice Neal administratrix of Joseph Neal to Jonas Adams on August 18, 1737. Being all the estate Jacob and Sarah Bacon died seized of.

FOR SALE,
THE House and Land under and adjoining, lately owned by Dr. Bacon, situated on Essex street, bounded northerly on Essex street, easterly on Gabriel's Alley, southerly on Abijah Nothor, and westerly partly on James Bott and partly on the heirs or assigns of Addison Richardson. A good title to the premises will be given, and further particulars known by applying to the subscriber on the premises.
SALLY BACON.
 N. B. If the premises are not previously disposed of at Private Sale, they will be sold at Auction, to the highest bidder on the second day of May next, at 12 o'clock at noon.
 April 18.

Book 222 page 254 (cont.)
Broken line indicates
the present boundaries
of 7 Botts Ct.

Essex ST.



Addison Richardson

167.9

James Botts

42.11

161

Holman

Gabriel

41.10

Abijah Noerhey

John Bott died in April of 1825. He bequeathed 1/3 of his property to his wife Sally, 1/3 to daughter Betsey B. Bott and 1/3 to daughter Susan Bott (appendix D - inventory). Susan Bott died unmarried in 1839.

Sally Bott, widow of John, willed her share of the estate to her daughter Betsey B. Bott. Betsey married Charles D. Mugford on Oct. 8, 1839.

Book 616 page 227
Dec. 15, 1860
\$600

The heirs of Addison Richardson sold the adjoining land and building at 341 Essex St. to Charles D. Mugford.
North - Essex St. 16'
East - Betsey Mugford 52.3'
South - Daniel Potter 19'
West - Potter 52.3'

Book 619 page 140
March 4, 1861
\$900

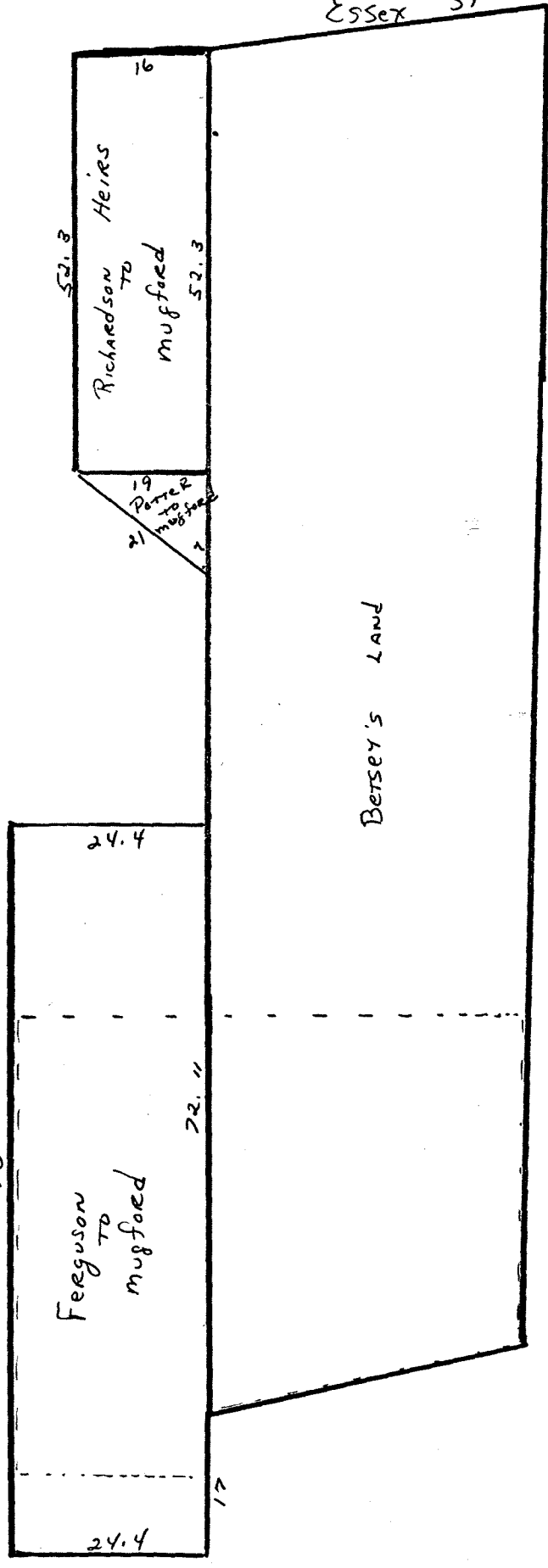
Thomas B. and Mary Ferguson sold a lot of land on Botts Ct. to Charles Mugford.

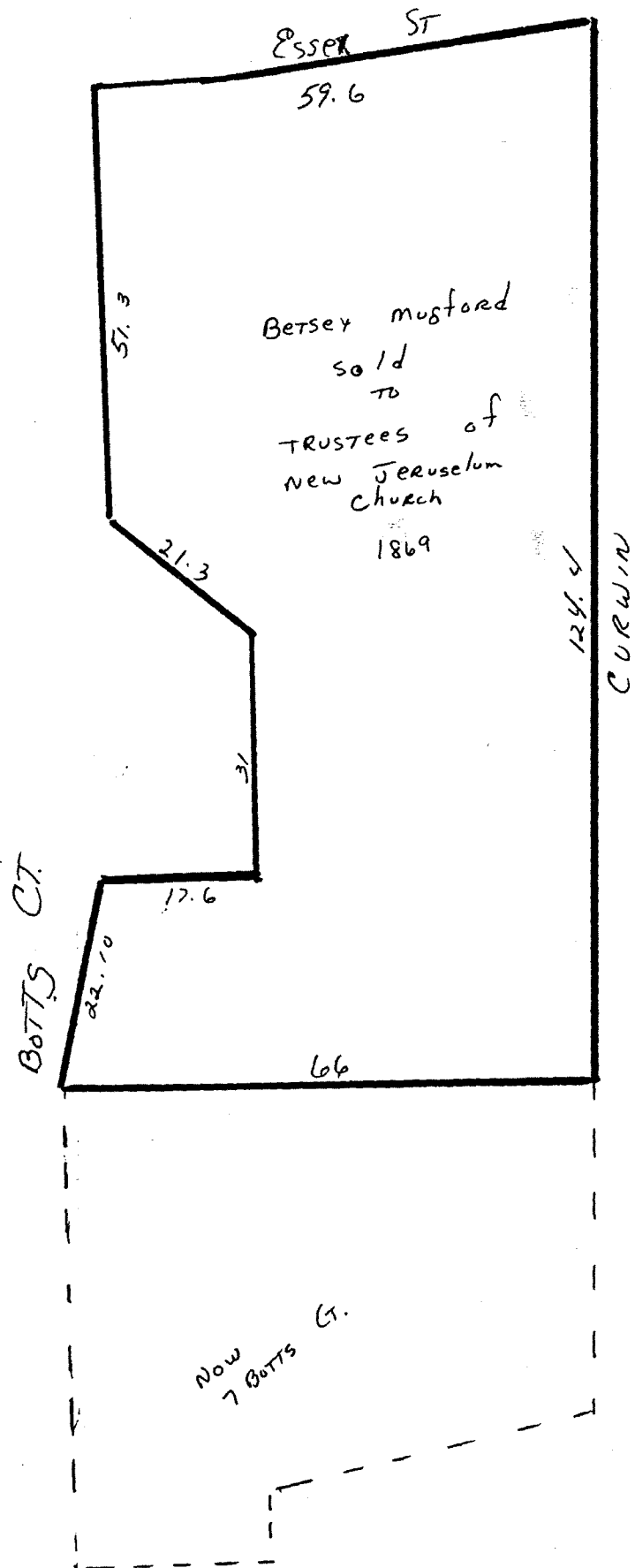
It was during this year that Mr. Mugford moved the Adams house from 339 Essex St back to his land on Botts Ct.

The Essex St. lot remained vacant until 1869 when it was sold by Betsey Mugford, then a widow, to the trustees of the New Jerusalem Church.

Essex ST

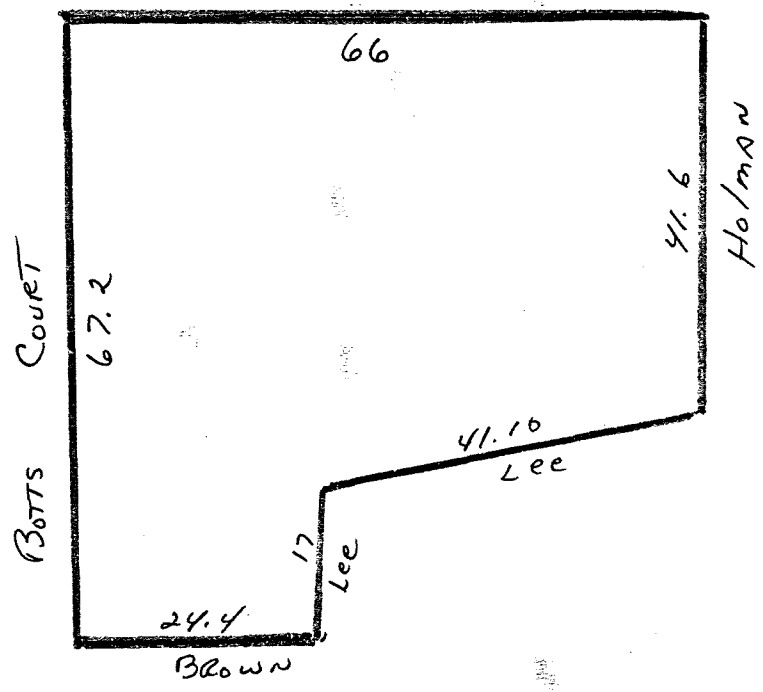
BOTT'S CT.
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Book 1191 page 286
May 21, 1886

The heirs of Betsey Mugford sold the
land and building on Botts Ct. to
Frances Brown:



Book 4186 page 92 & 93
July 11 & 15, 1955

The heirs of Frances Brown sold the
estate, as described above, to James P.
and Mary E. Morgan.

Book 5519 page 698
April 5, 1968

Mary E. Morgan, widow of James P.,
transferred the title to Mary E. Morgan
and Mary L. Conner. (James P. Morgan
died on Feb. 12, 1966.)

Book 5636 page 98
Sept. 5, 1969

Mary L. Conner conveyed her rights
to the property to Mary E. Morgan.

Book 6192 page 685
Oct. 31, 1975

Mary E. Morgan, for a consideration under \$100 and a written promise of the grantee to support and maintain the grantor, for and during the remainder of her natural life, gave title to Kathleen P. Connolly. The same as described in deed book 5636 page 98.

Book 6499 page 239
July 28, 1978
\$58,450

Kathleen P. Connolly and Mary Morgan sold the land and building to Benjamin and Minerva Shreve.

Book 6648 page 35
Oct. 31, 1979
\$83,000

Benjamin and Minerva Shreve sold the land and buildings as shown on plan (appendix E) to Stephen F. and Millicent J. Salvo.

Book 7437 page 479
June 15, 1984

Stephen F. and Millicent J. Salvo sold the land and buildings at 7 Botts Ct. to Jonathan S. Horwitz and Patricia D. Karvtin.

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.

An Inventory of the Estate of Jonas Adams late of Salem
Dec. supplied by the subscribers at Salem June 22 1774

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age of the
understanding
finds Just.

The dwelling House & Land adjoining it at Salem 250 00
In the Lower Room
a large Walnut Table w/ a small maple D. 2 1/2 1. 2. 0
a Boyst Stool 3/4 a dressing Box w/ Gold Leather Case 18 1/2 11. 4
a large Lanthorn w/ a Gun 2 1/4 a short D. 26/8 2. 15. 8
a Sword Belt & Pistol Case Box w/ one sword 9/8 7. 8

a Looking Glass w/ a Map of New York w/ 9 Pictures 4/6 8. 10
a small Brush 1/4 2 Table Matts w/ a bird Case 2 1. 4
some Glass & earthen Ware 4/8 w/ yr. of Hudsons 6. 8
a Bible 13/4 6 Silver Spoon 10 3. 18. 4
3 yr. Still yard 20/ 3 large Tiggs 4/8 w/ sundry Book 6/8 1. 18. 8
a basket 1/4 Sugar 30/ In the small lower room

a Walnut round Table w/ a small D. 4/ a China Bowl 4/ 16. 0
a Tea Pot 4/8 a Looking Glass 3. 6. 8 9 Pictures 4/6 3 Maple 4. 12. 10
10 Chair 4/8 w/ a great D. 1/4 a Chequer board & basket 5. 5
some Glass & earthen Ware w/ yr. of Hudsons 4/ 12. 0

In the Chamber over the small room

An old maple Dish 13/4 a great Chair 4/ 17. 4
w/ Bed Bolder & 2 Pillows 10. 51 w/ 10 yr. one D. 19. w/ 10. 7 4. 5. 10
One D. 72 w/ 10 yr. one Bedsted Cord & underbed 4/ 13. 4
one D. 12/ a Cragg w/ a bed Quilt 7/4 a large Chest 13/4 20. 8
part of a parcel of Tiggs 6/ a box of white Sugar 8/ 14. 0
a small Trunk w/ a sword w/ a basket 1/4 5. 4

In the Shop Chamber

a Bed to be w/ 10 yr. a set of Chamber had with Kewes 9/8 5. 2. 0
a Bedsted Cord & underbed w/ Chamber 1/4 9. 4
a Quaint Chair a large Chest 3/4 a small Trunk 4/ 17. 4
a Table 13/4 a basket 1/4 a Looking Glass 6/ 9. 8
w/ 10 yr. black Saloon w/ 10 yr. Window Curtains 9/8 a quilt 4/ 16. 8
a Counterpane w/ a blanket 20/ 3 Towels w/ a Paper Table Cloth 1/4 1. 11. 4
£ 312. 11. 11

Brought Over

212. 11. 11

an Ozeabriggs Table Cloth of 4 Cotton Lilliban 1/2 p 6. ~
 2 Linnend. 1/4 p. a Diaper Table Cloth & Napkin of 1. 1. 8
 7 Cotton Sheets 1/4 p. 4 Towels of 100 Cotton & 1/2 p. a Bedstead 1/4 p. 1. 0. 0

In the Garret

a Paruchle of 2 new Colours of a parcel of 100 lbs 20/ ~ 11. ~
 7 old Bed Linen of some old Cask & 1/2 4 bulles Oats of 12. ~
 a yr. of Curtain Rods & a bread trough 8. ~

In the Kitchen

13 Cans of 1/2 p. an old Saxe Tubie 1/4 p. 2. 10. ~
 2 Spits 1/4 p. a Long Spoon 1/2 p. a Slice 1/2 p. a Spoon 1/4 p. 1. 1. 4
 a yr. of Doggs of a worth Bayon & a Tander 1/4 p. 3. 11. 8
 a Coffee Mill of a Chaffing Dish of 6 Candles 1/4 p. a p. smothering Iron 1/4 p. 16. 0
 a Flesh Fork Sumer & 1/4 p. a brass Coffee Pot of a Dammy Pan 1/4 p. 11. ~
 a Tea Kettle of a Paricle & Side Saddle 3/4 p. a small brass Kettle 1/4 p. 2. 3. 0
 a Tasting Spoon of a Tasting Spoon 1/4 p. a small Spoon 1/4 p. 7. 12

2 baking pans & an Iron Stallet of an Iron Pot 1/4 p. one 1/4 p. a dripping Pan 1/4 p. 16. 0
 a Pot & Dutch Kettle with a Pot Hook 1/4 p. wood Bowl 1/4 p. 2. 4
 a Mortar & Pestle of a Sifter 1/4 p. 16. Sweets 1/4 p. 2. 11. 4
 2 Sewer Sallets 1/4 p. a yr. 13. 11. 0 of an Iron Chaffing Dish 1/4 p. 6. 0
 2 Gridirons 1/4 p. Cotton wool 1/4 p. 1/2 p. 4 Tubbs 1/4 p. 3 pails 1/4 p. 17. 4

In the Cellar

2 1/2 Bushels of 1/2 p. 20 Gall. Wine 1/4 p. 23. 3. ~
 1/2 Sugar 1/4 p. a bar. 1/4 p. 10/8 some Lime of old Path 10/8 3. 1. 4

a Wheelbarrow of a Cow 1/4 p. a Horse 1/4 p. an Ox 1/4 p. a Hat 1/4 p. 6. 11. ~
 13 Cans of 1/4 p. a Fork & Spoon 1/4 p. a hand saw 1/4 p. a large 1/4 p. 11. ~
 a drawing Knife 1/4 p. a large 1/4 p. a pair of 1/4 p. a pair of 1/4 p. 12. 2

In the Shop

2 1/2 Glass Bottles 1/4 p. a Looking Glass 1/4 p. 2 Caps 1/4 p. 1. 10. ~
 one Cur. D. of Iron Wine 1/4 p. 1/4 p. Wine 1/4 p. 1/4 p. 2. 18. 8
 a p. 1/4 p. 6. Coffee Mill 1/4 p. 1/4 p. 2. Tea Kettle 1/4 p. 2. 13. ~

375. 3. 3

Last Will & Testament
of Sarah Adams late
of Salem deceased
July 12th 1786

(B)

In the Name of God Amen
I Sarah Adams of Salem in y^e County of
Essex & State of y^e Massachusetts Bay in New Englnd
formerly & widow of Jonas Adams of y^e Salem
Mariner Deceased, I being at present in Good health
of Body and in the Exercise of my Reason & of a
Disputing mind & memory. Do make this my
Last Will & Testament in Manner & form
following

Item I Give and Bequeath My Treasures
& Immortall Soul to God who Gave y^e
my Body I Commit to y^e Earth to be Decently
Buried at y^e Discretion of my Executor
hereafter named

Item I Give all my personal Estate To beloved
Daughter Sarah Adams

Item I all my Real Estate both Building and
Land which is now in My Josephiah O. S.
Reversion whereever the same may be found
or any Part thereof I Give to my Son Daniel
Adams & my D^r Daughter Sarah Adams to be
Equally Divided between them

Item I hereby order my Sⁿ Daniel & Daughter Sarah to

(B)

pay my Debts & Fewneral Charges Equally Betwixt
them. But my Son Daniel To kee of some
Wills to pay to My Daughter Mary ^{ten} Shillings & to
The Children of my Son w^m & of My Daughter ^{ten} Shillings & to

Lastly & finally I hereby constitute
and Appoint My Son Daniel Adams
of Sole Executor of this my Last Will &
Testament.

In Witness of all of foregoing writing
I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twentieth
Day of March A.D. 1780

~~Teste~~ Seal'd, publish'd & Declar'd

~~in~~ the presence of the said Sarah Adams
of her last will and Testament

In presence of

Sam^l Holman

William Holman

Joseph Patchewer

Sarah Adams