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HISTORIC SALEM INCORPORATED DESCRIPTION OF #48 WINTHROP STREET

Two-by-two bay two story Salem Box-Style house with hip roof, covered with slate, with one chimney of three by four-and-a-half courses.

<u>Doorway</u> - open portico at the second bay front with a Greek Revival closed pediment front, supported by two round posts with square caps. Door is flanked by flat pilasters.

<u>Windows</u> - six over six molded sash.

Additional Comments: the slate roof and fire proof gutters were an important "fire proof" feature of this house. The gutters exist as an important architectural feature. Their design is repeated in the pediment moldings on the portico entrance.

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OWNERS OF RECORD OF #48 WINTHROP STREET

- Lots #1 and #2 are same described in deed of John H. Nichols and Timothy Stevens, November 14, 1848, Book 403, Page 297.
- William S. Felton, Daniel T. Smith (having no wife), Myra T. 2. Smith, unmarried, Albert E. Cole and Gertrude C. Cole, his wife, and Henry K. Felton to the Trustees of the Salem Re-building Trust, November 12, 1914, Book 2280, Page 145 (this was a sale of land only, the original house having been destroyed in the Salem Fire of June 25, 1914).
- Land laid out in plots by Thomas A. Appleton, C.E., October 1916, Book 2348, Page 526 (see attached plot map). 3.
- Salem Rebuilding Trust to City of Salem, October 8, 1918, Book 2398, Page 463.
- City of Salem to Mary R. Fay (Plot #1), December 27, 1918, \$3,467.96, Bood 2404, Page 85.
- Joseph E. Fay of Salem to Dorothy A. Fay of Salem, Lot #1, May 11, 1935, Book 3034, Page 583.
- Dorothy A. Hale, ux Frank V. Hale to Daniel and Catherine 7. Hourihan, March 31, 1944, \$4,500, Book 3364, Page 491.
- Daniel P. Hourihan and Catherine J. to Edward F. Rogers and Joan G. Rogers, his wife, May 8, 1959, \$12,400, Book 4558, Page 410.
- Edward F. Rogers and Joan G. Rogers to Robert A. Harvey and Catherine M. Harvey, April 5, 1973, Book 5962, Page 383.
 - "A portion of Lot No. 1 on plan of land in Salem by Thomas A. Appleton, October 1916, Book 2348, Page 526-
 - -Northerly by Lot #2 on said plan, 89.41 feet; -Easterly by Winthrop Street, 34.22 feet;

 - -Southerly by land now or late of Punchard, 89.54 feet;
 - -Westerly by land now or late of Chaput, 34.36 feet."

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EVIDENCE

From The "Report of The Salem Rebuilding Commission, July 1, 1917

"Directly after the fire, Mrs. Emma S. Almy contributed \$500 for plans for the best low prices double and single residences and later demonstration houses were erected on Winthrop Street by the Salem Rebuilding Commission."

Salem Evening News, Aug 7, 1914 pg 5

"The winners of the \$500 prize money offered by Mrs. Emma S. Almy for the best practical plan of a fireproof or fire resisting one and two family dwelling were announced last evening by the committee appointed by the doner of the prize, and their report in full follows:"

"The committee, after careful consideration of the various plans and prospectures submitted, failed to find either in the double or single houses any solution which combined equal merit in plan and elevation. They were compelled, therefore, in making the award, to select the two designs which showed the simplest and most straight forward treatment of the subject, irrespective of several faulty features in each award. double house was awarded to Edwin Cherrill Dodge, 15 Exchange St., Boston, because of the small area of his plan free from and the charming treatment of the exterior. The plan is at fault in the cramped headroom of the stairs and the space wasted in the large closet on the second floor. The single house was awarded to A. R. Nadel, 46 Cornhill, Boston, because of the simple and characteristic exterior, the compact plan without jogs, and the unbroken roof. The committee criticized, however, the large area of the hall, lack of communication between the kitchen and the hall and the cramped headroom of stairs. committee were aided in their judgement by Charles Collins of the firm of Allen and Collins of Boston. David M. Little, Jules A. Gourdeau, and Samuel H. Batcheler. Salem Aug6, 1914

"The plans of the winners of the prizes will be placed on exhibition at the Salem Chamber of Commerce "fireproof show" in the State Armory within a day or two so that the public may have a chance to examine them carefully, about 50 plans were submitted to the committee for judgement which shows that the architects in this section took considerable interest in paying for the prizes so generously offered by Mrs. Almy, who is working with all of her characteristic energy to have the burned portion of Salem rebuilt of a better class of buildings than were burned down."

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Salem Evening News, Aug 14, pg. 7

"Recently Mrs. Emma Almy of this city offered two prizes of \$250.00 each to the architect who submitted the best plans of single and double houses. The principle stipulation was that the larger house should not exceed \$5,000 in cost and the smaller dwelling \$3000.

"The pictures of the houses so they would appear completed, appear in the News today through the courtesy of the Boston Journal. The Edwin Sherrill Dodge (architect) two-family has two front and two side entrances. One family occupies one side of the house, while like apartments are alloted to the family of the other side."

"In the first floor of the one family (Abraham R. Nadell, architect) house are a kitchen, living room and dining room. On the upper floor the plan gives three-bedrooms, a bathroom and linen closet."

"The prize-winning plans with others are on exhibition at the Salem Armory where they may be seen daily and evenings until the exhibition closes."

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