

42 Turner Street
Salem, Mass.

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DOCUMENTATION

Deeds

Book Page

- 1959 55 March 30, 1909
William B. Upton of Denver for \$1 and considerations sells to Martin Golin of Salem a certain parcel of land in Salem on Turner St.
bounded: E. on Turner St. 68'-10"
S. on land now or late of Hutchinson 30'-5"
W. on land now or late of Richard Davis and heirs of Joshua Webb 68'-10"
N. on land now or late of Atwell 80'
Being land devised to me by the will of the late William A. Bowditch, dec.
- 1959 56 Golin mortgages land and buildings for \$1300 to Nellie A. Heagucy.
Mortgage discharged Book 2294, page 36
- 1466 58 December 21, 1895
William B. Upton of Colorado, Josiah Mayo and Eliza Ann Mayo his wife in her right both of Beverly, Warren P. Patch and Caroline his wife in her right both of Gloucester for \$1 and considerations release to William A. Bowditch of Salem one undivided 6th part of a certain parcel of land with buildings thereon bounded:
N.E. by Turner St. 27'
S.E. by land now or formerly of Bowditch 80'
S.W. by land now or formerly of Webb 25'
N.W. by land now or formerly of Bowditch 80'
Being estate #42 on Turner St. Said Grantors convey as heirs at law of Elizabeth G. Bowditch late of Salem.
- 1149 27 April 28, 1885
Eliza A. Upton of Salem for \$100 conveys to William A. Bowditch of Salem 1/12 (undivided) part of an estate #28 (old numbering) Turner St.
bounded: N. by land of Grantee
E. by Turner St.
S. by land of Hutchinson
W. by land now or late of Phippen, Webb and Perkins
- 1149 150 May 6, 1885
Warren P. and Caroline Patch of Peabody for \$100 release to William A. Bowditch of Salem 1/12 (undivided) part of the estate (same description as above)
- 1149 207 April 27, 1885
George W. Upton of Salem for \$100 conveys to William A. Bowditch of Salem 1/12 (undivided) part of the estate (same as above)
- 1152 42 May 29, 1885
William B. Upton of Colorado for \$100 conveys to William A. Bowditch 1/12 (undivided) part of the estate (same as above)

(At this time William A. Bowditch also buys the dwellinghouse, bakehouse and land at #24 Turner St. which adjoins the property described above.)

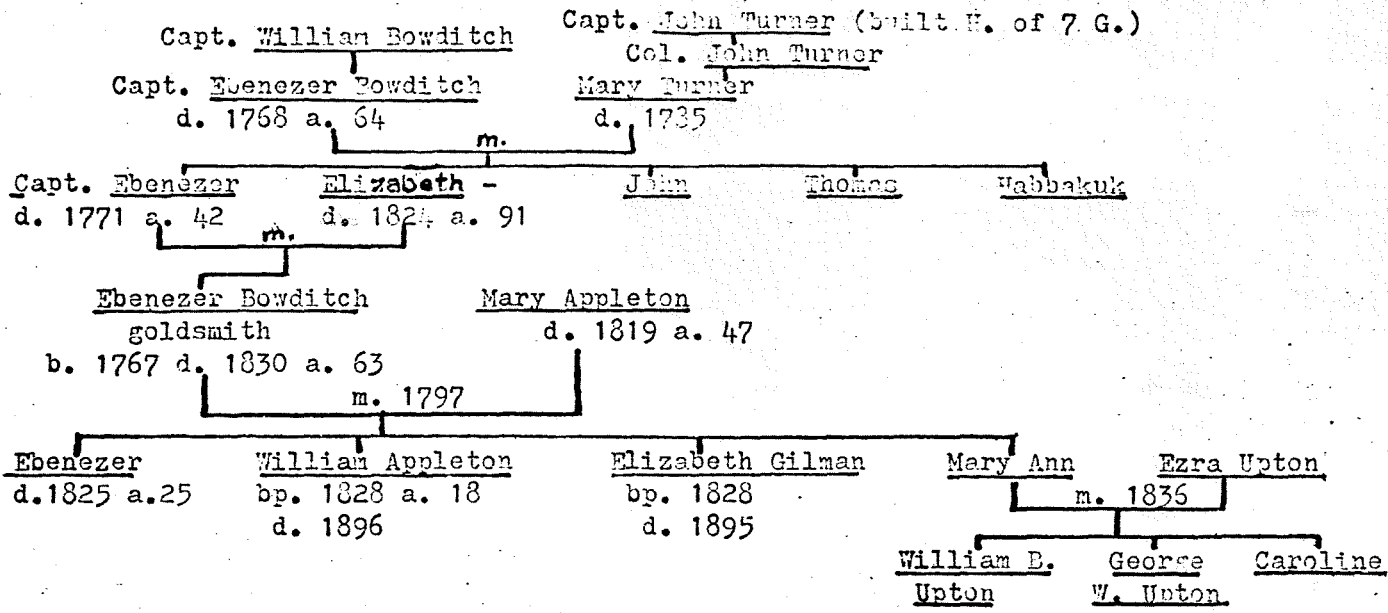
Probate Records

- #77275 Elizabeth G. Bowditch, singlewoman, intestate, of Salem dec. by 1895
William A. Bowditch, surety (brother)
Real estate inventory: 1/3 interest (\$500) in estate #28 Turner St.
William B. Upton, nephew
Eliza Ann Mayo, niece
Caroline W. Patch, niece

Probate Records

- #79221 William A. Bowditch, gentleman, of Salem dec. May 1896
 Will dated June 1895 bequeaths to:
 nephew Wm. B. Upton $\frac{1}{2}$ of his personal property
 niece Sarah Ellen Upton, wid. of George W. Upton \$9,000
 Children of W. B. Upton: Mary A., Walter C., Albert E., and
 Ernest B. \$1500 each
 Children of niece Caroline Patch \$500 each
 Inventory of real estate:
 44 Federal St. (his home) \$4,500 to nephew William B. Upton
 100 North St. \$2,700 to niece Sarah Ellen Upton
 38 Turner St. \$1,200 "bakehouse" estate to William B. Upton
 40 Turner St. \$1,000
 42 Turner St. \$1,500 known as the "Bowditch" estate to William B. Upton
 27 Barr St. \$2,400 to niece Caroline Patch
 land in Arapahoe County, Colorado \$1,000
- #2880 Ebenezer Bowditch, goldsmith, Salem dec. July 1830 intestate
 Inventory of Real estate: house and land in Turner St. \$1,000
 (house had a front room, kitchen, front chamber, back chamber)
 son William A. Bowditch, trader, adm.
 other children: Mary Ann Bowditch
 Elizabeth G. Bowditch
 (there was barely enough money left to pay the bills)
- #2878 Capt. Ebenezer Bowditch, shopkeeper, March 1768 intestate
 left a widow, Mary Turner Bowditch
 no real estate listed. inventoried by son Ebenezer Bowditch (the
 house contents) The estate was declared insolvent.
- #2888 Mary Bowditch, widow, test. June 6, 1785
 son Habbakuk executor will drawn Feb. 8, 1783
 Inventory of real estate:
 #1 lot of land on Turner's Lane, 20 poles bounding:
 W. on Turner's Lane
 N. on Derby St.
 W. on land of Jos. White
 S. on Lot #2 Val. £ 100
 #2 lot of land on Turner's Lane, 20 poles S. of and adj. to #1 £ 80
 #3 lot of land on Turner's Lane, 20 poles, S. of and adj. to #2 £ 80
 Common Rights
 Wharf and flats late of Mr. Turner, esq. at end of Turner's Lane £ 8
 $\frac{1}{2}$ a shop on Mr. Blyth's land
 Bond against estate of Ebenezer Bowditch £ 24 plus interest
 " " John Bowditch £ 24 plus interest
 " " Thomas Bowditch £ 24 " "
 " " Habbakuk Bowditch £ 24 plus interest
 Will bequeaths to:
 son John £ 10
 grandson Ebenezer is to have $\frac{1}{3}$ part of my land in E. Parish
 bounding S. on Thomas Hutchinason (#3)
 son Thomas is to have $\frac{1}{3}$ part of land bounding on Ebenezer
 son Habbakuk is to have the N. or corner lot.
 All that remains of the estate real and personal is to be divided
 into four equal parts for:
 Children of son Ebenezer
 Children of son John
 son Thomas
 son Habbakuk

Information on the Bowditch Family from Vital Statistics,
Diary of William Bentley
Essex Institute Hist. Coll.



Tax Records, City of Salem

1810	Ward 2	Ebenezer Bowditch	house and shop	1200	(\$)
1812	"	"	"	1200	
1816	"	"	house and shop in it	500	
1820	"	"	house poor	300	
1821	(cannot find any trace of E. B. in any ward)				
1824	Ward 1	Ebenezer Bowditch	(no house mentioned but 300 assessment)		
1825	"	"	(no real estate listed) sick		
1826 through 1829	(cannot find him listed in any ward)				

(in 1830 he was dead)

City Directory 1831 (the earliest)

Turner St. widow Ebenezer Bowditch house

Diary of Rev. William Bentley

Vol. 4 p. 63 Officers in the Salem Militia, the first Independent Company after the Revolution . . . captain in 1808 Ebenezer Bowditch

p. 163 1813 Court Martial in Salem upon Capt. Ebenezer Bowditch, charges: neglect of duty brought by Joshua Cushing. He (E.B.) is a Republican and must be ruined. A political prosecution; he was acquitted. The man is not in his former prosperity.

Vol. 79 p. 207 Capt. Ebenezer Bowditch died in 1768. He was the grandfather of Nathaniel Bowditch. He built on the S. side of Essex St. and in 1763 sold the house to Dr. Edward A. Holyoke.

p. 208 Mary Turner Bowditch, daughter of Col. John Turner who was son of Capt. John Turner lived with her son Habbakuk in Danvers.

p. 210 Henry W. Bellknap believes that there were houses on Mary Turner's land as divided in her will in 1735. (no houses mentioned in will) The house on the corner (Derby and Turner) was her house, and it went to Habbakuk. In 1814 we find mention of Ebenezer Bowditch, silver buckle maker living on Turner St. below Derby. He was the 3rd Ebenezer in succession, son of Ebenezer who died in 1771 predeceasing his mother Mary Turner Bowditch.

Vol. 6 p. 105 (from the manuscripts of Col. Benjamin Pickman) -- a small shop occupied by Ebenezer Bowditch, silver buckle maker. For several years he was Capt. of the Salem Cadets; a prominent and respected citizen.

SUMMARY

The story of this house at #42 Turner St. has some puzzling blank pages. the evidence is very certain that Ebenezer Bowditch, the 3rd of that name, and a 2nd cousin of Nathaniel, built the house. The Bowditch family owned the property for over a hundred years until 1909 when a Bowditch heir sold it to Martin Golin. It is difficult to pin down the actual date of when the house was built.

Ebenezer Bowditch, the builder, was listed as a "goldsmith" and also as a "silver buckle maker". He died intestate at the age of 63 in 1830, and his house went to his children. According to a note in the Essex Institute Historical Collections he is mentioned as living on Turner St. in 1814. The tax records, never completely dependable, produced a very mystifying blank. I went back to 1810 and from 1810 to 1820 he was listed as living in Ward 2, "house and shop" valued in 1810 at \$1200. By 1820 the listing had no valuation. (it had been going down to \$500 and then \$300 crossed out, and just a pencilled word "poor") From 1823 to 1825 his name appears at last in Ward 1, no valuation, in 1825 the notation "sick". No note of him at all in any ward after that. He died in 1830: how he escaped the eagle eye of the tax collector is a puzzle.

In 1797 at the age of 30 he married Mary Appleton. By 1800 they had a son, and later, three other children. Henry W. Bellknap believes that there were buildings on widow Mary Turner Bowditch's land before she apportioned the "land" (no houses mentioned) in her will in 1735. At this time her grandson Ebenezer who received his land in this division was only 18. The land had always been Turner land. Samuel Curwen's comprehensive list of all the houses built in Salem from 1750 through 1773 makes no mention of a house that could be #42, although he makes note of three or four built nearby on Turner St.

My own opinion is that the house was probably built around the time that Ebenezer married in 1797. Because the first noted date is 1814, I think the house sign should read "built before 1814".

Stanley Jaskiel who has done research in this area believes this house is the Thomas Hutchinson house built in 1772, but I have determined that the Hutchinson house was just south of the Bowditch house, and has long since been removed.