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113 Bridge Street

Built for,

JOHN DWINNELL and ELISHA QUIMBY, yeomen

in 1798

Research by,

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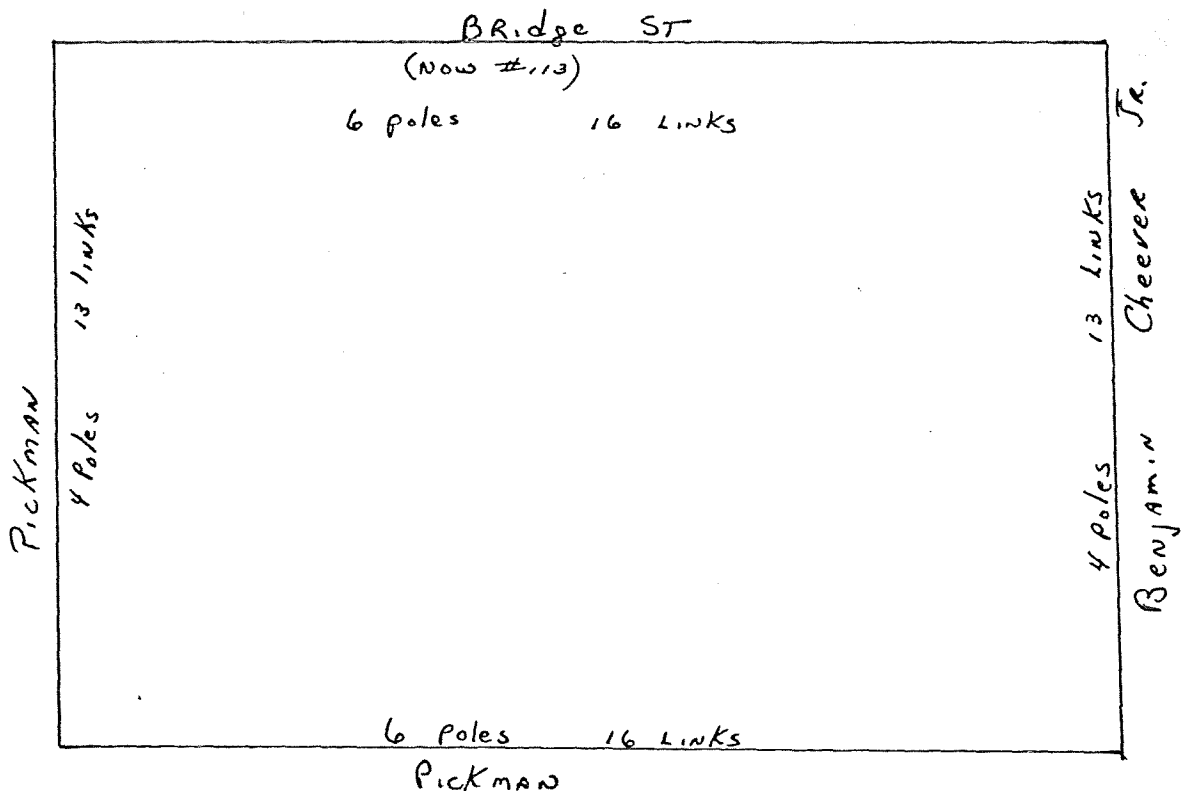
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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

113 Bridge Street

"That portion of Bridge street lying between Winter and Planters street is substantially in the same location as the old road was in the colonial days. It is probably the first road in Salem, and was undoubtedly used by the old planters before Endecott came. It was called the Lane in 1657; ye common country road, 1680; common lane towards Bass River ferry, 1680; ye highway which leadeth down to Beverly ferry, 1695; Ferry lane, 1702; highway going down to ye ferry, 1702; ye country road or highway to ye north ferry, 1704; highway from Salem common to Essex bridge, 1791; and Bridge street, formerly Ferry lane, 1795." (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 8 page 152)

The lot on which this house stands was part of a twelve acre parcel known as the Deliverance and Susanna Parkman Pasture or Ship Tavern Pasture. (appendix A) Benjamin Pickman was the owner of this land in the late 1700's when he divided it into house lots in the 1790's. Mr. Pickman sold one such lot for \$200, on Nov. 28, 1798, to John Dwinnell and Elisha Quimby of Londonderry, N.H., yeomen:



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The first mention of this house is found in the Diary of William Bentley (vol. 2, pg. 466) 1798 - May 17 "Dunnell's (Dwinnell's) house raised in Bridge Street, upon Pickman's Lot." Since this notice is in advance of the date given in the deed, it must be assumed that by some prior agreement Dwinnell and Quimby were allowed to start building this house before a registered transaction was made.

The house appears on the tax records, for the first time, in 1799 with John Dwinnell and Elisha Quimby each assessed \$500 for part of a house. The former New Hampshire men and their families lived in the house for a few years and sold the property for \$2,300, on Nov. 28, 1804, exactly six years to the day from the date of the original deed from Pickman. (book 175 page 128)

The new owner was Martha Grafton, then of Wenham. Martha (Patty) Grafton was born on March 3, 1760 the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (White) Elkins. She had previously married William Pynchon on March 4, 1780. After the death of Mr. Pynchon she married Joseph Grafton on March 22, 1788. Mr. Grafton built a house on Essex St. (#129) where the couple lived during a stormy marriage. On Dec. 17, 1794 it was reported that Joseph Grafton put an end to his life by cutting his throat. (Diary of William Bentley, vol. 2 pg. 116) The widow Grafton purchased property in Wenham in 1798 where she lived until 1804 when she bought the Bridge St. estate.

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On May 1, 1806 Martha Grafton married George S. Johonnot a highly respected Salem citizen and a Justice of the Peace for many years. The Johonnots sold the land and buildings at 79 Bridge St. (since renumbered 113) for \$3,000 to John Beckford on Oct. 31, 1807. "The same sold to Martha Grafton, widow, now Martha Johonnot, by John Dwinnell and Elisha Quimby." (book 182 page 70) (In 1826 the Johonnots purchased the Peirce-Nichols House at 80 Federal St. and lived there until their deaths in 1840.)

In 1814 tragedy struck the Beckford family. The Rev. William Bentley recorded the notice of the death of Capt. John Beckford:

"Mary Beckford & Children, d. of their father Capt. John Beckford abroad at Montevideo upon the Plate River, South America, pr. for absent friends. He came young to Salem from Durham, N.H. & was a very industrious, persevering man & found great favour with W. Gray, since Lt. Gov. then a merchant in Salem. He was abroad in the same merchant's service as a Factor when he died. He had been absent three years from Salem when he died. He married a Niece of Capt. Joseph White of Salem in 1791 by whom he had four children. His estate chiefly in lands may be valued at 60,000 D. in the United States. He had a great property with him belonging to his Merchant & himself when he died, but many doubts remain about it. The best hopes are from the abilities of the Merchant & the great influence he can employ to recover the property if proper documents exist. The State of war & the present condition of Montevideo, as well as the character of the present inhabitants, add to our fears & to our difficulties. Capt. J.B. was bent on getting money. He was little

with his family and appeared to love them, but money had great attractions. He gave himself to the pursuit & had talents for it. He has educated his Nephews who are now abroad. His wife was Mary Ramsdell & possesses a small share of health but good disposition."

Further information is gained from Rev. Bentley's list of Parish Deaths:

"News of the death of Capt. John Bickford. Abroad at Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, 49 years. He has been detained about three years by the war, with a great property for Lt. Gov. Gray in Spanish America. Said to have died of consumption, after a fall from a horse. At 26 years of age, he married Mary Ramsdell, niece of Capt. Joseph White, and educated in his family, living twenty-three years in married life. He from Durham N.H. Four children left, two sons. Bridge street."

The probate of John Beckford (#2276) includes an inventory of the property owned by Capt. Beckford. (appendix B) The widow, Mary, was awarded her dower (1/3 share) in the estate on Oct. 19, 1816. (appendix C) Mary was awarded \$5,348.78 and the children viz John, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary were allowed \$2,674.38 each.

Mrs. Beckford remained in the Bridge St. house but finding herself in modest circumstances became the housekeeper at 128 Essex St., the home of her uncle, Joseph White a wealthy sea captain. On April 7, 1830 Capt. White became the victim of the most sensational murder of the nineteenth century.

The eighty three year old captain was found murdered in his bed on the morning of April 7th. His skull had been crushed with a bludgeon, and there were a dozen stab wounds. A rear window was found unlocked from the inside and since nothing was missing it appeared that robbery was not the motive for the crime. The search for the killer was concentrated on those who had something to gain by the death of Capt. White.

Mrs. Beckford's son-in-law, Joseph Knapp Jr., along with his younger brother Frank were among those eventually indicted and hung for the murder. There were some doubts as to whether all the conspirators were apprehended. Among those with such doubts was Nathaniel Hawthorne who wrote, in a letter to John Dike, in Sept. 1830:

"Frank Knapp's situation seems to make little or no impression on his mind. The night after his sentence, he joked and laughed with the men who watched him, with as much apparent gaiety as if he had been acquitted, instead of condemned. He says, however, that he would rather be hung than remain a year in prison. It is reported also that he declares that he will not go to the gallows, unless two women go with him. Who these women are must be left to conjecture. Perhaps you have not heard that many people suspect Mrs. Bickford and her daughter, Joe Knapp's wife, of being privy to the whole affair before the murder was committed. I cannot say whether there are good grounds for these suspicions, but I know it was daily expected, during the trial, that one or both of them would be arrested; and it is said that they were actually examined at the house of Mr. Brown the jailer. It is certain that Joseph Knapp's

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wife has twice attempted to hang herself. The first time was soon after her husband's arrest, and the second immediately after Frank was found guilty."

Mrs. Beckford moved out of Salem and away from the gossip as mentioned in another letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne in Sept. 1831:

"Mrs. Knapp, Joseph Knapp's widow, is said to be engaged to a lawyer in Boston." (She was married on Nov. 26, 1834 to Edmund K. Kimball Esq.) "She lives at Wenham with her mother, who is believed by every body to have had a hand in the murder." (Further accounts of the murder and trials can be found at the Essex Institute.)

The fact that Mrs. Beckford moved out of Salem is also noted in the Salem Street Books at City Hall:

1831 Bridge St.

Mary Beckford of Wenham - owner house value \$3,000

occupants - William Lee
Benjamin Russell
John Lee

On March 9, 1832 (by separate deeds) John Davis of Wenham and Elizabeth C., his wife in her right; Mary W. Knapp, of Wenham and Mary Beckford, of Wenham, sold to Cornelius Baker the land and buildings the same estate conveyed to John Beckford, deceased, by George S. Johonnot and wife in book 182 page 70. (book 263 page 150)

On Oct. 13, 1832 Cornelius and Caroline Baker sold the land, dwelling house, barn and other buildings to Larkin Thorndike.

"The same conveyed by John and Elizabeth Davis, Mary Knapp and Mary Beckford." (book 267 page 135)

Larkin Thorndike was the owner of a vast amount of real estate and lived at 4 Brown St. (now 39-41 Washington Sq. N.) In 1836 Mr. Thorndike rented the Bridge St. house to Samuel Lamson, N.M. Lamson, William Lee and John Lee. The tenants in 1842 were John Stone Jr., Amos Putnam and Nathaniel Morse.

Larkin Thorndike tried to sell most of his property in 1845:

Salem Gazette - April 14

FOR SALE - "On liberal terms, as to price and credit. The following estates viz: several house lots, on Saunders street, on Pearl street and on Osgood street. The west 1/2 of a brick dwelling house on the corner of Osgood and Bridge streets. Double three story dwelling #79 Bridge street, opposite the end of Saunders street. Brick dwelling house on Summer street; and dwelling house on Essex street, next west of William Deans, three story high. Also several others on Church and St. Peter street and several tenements for large or small families to let, with immediate possession.

- Apply to L. Thorndike"

Apparently Mr. Thorndike was unable to sell the 79 Bridge St. house and is listed as its owner with many tenants:

1846 James Gallagher, E. Perkins, N. Morse, I. Phippen

1850 census

Isreal Phippen	age 64	mariner	born	Mass.
Sally	"	64	"	"
Mary	"	35	"	"
Esther	"	30	"	"
Ann M.	"	26	"	"

1850 census (cont.)

George W. Caldwell	age 34	bookseller - deaf & dumb
Elizabeth A. "	" 34	deaf
Elizabeth A. "	" 12	
George W. "	" 7	
Francis W. "	" 2	
William Luscomb	" 27	shoe maker
Hannah "	" 24	
William H. "	" 5	
Matilda J. "	" 3	
Sarah	23 months	

1855

George Knight
 Thomas Melzard
 George Luscomb
 Joseph Lee
 S. Jones

Larkin Thorndike died on July 5, 1857 leaving his house at 4 Brown Street to his wife and all his remaining real estate to his three sons William H., George and Charles Thorndike. (probate #55200 appendix D) The Bridge Street house was vacant during 1857 and 1858 until Nov. 5, 1858 when the heirs of Larkin Thorndike sold it for the sum of \$2,000 to Lewis D.D. Voorhees. The lot of land, dwelling house and other buildings, being a portion of land conveyed to said Thorndike by Cornelius Baker in book 267 page 135. (book 578 page 273)

On Dec. 22 1858 a straw deed was drawn up which put the property in the name of Lewis D. D. Voorhees' wife Martha.(book 580 page 255)

The 1860 census gives a close look at the Voorhees family:

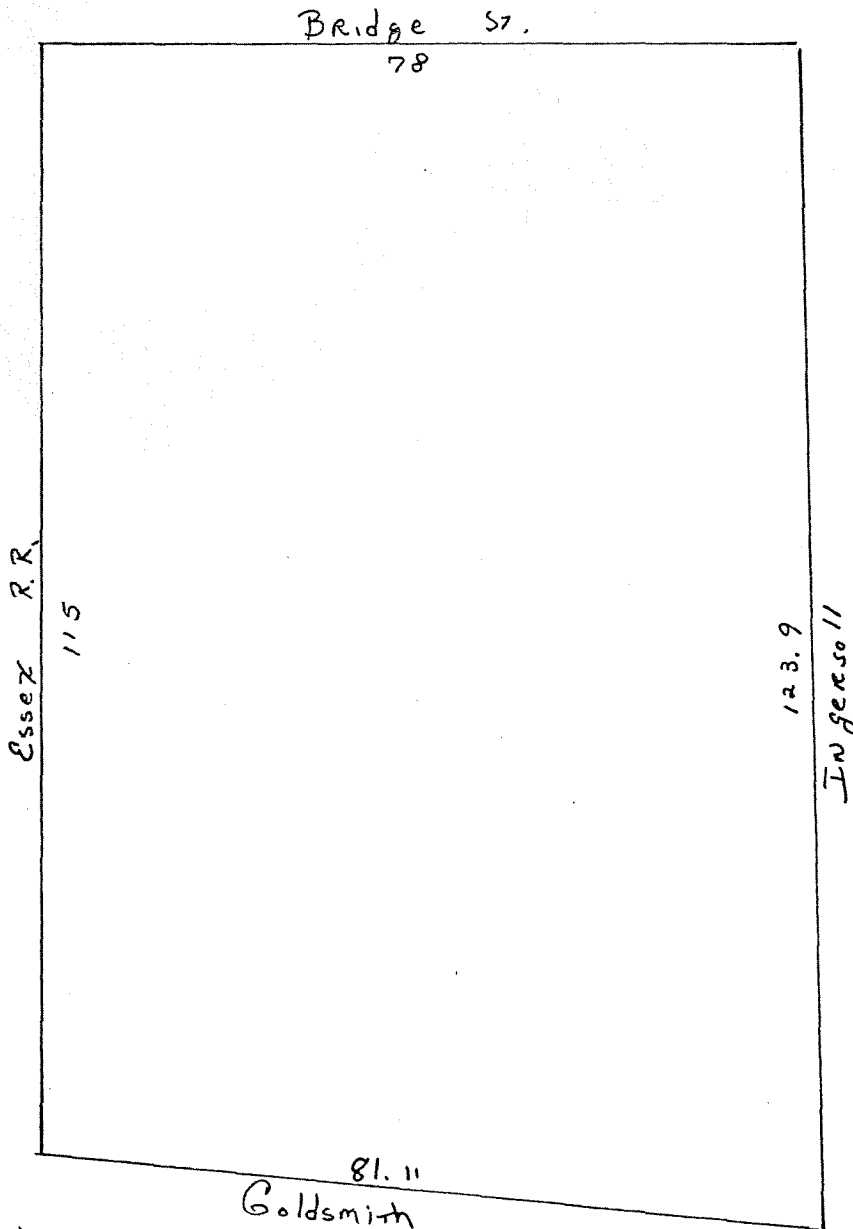
Lewis D.D. Voorhees	age 28	mariner	born ?
Martha	" 28		" N.J.
Lewis D.	" 3		" Mass.
Elizabeth Newhall	" 11		" "
2nd family			
William G. English	" 44	ropemaker	" "
Lydia A.	" 38		" "
Mary E.	" 8		" "
William	" 2		" "
Mary Cheever	" 19	domestic	" N.Y.

The 1865 tax records show that the Voorhees' had moved by this date:

79 Bridge St.	-	owner Mrs. L.D.D. Voorhees	house	\$1,100
			land	900
			barn	100

occupants - William G. English
Curtis Manchester

On August 15, 1866 Martha J. Voorhees, wife of Lewis D.D. sold for \$2,000 to Emily L. Nelson, wife of William H. Nelson. Subject to two mortgages to Rufus Putnam. Possession taken by Putnam on Aug. 3, 1866 book 708 page 115-6. (book 709 page 159):



On Dec. 21, 1867 an easement is recorded in book 743 page 238:

"Whereas the city of Salem by its Water Commissioner thereto duly authorized has lately laid a certain pipe or pipes for the conveyance of water from Wenham Pond through certain premises on Bridge St. which premises are the property of Emily L. Nelson, wife of William H., for the sum of \$300 to the city the right to keep and maintain forever said pipe upon the premises and right to enter premises for maintenance."

In 1868 the Nelson family lived in the house which was valued at \$1,700, land \$1,200 and the barn at \$200. The life of Capt. Nelson was outlined in the Gazette Nov. 1890:

Captain WILLIAM HENRY NELSON died at sea November 6th, on board ship "Ringleader," on her passage from Colombo to New York—lat 9 deg. S, long. 23 deg. W.

Captain Nelson was born in Salem, October 30th, 1822, and at the age of sixteen commenced his sea life on board a revenue cutter, commanded by Captain Sturgis, cruising in Massachusetts Bay.

His first deep water voyage was made in the old ship "Black Warrior," to Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, St Helena, Rio Janeiro and home, in 1839. He afterwards served in several Salem and Boston vessels—the "Carolina," "Bevis," "Mt. Wollaston," "Eagle," "Argo," "Columbo," "Nesto," "Josiah Quincy" and "Michael Angelo;" his first command was the ship "Clara Wheeler," and his second was the ship "Harvey Birch," which was the first vessel of importance destroyed by the Confederates during the war, being burnt by the steamer Nashville, November, 1861, while on her passage from Havre to New York in ballast.

Captain Nelson left Boston May 18, 1889, as passenger in ship "Ringleader," his daughter being the wife of Capt. Entwistle, who commands that vessel. The ship proceeded to Melbourne, thence to Newcastle, Hong Kong, Ceylon and Colombo, where she loaded for New York. Capt. Nelson enjoyed excellent health until the ship reached her last port. While there he suffered with dysentery and did not improve after the ship left for home, August 11th. The complaint developed into inflammation of the stomach. On October 26th the ship stopped at St. Helena for water and fresh provisions; he seemed improving at that time and would not have medical advice; after leaving the island he appeared to still improve;

the stomach trouble ceased and he was able to take considerable nourishment, when rather suddenly his strength seemed to fail, and though still able to take and assimilate food, he became more and more helpless and very much confused in his mind; he was unable to express himself intelligibly, or to hear what was said to him for the last twelve hours that he lived, though apparently half conscious of what was being done for him.

At six o'clock on the morning of November 6th he breathed his last, and was buried with appropriate services at sunset the same day.

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Captain Nelson then entered the employ of Messrs. W. F. Weld & Co. of Boston, commanding several of their vessels, in which employ he remained until retiring from the sea, with the exception of four years in the ship "Don Quixote" of Boston, 1869 to 1873.

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Those who witnessed his patience through his long and trying illness and were cheered by his example under the most adverse circumstances, who saw his complete resignation to the will of God, feel that, as he went joyfully to express it, the Master who had called him into his vineyard at the eleventh hour, had indeed given him the full penny.

The prayer most often upon his lips, "Nearer my God to thee," all feel is answered.

In addition to the above, our marine reporter, who enjoyed a personal acquaintance with Capt. Nelson, had prepared a sketch of the deceased, much of which is contained in the foregoing, and is, therefore, necessarily omitted. But we extract the following:—

Capt. Nelson was a self-made man, a thorough sailor, and a most competent shipmaster. He was thrown upon his own resources at the early age of 11 years, being obliged to leave school, and earned his living for two years in a ropewalk. At the age of 13 he entered the revenue marine service with his brother John, remaining several years before shipping in the merchant marine.

He commanded successively the ships Clara Wheeler, Harvey Birch, Don Quixote, Golden Fleece, Northern Light, and Sacramento. His first officer in nearly all, if not in the early number, in fact, was his brother JOHN, who entered the revenue service with him. Capt. Nelson passed through all the hard ships of a sailor's life and was called upon to bear many of the trials incident to a master's position.

On December 9, 1869, he sailed from Boston in the new ship Don Quixote, for San Francisco. Three days later, the ship experienced a terrific N.W. gale, lost an entire new suit of sails, the foremast went above the rigging, and the maintopgallant and the mizzen-topmast head went over the side. For 26 hours the ship was entirely unmanageable, the only sail that could be set out of an entire new suit being the maintopmast stay

sail. In this crippled condition he made his way to New York in safety.

At another time, in the Sacramento, or Northern Light, his rudder was rendered useless, but he contrived to rig steering apparatus, and made a trip of thousands of miles in that way.

He was of a most inventive turn of mind, and once when the ship's drinking water was nearly exhausted, he made a condenser from the rudest materials aboard the ship, and thus had a bountiful supply for several weeks, or until rain water was obtained.

He sailed for years in the employ of Weld, Baker & Co., Wm. F. Weld and Edward Lawrence. He ranked first in the service of the first-named, and his owners always placed unbounded confidence in him, often sending him to sea with no letters of instruction, placing the firm's trust in his sagacity and good judgment, and giving him unlimited letters of credit.

A fine painting of the burning of the Harvey Birch by the pirate Nashville, presented by Capt. Nelson, hangs in the hallway of the Essex Institute. He resigned the command of the Sacramento to his first officer, J. Clifford Entwistle, now his son-in-law and master of the ship Ringleader.

In 1870 the occupants of 79 Bridge St. were listed in the census as:

John F. Nelson	age 48	seaman's mate	born Mass.
Jane "	" 46	keeps house	" N.H.
Nellie "	" 10	at school	" "
Dorcas Lee	" 73	house keeper	" "
Ellen "	" 40	tailoress	" "
Mary "	" 32	millinary store	" Mass.
2nd family			
T. D. Tilton	" 63	house carpenter	" N.H.
Eliza D. "	" 56	keeping house	" "
Nelly "	" 28	works in bleachery	" Mass.
Carrie "	" 20	stitcher in shoe factory	" "
Alice "	" 17	at home	" "

In 1880:

John F. Nelson	age 57	sea captain	born Mass.
Jane "	" 58	wife - keeps house	" N.H.
Harriett "	" 20	daughter - dress maker	" Mass.
Mary Lee	" 43	sister-in-law - milliner	" "
Dorcas "	" 83	mother	" N.H.

After the deaths of both John Nelson and Dorcas Lee in 1880 the others moved on and in their place was Mrs. James Flint and family. The owner was listed as Wm. Nelson house value \$1,500, land \$1,500

and barn \$100. The street numbers were changed in 1884 when this house was assigned the #113. The tenants at this time were: James G. Stanley, Albert J. Hagan and Henry Chandler Bisbee. The owner, Wm. Nelson was then living in Ward 5.

On Sept. 1, 1886 William and Emma Nelson sold the messuage to Mary G. Ward for the sum of \$2,600. "Being the same premises conveyed to Emily L. Nelson by deed from Martha J. Vorrhees, wife of Lewis D.D., on Aug. 15, 1866. (book 1240 page 492)

Mrs. Ward did not live in the house but rented it to various tenants over the years:

- 1886 - Albert Hagan, Chandler Bisbee, James G. Stanley, James W. Winchester
- 1887 - William Morgan, Charles H. Morgan, William Austin
- 1889 - Richard Lander
- 1895 - Edward F. Besson, shoecutter; Herbert R. Bennett, electrician
- 1900 - Norman J. Mc Intire, blacksmith
- 1905 - Mrs. Rebecca Paul, nurse; Arthur Paul, laborer; Raymond Paul, shoemaker; Isabelle Hersey, shoemaker

Mrs. Ward died on Dec. 31, 1922. This obituary notice appeared in the Salem News:

"Mrs. Mary Goodell widow of Capt. L. Peirson Ward, died after a few days illness of pneumonia, Sunday. She was born in Salem, Sept. 30, 1840, the daughter of the late Abner C. and Sally Dodge (Haskell) Goodell. She was educated in Salem and she married Capt. L. Peirson Ward, a shipmaster. She went to China with her husband in the barque

"Hollander". She was a lady of quiet and beautiful disposition, a delightful conversationalist, having, as she did, an intimate knowledge of the old families of Salem, and also having taste for the antiquary. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Spinney, and a sister, Miss Annie L. Goodell. The late Abner C. and Zina Goodell were her brothers. Her husband, Capt. Ward, who was a member of the old Salem Marine Soc. died in command of a ship on the China Sea, April 2, 1871, at the age of 36 years. Mrs. Ward's funeral will be held this Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at 33 Summer St."

In her will, written Jan. 19, 1900, Mrs. Ward bequeathed all her real estate to her daughter Annie G. Spinney of 33 Summer St., Salem. (probate #144339)

In June of 1923 Annie G. Spinney, executrix of the will of Mary Goodell Ward, sold for the sum of \$9,000, to Solomon Lemon the land and buildings, Lot #2 on plan by Thomas A. Appleton. (appendix E & F)

On Dec. 27, 1923 Solomon and Lizzi Lemon sold Lot #2 to Ida M. Mahoney wife of Ambrose. "For my title see deed from Annie G. Spinney, exc." (book 2579 page 411)

Oct. 8, 1924 Ida M. Mahoney wife of Amborse sold to Antonio Amenta and Sebbastiana, his wife, the land and buildings Lot #2. "For my title see deed from Soloman Lemon to Ida Mahoney Dec. 27, 1923." (book 2615 page 99)

On July 11, 1944 The Home Owner's Loan Corp. took possession of of the property for breach of a mortgage taken by the Amentas in 1924. (book 3095 page 562-3) The Home Owner's Loan Corp. then sold the"land and buildings and structures now and hereafter standing or placed thereon the site in Salem. The same premises described in a mortgage given by Antonio Amenta and Sebbastiana Amenta, husband and wife, to The Home Owners Loan Corp. in book 2995 page 53." (book 3377 page 5)

The new owner Peter A. Tzortzes retained the property until Jan. 26, 1955 when he sold the land and buildings to Edward D. and Kalliope Murphy. "Subject to a right of way to pass and repass over a strip of land 4 feet in width on the south west portion of said premises 57.05 feet from Bridge Street. Being shown on plan of M.G. Ward estate book 2559 page 152. Being #2 on plan of June 30, 1923. For my title see deed of Home Owners Loan Corp. to me July 11, 1944." (book 4137 page 64)

Notes: 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.

Add to 113 Bridge Street

Gazette June 16, 1857

AT PRIVATE SALE

Or Lease on Long Term, with immediate possession. The three story dwelling house #79 Bridge St., opposite Saunders street. This house has lately been nicely fitted up and repaired, and supplied with aqueduct water, for 2 families, has 14 finished rooms, its location is unsurpassed in Salem.

The lot contains about 6,000 square feet of land. It is convenient for two families, being entirely separated in rear. Either $\frac{1}{2}$ will be sold or let, if applied for, or the whole, as preferred.

The estate is suitable for a genteel Boarding House.

Terms liberal, a large portion may remain on a long mortgage, if desired. Apply to

Larkin Thorndike

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... to a ... directed by the Court
to Mr. White, Esq. Judge of Probate of Wills for
County of Essex.

We the subscribers, having been first sworn as
deputy inventors direct, have appraised all the Real Estate
whereof John Beckford late of Salem died seized and
passed within this Commonwealth, and have sett of to his
widow Mary Beckford and their heirs next.

The southwesterly lower room within the Chamber
is the kitchen and pantry parts of the same as the parlor
was formerly, with the back stairs and entry running
a small upper Chamber which is included, The southern and
western parts of the cellar, running under the above men-
tioned twelve feet to the northeast being nearly parallel
with the Chimney, The lower ends of the front of the House
to be in common together with the front door and entry
with the stairs going up, The southern and western way in
together with the lower parts of the House to be in common.
The garden land next beginning at the southeast corner there
running to or strikes forty feet one corner of lot of William
with the building thereon thence running to the House para-
-allel with the rear line allowing six feet round the south-
-east corner of the House to the bottom door.

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin, including names like 'John Beckford' and dates like '1816'.

Salem October 19. 1816

Jon^a Arden

Polly Putnam

John Weston

Committee

Case, &c. At a court of probate holden at Salem in & for said county on
the third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1817.

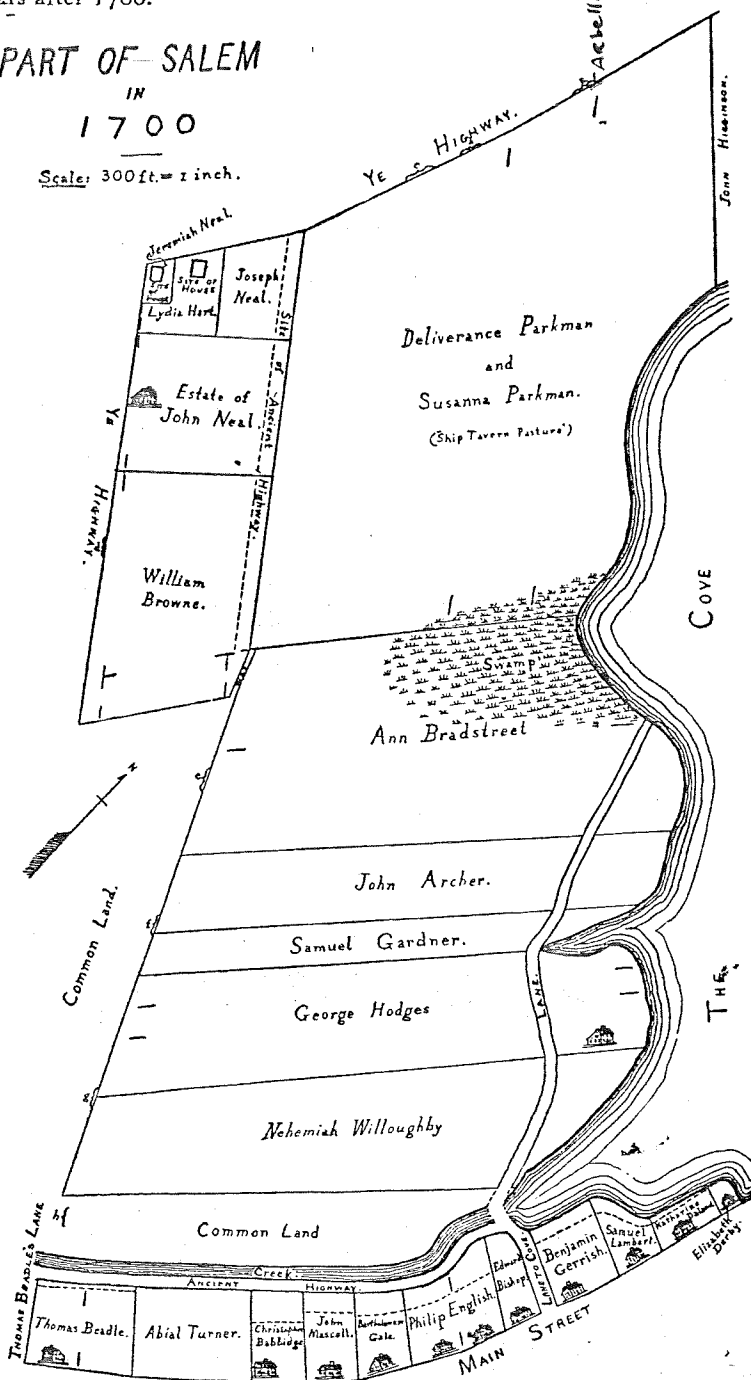
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Deliverance Parkman and Susanna Parkman Pasture. This tract of twelve acres of land originally consisted of six two-acre lots apparently running north and south. When the writer first learns of them, there are three lots, first, a six-acre lot, then a two-acre lot, and beyond that a four-acre lot. The six-acre lot belonged, very early, probably originally, to Henry Cook. It then passed to Dr. George Emery; and before 1649 to John Gedney. The two-acre lot belonged, very early, and probably originally, to Richard Graves, who, for forty-two shillings and six pence, conveyed it to John Gedney Jan. 1, 1649.* The four-acre lot belonged, very early, and probably originally, to Michael Ward. He died, and it passed to his widow Margaret, who married, secondly, Thomas Rix, barber. Mr. and Mrs. Rix, for five pounds, conveyed it to Mr. Gedney 15: 3: 1655.† Mr. Gedney, for many years, conducted the Ship tavern, and this pasture, being used in connection with that inn, became known as the "Ship Tavern pasture." Mr. Gedney died in 1688, having devised the lot, one-half to Susanna Gedney, widow of his son John Gedney, and her children by her said husband, and the other half to the testator's son Col. Bartholomew Gedney. Colonel Gedney died Feb. 28, 1697-8, possessed of his half of the lot; and his children, Samuel Gedney, Hannah Grafton, Lydia Corwine, Bethiah Gedney and Deborah Gedney, all of Salem, conveyed the same interest to their uncle John's widow, Susannah, who had married Deliverance Parkman, of Salem, William Gedney of Salem, merchant, and Nathaniel Gedney of Salem, mariner, the owners of the other part, Dec. 10, 1698.‡ Fourteen days later, William Gedney of Salem, merchant, and Nathaniel Gedney of Salem, mariner, only surviving children of Mrs. Susannah Parkman, conveyed the lot to the latter's husband, Deliverance

Parkman of Salem, merchant.* Mr. and Mrs. Parkman owned the lot a number of years after 1700.

PART OF SALEM
IN
1700

Scale: 300 ft. = 1 inch.



*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 1, leaves 27 and 29.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 1, leaves 27 and 30.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 18, leaf 138.

Essex Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of Capt
 John Beckford late of Salem in said County Deceased by
 virtue of a warrant from the Hon^{ble} Samuel Hotten Judge
 of Probate for said County, after being duly sworn by

(B.)

	Mansions House & Land in Bridge Street	\$ 2500	---
E Cham	1 Bed bolster & pillows 50/ Finchbacks Watch 9/	64	---
	Scales & Weights 1.50 Easy Chair & covering 12/	13	50
	21 or Silver a 1/50 Bureau 5/50 Wash St & Pitcher 5/	33	60
W D ^r	1 Sextant 50/ 6 Chairs 4/50 Looking Glass 2/50	57	---
	2 Chairs 3/50 Bed bedstead & turnings 31/	34	50
	6 Chair 3/ Desk 8/50 6 Chairs 4/80 Looking Glass 1/50	17	80
	6 entry Chairs 1/20 Bible 4/ Trunk 1/	9	20
	small Chair 1/75 Shovel & Tongs 1/52 1/2	1	87 1/2
W D ^r	Bed bedstead & under D ^r 15/ Wearing Apparel 10/50	34	50
	Bureau 1/50 Table 1/50 Trunk 1/ Knives & Forks 2	5	---
	5 1/2 Blankets 18/ 8 1/2 Woollen Sheets 25/	43	---
	6 Quilts 25/ 4 Coverlids 4/50 31 1/2 Sheets a 3/	122	50
	10 1/2 Coarse Sheets a 1/25 35 1/2 Pillow Cases	24	75
	18 Table Cloths a 2/50 3 1/2 doz Towells a 2/40	53	40
E D ^r	6 Chairs a 1/25 2 Arm'd D ^r a 2/ 1 1/2 Card Tables 10/	21	50
	Knife Case 1/ Light Stand 1/50 Tea Urn 4/	6	50
	Hand Irons Shovel & Tongs 14/ Looking Glass 15/	29	---
W D ^r	3 Carpets 35/ 6 Wasters 4/50 4 Pictures 1/25	40	75
	1 Clock 20/ Looking Glass 9/ Side Board 6/	35	---
	2 Tables 6/ 6 Chairs 1/50 2 Rocking D ^r 2/	12	50
	Hand Irons Shovel & Tongs 10/ 1 1/2 Bellows 1/50	10	50
	Carpets 8/ 1 Dining set China 25/ Tea set 5/	38	---
	Crocker Ware of Castor 2/50 Tumblers 6/	17	50
W D ^r	Brittonia Ware 4/50 1 1/2 Candelsticks 1/25	5	75

Cash
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Amounts bet forward	\$ 3236 87
Iron ware 4/50 Iron Ware 5/50 Light of Kettle 3/50	13 50
2 1/2 brags Candlesicks 1/50 Stand Pans & suite 1/	2 50
2 brags Kettles 8/ Warmy Pan 1/	9 "
Horse 55/ Chaise & harness 50/	105 "
5 shares in Salem Fy Marine Insurance office	500 "
2 D in Lynn M Spring Hotel	500
4000 Dold in the Capital Stock of the U States	4000
L 1170, Sterly on Saml Williams hands in London with interest for 4 years @ 3 1/2 %	5818 16
A Note from the N Beckon Factory for \$1600 signed by Howard & Shays on interest one year interest due 15 th April 1815 1/2 % m end of last Decm	1764 "
Jon ^r Warners Note for \$1100 dated Feb 25 th 1811	1400 38

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 Jesse, ss.
 To capt. Benjamin Webb, capt. John Barton
 and Mr. Jonathan Archer, - all of Salem in
 said county, Greeting.

YOU are hereby appointed a committee to appraise (on
 oath) all the estate of John Beckford, late
 of said Salem, mariner, deceased, intestate; and
 make return of your doings, together with this warrant, into the
 Office of the Court of Probate, in and for said County.

Copy to. June 12, 1815
 Webb, John, Barton, & Archer
 were respectively sworn for
 this charge. The Court refused
 within warrant. Jesse
 before in Salem

PLAN OF THE M. G. WARD ESTATE

SALEM, MASS

SCALE 1/4" = 20 FT.

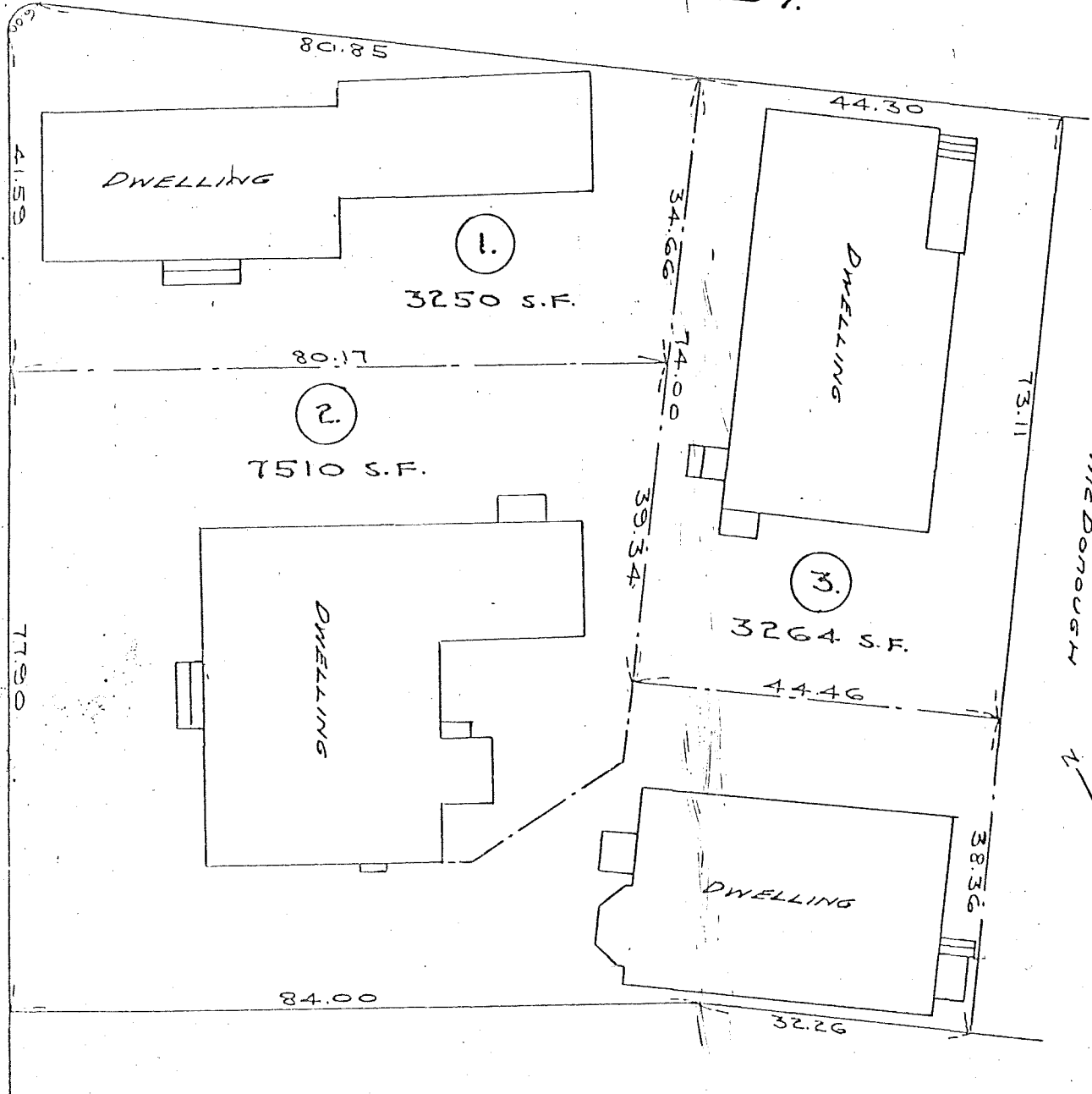
JUNE, 1923.

Thomas A. Appleton, C.E.

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ARBELLA ST.

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BRIDGE ST.

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McDONOUGH

B. & M. R. R. WHARF BRANCH

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX:

RESPECTFULLY represents..... Annie G. Spinney
administrat executrix of the will—estate
of Mary Goodell Ward late of Salem
in said County, deceased, testate, that said Mary Goodell Ward
at the time of ^{her} his decease, was the owner of certain real estate situate in Salem
in the County of Essex bounded and described as follows, viz:

(1) A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, being the premises No. 109 Bridge Street, in said Salem, bounded as follows:- northwesterly by Bridge Street forty-one and 59/100 (41.59) feet; northerly by a curved line at the junction of Bridge Street and Arbella Astreet six (6) feet; northeasterly by Arbella Street eighty and 85/100 (80.85) feet; southeasterly by other land of the estate of Mary G. Ward thirty-four and 66/100 (34.66) feet; southwesterly by other land of the estate of Mary G. Ward eighty and 17/100 (80.17) feet. Said premises are shown as lot numbered one (1) on a plan entitled "Plan of the M. G. Ward Estate, Salem, Mass. June 1923. Thomas A. Appleton, C.E.", recorded with Essex South District Deeds, and contain according to said plan 3250 square feet. The offer for this parcel is \$4000.

(2) A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, being the premises No. 113-113 1/2 Bridge Street, in said Salem, bounded as follows:- northwesterly by Bridge Street seventy-seven and 90/100 (77.90) feet; southwesterly by the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad by two courses, eighty-four (84) feet, and thirty-two and 26/100 (32.26) feet, respectively; southeasterly by land of McDonough thirty-eight and 36/100 (38.36) feet; northeasterly by other land of the estate of Mary G. Ward forty-four and 46/100 (44.46) feet; southeasterly by said land of the estate of Mary G. Ward thirty-nine and 34/100 (39.34) feet; northeasterly by other land of the estate of Mary G. Ward eighty and 17/100 (80.17) feet. Said premises are shown as lot numbered two (2) on said plan, and contain according to said plan 7510 square feet. The offer for this parcel is \$9000.

(3) A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, being the premises No. 8 Arbella Street, in said Salem, bounded as follows:- northeasterly by Arbella Street forty-four and 30/100 (44.30) feet; northwesterly by other land of the estate of Mary G. Ward seventy-four (74) feet; southwesterly by other land of the estate of Mary G. Ward forty-four and 46/100 (44.46) feet; southeasterly by land of McDonough seventy-three and 11/100 (73.11) feet. Said premises are shown as lot numbered three (3) on said plan, and contain according to said plan 54 square feet. The offer for this parcel is \$6000.

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WASHINGTON SQUARE

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D.

Larkin Thordike of Salem, in the County of Essex, & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of sound & disposing mind & memory do hereby make this my last Will & Testament, in manner following, that is to say. In the first place my will is, that my just debts, & funeral expenses shall be paid, after my decease, that my body shall be entombed, in our new tomb, in Harmony Grove Cemetery.

And in regard to my property of every description, I hereby dispose of the same as follows:

First I give, bequeath & devise to my excellent & beloved wife, Sarah P. Thordike, my dwelling house No. 4, Brown Street, in said Salem, & lots of land under & adjoining it, & to hold the same for & during her natural life.

Also I give & bequeath to her, all my household goods & furniture of every description, & personal property therein said house, including my library in said house, & at my office in Salem, & elsewhere, wherever found, & to have & to hold the same to her sole use & benefit for ever.

Also I give & bequeath & devise all my other real estate and residuary interests therein, situate in said Salem, Boston, Lynn, & elsewhere in said Commonwealth, & also in the Town of Columbia in the State of New Hampshire, & elsewhere in said State, together with all stocks, choses in action, notes of hand, accounts, & claims due to me, or which may be due & payable to me, at the time of my decease, including all bonds of Rail Road scrip.

to my three sons, William H. Thordike, George P. Thordike & Charles J. Thordike, & to the survivors & survivors of them.

to have & to hold the same to them & their survivors as aforesaid, upon the special trust & confidence as follows, to wit, that they shall from time to time & at all times furnish to their mother the said Sarah P. Thordike, a good & sufficient, & comfortable support, in the way & manner we have always lived, so long as she shall choose to occupy the said dwelling house in said Salem.

or any part of the same, as her permanent home
also in reasonable pocket money, at all times, at her
request from time to time, in sum not less than
twenty dollars at a time, & that my Brick Block in East
- Boston, when I keep my office, shall stand charged, as
collateral security for said provision, support & pocket
money, during her natural life, to be practically
made & furnished to her in that she may always have
a female relative, as a visitor, if she elects so to do:—

And said Trustees or any two of them, or the survivor
with the written consent of my said wife — are here-
by authorized & fully empowered, under & by force
of this will, to sell & dispose of any & all of the real
estate aforesaid, whenever situated for her best price
which can be obtained therefor, according to their best judgment
& discretion, & pass to purchasers deeds of the same, & apply
- the proceeds to the payment of debts — or to reimburse
the same, or parts thereof, in the City of Boston, or in
that part called East Boston, in their names as Trust-
tees of my said estate as aforesaid; & for the uses of
this trust

I hereby enjoin said Trustees to continue payments on
my said several Bonds, in default of Boston & Lynn, equal
five to about the same amount, severally, as now
incurred for, in sum or better offices,
and my will further is that all debts shall be collected
promptly & repairs, interest & taxes paid with equal
promptness, & all net income, if any, to be applied
to the payment of debts & mortgages, from time to time
as they shall be in funds, from any source herein
- and

Also I hereby give & bequeath to each of my two grandchildren, John
P. L. Thonodike and George F. Thonodike, the sons & only surviving
children of my only & beloved daughter, Sarah Ann P. Thonodike, Dec'd,
by her surviving husband, John H. Thonodike, Esq. The sum of
one thousand dollars each, & to the survivor, both sums, in
the event that either shall decease, before the same shall
become payable, or be paid voluntarily, by said Trustees, wh-
- ich they are at liberty to do, if there shall seem to be a fitness
or propriety for such payment, in which case a receipt from
either for such previous payment, shall be a full discharge for
either Legacy as aforesaid thus paid: Otherwise said two Legacies
of one thousand dollars each, to be paid in one year after the de-
- cease of myself & wife, or if these events happen sooner, then
in such case, to each Legatee & survivor, when he or they shall
arrive at the age of twenty one years, provided that event
shall happen, a year or more after our life & that of the survivor;

