

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

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105 Derby Street

Built by

DAVID B. HOOD, master carpenter

for

AMOS L. VINCENT, sparmaker

in 1856

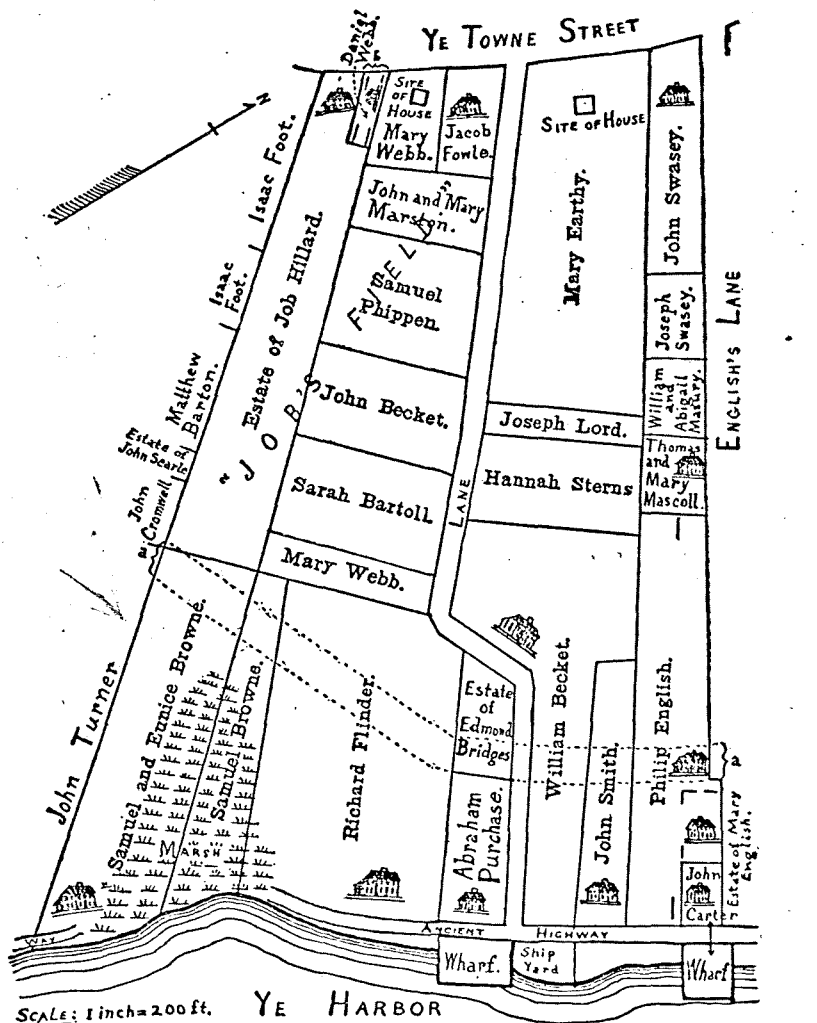
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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

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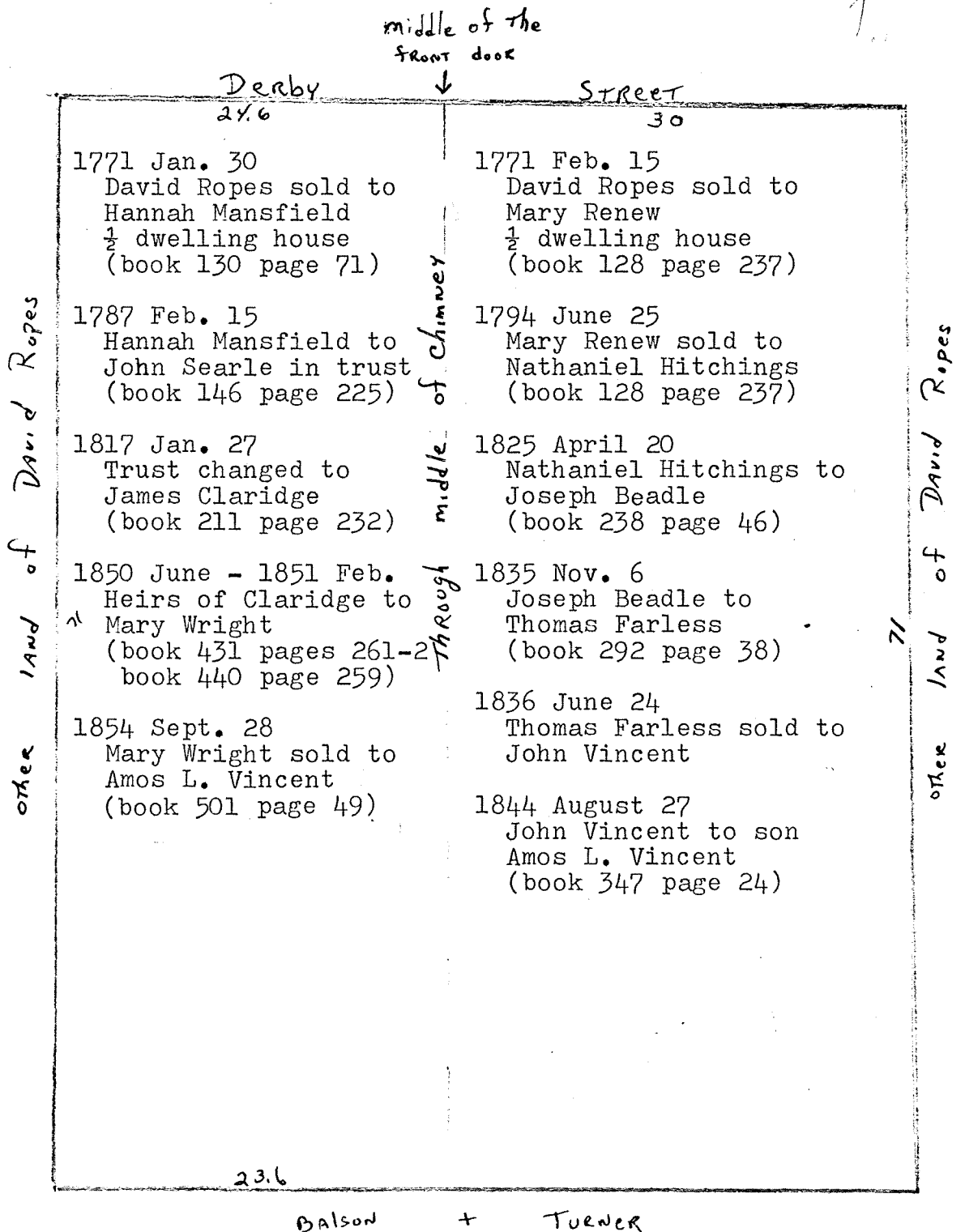
The Salem Historic District Study describes the house at 105 Derby St. as: "This house is rated high because it remains as it was built - an excellent example of the small house of the Greek Revival period. The gable end is on the street with the gable pediment clearly defined, a wide entablature, and a doorway formed with typical Greek Revival trim. There is an ell attached to the back of this house, and there is a nice, small enclosed yard."

The land on which this house stands was once a portion of the Samuel and Eunice Brown lot:



PART OF SALEM IN 1700. NO. 22.

The first mention of a building on this land appears in 1771. The house was then described as being located in the center of the lot with the front door on Derby Street. (The house now 105 Derby St. is located on the east half of the lot with the front door in the yard.)



ACCOUNT BOOK of
DAVID B. HOOD

Smith Vincent

1856

Apr 3	drawings plans			1 50
12	1/4 day 50	19 4 days 900		9 56
22	3 days 675	23 2 3/4 618		12 93
24	2 1/4 days 578	26 1/2 day 112		6 18
28	2 1/2 days 562	29 3 days 675		12 37
30	2 days 450	May 1 1 day 225		6 75
May 2	3 days 675	3 lbs nails 15		6 90
3	4 days 900	5 2 1/2 days 562		14 62
6	3 1/2 days 787	7 5 days 1125		29 12
25	5 days 1125	12 5 days 1125		22 50
31	2 days 450	14 2 days 450		9 00
15	2 days 450	16 1 1/2 day 337		7 87
17	1/2 day 112	19 2 days 450		5 62
20	1 1/2 days 837	21 2 days 450	1449	27 87
22	1 day 225	23 1/4 days 562		2 81
27	1/4 day 900	28 4 days 900		18 00
28	1/4 day 900	30 4 days 900		18 00
31	4 days 900			9 00
	14 1/2 lbs lead 9 lbs lb	151		1 57
June 2	4 days 900	June 3 4 days 900		18 00
4	3 days 675	5 3 1/4 days 737		14 12
6	3 1/2 days 787	8 4 days 900		16 87
9	2 days 450	10 1 1/2 days 337	787	5 87
11	2 days 450	12 1 1/2 days 337		4 50
	1 1/2 day 337	13 1 1/2 337		6 74

April

23	1 day 225	trucking 17
24	1 day 225	25 1 day 225
12	day 112	
113	ft 4	bels and plank
75	" 3	
1 1/2	lb	short nails
105	ft	fast - 162
13	lb	nails and 4
		trucking 83 3/4
		Hinges and ft nail

April

24	1 day 225	8 lock 2
		fittiny 2 keys 40 2 lb
25	1 1/4 day 287	6 locks and
		catch and screw 15 doz and nail
26	2 locks 40	1/2 day

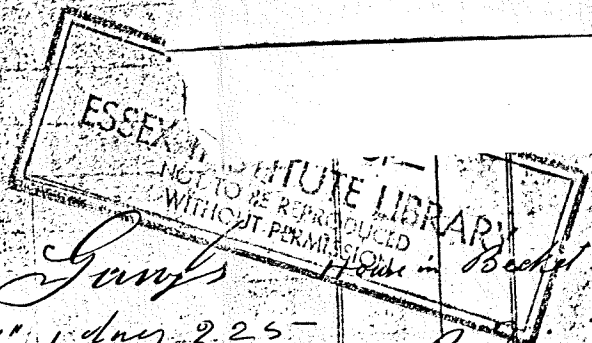
Mrs. Frank's

Mrs. Ingleson

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4"	2 days 450	10" 1/2 day 334	1857	\$ 42
11"	2 days 450	12" 1/2 day 334		4 50
	12" 1/2 day 334	13" 1/2 334		6 74
July 9"	1 1/4 281	for 8 best panels 800		10 81
11"	1/2 day 112	12" 2 days 450		5 62
14"	2 3/4 375			3 75
15"	2 days 450	16" 2 days 450		9 00
14"	2 days 450	18" 3 1/4 day 731		11 81
225	30 ft lumber 120	19" 4 days 900		10 20
122	3 days 675	3 3/4 days 848		15 18
343	3 days 675	3 days 675	10 ft lumber 40	13 90
23	2 3/4 618	26 3/4 day 768	28" 1 day 225	29 1/2 day 19 16
25"	3 days 675	1 3/4 lead 15	for window and back side	6 90
30"	3 days 675	Day 1" 4 1/2 day 1012		16 84
31"	4 days 900	4" 4 days 900		18 00
3"	4 days 900	6 1/2 900	30 lbs nails 105	19 00
7"	3 1/4 day 731	8" 6 parts 150	96 ft lbs 376	5 26
	3 days 675	7 lb nails 35	62 1/4 184 days	7 10
Received of Mr Vincent on account \$ 50.00				
June 24	received 3000			30 00
	4 July rec'd 1500			15 00
July 22"	rec'd 5000			50 00
Nov 26	Rec'd 5000			50 00
Feb 17 1857	Rec'd 2000			20 00
4"	3/4 day 150	11" 2 days 450		6 00
12"	1 day 225	dec 21 making frame 54		2 62
Apr 9	3 days 675	10" 3 days 675	11" 18 1/4 day 393	19 43
12"	3 1/2 675	15 1/2 lbs 60	10 3 days 675	80 ft lbs 80



Mr Stephen Gump's				
April 28	1 day 225	29" 1 day 225		4 50
30"	1 day 225	May 1 1/2 day 112		3 34
	1/2 m shingles 175	4 lbs nails 20		1 90
				982
Mrs Johat Whipple				
June 4"	1/2 day repairing roof			112
	4 lb nails 20	8 shingles 44 m		120
	51 1/4 day 62			62
Aug 28	3/4 day 168	5 lb nails 25	Bill 294	193
	1 1/2 Bundles shingles	15 50		155
Amos Vincent				
July 15"	3 days 675	28 ft lumber 142		8 77
16"	1 1/4 day 281	18" 1 day 225	33 ft lumber 308	8 14
19"	1 day 225	20" 1 day 225		4 50
25"	1/2 days 112	25 1/4 days		7 12

The tax records show a slight increase in valuation:

59 Derby Street (renumbered in 1894)

	<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1854	Amos L. Vincent	Amos L. Vincent - 1/2 house \$700
	John Vincent	Mary Wright - 1/2 house \$400
1855	same listing	
1856	Amos L. Vincent	Amos L. Vincent \$1,100
1857	Amos L. Vincent	Amos L. Vincent \$1,500
1859	Amos L. Vincent, sparmaker	Amos L. Vincent \$1,500
	Henry Robinson, watchman	
	John Vincent, mariner	

1860 census

Amos L. Vincent	age 48	sparmaker	born Mass.
Maria	" 37		" N.H.
Amos J.	" 16		" Mass.
Maria	" 11		" "
Harriet	" 39.		" "

2nd family

Henry Robinson	" 50	mariner	" Eng.
Eliza	" 48		" Maine
Eliza J.	" 12		" Mass.

Tax records:

	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1861	Amos Vincent	Amos Vincent \$1,500
1862	Amos Vincent	Amos Vincent house \$1,000
	Henry Robinson	55' X 68' land 800
1864	Henry Robinson	Amos Vincent of Milford, N.H.
	Ittai Perry	house \$1,000
		land 800

Ittai Perry, the son of Ittai and Abigail (Lane) Perry, was one of Salem's pilots who serviced vessels entering and leaving the harbor. At one time he was part owner of the "Old Pilot's Retreat" on Baker's Island. This was a cabin where the pilots would wait for prospective customers to come into sight.

1865 census:

Henry Robinson	age 54	watchman	born Eng.
Eliza G. "	" 53		" Maine
Eliza J. "	" 15		" Mass.
2nd family			
Ittai Perry	" 55	pilot	" Mass.
Abigail "	" 51		" "
Joseph E. Phippen	" 31	cooper	" "
Abby B. (Perry) "	" 28		" "
Mary E. Perry	" 15		" "

Tax records:

	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1866	Joseph E. Phippen Henry Robinson Ittai Perry	Amos L. Vincent of Milford, N.H. house \$1,000 land 800
1867	Henry Robinson Joseph Phippen Amos L. Vincent	Amos L. Vincent house \$1,000 land 800
1869	Amos Vincent Henry Robinson	Amos L. Vincent house \$1,800 land 600

1870 census:

Amos L. Vincent	age 56	sparmaker	born Mass.
Maria	"	46	" N.H.
2nd family			
Henry Robinson	"	59 watchman at cotton mill	" Eng.
Eliza G.	"	54 keeps house	" Mass.
Eliza	"	20 bookkeeper	" "
Eliza Felt	"	9 at school	" "
Ann Grover	"	16 works at cotton mill	" "

1871 Feb. 15 - John Vincent born in France, father of Amos L. Vincent, died in Quincy, Mass. at the age of 85. Notice appeared in the Salem Gazette: John Vincent - Funeral on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at No. 59 Derby Street. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

Tax records:

<u>Occupant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1872 Amos Vincent	Amos Vincent
Henry Robinson	house \$1,800 land 600

(In 1872 a store appears for the first time on the land now used as a driveway. This was valued at \$400 and numbered 59½ Derby St.)

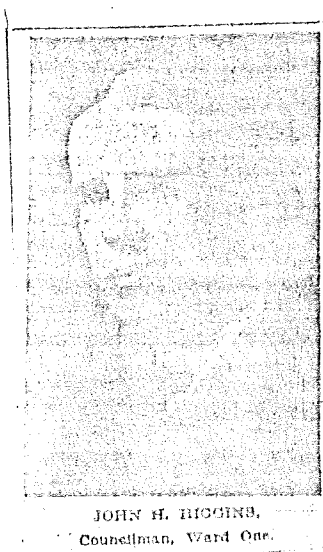
1876 Amos Vincent	Amos Vincent
Henry Robinson	house \$1,700 land 600
Cornelius Larrabee	store 500
59½ A. J. Vincent - provision store	

1878 Nov. 26 - Maria (Quimby) Vincent, wife of Amos L., died.

1880 census

Amos Vincent	age 65	boat builder	born Mass.
Harriet Grover	" 58	sister, keeps house	" "
2nd family			
John H. Higgins	" 30	carpenter	" Ire.
Mary	" "	29 keeps house	" Mass.
Katie	" "	1	" "

John H. Higgins later became the councilman from Ward One.



Tax records:

	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1882	Amos Vincent	Amos Vincent
	John Higgins	house \$1,400
		land 500
59½	Amos J. Vincent, provision store	store 300

1883 Dec. 5 - Amos L. Vincent died at the age of 67 years, 1 month, 12 days. Very little is known about Mr. Vincent. For many years he carried on the sparmaking business near the foot of Blaney St. at "Vincent's Beach" which also had the distiction of being Salem's pigraising locality.

Mr. Vincent's probate #60362 lists the real estate as:

23 Turner Street	\$1,300
61 Derby Street	1,100
59 & 59½ Derby Street	2,150
Lot at Harmony Grove	450

Personal property:

Furniture, beds, bedding, stoves, cooking utensils	\$156
Tool chest & tools	30
Boat & rigging	11
Watch and jewelry	150
Bank deposit	300
Cash	22
Rents due	57

Heirs:

- Amos J. Vincent, son
- Maria J. Bartlett, daughter of N. Sandwich, N.H.
- Harriet F. Grover, sister
- Clarence H. Vincent, grandson

Will written August 11, 1881:

To sister Harriet - two rooms now occupied by Mary Caldwell and privilege of cellar. Five dollars per month income from the house at 23 Turner St. for life. Also beds and bedroom and bedclothes, all cane seated chairs, mahogany table & light stand that was my father's, and cook stove in the barn, my sitting room and front bedroom carpets, the silver spoons marked C.V.

To grandson Clarence H. - \$100 of the income of house 61 Derby Street. To be put in the Salem Savings Bank until he is aged 21.

To son Amos J. - all the rest and remainder.

Tax records:

1886	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>	
	Amos J. Vincent, provision dealer	Amos J. Vincent	
	John H. Higgins, carpenter	house	\$1,400
		land	500
59½	John E. Hancock, provision store	store	300

Tax records:

1890	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>	
	Amos J. Vincent	Amos J. Vincent	
	Clarence H. Vincent	house	\$1,400
	John H. Higgins	land	500
		store	300
	59½ O'Leary & Foley, provision store		

1894 (this year 59 Derby Street was renumbered as 105 Derby and 59½ was renumbered 107 Derby St.)

105	Amos J. Vincent	Amos J. Vincent	
	Clarence H. Vincent	house	\$1,400
	John H. Higgins	land	600
		store	300
	107 O'Leary & Foley grocers		

1900 census

Amos Vincent	age 54	provision dealer	born Mass
Emma "	" 32		" "

2nd family

John Higgins	" 50	carpenter	" Ire.
Mary "	" 49		" "
Kate "	" 20	sales lady	" Mass.
Thomas "	" 18	teamster	" "
John "	" 16	insurance agent	" "

Tax records:

	<u>Occupants</u>	<u>Owner</u>	
1905	105 Amos J. Vincent	Amos J. Vincent	
	Thomas E. Higgins	house	\$1,400
	John Higgins	land	600
		store	300
	107 vacant		

1910

105	Amos Vincent	Amos J. Vincent	
	Thomas Higgins	house	\$1,600
	John Higgins	land	600
		store	300
	107 Ludwick Buba, provision store		

1910 census

Amos Vincent	age 64	born Mass.
Emma "	" 59	" "
2nd family		
Mary V. Higgins	" 60	" Ire.
Thomas "	" 29 salesman grocery store	" Mass.
John "	" 26 shoe salesman	" "

1925 Jan. 27 - Amos J. Vincent died. This obituary notice appeared in the Salem News:

Amos J. Vincent, a well known resident of Ward One, where he kept a market for years, died yesterday. He was born in Providence, R.I. Sept. 4, 1846. He was a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting in Company C. Second Rhode Island cavalry, Nov. 12, 1863, and served until honorably discharged at Boston Nov. 29, 1867. He was a past grand of Essex lodge, I. O. O. F., a past chief patriarch of Naumkeag encampment I. O. O. F. and a member of Union Rebekah lodge. He leaves a widow, one son, Clarence H. Vincent, a granddaughter, a grandson and a great-granddaughter.

1928 July 11 - Emma P. Vincent, widow, and Clarence H. Vincent sold the property to Ignacy Szczepucha. The same property conveyed to Amos L. Vincent by John Vincent on August 27, 1844 and from Mary Wright on Sept. 28, 1854. (book 2772 page 34)

1938 August 2 - Ignacy Szczepucha sold the property to Stella H. Szczepucha, wife of Bronislaw. The same conveyed by Emma P. Vincent and Clarence H. Vincent on July 11, 1928. (book 3152 page 337)

Derby Street

55.6

Vincent now Sobocinski
68

70
formerly Abbott now Jordan

55

Leach now McDonald

15.

NOTES: The rear portion of this house appears to be of an earlier period. To assign an exact date to this addition would be difficult. The foundation under the entire house was built at one time. Mr. Vincent may have saved a portion of the old house (removed in 1856). The 1851 map shows a jog on the old building which seems to be on the spot where the present building now stands.

This could be the addition mentioned in the Diary of William Bentley: Oct. 1794 - "Mr. Hitchins is adding & repairing Renew's eastern end of a House in Derby Street bet. Turner & Cromwell Sts. South Side of Street."

1950 Sept. 8 - Stella H. Szczepucha sold the land and building to Francis J. and Irene Mackey. "For title see book 3152 page 337."
(book 3767 page 458)

1955 Nov. 7 - Francis J. Mackey, unmarried, and Irene M. Fanning formerly Irene M. Mackey sold the property to Frank J. and Gertrude Konieczny. The same premises conveyed by Stella H. Szczepucha on Sept. 8, 1950. (book 4222 page 169)

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.



J. H. & N. Sons
Benjamin Webb
Wm. Preston
Daniel Beach

Goodhue
Holders
Small
Rasmussen
Mrs. E. T. Wiggins
Mrs. M. J. Brooks
Mrs. M. J. Brooks

Wm. Preston
Upton
Mrs. Carbonne
Mrs. M. J. Brooks
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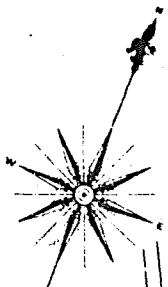
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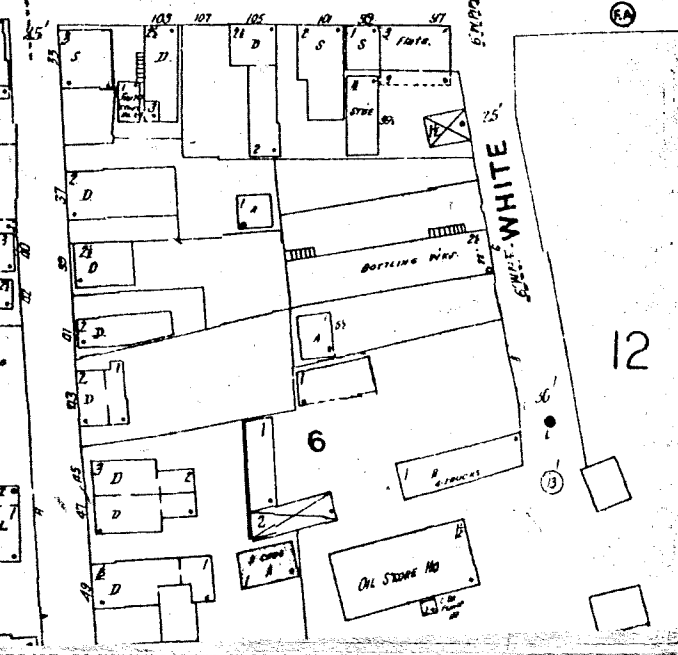
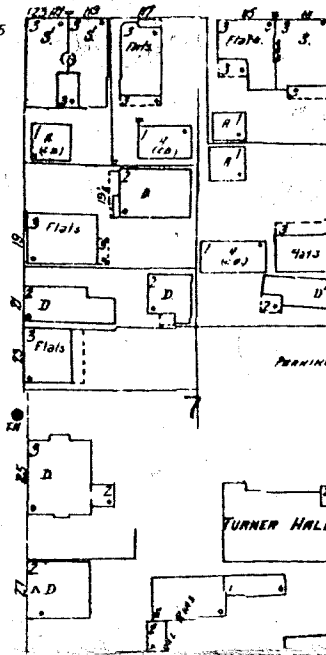
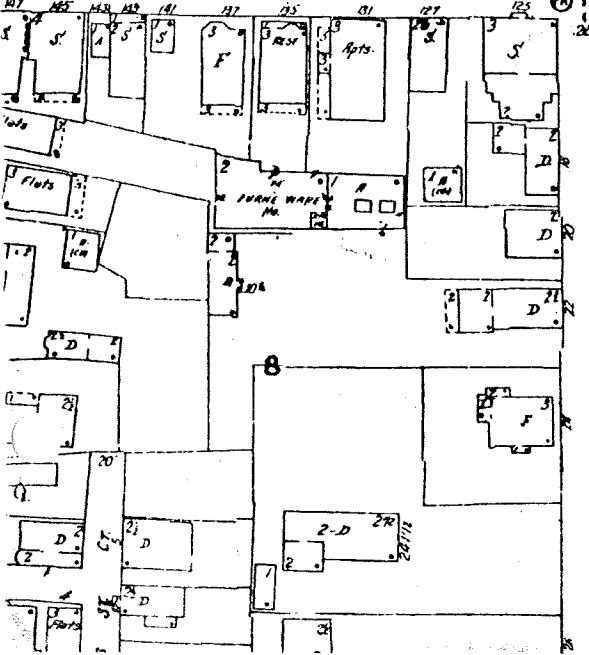
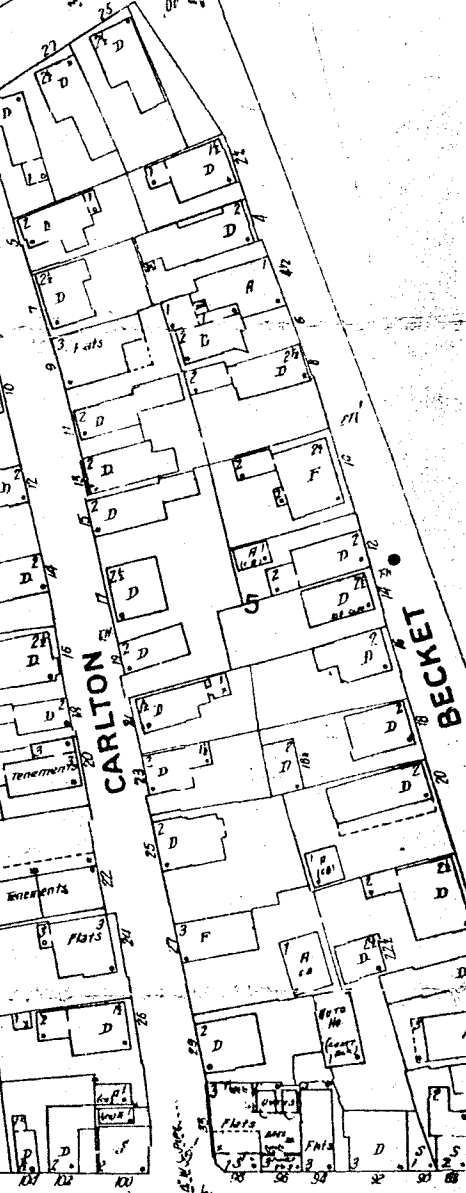
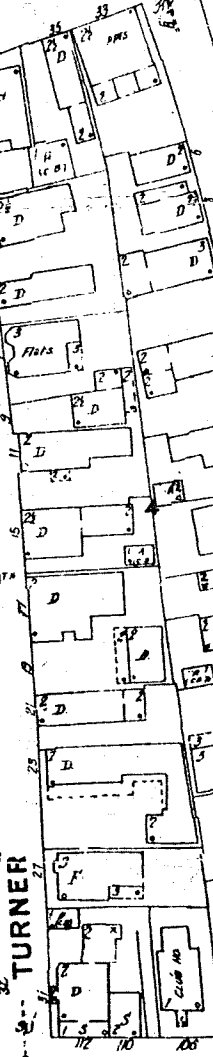
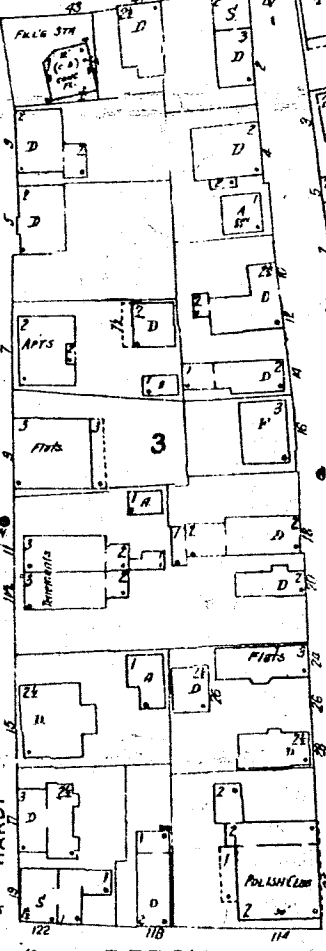
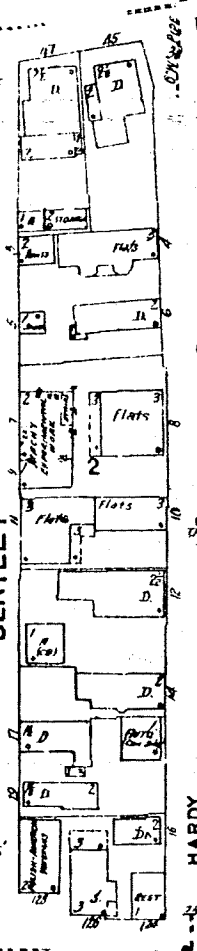
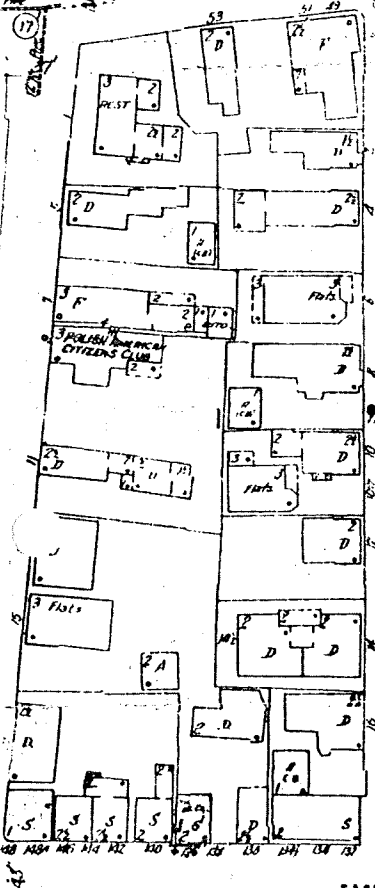
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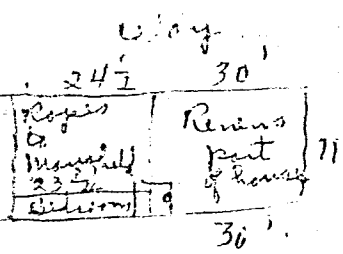


105 Derby Street

2/15/1771

David Ropes ^{ccoper} to Mary Renew Book 128 page 237. Paid 120 pounds.

A certain piece of land with the part of a dwelling house on the same containing seven poles and with tenth parts of a pole bounded as follows, beginning at the middle of the front door of the dwelling house thence running Eastwardly and bounded Northwardly on the way 30 feet Southerly on a line parallel to the eastward end of said dwelling house and bounded Eastwardly on other land of said David 71feet to land of Joan Turner thence running westerly and bounded southerly partly on land of said Turner and Balson 30 feet running Northwardly and bounded westerly on land and part of said dwelling house of said David through the middle of the chimney of said dwelling house to the middle of the front door 71feet, also that part of the bedroom on the back or southern side of said dwelling house to the westward of the above premises.



2/16/1771

David Ropes to Hannah Mansfield Book 130 page 71 paid 55 pounds.

A certain piece of land in said Salem containing six poles and two tenths of a pole bounded Northwardly on the Way 24 1/2 feet Eastwardly on land and part of a dwelling house which I sold Mary Renew Southerly on land of Balson 23 1/2 feet Westerly on my other land to the Way 71feet with the part of the dwelling house on the same.

2/15/1787

Hannah Mansfield to John Searle Book 146 page 225 Given to Searles in return for the care of her invalid daughter Hannah mansfield as long as she will live. Same property that Ropes sold to the mother Hannah Mansfield as stated above.

6/25/1794

Mary Renew to Nathaniel Hitchings (see Book 238 page 46) Same property as the property that Renew bought from Ropes. valuation Book at City Hall Vault for the years 1798, 1807, 1810 one part house \$250. Valuation Book 1813 through 1815 one part house \$200.

1/30/1815

John Pickering to James Claridge Book 211 page 232. Claridge petitioned the court for the estate of Hannah Mansfield, singlewoman as he had taken over the care of her until she died. Court approved this transfer.

4/20/1825

Nathaniel Hitchings to Joseph Beadle Book 238 page 46. paid \$250. (Same property that Hitchings bought from Renew).

11/6/1835

Joseph Beadle ^{Master Mariner} to Thomas Farless ^{Rigger} Book 292 page 38 Paid \$400. Valuation Book 1835 \$2000 for 1/2 house on Derby Street. (Farless Thomas Farless to John Vincent Paid \$400 (same property as above) ^{Labourer} ^{merchant}

9/23/1839

John Vincent to Samuel Brooks Book 315 pag 3 51 (same measurements as above) Vaulation Book in City Hall Vault on John Vincent one part house \$100

- 8/27/44 Samuel Brooks Adm. to John Vincent Paid \$218
- 8/27/1844 John Vincent to son Amos L. Vincent Paid \$1400.
same measurements as above.
Valuation Book 1843 for Amos Vincent \$500. He was
living in this part of the house.
- 5/30/1850 Mary Wright et al to Cyrus Thompson paid \$328. Book 431
page 261.
Wright was heir to Claridges estate as the children of
Claridge. This is the property that Claridge inherited
for the care of the invalid Hannah Mansfield, singlewoman.
Measurements are the same when Ropes sold to Mansfield in
1771. Below are the transfers of the Claridges heirs.
- 5/30/1850 Cyrus Thompson to Mary Wright Book 431 page 262. Paid \$365
- 2/5/1851 George A Claridge to Mary Wright Book 440 page 259 Paid 12.50.
- 9/27/1854 Mary E. Claridge to Mary Wright Book 501 page 49. Pd. \$12.50
- 9/28/1854 Mary Wright to Amos L. Vincent Book 501 page 49 Paid \$450.
* First time the two parts of this house belong to one,
owner. All Claridges heirs sold their share to Wright and
she sold to Vincent.
- 7/11/1928 Vincent et al to Szczepucha et ux Book 2772 page 34.
Measurements are changed North 55 feet and 6 inches, Easterly
70 feet, Southerly 55 feet Westerly 68 feet. No monies
mentioned, mortgage \$3700 plus 19 shares.
- 8/2/1938 Ignacy Szczepucha to Stella H. Szczepucha Book 3152 p-337.
- 9/8/1950 Stella H. Szczepucha to Francis J. and Irene M. Mackey
Book 3767 page 458.
- 11/7/1955 Francis J. Mackey and Irene M. Fanning (formerly M. Mackey)
to Frank and Gertrude Konieczny Book 4222 page 169.

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Francis D. Mackay & Frank & Electra Mackay
(formerly M. Mackay) Soniesny

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Stella M. Szeperka to Francis & Elsie M. Mackay

3152 337

Agnes Szeperka to Stella M. Szeperka

2772 34

Emma Clarence Vincent to Anastasia Agnes Szeperka

501 49

Mary Wright to Anna S. Vincent

440 259

Mary E. Clendige to Mary Wright

431 267

Mary Thompson to Mary Wright

347 24

Mary Vincent to Annie S. Vincent

347 23

Samuel Brooks to John Vincent

315 51

John Vincent to Samuel Brooks

292 38

Thomas Farlee to John Vincent

292 38

Joseph Beale to Thomas Farlee

238 46

Nathaniel Hitchings to Joseph Beale

211 232

John Pickering adm. to James Clendige

146 225

Samuel Marshall to John Beale

130 71

David Koper to Samuel Marshall

128 237

Mary Koper to Nathaniel Hitchings

128 237

David Koper to Mary Koper