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31 Briggs Street
Built for
EBED LEWIS, shipwright
by 1808

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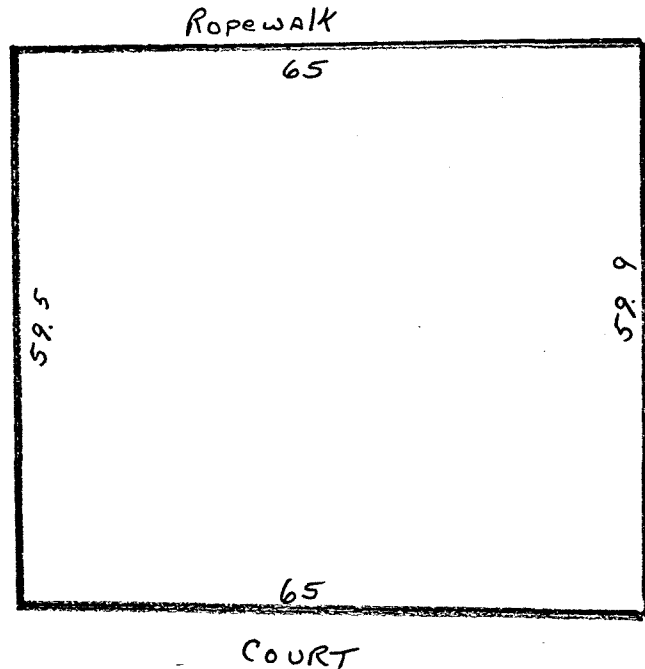
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"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."

31 Briggs Street

Book 175 page 25
August 2, 1804
\$290

Richard and Betsy Savory sold a lot of land to Ebed Lewis, shipwright. "The same lot conveyed by deed of Anna Briggs on July 31, 1804."



Book 182 page 254
April 4, 1808

Ebed Lewis mortgaged his land and dwelling house to Edward Holyoke. "The same piece conveyed by Richard Savory."

Book 190 page 290
July 28, 1810

Ebed Lewis was in deep financial difficulty. The land and dwelling house was sold at public auction to Richard Savory.

Book 199 page 285
May 28, 1813
\$1,400

Richard Savory, cooper, sold the land and dwelling house to Joshua Raymond, cooper of Hopkinton, N.H.

Book 327 page 237
Oct. 23, 1841

Joshua and Hannah Raymond of Hopkinton, N.H. sold the land and dwelling house to Joseph Vincent and Albert Brown. "The same I purchased of Richard Savory."

Book 477 page 282
July 19, 1850

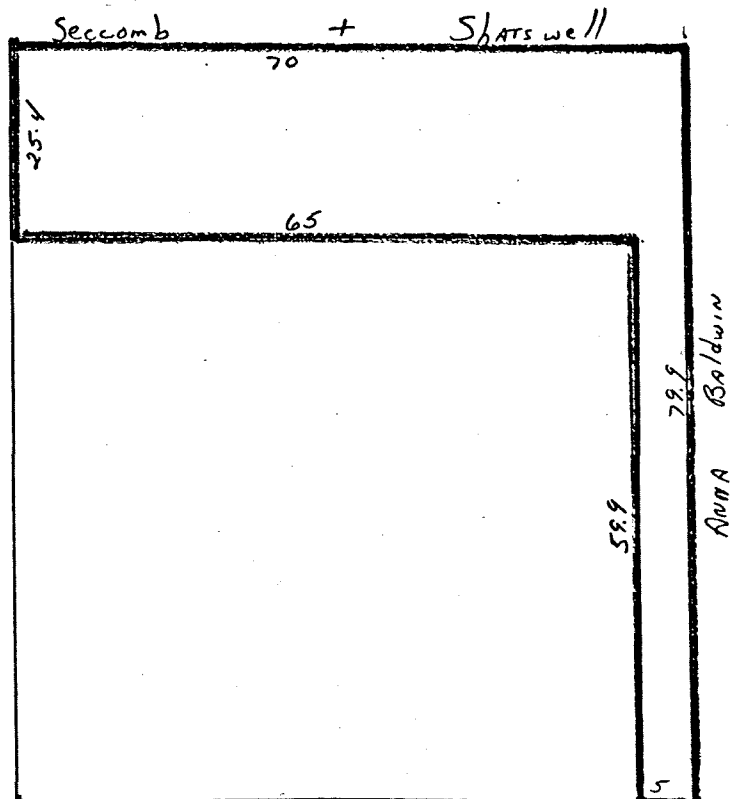
Joseph Vincent, ropemaker, sold the land and dwelling house on Briggs St., along with two other parcels, to William B. Vincent.

Book 529 page 143
April 14, 1856
\$1,200

William B. Vincent, merchant, sold the land and dwelling house to Ebenezer Seccomb, merchant.

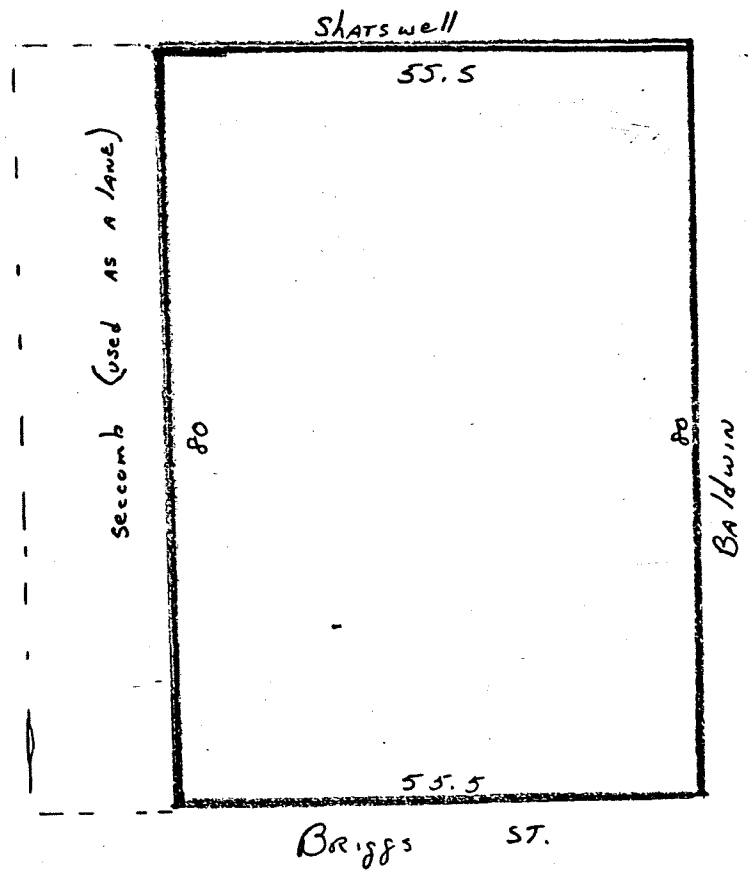
Book 541 page 39
Oct. 1856

Ebenezer Seccomb purchased a parcel of land from Anna Baldwin. "The piece hereby conveyed making in connection with the adjoining lot of said Seccomb a lot 70' in front and runs 79.9 on the two other sides."



Book 676 page 50
Sept. 29, 1864
\$3,000

Ebenezer Seccomb sold the land to
Lucinda B. Howarth, wife of John Howarth.
"Free from control of husband." Being
part of the estate conveyed by Joseph
Vincent and Anna Baldwin.



Book 719 page 24
Feb. 20, 1867
\$3,000

Lucinda B. Howarth sold the land and
dwelling house to Sylvester Brown. "The
same conveyed to Lucinda B. Howarth by
Ebenezer Seccomb."

Book 877 page 257
March 20, 1873

Sylvester and Abby Brown, of Kennebunk Port
Maine, sold the property to David Blaney,
George Chamberlain and Sylvester S.
Chamberlain trustees under the will of
Jason Chamberlain. (Mr. Chamberlain died

Book 877 page 257 (cont.)

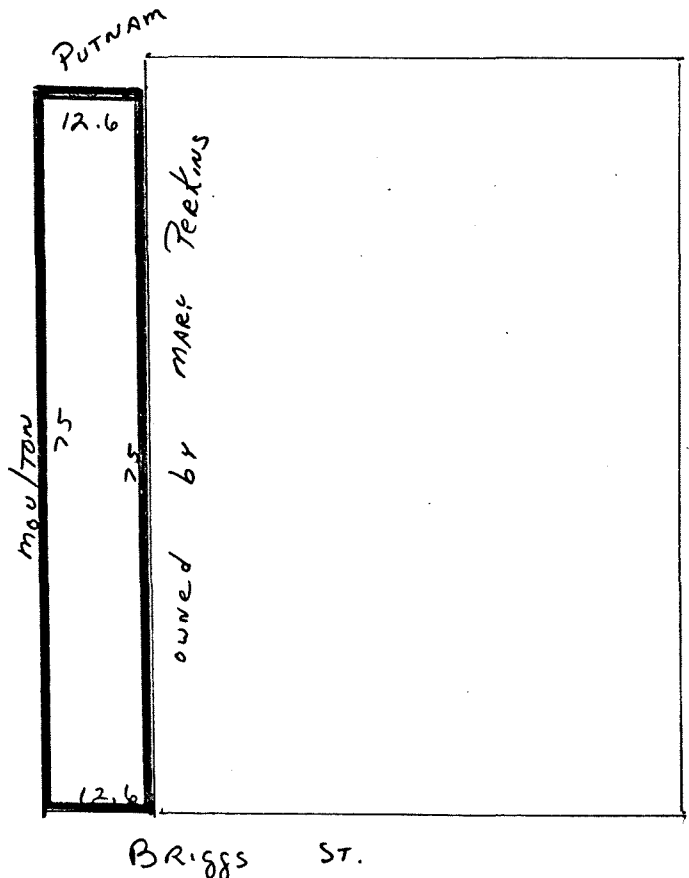
on Oct. 13, 1872. In his will he bequeathed that \$3,500 be put in a trust to purchase a house in Salem. This is the house purchased by the trustees.)

Book 907 page 24
June 29, 1874
\$4,050

The trustees under the will of Jason Chamberlain, of Marblehead, sold the estate to Henry C. Perkins. "The same conveyed by deed of Sylvester Brown."

Book 1612 page 456
June 8, 1900

Alfred Stone, of Providence R.I., trustee under the will of Elizabeth A. Putnam sold a small parcel of land to Mary Perkins. (Mary was the only child of Henry C. Perkins. Mr. Perkins died on March 19, 1880.)



Book 5490 page 38
Nov. 7, 1967

Mary Pauline Perkins, of Marblehead,
sold the land and buildings to Ronald J.
and Betty C. Michaud. Two parcels:
1. the same conveyed to Henry C. Perkins
by deed of David Blaney on June 29, 1874.
2. the same conveyed to Mary Perkins by
Alfred Stone on June 8, 1900.

Book 6430 page 151
July 20, 1977

Betty C. Michaud sold the two parcels
to Ronald J. Michaud. "The same conveyed
to Ronald J. and Betty Michaud by deed
of Mary Pauline Perkins."

Book 6506 page 705
August 18, 1978
\$45,000

Ronald J. Michaud sold the land and
buildings to Robert E. Duerr. "The same
two parcels conveyed by Betty C. Michaud."

Book 6732 page 001
August 29, 1980
\$64,000

Robert E. and Catherine C. Duerr sold
the two parcels to Arthur Jackson Wheeler.

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.

DATE DOCUMENTATION

29 Briggs Street

"All of the incidental features of this simple two-story plus pitch roof, wooden house remain as they have probably been for many years and are a tribute to the carpenters who have kept it in repair and to the owners who paid for the maintenance. These features include a fence of round pickets and square posts, low acorn-topped posts strung with a chain to form a barrier along the brick sidewalk leading into the side entrance and a delicate trellis which is pointed like a Gothic arch and separates the back and front yards.

The house itself has a central entrance in the middle of the five-bay facade in the yard. The flat boards between the top of each second-story window and the eaves are usually a characteristic of houses built during the Federal period."

The first mention of a dwelling house on this land appears in the mortgage, April 4, 1808, to Edward Holyoke. The tax records never charge Mr. Lewis for a house in Ward 2. He is taxed for "part of a house \$600" in 1805 and "part of a house \$800" in 1806 both being in Ward 1. The deeds indicate that Ebed Lewis sold a house on Union St. in May of 1805.



Pierce & Walle
Lot

1857

COLLIN

Piscay Rail Road

BRIGGS
Vincenz Manufactury
Mrs. Brown

Rail Road

UDENS

CROSS

WINTER

PICKMAN

MEASURY

SKERRY

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