

# Historic Salem Incorporated

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

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8 - 10 Winter Street

built by

ISRAEL WOODBURY, housewright

&

JAMES NEEDHAM, tobacconist

in 1830

Research by,  
Joyce King  
Nov. 1984

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

8 - 10 WINTER STREET

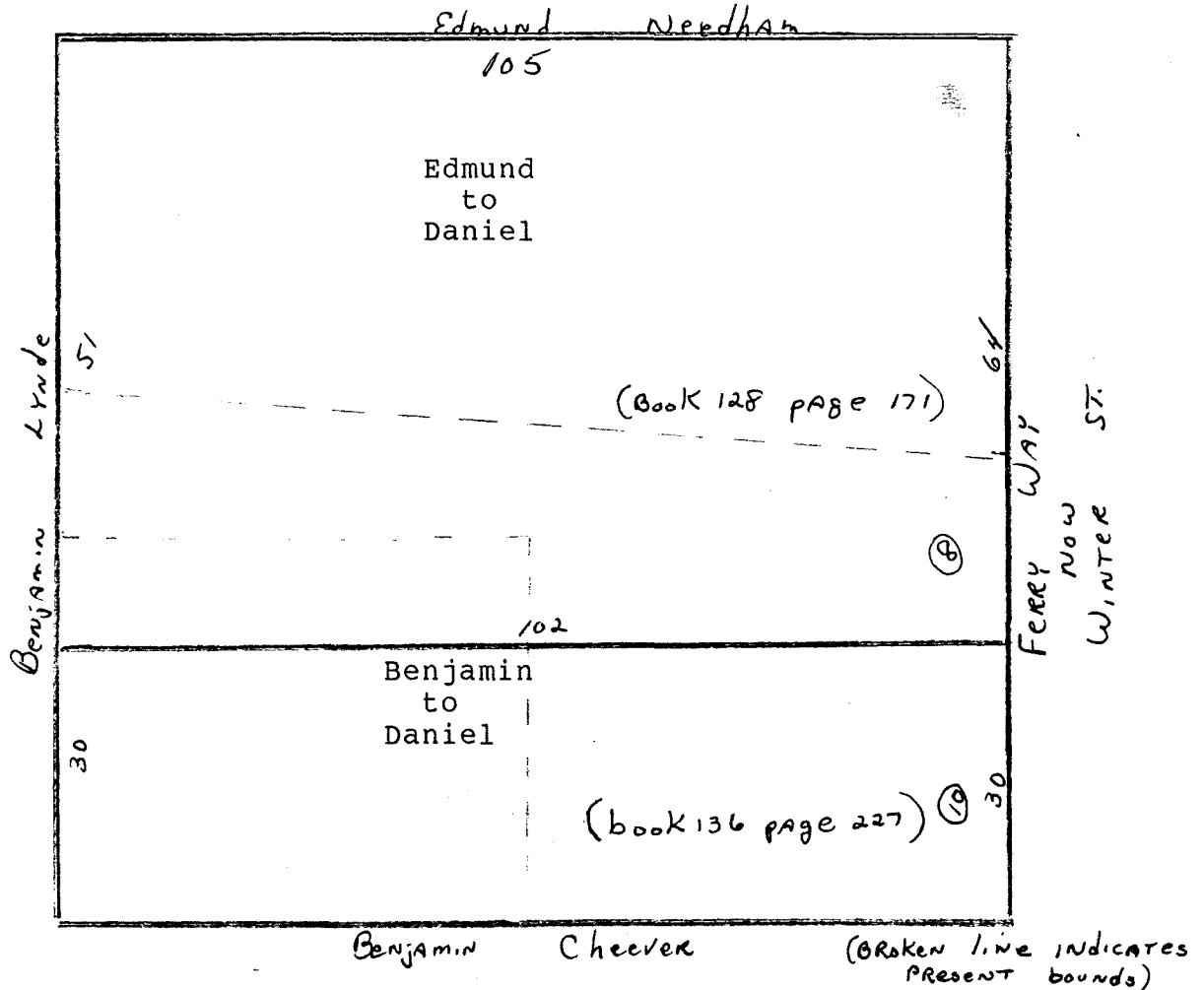
The land on which this house stands was purchased by Daniel Needham, tailor, during the 1770's:

BOOK 128 PAGE 171

DATE - March 1771  
GRANTOR (seller) - Edmund Needham  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Daniel Needham

BOOK 136 PAGE 227

DATE - April 21, 1779  
GRANTOR (seller) - Benjamin Cheever  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Daniel Needham



# Inventory and appraisement of the estate of John Bott

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late of Salem in said county, Saddler deceased, testate,  
as shewn to us by the administrator Executor

Real Estate.

House & Land & out Buildings in Essex Street \$ 2600.00

Personal estate.

1 Sofa 6.00	Looking Glass 4.50	timepiece 12.00	light stand 2.00	24	50
8 yellow chairs 3.00	Brass fire sett 4.50	2 pr crickets 1.25		8	75
1 pine table 1.00	Bellows & brush 75	Carpet & Rugs 5.00		6	75
Dining sett 6.00	Tea & coffee sett 10.00	Looking Glass 8.00		22	00
Brass fire sett 3.00	plated castler 2.00	Carpet 10.00	Side Board 12.00	29	00
Lot of Glass ware 3.00	2 pr candlesticks 50 ct	Card table 3.00		8	50
1 pr crickets 20 ct	6 chairs 3.00	5 nailers 67	Looking Glass 30 ct	4	17
1 satte 1.00	Round table 30 ct	8 chairs 1.60	child's chair & stand 25 ct	3	15
Lot of crockery 1.25	Kitchen fire sett 1.00	bellows, brush & sieve 75 ct		3	00
Tin ware & knives & forks 3.00	4 pr candlesticks & lamps 1.50			4	50
Lot of Iron ware 2.00	pr steel yards 1.00	3 Brass kettles 1.50		4	50
Lot of wooden & earthen ware 2.00	Bedstead, Bed & Bedding 15.00			17	00
Case of Drans 3.00	Looking Glass & table 25 ct	high chair 75 ct		4	00
Bedstead, Bed & Bedding 15.00	Looking Glass 75 ct	2 1/2 1.00		19	75
Bedstead, bed & bedding 11.00	Bureau 5.00	Lottery chair 2.00		18	00
3 chairs 25 ct	shovel & tongs 1.50	2 strips carpeting 1.25		3	00
20 Table cloths 15.00	64 pillow cases 6.00	11 Bed quilts 7.00		38	00
38 napkins 3.00	Bedstead, bed & bedding 22.00	Easy chair 5.00		30	00
1 Secretary 9.00	Looking Glass 4.00	Table 20.00	Wardrobe &c 1.25	14	45
Carpet 3.00	2 old Bedsteads 1.00	1st bedstead, bed & bedding 6.00		10	00
Old Drans 50 ct	Bedstead & bed 7.00	stair carpet 3.50	67 sheets 16.50	27	50
23 or silver spoons, Cann &c 23.00	wearing apparel 25.00			48	00
1 Map 1.00	lot of Books 2.00			3	00

amount carried forward \$ 351.52



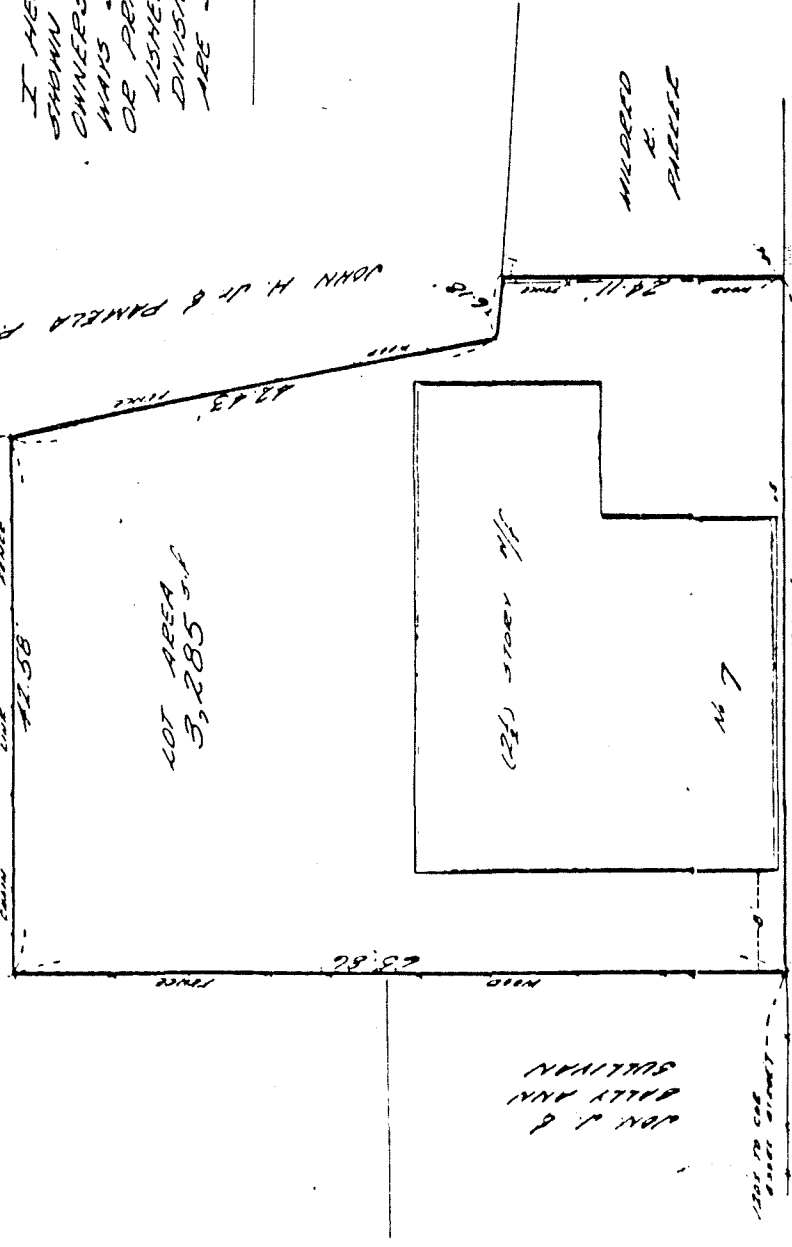
2 pr Chain wheels 16,00	1 set Carryall wheels 13,00	29	00	
1 Chain body, painted with springs & beam 26,00	Do primed 12,00	32	00	
2 Chain carriages 12,00	2 sets bars for Chain head 2,00	14	00	
2 Irons for Tractor 1,50	1 pr wheels 6,00	lot of spoke stuff 2,00	9	50
1 Cast iron stove 6,00	lot of ash plank 5,00	lot of ash wheels 2,00	13	00
1 secondhand sleigh harness 6,00	Do incomplete 1,00	Do 4,50	11	50
1 Cart breechband 1,50	old chain saddle 2,00	Do with bridle & reins 3,50	7	00
1 Body of new saddle 5,00	Do with bridle 7,00	Do with do & 8,00	20	00
1 Wood apron 30 ct	lot of stamping 1,00	parts of sleigh harness 4,00	5	50
3 unfinished chain harnesses 39,00	wagon saddle 2,50		32	50
1 secondhand harness 8,00	5 chain trees 1,25		9	25
Lot of cartridge woods 25 ct	Lot of fire buckets & blocks 3,00		7	25
1 pr secondhand Coach springs 1,50	16 trunks 60,00		61	50
4 headstalls 3,00	3 cartridge boxes & belts 2,25		5	25
1 pr holsters 1,50	3 sunshades with pads 1,50	Roller pads 3,00	6	00
2 trunk boxes 4 ct	15 bodies of Riding saddles 60,00		60	40
2 Ladies riding saddles 36,00	5 gentlemen Do 44,00		76	00
1 piece painted leather 3,00	lot of whips 2,50		5	50
2 trunks & contents 13,00	Cannister of oil 2,50		15	50
Lot of boxes, brushes, jars & 50 ct	11 pr overalls 3,00		8	00
3 Leopard Saddle coverings 3,00	Glas case & contents 10,00		13	00
1 Bearskin 2,00	2 secondhand saddles 7,00		9	00
Lot of cotton & wags 6,00	2 draft collars 2,50		8	50
Glas case of contents 3,00	9 bridles 18,00		21	00
1 Barrel of lump lark & sundries 5,00			5	00
Lot of sleigh belts & sundries 3,00	1 pr carriage sleep 2,00		5	00
1 pr chain wheels 8,00	old chest of Drawn 1,50		9	50
1 pr fire buckets & bag 1,00			1	00

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF JANUARY 1, 1976  
 10-24-79 *Richard E. Botts*

I HEREY CERTIFY THAT THIS MASS IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND AS SHOWN AND THAT IT CONFORMS TO CITY OF SALEM ZONING LAWS WHEN CONSTRUCTED & THAT IT DOES NOT FALL IN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA DESIGNATED ON THE HDH MAP FOR  
 COMMUNITY NO. 252102A  
 DATED 5-15-77  
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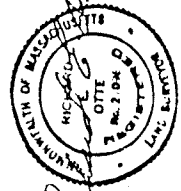
BOTTS

COURT

NOTE:

LOT DIMENSIONS TAKEN FROM PLAN IN BOOK 1505, PAGE 1, IN SALEM REG. OF DEEDS AND VERIFIED BY FIELD MEASUREMENTS.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN HEREON ARE THOSE DIVIDING EXISTING OWNERSHIPS AND THE LINES OF STREETS & WAYS SHOWN ARE THOSE OF EXISTING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE STREETS OR WAYS ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND THAT NO NEW LINES FOR DIVISION OF OWNERSHIPS OR FOR NEW WAYS ARE SHOWN  
 10-24-79 *Richard E. Botts*



PLAN OF LAND IN SALEM, MASS.

OCTOBER 24, 1979

OTTE & DAVIS, INC. SURVEYORS  
 46 ESSSEX STREET  
 SALEM, MASS.

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 1979

ESSEX REGISTER OF DEEDS, 50 DEER LANE, MASS.  
 Received Oct. 30, 1979 with D. R.L.D.  
 to Benjamin J. Stephens  
 Rec. B 6648 P. 35 Filed as No. 299, 1979

John D. Bingham  
 Register of Deeds

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NOTES:

#7 Bott's Court.

Rating: TWO. Period: PRE-FEDERAL

The unusually high foundation of this two-story, wooden, gambrel roofed house suggests that it was moved to this location, and such seems to be the case. According to Old Naumkeag, it was a tavern-- "At the sign of the Eagle"-- kept by Jacob Bacon in 1794 near the site of the Athenaeum. Later it was the home of Captain William Mugford, famous for saving William Gray's ship, the Ulysses, by devising a rudder when the original rudder was damaged. G.G Putnam wrote that Mugford had a pair of emu's eggs standing in front of his house. The central chimney is gone. A federal entrance is hidden by later trim. Some early twelve-over-twelve windows remain.

(SALEM HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION)

"Old Chestnut street had its oddities, oh, yes! Just imagine a ferry in Bott's court as we know it today. Yet William H. Foster in his recollections, delighted to recall how he floated down "Bradshaw's gutter" in a punt on his way to school through Bott's court. There was a brook, so dubbed- quite a sizeable and vigorous water course in the spring of the year, in Mr. Foster's boyhood, so expansive and deep that a punt with a pole was kept in the court for the public convenience in crossing from Essex to Chestnut street.

Comrade William Lander, adjutant and past commander of Phillip H. Sheridan, Post 34, informs me that he remembers the brook in Bott's court when he was a boy and there may be others who can recall it.

Although it does not appear on the old maps, this brook was undoubtedly fed by springs in the hollow of the original Bott's court and ran its course through the marshy land across or under Chestnut street, and so down through the meadow of broad fields to the old South mill pond." (Salem Evening News - March 23, 1923)

## JACOB BACON

DR. JACOB BACON was born on August 25, 1751, a son of the Reverend Jacob (A.B. 1731) and Mary (Wood) Bacon. The family had been driven from Upper Ashuelot by the Indians, and the Parson had been installed over the Third Church of Plymouth in 1749, but it was at Boxford, his mother's home, that Jacob was born.<sup>1</sup> At college, he roomed in Massachusetts 32 with Osgood '71, waited on table, served as a scholar of the House, and held a Browne Scholarship. He took both degrees with his Class.

Bacon served an apprenticeship with Dr. James Brickett of Haverhill, and may have begun practice in Woburn, because a man of his name marched with the Woburn company on the Nineteenth of April and was wounded in the battle. If this was our man, his wound was not serious, for our Jacob was examined and approved as surgeon's mate in Colonel Scammon's regiment on July 4, 1775. He served at Bunker Hill, and when the army was reorganized at the end of the year, he was appointed surgeon's mate to the Seventh Continentals, with whom he served for twelve months. In April, 1777, he was inoculated in the army hospital.<sup>2</sup> In the autumn of that year he sailed as surgeon of the privateer *Freedom*,<sup>3</sup> was captured, and exchanged in October, 1780.

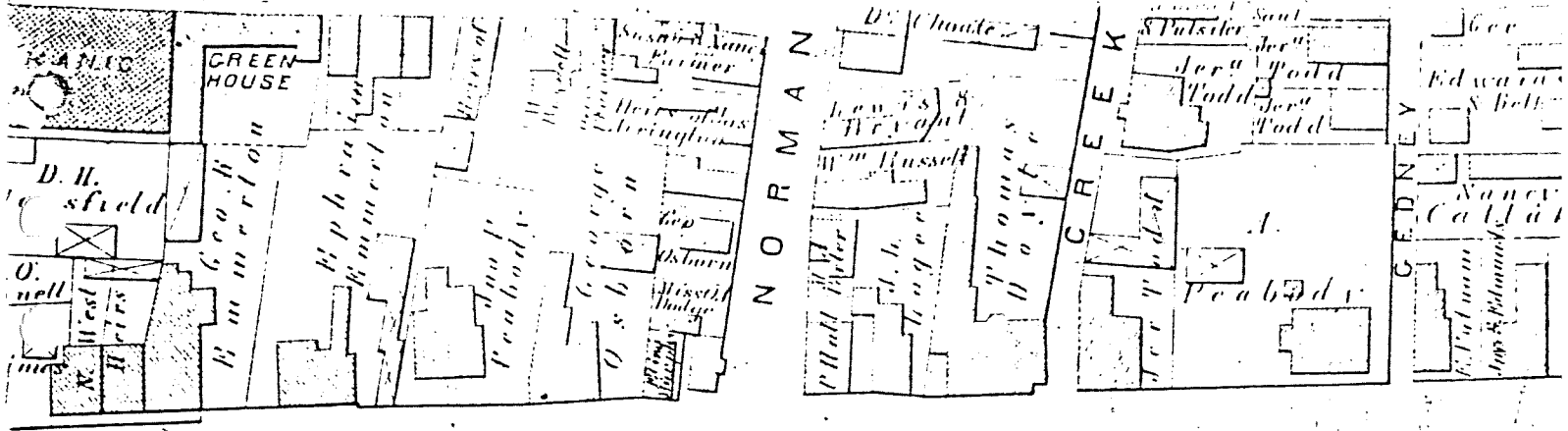
After this experience, Bacon settled with relatives who lived in the western end of what was known as the Addison Richardson house in the western part of Salem. On November 30, 1780, he married a daughter of this family, Sarah Brown, widow of Joseph Gardner of Salem. She died on May 2, 1785, and on September 16, 1790, the Doctor married Sarah Adams, the daughter of a retired Danish mariner who kept a public house next to the Richardson place. Bacon kept this tavern until this Sarah died in late December, 1813. After this, according to William Bentley (A.B. 1777), his life was "not so correct" as it "ought to have been," and he "was poor":

Since I knew him I have been doubtful of his habits, but nothing in the interview with him at his next neighbour Addison Richardson's was unworthy of a man of observation and letters. He seems however to have lived in great obscurity, never censured, but seldom noticed on any occasion. This could not be from any part of his personal character but probably from his domestic situation.<sup>4</sup>

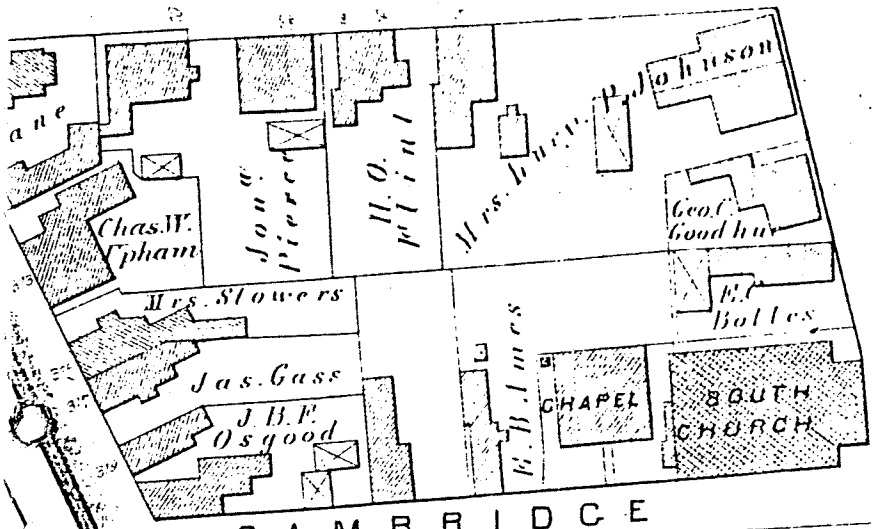
This obscurity is the more curious in that he had a connection by marriage with the Salem Pickering's, which ought to have been the making of a young physician. He died at Salem on July 28, 1816, leaving one daughter, Sally, who was born in 1785 and lived unmarried until 1865.



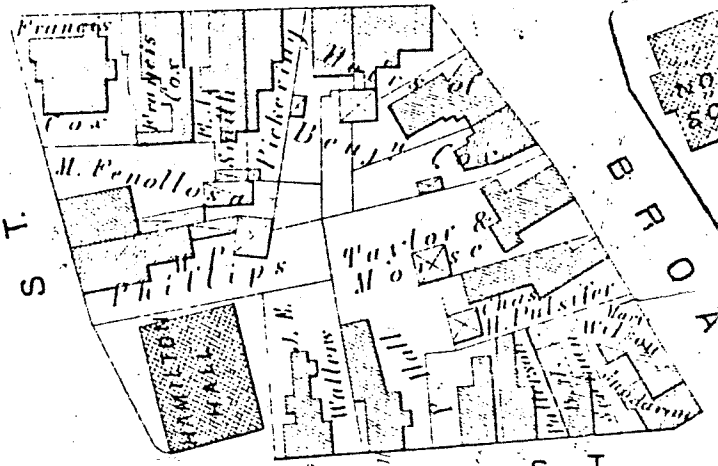




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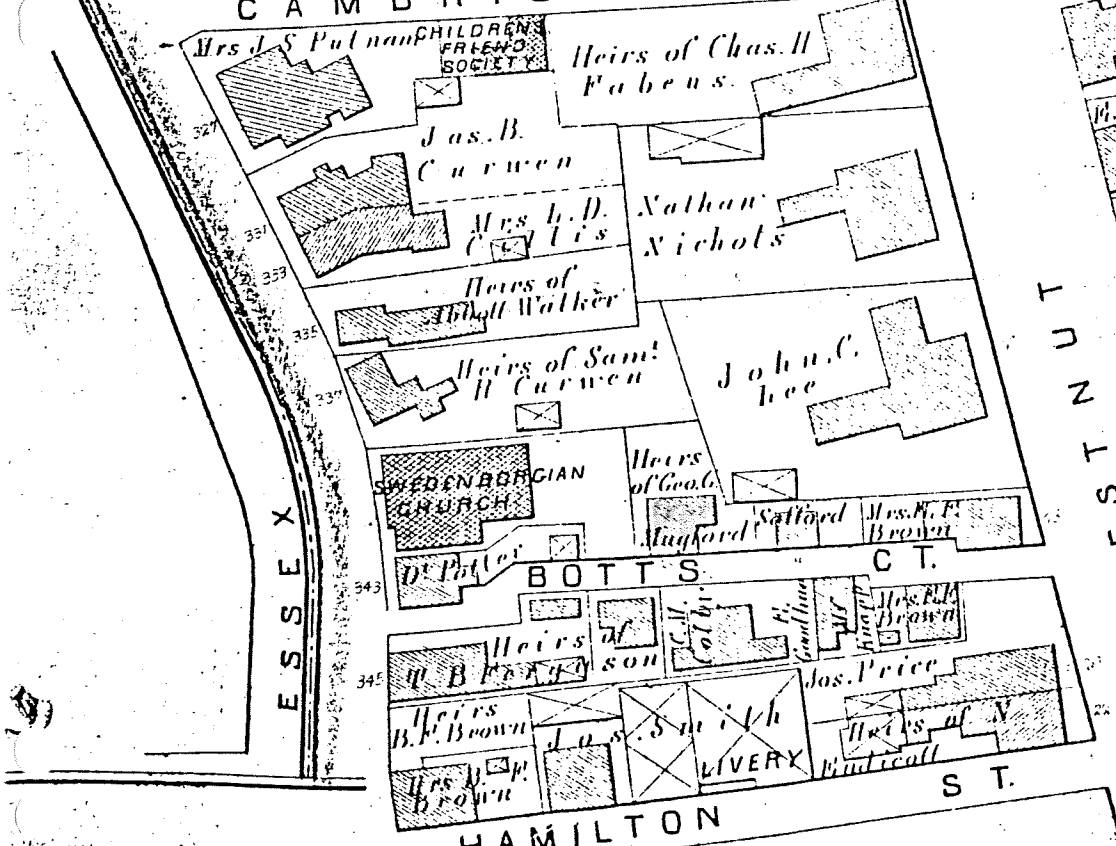


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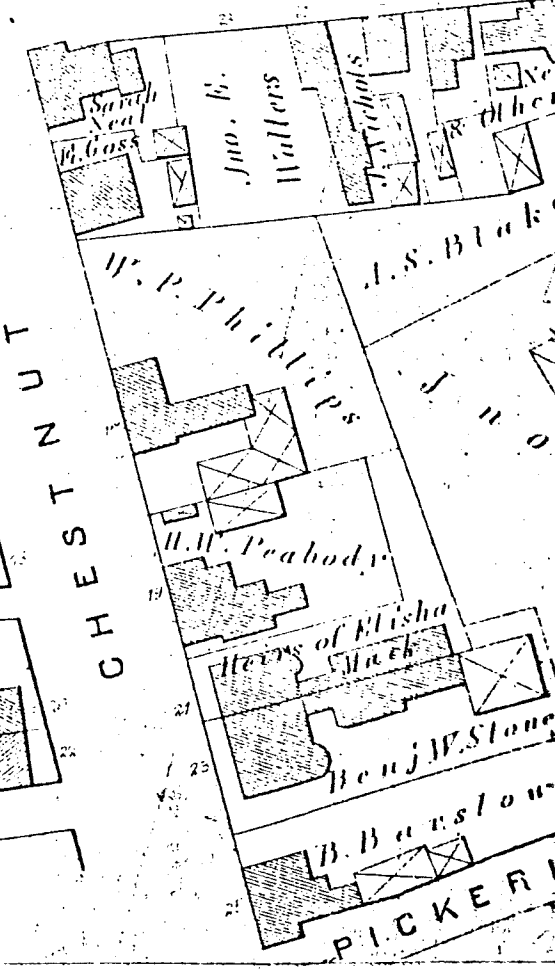
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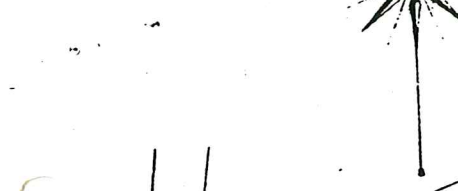
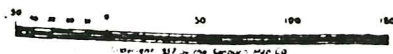
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Joyce - House sign order from Jonathan Hewitt  
Acquired 6/84 from Steve Selbo + Patricia Cranston  
c. 240 years -  
Information on 7 Botts Court: Marcia

- (1) Reference in report on Historical Districts in Salem:
  - (a) House was a tavern "At the Sign of the Eagle" kept by Jacob Bacon in 1794 near site of Salem Athenaeum.
  - (b) Later home of Captain William Mugford, famous for saving the Ulysses, William Gray's ship.
- (2) Information on Jacob Bacon:
  - (a) After first wife died, he married (on Sept 16, 1790) Sarah Adams, the daughter of a retired Danish mariner who "kept a public house next to the <sup>Addison</sup> Richardson place." Bacon kept this tavern until Sarah died in late December, 1813.
- (3) From Early Collections, "of Upper Part of Essex Street," p 11
  - (a) Reference to the house owned by Mugford, which was removed to Botts Court and the New Jerusalem Church was built on the spot where the house previously was located.
- (4) From Old Nantucket, p 103 + 104:
  - (a) New Jerusalem Church dedicated April 18, 1872 tells us that the "Salem Society of the New Jerusalem Church" was organized on January 25, 1863.
  - (b) On the site of the New Jerusalem Church a tavern with the sign of the eagle was kept in 1794 by Jacob Bacon. The building was removed and is now standing in Botts Court.



An Inventory of the Estate of Mrs Sarah Adams late of Salem in the County of Essex Deceased Testate Taken by and Testament at the appraisement of the Samuel Holman Mr Stephen Cook and Joseph Wood a Committee duly appointed and sworn for that purpose as followeth

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Real Estate in Salem

To the one half part of about sixty poles of land and one half of the dwelling house and barn thereon standing lying in common and undivided with the estate belonging to the heirs of Jonas Adams Deceased } 170.00

Personal Estate

- To 1 Chamber Chair 16/10/100 Chair 2/1 1.17.0
- To one feather bed Bolster and Piller 3.0.0
- To under bed Bedstead and Cord 0.10.0
- To 1 Blankett 12/8 pair of Sheets 6/0 18.0
- To 1 Saloon quilt 15/ head cloth 2/6 17.6
- To one feather bed Bolster & Piller ad 2.10.0
- To under bed Bedstead and Cord 0.12.0
- To 1 Sheet 3/ 2 pair Blanketts 6/0 9.0
- To 3 Sheets 16/ table cloth 2 Towels 12/6 18.6
- To one feather bed Bolster and Piller 2.2.0
- To one under bed 0.3.0
- To one feather bed Bolster and Piller 2.2.0
- To under bed Bedstead and Cord 0.8.0
- To 2 bed Blanketts 0.12.0
- To Wooling Wheel 3/ Iron pott 6/0 9.0
- To Salt mortar 1/ 0.1.0 17.9.0

Value of goods & household furniture lying in common 25.12.0 5.12.0  
 divided with the goods belonging to the heirs of  
 Salem August 10 1786 Joseph Wood 23.1.0

Daniel Adams Exr. Saml Holman } Committee  
 Stephen Cook } sworn  
 Esq. April 25th 1787 when Mrs Daniel Adams Executor presented the foregoing  
 will