

21 Buffum St.  
Salem, Mass.

owner: Frank P. Minutillo

Edward Buffum

Harness maker

1844

N.T. Gwendol - 1. Aug. 1972

DEED TITLES

21 Buffum Street

- 5077 - 579 Patricia A. Brophy to Isabel G. McGinley of Salem  
- July 1, 1963  
- "with the buildings thereon"
- 4949 - 34 Michael V. O'Meara et ux to Patricia A. Brophy  
- July 17, 1962  
- "with the buildings thereon"
- 3543 - 562 Charles B. Newhall, executor of the will of Anna M. Nason of Salem, to Michael V. O'Meara et ux of Peabody  
- September 23, 1948  
- \$ 8500.00  
- "with the buildings thereon"
- # 223072 Administration of the Estate of Anna M. Nason of Salem  
- Dated: March 9, 1948  
- Administrator authorized to sell real estate:  
"21 Buffum Street,  
Salem, Mass.....\$ 5340.00"
- # 129966 Administration of the estate of Horace W. Hanson of Salem  
- July 8, 1918  
- Real Estate:  
" $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in estate: 21 Buffum St.,  
Salem.....\$ 1625.00"  
- Only heir:  
Anna M. Nason of Salem, sister.
- # 74305 Estate of Job V. Hanson of Salem  
- Dated: June 5, 1893  
- Heirs: Horace W. Hanson, Salem, son  
Anna M. Nason, Salem, daughter
- 717 - 237 Aaron A. Kehew, Anna M. Kehew, in her right, Lucy E. Buffum, singlewoman, all of Chelsea, to Job V. Hanson, Salem, trader  
- February 1, 1867  
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- "consisting of a dwelling house and all other buildings"
- \$ 2400.00
- "meaning to convey" "all our real estate on Buffum St., except what we sold to said Hutchins" (23 Buffum)

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- Moses F. Rogers, guardian, to Anna Maria Kehew and Lucy Ellen Buffum, both of Chelsea
- October 20, 1863
  - \$ 623.00
  - sold at public auction on July 16, 1863 (see page 1, following)
  - "1/5 of a double lot:  
108' by Buffum by 150' deep"

# 33966

- Guardianship of George Buffum, Salem, Carpenter, insane
- December 2, 1862
  - Guardian: Moses F. Rogers
  - Real estate: 1/5 of:
    - "House No. 21 Buffum St. in Salem with land; valued at 2000 dollars  
..... \$ 400.00
    - Shop No. 23 Buffum Street with the land valued at 800 dollars. \$ 160.00
    - Lot of land on Buffum St. valued at \$ 800.00 ..... \$ 160.00"

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- Thomas J. Gifford, guardian for 3 minors: Mary Ann, Herbert, George; to Anna M. Kehew (Aaron A. Kehew), Lucy E. Buffum, all of Chelsea
- October 20, 1863
  - all title of said minors in property on Buffum Street

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- Edward Slade Buffum of Chelsea to Anna M. Kehew (Aaron A. Kehew), Lucy E. Buffum, both of Chelsea
- \$ 623.00
  - one undivided fifth part in two pieces of property on Buffum St:
    - 108' X 150'
    - one other lot
  - October 20, 1863

# 53963

Estate of Edward Buffum of Salem, harnessmaker.

Dated: June 3, 1862

Heirs:

1. Minors of Martha S. Gifford, deceased  
(daughter)
2. Moses F. Rogers, guardian to:  
George Buffum (insane son)
3. Anna Maria (Buffum) Kehew (daughter)
4. Lucy Ellen Buffum (daughter)
5. Edward S. Buffum (son) administrator

INVENTORY

Real Estate:

"one Dwelling House and land	\$ 1700.00
One Shop and Land	650.00
One Lot of Land	600.00"

Personal Estate:

"one Sofa (10.00) one Carpet 10.00	20.00
one Looking Glass - 1.00 7 Chairs 3.50	4.50
one What Not (1.50) one Table and Cover 1.50	3.00
two Pictures and frames	2.00
five Lamps (1.50) one Book Case 4.00	5.50
Thirty books (3.00) Mahogany table and cover 2.50	5.50
one Looking Glass (.50) Clock (3.00)	3.50
8 Chairs (2.00) 2 Light Stands 1.50	3.50
one Carpet 4.00 one Bed and Bedding 9.00	13.00
one Bedsted 1.00 Wash stand etc 2.00	3.00
19 Silver Spoons	14.00
Crockery and Glass Ware in Sitting Room Clo	10.00
one Cooking Stove (6.00) Mahogany Desk 4.00	10.00
Contents of Kitchen Closet	4.00
6 Flat Irons (1.00) 5 Chairs and Table (1.00)	2.00
2 Beds and Bedding	20.00
3 Bedsteds 3.50 Bedding 5.00	8.50
Furniture in Attic	1.50
one Bedscreen 2.00 Straw Carpet 2.00	4.00
one Silk Patch Chair 1.00 Brass Kettle 1.00	2.00
one Chest (.50) one Cooking Stove 11.00	11.50
old tools and (such) being the contents of Shop	6.00
Cash in Salem Savings Bank	100.00
Note of Anna Frye	100.00
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Total amount 407.50

Note: See also pages II and III following.

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Division of the Estate of Jonathan Buffum  
of Salem, yeoman

- April 18, 1836
- two lots of land to Edward Buffum (son)  
as per map on page IV: lots # 5 and 8;  
each being "54 feet wide and nine rods  
deep" and "66 feet wide and nine rods  
deep", respectively

# 3961

Will of Jonathan Buffum of Salem, yeoman

- May 19, 1835
- Real estate distributed to sons and  
daughters as per above.

The following is an excerpt from the Salem Gazette of:

July 16, 1863

" Geo. Nichols

Auctioneer and Stock Broker - 42 Wash. St.

Valuable Real Estate on Buffum St. on Thursday, July 16, at 10 o'clock a.m. will be sold by auction on the respective premises:

All the Real Estate of which Ed. Buffum died seized, consisting of:

A valuable Building Lot, situate on the southwest side of Buffum St. measuring 66 ft. front and 130 ft. deep in one or two parcels, as purchasers may wish.

Also the 2-story Building No. 23 Buffum St. recently occupied as a saddlers shop, but of suitable dimensions for a dwelling house together with the land adjoining sd. building, about 54 ft. front and 150 ft. deep on which are many valuable apple, pear, cherry and other fruit trees.

Also the Mansion of said deceased, No. 21 on said street, containing 12 finished rooms besides the attic, the House is in perfect repair and a very desirable residence for one or two families. The appurtenant to sd. house, which measures 54 ft. front and 150 ft. deep, is well stocked with the choicest varieties of fruit trees in bearing condition, grape vines, shrubbery, etc.

The premises may be viewed and information relative to the same obtained, at any time, on application to Wm. P. Buffum at House No. 25 Buffum St. or to the auctioneer.

July 2 "

Planed: E  
S. C. I  
F. I  
1950

OLD BURYING GROUND  
OF THE  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)  
ESSEX STREET .... SALEM, MASS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Old Book Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	C	F. Foster Frye - 1893
2	B	Stephen H. Frye - 1888
3	A	Mercy Frye - 1888
4	1	Ann M. Frye
5	3	Willie Horton
6	4	Alice Buffum
7	5	Francis Buffum
8	8	Edward Buffum - 1862
10	11	Anne Elizabeth Frye - 1851
11	13	Sibil Buffum - 1852
18	25	Ann Buffum 1842
19	26	Jonathan Buffum - 1902
20	30	George Buffum - 1902
93	78	Rebeckah M. Buffum
94	79	John Henry Buffum
107	99	J. A. S. - (Tablet) - 1820

SALEM CITY TAX RECORDS

The following is an excerpt from records presently kept in the City Clerk's vault at City Hall, Salem, Massachusetts:

"1840 - Edward Buffum - 2 lotts land - Buffum St.  
tax - 3.00"

"1842 - Edward Buffum - 2 polls - tax - 3.00"

"1843 - Edward Buffum - 2 polls - tax - 3.00"

"1844 - Edward Buffum - 1 house 800.-, 1 poll  
tax - tot. 6.14"

"1845 - Edward Buffum - 17 Buffum - 1 house 800.-  
Real 4.64 - 1 poll 1.50 tot. 6.14

Edward S. Buffum - 17 Buffum - 1 poll 1.50

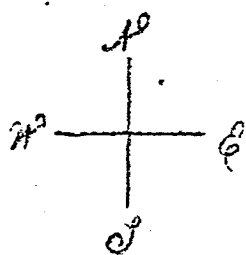
David C. Buffum - 17 Buffum - 1 poll 1.50"


"1846 - Edward Buffum, house and shop 17 Buffum 800.-  
1 poll tax 6.14

Edward S. Buffum, 1 poll, 17 Buffum 1.50

David C. Buffum, shop and land 400.-  
17 Buffum 1 poll 1.50"





12.	- to William Buffum
11.	- to Jonathan Buffum
10.	- to Israel Buffum
9.	- to Anna Frye
8.	- to Edward Buffum
7.	- to Mercy Alley
	- sold by heirs to John Alley jr., July 24, 1835
6.	- to Mercy Alley
5.	- to Edward Buffum
4.	- to Jonathan Buffum
3.	- to Israel Buffum
2.	- to Anna Frye
1.	- to William Buffum

DIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF JONATHAN BUFFUM OF SALEM

*Exam: Mace T. G...*

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BUFFUM FAMILY INFORMATION

from - HISTORY OF SALEM, MASS., Perley, vol. II.

Jonathan Buffum; tailor and yeoman; married Anne Purington of Lynn April 28, 1778; he died March 31, 1835; she died February 5, 1842; children: 1. Mercy; married John Alley Dec. 23, 1800; born April 5, 1779; died Oct. 29, 1862; 2. William, born March 12, 1782; 3. Edward, born Dec. 29 1784; 4. Israel, born Feb. 16, 1789; cordwainer; lived in Lynn; 5. Anna, born Nov. 29, 1789; 6. Jonathan, born Oct. 9, 1793; shoe-manufacturer and painter; lived in Lynn.

3. Edward Buffum, chaise and harness maker; removed to Lynn about 1826; came back to Salem before 1837; married Sybil Chase of Swansey; she died July 24, 1852; he died April 20, 1862; children: 1. Edward Slade, born Aug. 20, 1818; 2. Martha Slade, born June 22, 1820; married Thomas J. Gifford; 3. David Chase Buffum, born Nov. 7, 1822; probably died before 1862; 4. George, born Mar. 8, 1825; carpenter; lived in Salem in 1862; 5. Anna Maria, born Oct. 23, 1828; married Aaron Augustus Kehew; 6. Lydia, born Dec. 3, 1831; died Oct. 2, 1832; 7. Lucy Ellen, born Aug. 21, 1833; unmarried in 1862.

## SUMMATION

The end-to-the-street Greek-Revival house at # 21 Buffum Street was, in all probability, built about 1844; this being based on the tax records, which list "1 house" for the first time, in that year. The number "17 Buffum" appears several years later; this occurring since the numbers on the street changed in the late 1850's, according to contemporary Salem City Directories. Thus # 13 became # 17 and # 17 became # 21, etc. The auction advertisement further adds information as to the location of Buffum's buildings; thus eliminating the possibility of the present structure as originally the harness shop.

It seems the Buffum "Mansion house" consisted, in 1863, of 12 rooms, with no mention of fireplace equipment, merely two cook stoves. The house presently contains two chimneys, both apparently for stoves only. However, cuts made in flooring surrounding the front chimney suggest the existence of an earlier chimney; one with fireplace hearths. Thus this could have been replaced before 1862, Edward's death. Other apparent original features include a complete Greek-Revival doorway, pegged stairway, typical in style to other Buffum Street residences of the same vintage (i.e. # 15 - 1843; #16 - 1845; #17 - 1849), as well as early window sashes with hand-rolled glass and siding.

Last, and probably only somewhat more than least, an ancient grapevine winds its way through unkept forsythia and lilacs; perhaps the very same spoken of in 1863?

  
David T. Gavenda

Salem, Mass. 1. August 1972