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143 Derby Street
Built for
JOHN NICHOLS JR., mariner
in the year 1836

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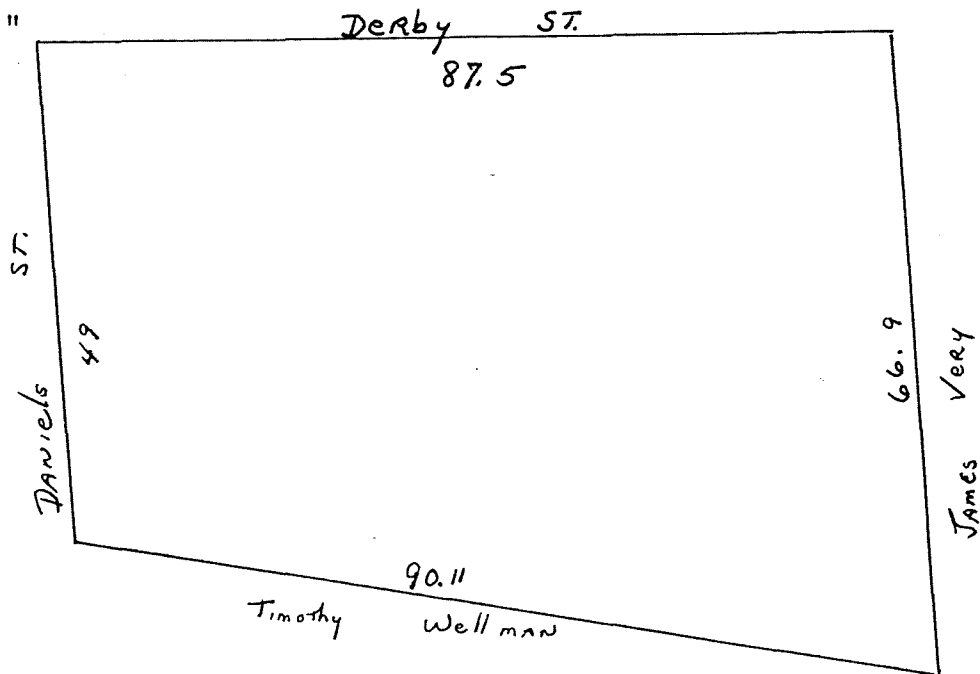
143 Derby Street

This house was once a simple, two story plus pitch roof, wooden house probably dating from the Federal period with the entrance on one side or the other. Now the entrance is a projecting one story-high narrow addition on the gable street end with modern windows on either side, and there is another addition to one side. The house is covered with siding. (Salem Historic Commission District Study)

"Derby street was laid out about 1767. It was at first called New street, and was known as Derby street as early as 1774." (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 10, page 114)

Derby Street, now in the midst of a commercial revival, was once a bustling thoroughfare. Sailors and merchants filled the street which was lined with varied shops and mansion houses. Many of the lots on this street have been built upon two and three times. The older buildings gave way to more spacious and lucrative businesses or boarding houses which provided lodging for the many immigrants and seamen who frequented the area.

The house now known as 143 Derby Street was apparently not the first to claim this spot as its base. On Dec. 8, 1803 Martha Palfray, widow, administratrix of the estate of Thomas Palfray, sold to George Crowninshield Jr. "the known agent of Nathaniel Silsbee", for the sum of \$2,000, part of the estate Thomas died seized of. "Except the owners of the buildings on the lot may remove them off after paying rents due."



(book 172
page 298)

On Dec. 7, 1835 Nathaniel Silsbee, of Salem, merchant sold the same land to John Nichols and Thomas Melzard, gentlemen, with the wooden building now standing, for the sum of \$1,050. (book 285 page 138)

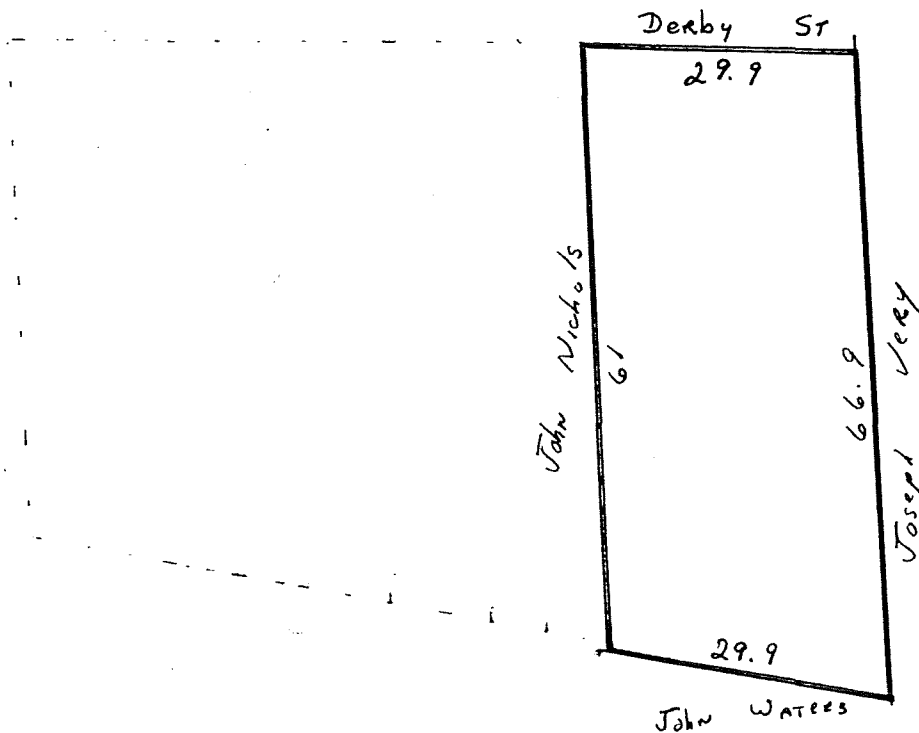
On Feb. 23, 1836 Thomas Melzard sold his half share of the property to John Nichols, mariner, "together with the wooden building standing on the land" (book 285 page 238)

The tax records for 1837 indicate "Nathaniel Silsbee sold to Jno Nichols store and land"- Derby St. Mr. Nichols is listed as living at 20 Essex Street. The building mentioned in the previous deeds was evidently on the corner of Daniels and Derby and described in an ad in the Salem Gazette. More importantly this same ad dates the house at 143 Derby St.: For Sale

"A two story building on the corner of Daniels and Derby streets. Also a two story building next adjoining the above on Derby St. The building is two years old and in excellent order.

Apply John Nichols Jr."

Shortly after the appearance of the ad, John Nichols Jr., mariner, sold on April 17, 1838 to Lydia Karier, wife of Joseph, for the sum of \$512 the land with a dwelling house and out building.



(book 305 page 122)

Prior to the purchase of the property, the Kariers are listed as living at 69 Essex St. (1836 directory). The spelling is changed in the 1842 directory to Joseph Kavne, mariner 91 Derby St. (now 143). Other than the fact that Joseph Karrier married Lydia Shaw on Sept. 21, 1823, the statistics of this couple remain obscure.

On Jan. 13, 1843 Lydia Karier, of Salem wife of Joseph, "who by his signature assents to" sold for the sum of \$500 to Thomas Farless, trader. "The same estate I purchased from John Nichols Jr. book 305 page 122, with the two story dwelling house." (book 335 page 218)

One month later on Feb. 1, 1843 Thomas Farless sold to Joseph Karier for \$500, the land and two story dwelling house, "the same I became possessed by deed given me by Lydia Karier."

The 1845 directory states that the occupants at that time were Joseph Karier and Thomas Cluff. The Kariers remained in the house until May 25, 1849 when they sold the property for \$1,080 to Dennis Lynch (book 412 page 63). The Kariers then moved to Orange St. into a house which was converted from a barn.

A federal census taken in 1850 allows a closer look at the occupants:

Dennis Lynch	age 47	pedlar	- prop. val. \$1,000	- born Ire.
Ann "	" 50			" "
James "	" 19	mariner		" Eng.
Ann "	" 12			" "
Charles Mc Making	" 60	weaver		" Ire.
Susan Mc Gee	" 55			" "
Sara L. "	" 26			" "
Mary Jane "	" 23			" "
Susan "	" 21			" "
Elizabeth "	" 18			" "
Bridget "	" 16			" "
James "	" 12			" "
Ellen Dolan	" 30			" "

The 1860 census shows the changes in the household:

Dennis Lynch	age 57	dry goods dealer	born Ire.
Ann "	" 60		" "
Ann "	" 22		" Eng.
Ellen Stray	" 30		" Ire.
James "	" 35	mariner	" Eng.
William Lynch	" 37	pedlar	" Eng.
Bridget "	" 30		" Ire.
John "	" 5		" Mass
James "	" 8		" "

Mr. Lynch was the proprietor of a dry goods store at 94 Derby St. (now #150) for many years. Dennis Lynch died on Feb. 12, 1869 at the age of 64 (no obituary). Mr. Lynch's property at the time of his death was comprised of 4 parcels:

- 94 Derby St., val. \$1,400 (devised to son James)
- 91 Derby St., val. 1,200 (devised to wife, also all household stuff of every kind)
- 19 Daniels St., val. 1,600 (devised to grandchildren James and Anne O'Keefe)
- 47 Harbor St., val. 1,100 (devised to James and William)

Since it was Mary Lynch, widow of Daniel, who claimed the property at 91 Derby St. it seems evident that Ann had died some time after 1860 and Daniel remarried.

The 1870 census:

Ellen Logan	age 50	keeps house	born Ire.
Catherine "	" 21	no occupation	" "
Mary A. "	" 18		" "
Jeremiah "	" 11	attends school	" "
Helen "	" 9	" "	" "
Michael Lambert	" 23	works currying	" "
Mary Lynch	" 45	keeps house	prop. val. \$1,500 " "

On May 10, 1871 Mary Lynch sold for the sum of \$1,300 to Daniel Moynahan, the land and building at 91 Derby St., "the same estate on Derby St. devised by my late husband Daniel to me." (book 823 page 161)

The Moynahan family was living at 91 Derby St. when the 1880 census was taken:

Daniel Moynahan	age 54	retail grocer	born Ire.
Bridget	" 62	keeps house	" "
Valentine Dooley	" 30	currier	" "
Hannah	" 25	wife - keeps house	" Mass
Catherine	" 2	daughter	" "
Thomas	" 9	months	" "

Mr. Moynahan apparently opened a grocery store in this house shortly after purchasing it. The 1881 directory states that Daniel Moynahan was a grocer at 91 Derby, house the same. Also at 91 Derby were Valentine Dooley, currier, and R. Mc Kennon.

Daniel Moynahan died on Nov. 10, 1884. Daniel's widow Bridget remained at the house with their son-in-law Valentine Dooley as manager of the provision store. Daniel Moynahan bequeathed all his real estate to his wife Bridget in his will written on Aug. 15, 1882 (probate #61448). He stipulated that after the decease of Bridget, the real estate was to be held for the benefit of his grandchildren. The inventory of the real estate consisted of two parcels:

91 Derby St.	val. \$1,600
19 Daniels St.	" 1,900

Personal estate:

Groceries in store at 91 Derby St.	\$138.08
Household furniture	10.00

Payments and charges concerning the Derby St. property were:

Henry M. Bixby & Co. - carpet and wallpaper	\$11.21
Joseph Brown - painting	63.63
Water tax -	14.00
Mrs. Murray - for cleaning store	1.80
Patrick Curran - cleaning cellar	2.60
Cronin & Buckley - masons, repairs	22.06
Joseph Brown - painting store	10.63
Manuel Frye - pipe in store	3.75
Joseph Brown - repair glass	1.25
St. Paul Fire Ins. -	15.00
Thomas Waterman - mason bill	6.00
M. Fitzgerald - milk bill from Jan. to June 1897	16.29
Expenses and advertising and selling estate Derby St.	23.60

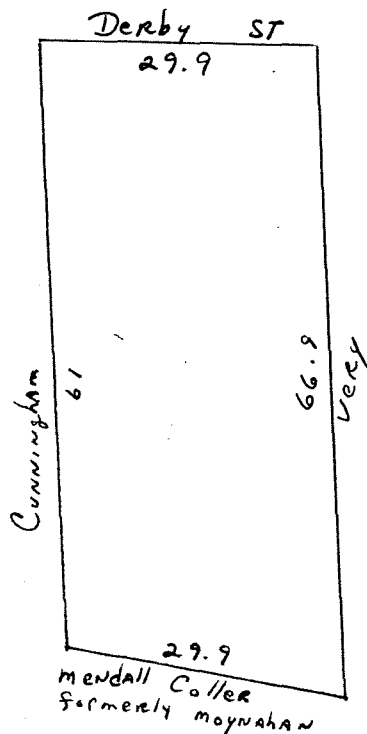
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Schedule D.

Amounts received on account of Income, as follows:

1896							
April 28	Return Premium American Insurance Co.					\$	2.80
May 6	Valentine Dooley, Rent to May 1, 1896						8.00
June 1	Manuel Frye, Rent to June 1, 1896						6.00
" "	Valentine Dooley, Rent to June 1, 1896						8.00
Aug. 1	John J. Condon, Rent to July 29, 1896						9.00
Sept. 5	" " " " Aug. 29, 1896						9.00
Oct. 7	" " " " Sept. 29, 1896						9.00
Nov. 4	" " " " Oct. 29, 1896						9.00
Dec. 12	" " " " Nov. 29, 1896						9.00
1897							
Jan. 9	" " " " Dec. 29, 1896						9.00
April 1	M. Dubitski, " from April 1, 1897 to						
	February 1, 1898						100.00
1898							
March 9	A. W. Lee, Rent						5.00
" 19	M. Dubitski, Rent to July 1, 1898						40.00
Sept. 17	" " " "						8.00
" 20	Cash in Mrs. Moynahan's Purse						.53
"	Interest on Deposit in Salem Five Cents Savings						
	Bank from Aug. 10, 1896 to Sept. 1898						40.05
" 21	Return Premium St. Paul's Fire Insurance Co.						3.75
						\$	276.13

On Oct. 17, 1898 William M. Hill, trustee of the will of Daniel Moynahan, of Salem, sold for \$1,400 to Fanny Dubitzky, wife of Abraham. "For title see deed from Joseph Karier to Dennis Lynch and devised in will to Mary Lynch and by Mary Lynch conveyed to Daniel Moynahan."



(book 1559 page 482)

The 1899-1900 directory shows:

Louis Goldstein - shoe repair 198 Bridge St., house 143 Derby
L. Rosenbloom - shoe repair 143 Derby and 68 Union, house 66 Union
Moses A. Dubitzky - provisions 54½ Union, house 143 Derby
(Derby St. was renumbered in the 1890's)

On Oct. 24, 1900 Abraham Dubitzky and Fannie, in her right, sold for \$1,500 to Simon Shefts, the same conveyed by deed of William Hill.
(book 1623 page 496)

The directory of 1901:

Abraham Dubitzsky - pedlar, house 143 Derby St.
Simon Shefts - shoe repair 143 Derby, house 143 Derby
Moses Dubitzsky - moved to Ipswich

On Feb. 11, 1902 Simon and Pearl Shefts, of Salem, sold for \$1 to Alice Veronica Salmon the land and building the same conveyed by Fannie Dubitcky. (book 1664 page 543)

Directory listings:

1905 Mrs. M. Salmon, grocer 143 Derby, house 143 Derby
Thomas Sexton

1907 Mrs. Margaret Salmon, widow of John C., grocer 143 Derby
Max Silverman, boots and gloves 171 Derby, house 143 Derby

On Dec. 5, 1907 Margaret Salmon, of Salem, guardian of Alice V. Salmon, minor child of John C. Salmon, sold for the sum of \$2,400 at a private sale to Lena Pruchansky, of Salem. (book 1910 page 318)

On Jan. 5, 1909 Barnet Gordon and Lena Gordon, formerly Lena Pruchansky his wife in her own right sold to Adam and Ludwika Wlodyka (book 1948 page 159). The 1915 directory shows that Adam Wlodyka was a grocer at 143 Derby St.

Sept. 10, 1921 Adam and Ludwika Wlodyka, husband and wife, sold to Wladyslaw Dobrosielski, the same land building. (book 2492 page 558)

Nov. 10, 1922 Wladyslaw Dobrosielski, unmarried sold to Wiktoryja Kantorosinski, wife of Peter, the same land and building conveyed by Adam Wlodyka. (book 2534 page 418)

Sept. 6, 1932 Wiktoryja Kantorosinski wife of Peter Kantorosinski sold to Karol and Helen Nawrocki the same conveyed by Wladyslaw Dobrosielski. (book 2927 page 190)

Nov. 19, 1969 Helen Nawrocki survivor of a tenancy by the entirety with Karol Nawrocki who died Aug. 12, 1956, sold for \$14,900, to Wilfred J. and Janet P. Thibodeau Jr. the same conveyed by deed of Wiktoryja Kantorosinski. (book 5651 page 437)

Sept. 9, 1971 Salem Five Cents Savings Bank foreclosed on Wilfred J. Thibodeau Jr. et al the real estate at 143 Derby St. (book 5817 page 452)

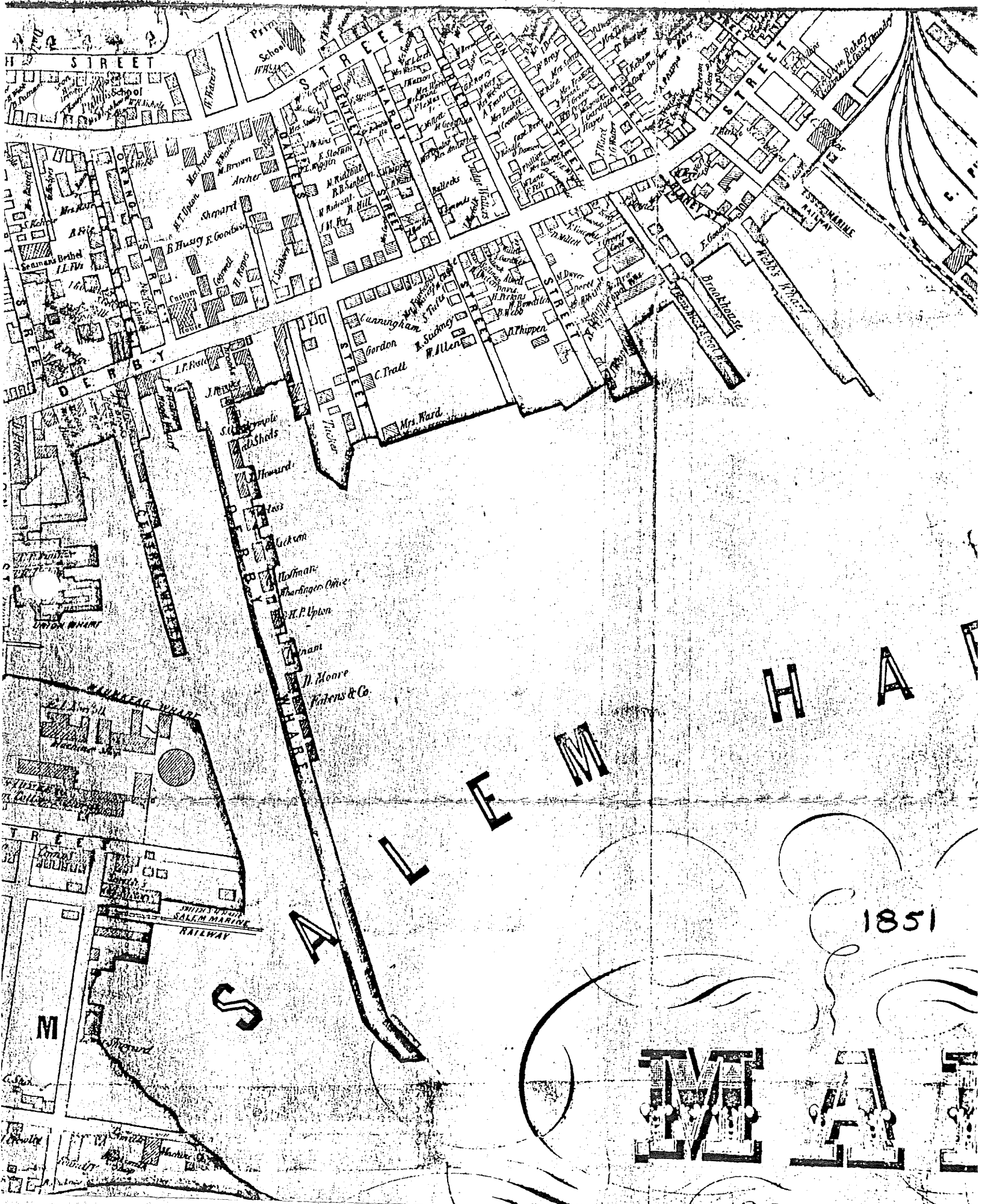
On Jan. 14, 1972 Salem Five Cents Savings Bank sold for \$13,000 to David E. Johnson, administrator of Veteran Affairs. For title see foreclosure deed of Salem Five Cents Savings Bank. (book 5838 page 194)

On Aug. 29, 1972 Donald E. Johnson, administrator of Veteran Affairs, sold to Henry R. and Sophie Theriault, husband and wife, for the sum of \$17,000. (book 5901 page 343)

Note:

Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds, all probate numbers can be found in Probate Court. Both are located in the same building on Federal St., Salem.

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1851

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Benjamin Webb
Daniel Leach
Harrison
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