

OFFICES AT 15 SUMMER STREET

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151 Federal Street

Built by,

WILLIAM CRNE JR., housewright

in the year 1808

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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."*

151 Federal Street

The house at 151 Federal Street is described in the Salem Historic Commission report as: "This two story plus gambrel roof house facing Federal St. has a delicately trimmed entrance and semi-circular fanlight in the center of its five-bay facade. The windows on either side of the door are paired. There is a delicately carved wooden dentil cornice under the eaves. Wooden clapboards still cover the house, and because no alterations have been made it is an excellent example of a small Federal period building. The house has a very low foundation and a small pitch roof ell behind it. There is a small, one-story, clapboard pitch roof building behind the house in the yard."

Federal St. was laid out across private land about 1769. It was called the new street in 1770; new street laid out near the North river, 1779; a town way, 1782; and Federal Street, 1794. (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 7 page 67)

In 1740 Hannah Orange, a widow of Boston, sold to Thomas Blaney, shoreman, 3 3/4 acres of land. This land ran down along what is now Flint Street to what was then the broad North River, of which Bridge Street was the southern bank. (book 80 page 101)

On Nov. 1, 1764 Thomas and Alice Blaney sold off a portion of this land to Ebenezer Hutchinson. This lot was described as a small piece of land on Dean's Lane (now Flint St.), eight poles, six feet by two poles. (book 123 page 51) Mr. Hutchinson built a house on this land shortly after (fronting on Dean St. since Federal St. was not yet put through). Mr. Hutchinson died before 1768 leaving a widow and three small children. Since he died intestate (no will) 1/3 of the estate was set off to the widow and the rest of the estate was held for the benefit of the children. (Probate #14391)

Widow Hutchinson married William Sibly on Jan. 24, 1771. After Mr. Sibly's death, Hannah (Baker) Hutchinson Sibly married John Crane on Dec. 30, 1780. She was called Widow Crane at the time of her death in 1819.

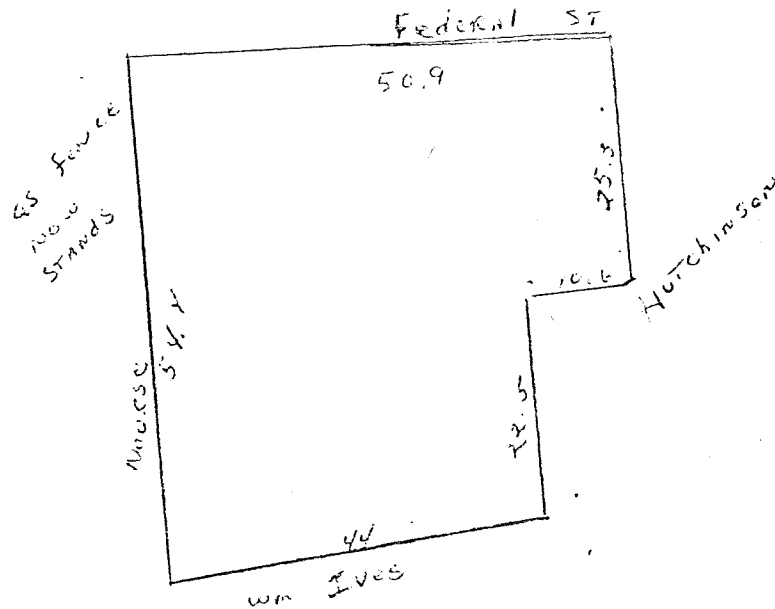
On April 19, 1807 a division of Ebenezer Hutchinson's estate was made. The lot called #2 was set off to Mary Orne, a daughter of Ebenezer. (Appendix A)

Mary Hutchinson married William Orne Jr. on June 24, 1792. (An attempt to find material on the life of this William Orne was unsuccessful. The History of Salem by Sidney Ferley, states that William was the son of William Orne, Esquire and Abigail Ropes. A sketch on the life of William Orne, Esquire, at the Essex Institute, justifiably questions the validity of that statement. The son of William Orne, Esquire would have been 12 years old in 1792 and Mary Hutchinson was at least 24 years old by this date.)

On June 25, 1808 William Orne Jr., housewright, (what ever his parentage) and his wife Polly (Mary) obtained a mortgage from William E. Hacker, lumber dealer, for the dwelling house now standing on the lot previously described as lot #2. (book 185 page 35) On Sept. 13, 1808 William and Polly obtained another mortgage. This mortgage was for the sum of \$210.41 from William Prescott. (book 184 page 150) A third mortgage for \$223 was obtained from Joshua Upham and George Wiggin. (book 185 page 128) The Upham-Wiggin mortgage was discharged on Sept. 19, 1810.

The War of 1812 brought hardships to many Salem families: The Ornes were no exception, for on Nov. 15, 1813 William E. Hacker brought suit against William and Polly Orne for nonpayment. (Essex County court records on micro-film at the Essex Institute, roll #877722 page 180) Mr. Hacker took possession on June 1, 1814.

On April 16, 1817 William E. and Nancy Hacker sold for \$925.01, to John Derby 3rd, the dwelling house, land and outbuildings received by execution against William Orne Jr. on June 1, 1814. (book 213 page 62)



Capt. John Derby 3rd died in 1818 leaving his widow Sarah (Felton) Derby all his estate both real and personal. (Probate #7580) (Appendix B Sarah or "Sally" as she was called in the tax records, remained in the house with her Ross cousins as tenants (children of Dea. Joseph and Sarah (Felton) Ross) as per 1831 tax:

Widow Sally Derby owner, value \$1,000.
Joseph and William Ross occupants

Until the street was renumbered in 1853, this house was known as #73 Federal St. The tax records for 73 Federal St. are as follows:

1844 Mrs. Derby owner
David Ross
1845 Mrs. Derby owner
Nathaniel Ross, William H. Brown, James Bell
1846 Humphrey Cook
1849 H. Cook

In 1850 a federal census was taken. This gives a clear insight as to the occupants of 73 Federal St.:

Humphrey Cook	age 38	hat shop and fur dealer	born Mass.
William H. "	" 8		" "
Harriett "	" 60		" "
Sarah Derby	" 60		" "

Humphrey Cook remained the tenant of Sally Derby until the time of her death Oct. 14, 1857. The death record of Sarah Derby at City Hall states that she died in South Danvers (Leabody) at the age of 85 years 6 months - daughter of Stephen Felton - widow of John Derby - buried in the lot of the Ross family. The Salem Register of Oct. 15, 1857 gave this notice:

South Danvers - Death of Mrs. Sarah Derby at 85 years 6 months.
 Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at #151 Federal St.

Sarah's probate (case #37381) gives a nostalgic look at the rents of 1857-8:

Nov. 19, 1857	cash received	H. Cook	rent	\$15	
Feb. 1, 1858	"	"	"	15	
May 1, 1858	"	"	"	15	
Aug. 1, 1858	"	"	"	15	
Oct. 25, 1858	"	"	"	13.75	
Nov. 9, 1858	"	"	S. Ashby	23.67	(Appendix C)

On Nov. 12, 1858 this ad appeared in the Salem Gazette:

Estate of Sarah Derby - 2 story dwelling house #151 Federal St.
 and outbuilding - 6 rooms

On Nov. 26, 1858 the heirs of Sarah Derby sold for \$1,350 to Sally S. Ferley, wife of Jonathan, free from the control of her husband, the land and dwelling house of which Sarah Derby late of Salem, widow, died seized of. (book 580 page 63)

The federal census of 1860:

John Ferley	age 82	boot and shoedealer	born Mass.
Sally "	" 77		" "
Jonathan "	" 40	bookbinder	" "
Edward "	" 16		" "
Mary "	" 14		" "
Caroline "	" 40		" "
Edmund "	" 8		" "

The Salem tax records: (listing males over 18 only)

1860	Jonathan Ferley	age 82	Deacon	- owner	- untaxed
	Jonathan Jr.	" 40	bookbinder		
1864	Gilman Webster	age 44	owner	Jona Ferley	45 x 52 value
	William L. Palmer	" 28		\$1,400	
1868	James Stone Jr.		owner	Jona. Ferley	

On Oct. 5, 1868 the heirs of Sally S. Ferley sold to Elizabeth S. Stone, wife of James Jr., all the estate conveyed to our mother on Nov. 26, 1858. (book 757 page 116)

The federal census 1870:

James Stone	age 56	physician	born Mass
Elizabeth "	" 48		" "
Mary E. "	" 6	at school	" "

On May 15, 1872 James Stone Jr. and Elizabeth S. Stone sold to Joseph A. Wilkins the land and buildings the same conveyed by Jonathan Ferley in 1868. (book 854 page 279)

The federal census 1880:

Joseph Wilkins	age 36	tanner	born Mass
Harriet "	" 32	wife	" Nova Scotia
Minnie H. "	" 18	daughter	" " "
Harriet "	" 11	"	" " "
Albert "	"	son	" " "
Edgar "	" 7	"	" Mass
Joseph "	" 7 months		" "

On April 13, 1892 Joseph A. and Harriet A. Wilkins sold to Henry Harrington the land and building on Federal St., the same conveyed by James Stone in 1872. (book 1340 page 129)

Henry Harrington, leather merchant, of 153 Federal St., died on June 20, 1898. Mr. Harrington left a large estate to his widow Lydia Frye (Nichols) Harrington which included 151 Federal St. (Probate #82831)

On Nov. 4, 1916 Lydia F. Harrington, widow, sold to Elizabeth J. Hartigan the land and building at 151 Federal St., the same as described as lot #3 in book 1610 page 222. (book 2347 page 486) (Appendix D)

On Sept. 7, 1927 Elizabeth J. Hartigan, widow, of Salem sold to Nellie E. Lundgren the same estate conveyed by Lydia F. Harrington in 1916. (book 2739 page 22)

On Jan. 17, 1980 Maurice F. Lundgren and Richard E. Daly, executors of the will of Nellie E. Lundgren (Probate #341976) sold to Thomas J. and Lucille Henry the land and building at 151 Federal St. the same estate conveyed to Nellie Lundgren in 1927. As of plan Oct. 1916. (book 6672 page 577) (Appendix D)

All reference to book and page are deed books found at the Registry of Deeds, probate numbers are found in Probate Court, both offices are located on Federal St., Salem.

All maps are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.

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(A)
Esterly on job of said bounds bounded Westly, there measuring 67 feet to a stake then running Southly bounding Esterly on lot 14 there measuring twenty one feet six inches there running westerly bounded Southly on wicks River then measuring ten feet to a stake then running Southly bounding Esterly on wicks River four feet the above bounded lot of land we take four feet the above Collins we give 50 a way at four hundred Dollars we give 50 a way in Commem from Dean that with the rest of the other until we shall obtain deeds to said land and ~~and~~ from Federal Street we go longer

William Long

James Jamison

Salem 19 April 1807

James Jamison

Salem, April 21st 1807. The aforesaid return of the committee, wherein they have appraised and divided all the real estate of Ebenezer Hutchinson, late of Salem in said county, New Hampshire, deceased, intestate, (having what has been already set off and assigned to his widow Hannah Hutchinson (now Brune) as her dower therein) being foreclosed, is accepted and allowed and ordered to be recorded. And I assign and settle the said real estate, as follows, viz. All the land and buildings described in number one in said return I assign to and settle on William Southard, legal representative of Hannah Southard deceased, a daughter of said intestate, and on his heirs and assigns, as his share of said real estate, and also as his part of the share of Ebenezer Hutchinson, a son of said intestate, who died since his father under age and unmarried. All the lands described in number two in said return I assign to and settle on Mary Orne, a daughter of said intestate, and on her heirs and assigns, as her share of said real estate, and also as her part of the share of Ebenezer Hutchinson, a son of said intestate, who died since his father under age and unmarried. All to be still held to pay their releasable parts of what further debts

ESTATE OF

Sarah Derby

SCHEDULE A.

REAL ESTATE.

One two story Dwelling House }
No. 151 Federal Street Salem } \$1500.00

ESTATE OF

Sarah Derby

SCHEDULE B.

PERSONAL ESTATE.

Deposited in the Savings Bank & Interest ^{2 31.36}
Cash on hand 44.11
4 silver table-spoons \$6.00, Light stand 75c
Feather bed, Bedstead & Bedding 16.00
Braf. Nic. Set 1.00, 6 Silver Tea-spoons \$3.00
Sundries in closets 3.00, Looking glass 75c
Cane table 1.00, 7 chairs 1.50, Breakfast table 50c
Sundries in attic 50c, Fuel & fire in cellar \$10.00
Fuel &c. in barn \$2.00

\$315.41

