

Historic Salem incorporated

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5 MUNROE STREET

Built by

SOLOMON CHAPLIN, housewright

in 1809

Research by,
Joyce King
January 1989

5 MUNROE STREET

BOOK 3365 PAGE 221

DATE -

CONSIDERATION -

GRANTOR (seller) -

GRANTEE (buyer) -

DESCRIPTION -

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

April 6, 1944

Richard Harris

Frank V. Hale

Land and building

BOOK 1913 PAGE 211

DATE -

CONSIDERATION -

GRANTOR (seller) -

GRANTEE (buyer) -

DESCRIPTION -

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

April 4, 1908

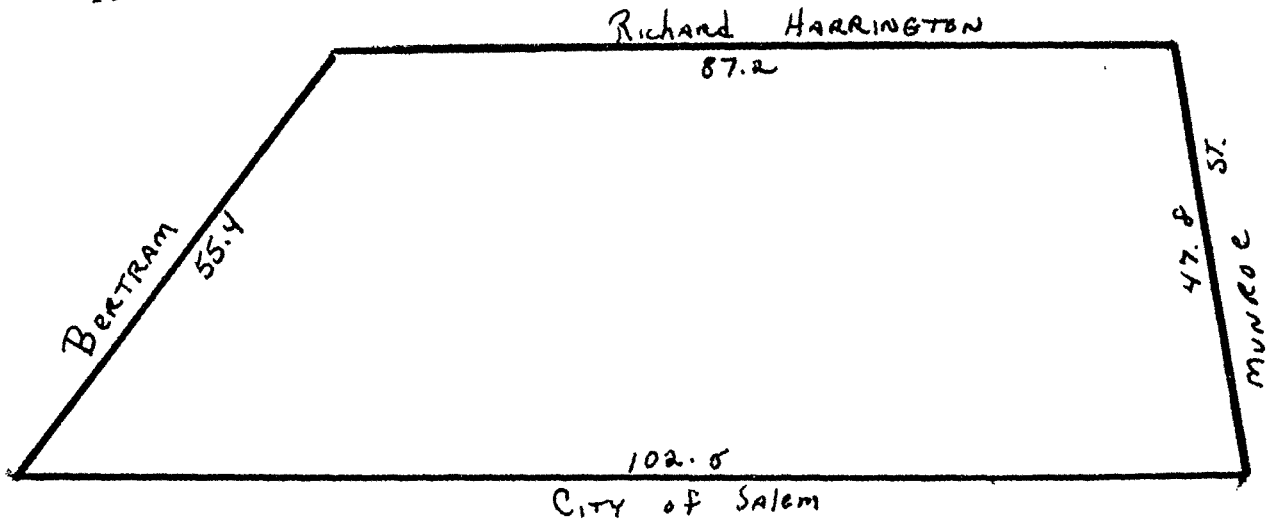
\$1 and other valuable consideration

Richard Harrington of Salem

Richard H. Harris

The estate #5 Munroe St.
Land and buildings
(Property in Newtonville was also
conveyed in this deed)

None given



BOOK 1790 PAGE 248

DATE -

August 23, 1905

CONSIDERATION -

\$8,950

GRANTOR (seller) -

Wallace A. Chisholm of Salem
Executor under the will of George W.
Williams

GRANTEE (buyer) -

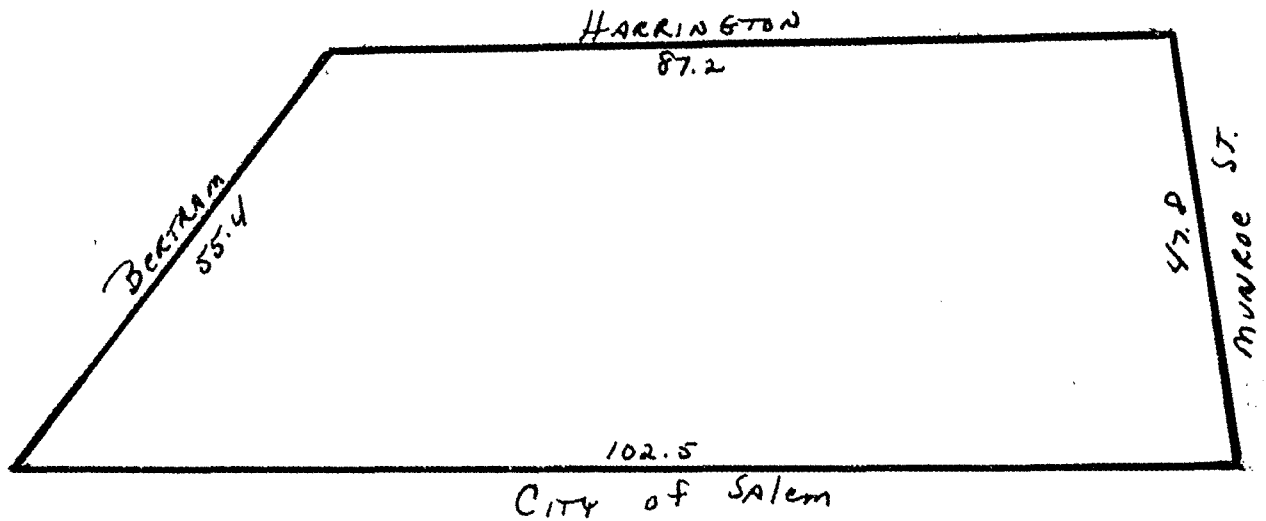
Richard Harrington

DESCRIPTION -

A certain parcel of land with the
buildings on the western side of
Munroe Street

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

Being the same premises conveyed to
Charles F. Williams father of George
by deed of James Dayley on Nov. 21,
1846 and recorded in book 374 page
149 and deed from John Bertram on
Oct. 27, 1859. Also included land
conveyed to George W. Williams by
deed of David P. Kimball et al as
recorded in book 1264 page 292.



BOOK 374 PAGE 149

November 21, 1846

DATE -

\$1,300

CONSIDERATION -

James Dayley of East Boston, late of Salem

GRANTOR (seller) -

Charles F. Williams, mariner

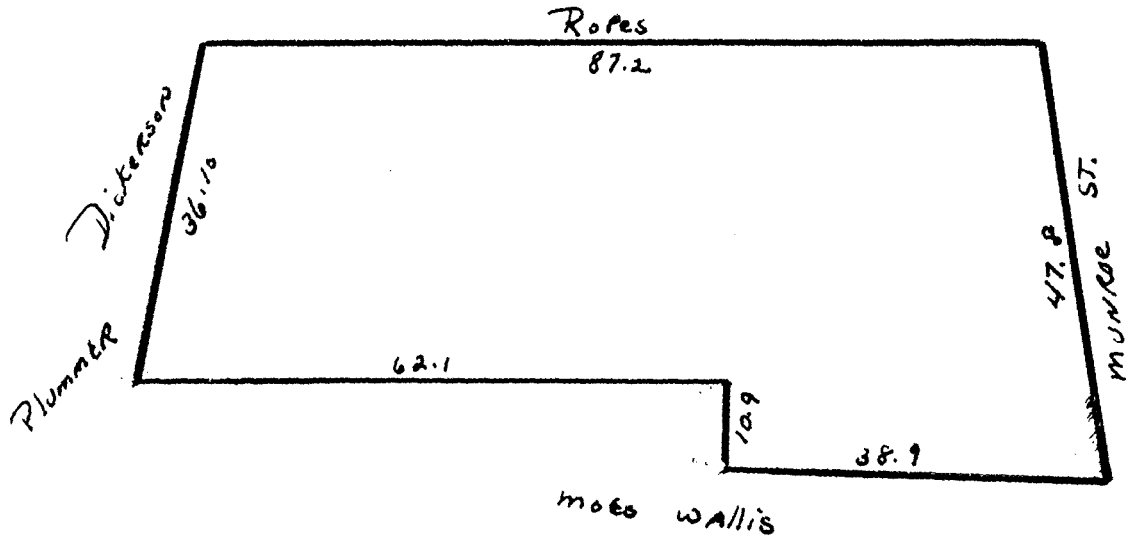
GRANTEE (buyer) -

Land and building

DESCRIPTION -

Being the whole estate conveyed to me by Lucinda M. Bowditch on May 19, 1843 and recorded in book 337 page 103.

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -



BOOK 337 PAGE 103

DATE - May 19, 1843
CONSIDERATION - \$2,375
GRANTOR (seller) - Lucinda M. Bowditch, widow
GRANTEE (buyer) - James Dayley, master mariner
DESCRIPTION - Land and with dwelling house and other buildings
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - None given

BOOK 206 PAGE 292

DATE - March 6, 1822
CONSIDERATION - \$1,600
GRANTOR (seller) - Solomon Chaplin, housewright
GRANTEE (buyer) - Joseph Bowditch, master mariner
DESCRIPTION - Land dwelling house and shop
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Lot of land on the west side of Munroe St. I purchased of Timothy Ropes as recorded in book 184 page 192.

BOOK 184 PAGE 192

November 4, 1808

DATE -

\$600

CONSIDERATION -

Timothy Ropes, mariner

GRANTOR (seller) -

Solomon Chaplin, housewright

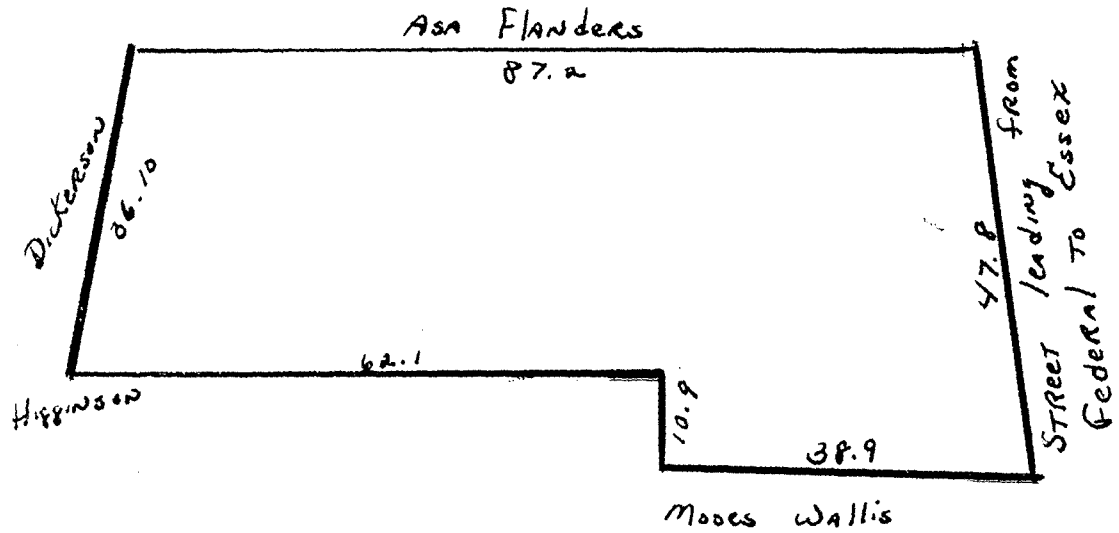
GRANTEE (buyer) -

Lot of land

DESCRIPTION -

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PREVIOUS REFERENCE -



Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. All maps in this report are for illustrative purposes and are not meant to be exact.

5 Monroe Street

"Monroe street was laid out in 1801, when it was called a new street. It was called a new street leading from Essex to Federal streets in 1802; Shillaber street, 1814; and Monroe street in 1828." (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 7, pg. 116.)

5 Monroe Street PERIOD: FEDERAL "This three-story, wooden house with a hip roof and two slender chimneys faces south toward Essex Street. The front entrance is through an enclosed flat-roofed porch trimmed with fluted pilasters. The bay window above is a later addition. A granddaughter of a former owner reports that it contains the staircase from the Orne-Hodges house at 266 Essex Street, now Bowman's Market; it as installed about 1900." (Salem Historic District Study Committee Inestigation)

In January 1806, Solomon Chaplin's new house, on Carpenter St. was destroyed by fire. Two other houses were also consumed at this time. Mr. Chaplin and his neighbors were attending a lecture at the Branch Church, where he was an officer, when the fire broke out. A generous subscription was begun to aid the sufferers. (Diary of William Bentley, Vol. 3, pg. 211)

As shown in the chain of title, Solomon Chaplin purchased this land on November 4, 1808. He commenced building shortly after the purchase and occupied the house until March of 1822, when he sold it to Captain Joseph Bowditch.

Captain Joseph Bowditch, son of Captain Thomas and Sarah (Bancroft) Bowditch, was born on May 11, 1776. Joseph married Lucinda M. ____ and had children:

Helen Maria, b. about 1813; m. Luther Upton on Sept. 29, 1836

Sarah Morse b. Jan. 1815

Joseph Henry b. Dec. 1816

Francis Morse b. Jan. 1821; mariner; m. Rebecca Leavitt July 11, 1855.

Captain Joseph Bowditch died on August 30, 1824.

1836 directory

Lucinda Bowditch

Luther Upton, merchant, 23 Union wf.

Charles Frederick Williams, was the son of Captain Israel Williams, (shipmaster and merchant; captain of the Salem Cadets and the Essex Guards) and his wife Lydia Waite. Charles married Sophia W. Silver on January 21, 1836. Their children:
George W., druggist, m. Mary E. Bray on June 13, 1865, she d. July 18, 1902; he d. May 31, 1905
Charles F. b. about 1843; d. in Civil War
James S. b. about 1844; master mariner; d. unm. Aug. 1, 1885

1850 census

Charles F. Williams age 42, master mariner, born Mass.
Sophia W. Williams age 36, born Mass.
George W. Williams age 12, born Mass.
Charles F. Williams age 8, born Mass.
James S. Williams age 7, born Mass.
Mary Sullivan age 25, born Ire.

Charles F. Williams died on June 4, 1865. By will written May 1, 1863, he bequeathed all of his estate, both real and personal, to his wife Sophia Walker Williams and her heirs. (Probate 57254).

Sophia Williams died on Jan. 31, 1879.

1880 census

George W. Williams age 41, shoemanufacturer, born Mass.
Mary E. Williams age 40, wife, keephouse, born Mass.
James S. Williams age 35, brother, consul, born Mass.
Catherine Murphy age 55, servant, born Ire.

"Captain James S. Williams died in Salem, August 1, 1885, in his 43d year. He was born in this city, the son of the late Captain Charles F. Williams, a shipmaster, and formerly a surveyor in the customs district of Salem and Beverly. He was a nephew of former Mayor Henry L. Williams and a brother of the gallant young Lieutenant C. F. Williams of the 35th Massachusetts Regiment, who died of wounds received at the battle of South Mountain. Captain Williams was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the High School in the class of 1858. He was early bred to the sea, and soon rose to command of vessels owned by Captain John Bertram in the Zanzibar and East Coast of Africa trade. During the Rebellion he entered the United States Navy as acting volunteer ensign, and served with credit and bravery. He served in the blockade off the Carolinas. After the war he again entered the merchant service, and became resident agent for the house of John Bertram and its successors, Ropes, Emmerton & Co., from which he returned only a few months before his death." (Salem Vessels and Their Voyages, Series II)

1900 census

George Williams age 61, born Mass.

Mary Williams age 60, born Mass., married 32 years.

Hannah Driscoll age 32, cook, born Ire., came U.S.A. 1882.

Taxes:

1896

Est. Charles Williams - house \$3,200; land 4825 ft. \$1,900

1905

Heirs Charles F. Williams - house \$3,200; land 4825 ft. \$1,900

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ANSWERS THE CALL

Thomas G. Gilbert, Mem-
ber of Post 34, G. A. R.,
Died Last Night.

DIED THIS MORNING

May 31, 1905
Prominent in Local Finan-
cial, Political and Social
Circles For Years.

Address by Hon. A. S. Roe of Worcester.

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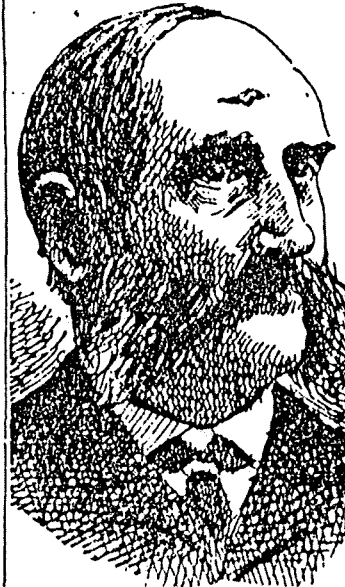
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SERVED IN THE EIGHTH REGT.

Thomas G. Gilbert, a veteran of the Rebellion, died at his home, 5 Ives court, last night. He was born in Marblehead July 18, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of that town, where he remained for many years. On May 2, 1869, he married Mary Hawkes Phillips, also a native of Marblehead, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George Patch, pastor of the First Baptist church of that town, and the couple always lived happily together. Six children blessed the union, and Mr. Gilbert's death is the first in the family circle. He leaves a widow and six children, the latter being T. Henry, Benj., P. H., Mrs. Eva L. Pierce, Mrs. William A. Binclair and Mrs. John R. Delano, all of Salem, and Mrs. P. A. Ballard of New York City, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Gilbert followed fishing for several years, but at one time lived on Baker Island, where for four years he had charge of the farm there. Later he was foreman in the health department of the city of Salem for several years, but retired some time ago. Mr. Gilbert twice enlisted in Company C, Eighth Massachusetts regiment, serving three months and nine months respectively. He was a member of Post 34, G. A. R., Atlantic Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Marblehead, Niagara council, G. U. A. M., and Abraham Lincoln camp, Loyal Americans.

WAS LONG IN ILL HEALTH

George W. Williams, a well known citizen, died at his home, 5 Monroe street, this morning, after a long illness. He was born in Salem, Oct. 2, 1838, and was the son of the late Capt. Charles Williams, a former Salem administrator. He was educated in the Salem schools, and afterwards engaged in mercantile pursuits. He for several years held a responsible financial position with one of



GEORGE W. WILLIAMS.

the largest shoe manufacturing concerns in New England, but of late years had been the treasurer of the Lynn Security Safe Deposit and Trust company. He had been poorly for a long time, and about two years ago submitted to an amputation of a foot. He was a member of the common council in 1861, '62, '72, '73, '74 and '75, the latter year filling the president's chair, and he was a member of the Salem water board in 1873. He was a trustee of the Salem public library, for a long time treasurer of the Salem club, at one time a member of the Salem Republican city committee, but later a Democratic candidate for representative from the 13th district. He was formerly a director of the Naumkeag National bank, was a member of the Cogswell club, and was prominent in Masonic circles. He was an intimate friend of President Lucius Tuttle of the Boston & Maine railroad, and was formerly connected with the advertising department of the road. He had hosts of friends, was of gentle disposition, and no one was more respected than he. Mr. Williams' wife died a few years ago, and he leaves no relatives nearer than cousins.

Peabody, May 31.—The exercises at Post 50, G. A. R., and kindred organizations in observance of Memorial day, were carried out very successfully yesterday. The post turned out 55 comrades, which was a large representation considering the advancing age of the veterans. In the morning a detail of comrades visited West Peabody and at Oak Grove cemetery interesting memorial exercises were held. About 50 children from the West school gathered at the burying ground and sang, and remarks were made by the pastor of the West church.

In the afternoon the procession was formed, and music was furnished by the American band. Warner camp, B. of V., accompanied the post and decorated the graves of their deceased members. The Relief Corps also visited the various cemeteries in a large. The people turned out in large numbers and the ceremonies were thorough. In all a total of 187 graves were decorated, six more than last year. In the evening Town hall was well filled at the memorial exercises. Music was furnished by the American band.

The address by Hon. A. S. Roe of Worcester, a veteran of the war, was pronounced one of the ablest and most interesting, as well as entertaining from the numerous anecdotes told by the speaker, of any that have been given here for years. It is almost the custom for a large part of the audience to leave the hall after the speaking begins, at those memorial exercises, but last evening the speaker held the close attention of his audience, even the children, and scarcely half a dozen people went out during the address. It was one of those orations that holds an audience spell-bound, and was frequently interrupted with applause. The address was highly appreciated by all especially by the veterans themselves. Singing was furnished by the school children, under the direction of Mrs. Ferguson.

Memorial Day at the Schools.
Interesting Memorial exercises were held at the high school Monday forenoon when the following programme was rendered.

Singing, by the school; The meaning of Decoration day, Forrest L. Swett, solo by Miss Burton. Two incidents in the life of Garfield, Misses Montgomery and Roodman, piano solo by Miss Cullen, Abraham Lincoln, by Franklin Osborn, solo by Miss Hayes, with violin accompaniment by Miss Griffin; The boy in blue, by Miss Ware; singing by the Glee club, Grant, by Osborn Palmer, the common country, by Miss Mary Osgood, singing of America by the school. The exercises closed with remarks by T. K. Moore of Post 20 and Rev. H. S. Mitchell.

In the afternoon the large Town hall was well filled at the exercises by the pupils of the grammar schools. There was singing by a large chorus, and an interesting programme by the pupils. Appropriate remarks were made by Comrades J. K. Cole and E. G. Hall of Post 50.

Merchants' Association.
A movement is on foot for the formation of a merchants' association in town for the purpose of promoting business among merchants. It is proposed to hold banquets and offer other attractions on Monday evenings, the same as has been done with successful results in other places, and do all that is possible to keep trade at home. A meeting has been called for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Foresters' hall, O'Brien building, when all local merchants are urged to be present. There is no reason why this movement should not be encouraged, for the more trade the stores receive, the better it will be for everyone. The stores can carry larger and better stocks, and the public will receive better accommodations. Many people go out of town now to trade who could do just as well, if not even better, in the Peabody stores. The recent combination among the drug merchants enables people to buy patent medicines just as low at home as they can elsewhere.

Ipewich, May 31.—The exercises were the general character of yesterday's weather, and the program of Memorial day exercises was followed by 17 in number, being decorated in the morning by decorations to the various cemeteries. In the past and later the post made usual exercises were held. In the afternoon the pupils of the high school gave a very interesting Memorial day programme at the hall. The Ipewich brass band finished excellent music all day.

An alarm of fire was sent to the box 43 shortly before 2 o'clock in the day afternoon, but in less than fifteen minutes the all-out signal was blown. The blaze was a brush fire in the rear of the house of Charles S. White on Washington street. A brick was being blown at the time and some pieces of brick were scattered between the house and the street. A small apartment of Iowa brick, however, quick checked all such possibilities. There was a narrow escape from the Monday morning at the drug of J. L. Brown on Market street, was not accidentally left burning. The cause of the fire was a "jet" used for heating water. During the night water boiled away and the metal came red hot, so that the wooden fitting near it was charred and sticking when discovered in the morning. A policeman saw smoke in the street at dawn, summoned the clerk, lives near by, and the trouble ended.

ASBURY GROVE.

Large Numbers of Visitors and Cottagers at the first Memorial Day.

COTTAGES ARE FILLING

Asbury Grove, May 31.—Memorial day was remembered at Asbury Grove with a display of building on a lot of cottages. There was the largest crowd of the season here, and that came to the grove being with visitors for the day. Nearly of the church buildings in the c were open.

A number of Danvers people the day at the grove, the Tapley building in the Circle being open for the first time this season. Those who came to the Peabodyville but yesterday were Misses Annie L. Adams, Lillian Crosby, Lena Putnam, Mabel Gilliland, Sidney Swine Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mr. Mrs. C. H. Gilliland, Mr. and Mrs. G. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kozak; Swampscott called on many for here Memorial day.

Mr. Carlander of Malden was visitor here Thursday morning. Rev. C. H. Tilton, formerly of the Lafayette Street church, Peabody, was with his family for a days at their cottage on McCormick avenue.

Rev. William Haggerty was a visitor here with friends yesterday. Haggerty was the grove chaplain 1901.

The Melrose building in the c was open over Memorial Day. Mr. Mrs. C. H. Kenneron and Misses and Carl Kenneron were there. At the Blaisdell cottage in the c are Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and I of Chelsea. Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson and I Mrs. and Amy Johnson of Ipewich at their cottage on Hedding a over Memorial day. A number of Newburyport opened the Washington street log in the Circle Tuesday. The avenue lamps are now lighted through the grove now.

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NAN PATTERSON KEPT FROM STAGE

Although press and pulpit had been unable to keep Miss Nan Patterson from appearing on the stage at Wilkesbarre, Pa., she was obliged to miss one performance yesterday by reason of an injunction secured by I. C. Pineover of New York, who claimed that the famous Florida girl had violated a contract with him. This matter was straightened out so that Miss Patterson could appear last night, and she did appear. The press reports of her performance say that her voice was thin and weak, and her dance was without grace or spirit.

MAY NOT HANG THIS WEEK

Mrs. Mary Rogers of Vermont, under sentence to be hanged for the murder of her husband Friday, will know before night whether the sentence will be carried out this week, or whether she will be given a further respite until the next legislature shall have an opportunity to pass upon her sentence. Her lawyers will file a writ of error with the chief justice today, and if allowed, the case will go to the United States supreme court.

PRESIDENT FOR A BIG NAVY

President Roosevelt, in his speech at the unveiling of the Gen. Slocum statue in New York yesterday, took occasion to refer to the disaster to the Russian fleet, and said that the United States could not afford to have any but the most powerful navy. He declared that a powerful navy was a great agency for peace.

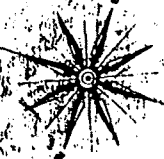
YOUNG GIRL

STATISTICS OF R. R. FATALITIES

Casualty Percentage on American Roads Has Been Steadily Increasing.

But to return to casualty statistics, statistics, moreover, that are so ample and clear that even he who runs or rides may read and understand them together with their

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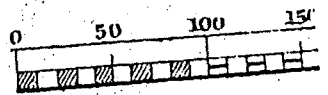
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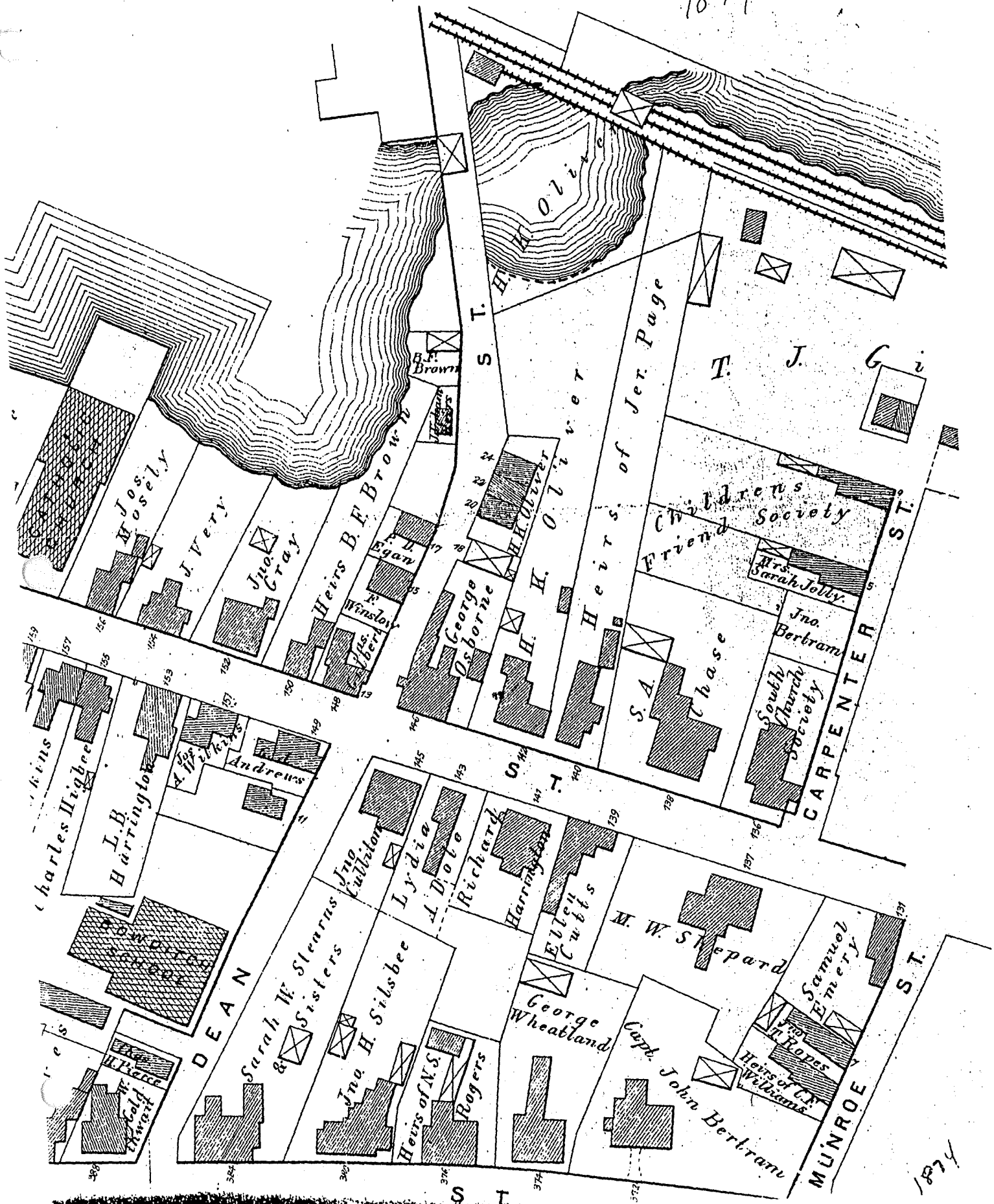
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