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4 English Street

Owned by SUSAN INGERSOLL

moved to this site

by 1831

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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

1846

Susan Ingersoll owner - occupants: Joseph Gilman, Joseph Gilman Jr.
Daniel Gilman

In 1850 a federal census was taken, the listing for this house is:

Elizabeth Pepper	age 46	born Mass.
Sarah "	" 19	" "
Walter A. "	" 17 works in ropewalk	" "
Elizabeth "	" 15	" "
William Swaney	age 30 ropemaker	born Mass.
Mary A. "	" 27	" "
William H."	" 6	" "
Rebecca "	" 21	" "
Mary C. "	" 14	" "

1854

William Swaney house owned by Susan Ingersoll

1856 tax record:

Susan Ingersoll house and land 32 Turner St.
½ wharf and store
house 6 Allen St.
house 2 Becket St.
house and land English St.
house and land #1 English St.
#2 and #3 English St.
Essex and Webb St.

1857

William Swaney owned by Susan Ingersoll

Susan Ingersoll died in July 1858. In her will written in 1835, Miss Ingersoll leaves all her property to Horace L. Conolly, rector of St. Matthews Church in Boston. (Probate #43338)

Mr. Conolly is described in the book "Rebellious Puritan" by Lloyd Morris, about the life of Hawthorne: "With her (Susan Ingersoll) lived a young man named Horace Conolly who was understood to be her nephew, and who ultimately became her heir and adopted her name. Conolly's parentage was unknown to Salem, and various rumors were in circulation concerning his relationship to Miss Ingersoll. When Nathaniel first met him, Conolly was rector of St. Matthew's in South Boston; later he resigned from the ministry and turned to the practice of law, gave up the law for medicine and discarded that in turn. He was eccentric, ill-tempered and vain; but he was also intelligent and witty. He was fond of cards and of liquor; these tastes Nathaniel shared, and he frequented the evening parties which Conolly held in the kitchen of the old Turner Street house."

4 English Street

English Street, which was originally called English's lane, was laid out by Philip English over land belonging to him and others, about 1697. The lot on which this house stands was part of the land owned by John Swasey as early as 1658. Mr. Swasey's lot seems to include the land from the corner of Essex St. down to what is now #14 English St. Somewhere on this lot Mr. Swasey built a dwelling house before 1661. He conveyed the house and lot to his son John Swasey in 1689. This house was gone before 1763 when John's heirs sold the land to John Touzell, goldsmith. During the early 1800's the Ingersolls were taxed for land only, on English St.

The first mention of a house on Ingersoll's property is in the 1831 tax records when Susan Ingersoll, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Hathorne) Ingersoll is taxed for the following:

- part of a wharf and part of a store \$400
- house \$1,200
- house and land \$1,000
- 3 houses and 4 acres \$2,000
- house \$600
- house and land \$1,000

The tax records before this time list Miss Ingersoll as the owner of land on Webb and English Streets, and a house, store and land on Turner St. (now the House of Seven Gables)

It was this same Miss Ingersoll, who provided Nathaniel Hawthorne, Salem's literary genius, with much useful information about Salem in the Puritan times. Hawthorne called her the Duchess and frequently visited her at her home on Turner St.

In the list of owners and occupants in Salem 1837 is the following:

- Susan Ingersoll - house and land with 2 other houses on it
occupants: Joseph Gilman and William Harding
- Daniel Rindge - house on Susan Indersoll's land
- Judah Dodge - house on Susan Ingersoll's land

(these last two houses appear about the same time as the house #4 English)

1838 - West side of English St.:

- Susan Ingersoll - house and land with two other houses on it
occupants: Samuel Carlin and Thomas Gilman

For many years this house was numbered as #1 English St. For some unknown reason this street was not numbered with the odd numbers on one side and even numbers on the other. Starting with this house the houses were numbered 1,2,3,4,5, etc. all on the same side. The tenants, listed in the 1842 directory living at #1 are:

- Hiram Young - no occupation given
- John Robinson Jr. - carpenter
- Joseph Gilman - no occupation given

In 1860 another federal census was taken:

William Swaney	age 39	ropemaker	born Mass
Mary A.	" 36		" "
Anna Pepper	" 29	tailoress	" "
Elizabeth Varney	" 24	milliner	" "
Elizabeth Pepper	" 56	nurse	" "
William Swaney	" 15	porter	" "
Walter Swaney	" 8		" "

In 1862 Horace Ingersoll (name changed from Conolly) owns:

32 Turner St.
#1 English St. valued at \$400 and 4959 ft. land
#3 $\frac{1}{2}$ English St.
27 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hardy St.
2 acres of land English St.

1865

1 English St. owned by H. Ingersoll, army land 57 x 87 house value \$600 land valued at \$400
occupants: Samuel Barnard, William Barnard and James Lynch

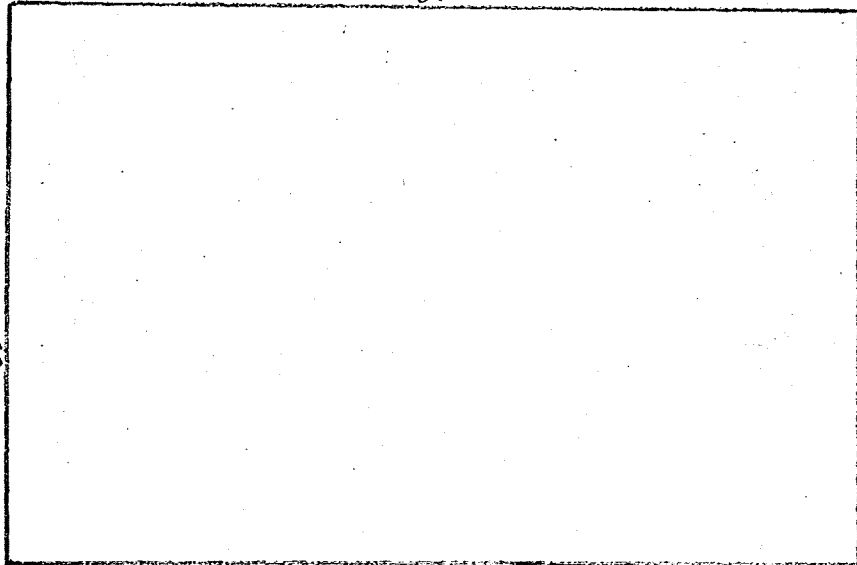
1868

1 English St. owned by H. Ingersoll 57 x 87
occupants: James Evans, Thomas Williamson, Ernest Parke

On April 26, 1869 Horace Ingersoll, Dr. of medicine sold to Alice Sullivan the house and land at the corner of Essex and English Streets, for \$2,000. (book 770 page 122)

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English ST.

In 1870 the street was renumbered and this house became known as #4 English St., as indicated in the taxes for that year:

2 English St. - lot of land, owner Mrs. Sullivan
 4 English St. - house occupied by Parker and Sullivan
 Total land 57 x 87

The federal census for 1870 gives a clearer picture of the Parker and Sullivan families:

Alice Sullivan	age 45	keeps house	born Ire.
Anna "	" 16	at home	" Mass
John "	" 14	jute mill	" "
Margaret E."	" 9	at school	" "
Alice "	" 7	at school	" "
Ernest Parker	age 30	gas fitter	born Mass.
Priscilla "	" 27		" "
Charles "	" 3		" "

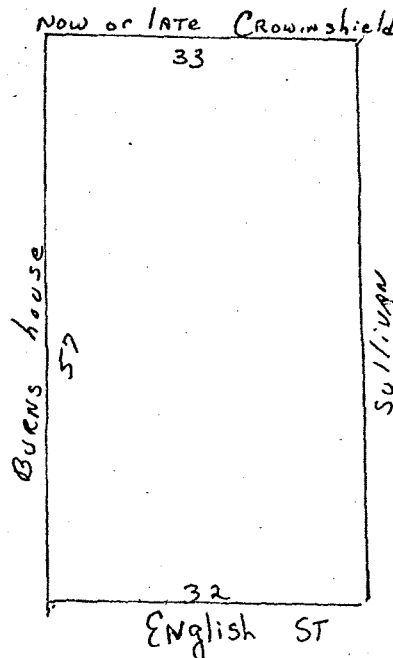
1876

Owner - Mrs. Sullivan occupants: James Mc Carthy, John Sullivan

1880 census:

Alice Sullivan	age 50	keeps house	born Ire.
Anna M. "	" 26	works at jute mill	" Mass
John J. "	" 24	works at liquor store	" "
Mary E. "	" 18	works jute mill	" "
Eugene Mc Mann	age 34	overseer jute mill	born Ire.
Mary "	" 29	wife	" "
George F. "	" 6		" Mass
Ellen "	" 5		" "
Lizzie "	" 3		" "
John "	" 2	has croupe	" "
Sarah "	"	born in Jan.	" "

On Aug. 15, 1893 Alice Sullivan sold to Michael J. Murray part of the parcel conveyed to her by Horace Ingersoll in 1869



(book 1386 page 254)

1899

Michael Murray - owner (new addition)
Simon Allen
Nathaniel Fadden

1901 tax records:

4 English St.

Michael Murray	age 35	- owner, house value \$800, land \$400
Simon Allen	" 44	
Joseph Jondro	" 27	
William Fitzpatrick	" 23	formerly of North Adams, Mass

1907 Salem directory shows living at 4 English St.

Charles Twarogowski	- shoe laster
Helena "	- court interpreter
Frank Malinowski	- carpenter
Amelia "	- compositor
Vanda M. "	-

Frank Malinowski died Nov. 13, 1911. In his obituary the life story of this man is given:

Francis Malinowski a well known resident of this city of the past 29 years, died at his home at 4 English St. yesterday after an illness of about 9 years, during which period he had been a great sufferer from rheumatism.

Mr. Malinowski had the distinction of being the second Polander to come to Salem to live. The first native of that country to take up his residence in the City of Peace was Joseph Brown, proprietor of the flying horses carousel at the Willows.

Mr. Malinowski was born in Austria, Poland 66 years ago next month. He served while a young man in the Austrian Army rising to the rank of lieutenant and acting as drill master for several years. He was a veteran of the Austrian - German War where he rendered distinctive service.

About 31 years ago he came to this country with his newly wedded wife and settled for a short time in Webster, Mass. At the instigation of his fellow countryman, Mr. Brown, he came to Salem some 29 years ago settling at Juniper and engaging with Mr. Brown in the making of these carousels he worked for various concerns at his regular trade. He also conducted for many years flying horse attractions at various summer resorts.

A few years ago he sold his house at Juniper and moved up into the city, where he resided on English St. He was a member of the Oriental lodge A.O.U.W. and was in fact, one of the oldest in point of membership in that order. He was also a member of the parish of the Immaculate Conception Church. He leaves a widow, Eleanor (Smreczynski) to whom he was married some 33 years, and four daughters Mrs. Helena V. Twarogowski (the court interpreter), Misses Vanda M, Amelia A. and Frances N. Malinowski. Three of the daughters are well known as teachers in the evening schools of Salem and Peabody.

He was a most excellent citizen and a credit to his native country, and he leaves a large circle of friends to regret his departure. The funeral will be held Tues. at 9 am. at the Immaculate Conception. At 8:30 there will be services at the house.

On May 24, 1924 Michael J. Murray sold to Bridget M. Murray the same premises conveyed to Michael in 1893 (book 2599 page 45)

On Oct. 11, 1924 Bridget Murray sold to Caroline Wronkowski and John Wronkowski, husband and wife, the same property according to plan A, which Alice Sullivan conveyed to Michael Murray. (book 2613 page 403)

On April 12, 1938 the Salem Savings Bank foreclosed on the Wronkowski mortgage. (book 3141 page 371)

March 7, 1942 the Salem Savings Bank sold to Lepold J. and Mary E. Labreque the same premises conveyed to the grantor by foreclosure April 12, 1938. (book 3287 page 466)

Oct. 22, 1952 Paul M. Lebiecz, of Boston sold to Viola E. Stefanski the same premises subject to a mortgage of \$1,800 to the Salem Savings Bank. (book 3934 page 469)

June 14, 1967 Caroline T. Isles, of Peabody sold to Dimetrios Sarantis the land and building conveyed by the estate of Viola E. Stefanski Probate #274539. (book 5450 page 369)

June 9, 1975 Demetrios Sarantis sold to Richard and Sylvia Warman the same property as in deed book 5450 page 369. (book 6162 page 29)

On Nov. 11, 1976 Richard C. and Sylvia Warman, of Middleton, sold the premises to Demetrios E. and Patricia Sarantis. See book 6162 page 29 (book 6296 page 29)

1979 Demetrios and Patricia Sarantis sold the land and building at 4 English St. to Kathy Keenan and Gary Palardy.

Note:

An air of mystery still hangs over this house. From inspections made by Sally Dee and myself, we feel that the foundation indicates that this house must have been moved to this site and that the construction is of an older date. If indeed this is the case we also feel that it was moved from within the general area of English St., stemming from the fact that the construction is similar to other houses on that street.

It is possible that in the future other documents may be found that shed more light on this property. Until such time I recommend that the sign read: moved to this site by 1831.

Respectfully,

Joyce King



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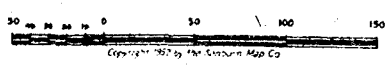
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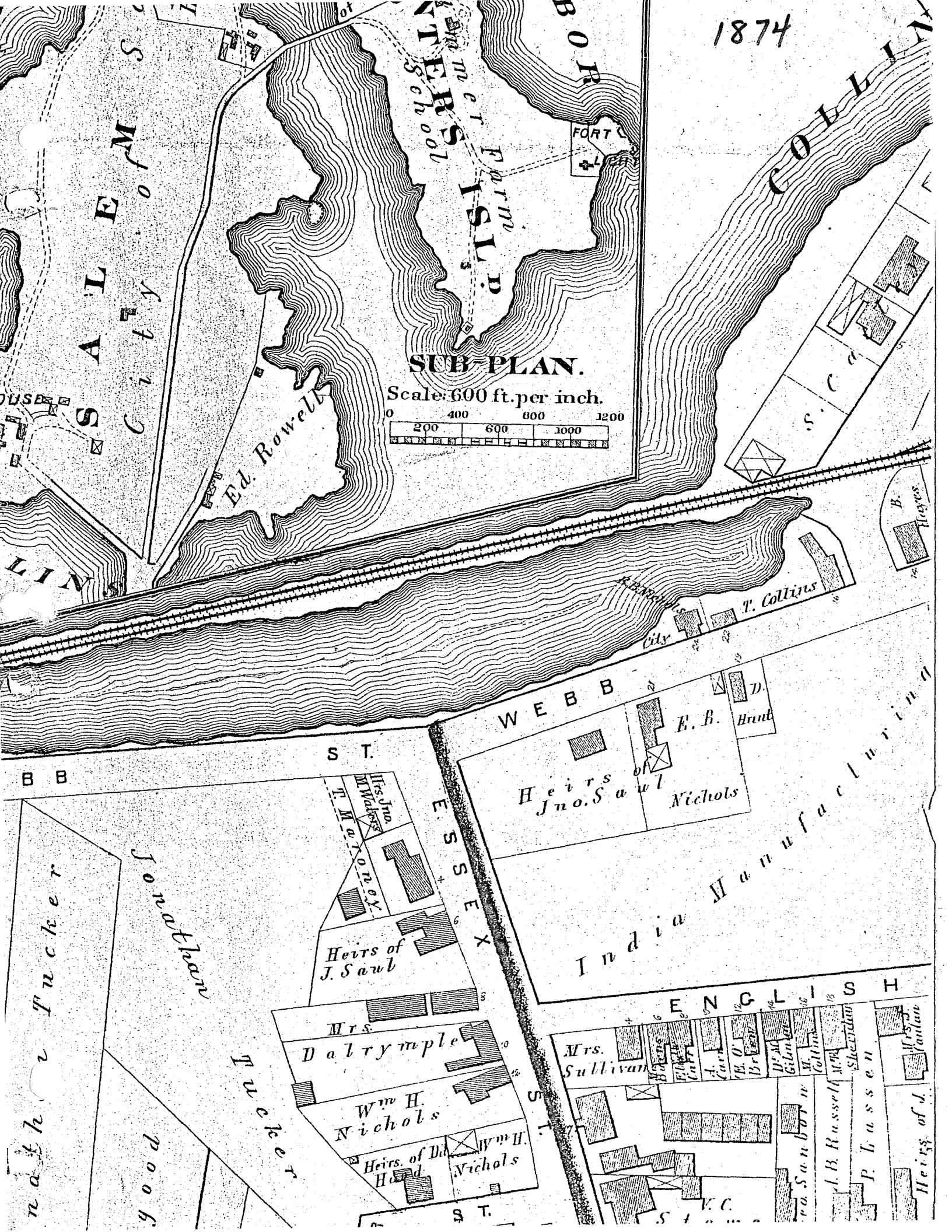
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1874

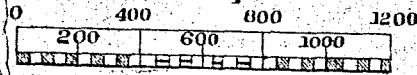


ST. MARY'S ISLAND
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SUB-PLAN.

Scale: 600 ft. per inch.



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