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47 Washington Square North

Salem, Massachusetts 01970

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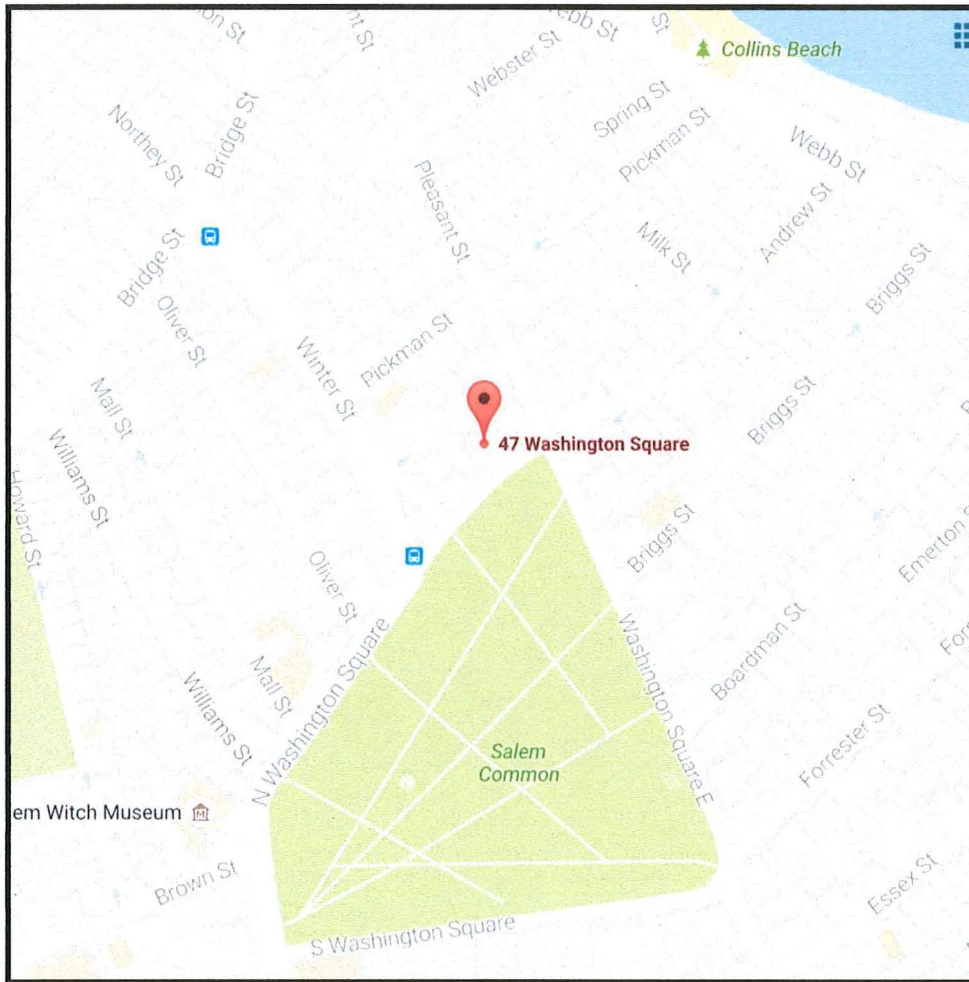
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The House History of 47 Washington Square North





Historical Narrative

According to available records, the house located at 47 Washington Square North in Salem, Massachusetts (formerly 3 Brown Street) was likely built by Jonathan C. Kimball around 1834. Deed records and the 1846 City Directory reveal that Kimball considered himself a housewright or carpenter. He lived nearby on what is now known as Winter Street (his address then was 29 Pleasant Street) and likely never lived in the house on Washington Square. When constructed, the house was valued at \$1,600. In 1846, Jonathan sold the house to George Dodge. Records indicate that George Dodge was a trader, perhaps running a clothing store at 122 Derby Street. George Dodge passed away and left as his only heir Edwin H. Dodge, who inherited the house. Salem Directories state that Edwin worked as a bookkeeper in town and lived at 47 Washington Square in 1888. In the 1880s the bay windows and door hoods at each unit's front entrance were added, as well as the two-story addition at the rear of the house.

In 1909 Edwin Dodge sold the house to Rose Davis, wife of Abraham J. Davis. They owned the property for a year and then sold it to Michael D. O'Malley and Anna M. O'Malley. According to the 1920 United States Census, Michael and Anna were living in the house with their family at the time. Michael was born in Ireland and was 44. Anna was 40 and was born in Massachusetts. According to the census, Michael was employed as a retail merchant at a haberdashery. They lived in the house with their son, David, who was 16 and born in Massachusetts, along with Anna's father, Patrick O'Callaghan, who was 82 and born in Ireland. Their niece, Anna Kelliher, also lived with them; she was 34 years old, born in Ireland and was employed as a nurse doing welfare work. The O'Malley family retained ownership of the property until 1961 when they sold it to Philip and Katherine Hutchinson. The home changed hands numerous times between 1961 and 2009. In 1988 the building known as 47-49 N Washington Square was converted to condos, and this document traces ownership from that point only through 47 N Washington Square, ending in 2009 when it was purchased by its current owner, Barbara Swartz. In 2016 the home was featured on the Historic Salem, Inc. Christmas in Salem Holiday House Tour.



Architectural Description

The property at 47-49 Washington Square North is a 2 ½ story double house with entrances facing the east and west sides of the property. The street face is gabled ended and symmetrical. The house was built in a simple early Greek-revival style, shown in the symmetry and low-pitched gabled roof. The addition of bay windows in the 1880s added a Victorian influence to the building.



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Exhibits Attached

Deed chain of ownership

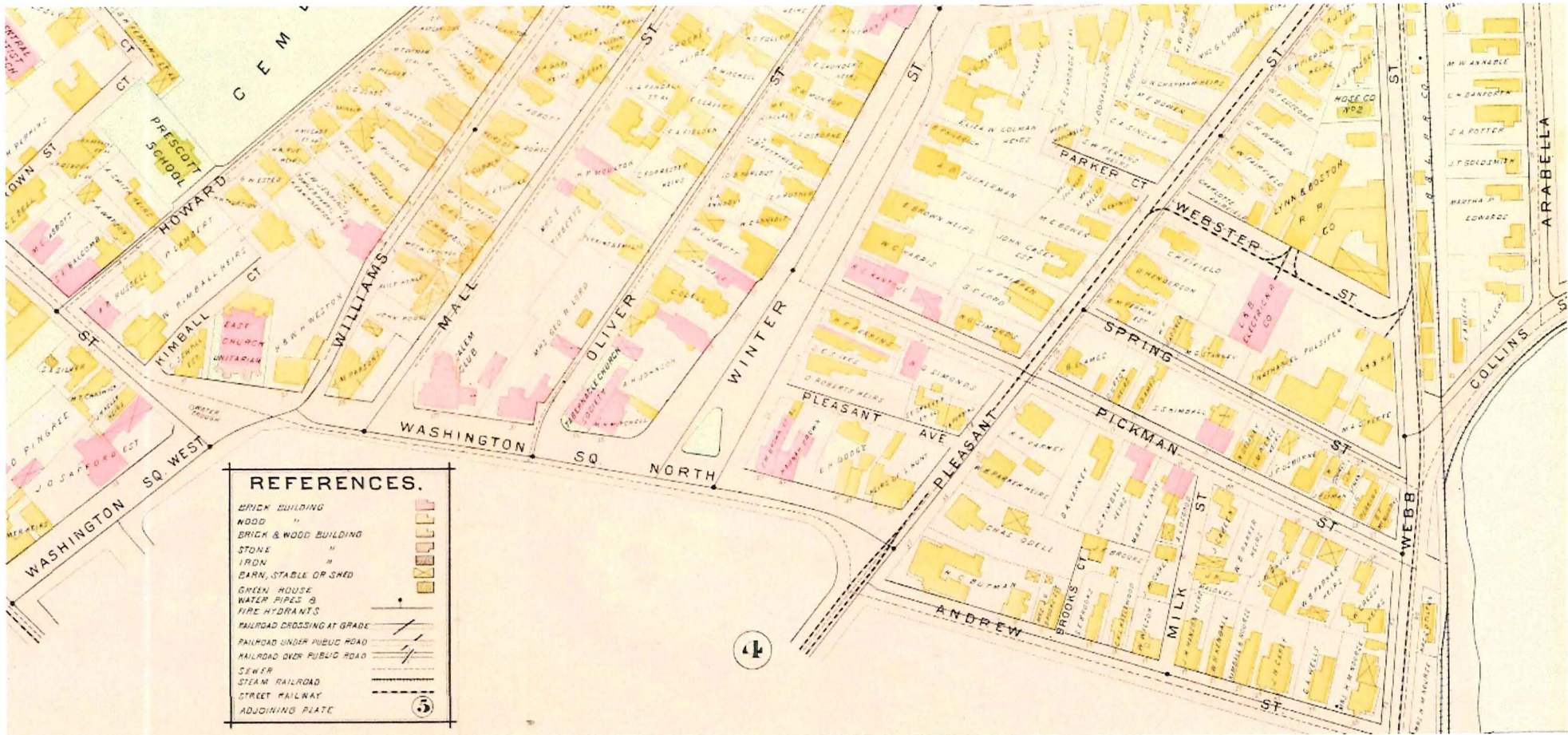
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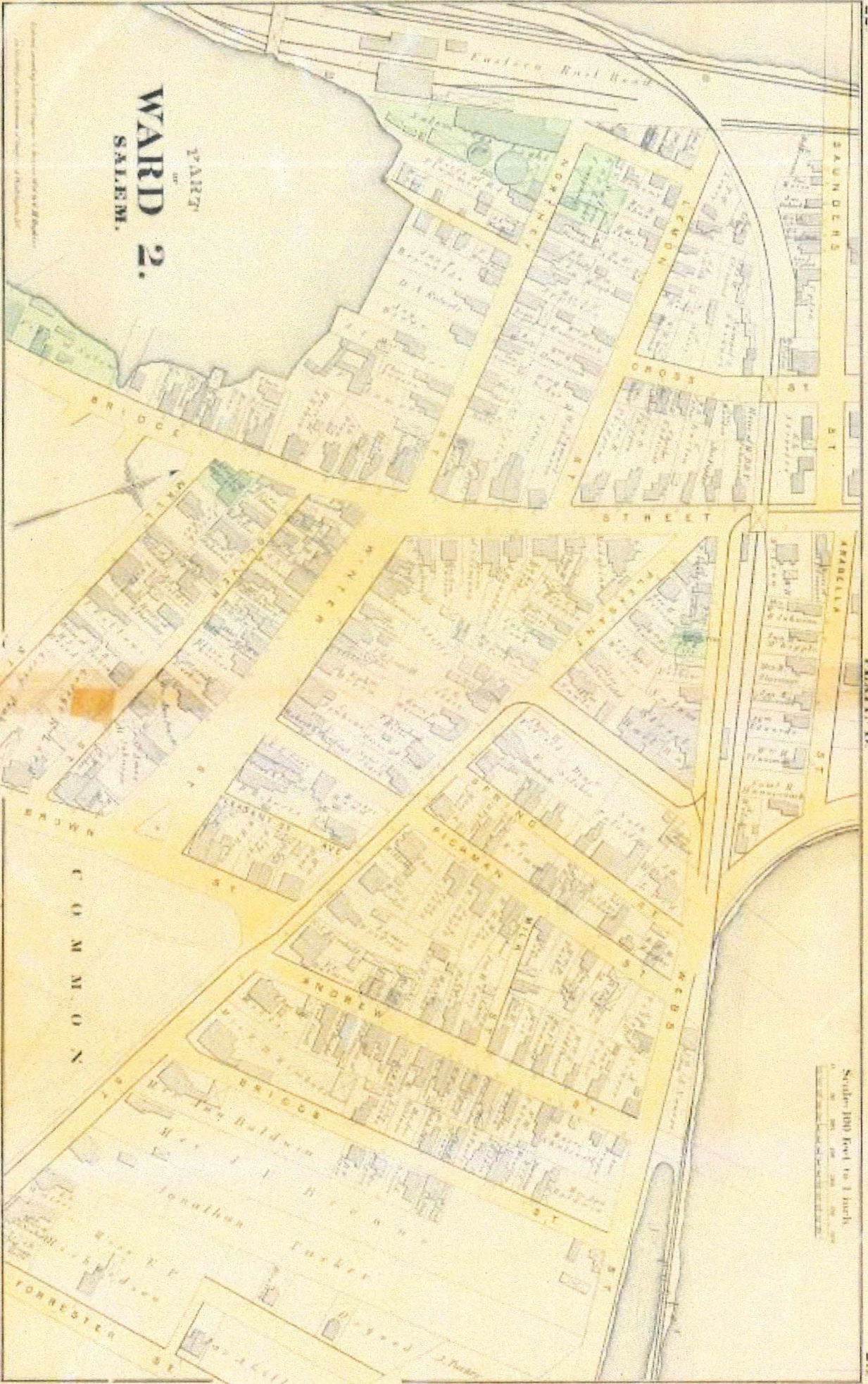
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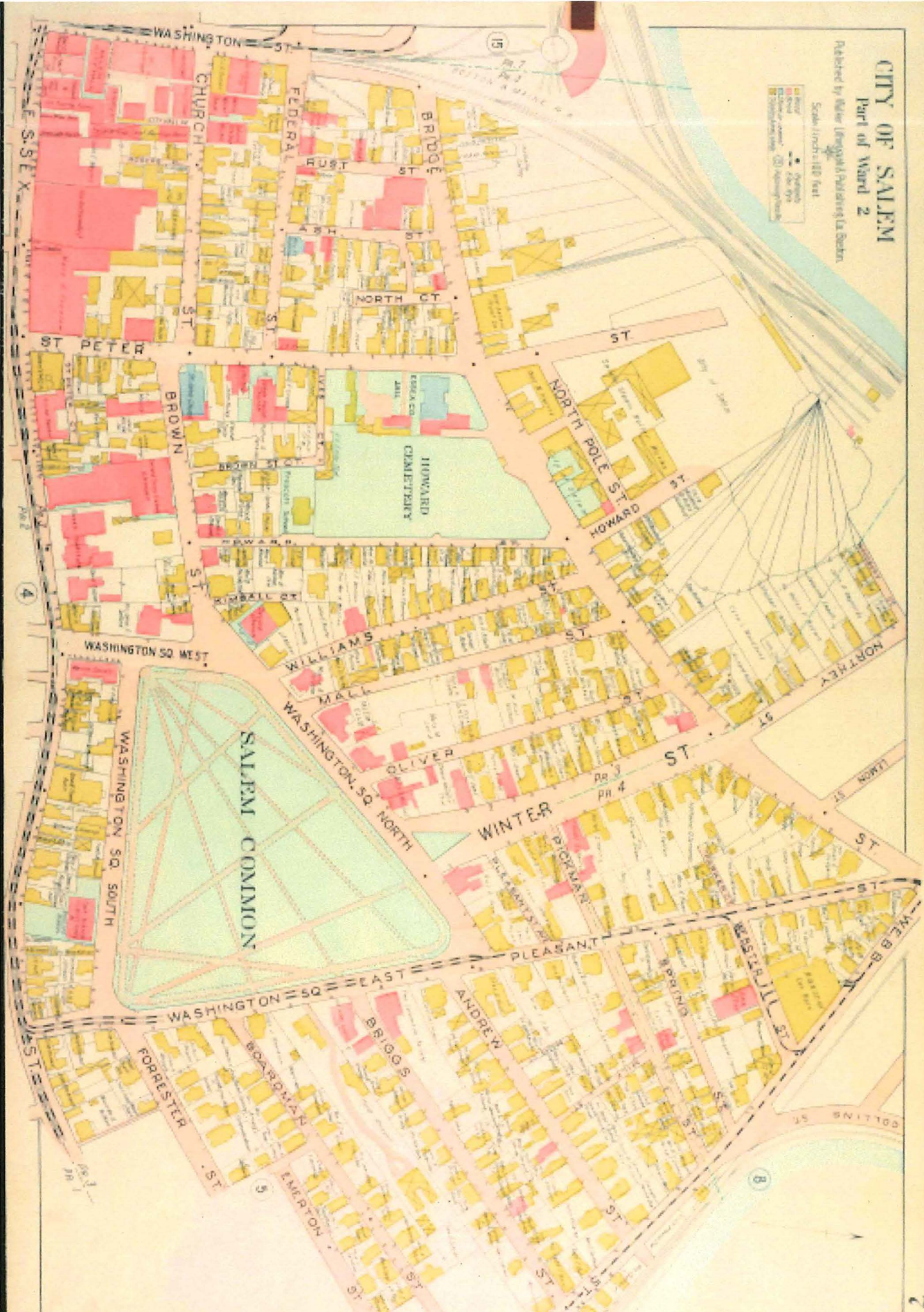
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The fee for a professionally prepared house history and plaque is \$400.00. Please send a check for that amount, made out to Historic Salem, Inc., with this application, to the above address.

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