

INFORMATION REGARDING BUILDING

29 ST. PETER STREET, SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Present Owner: Mr. Frank Wetmore

Essex County Registry of Deeds
Salem, Massachusetts

Book 3331 - Page 566 (5) records:

GRANTOR

GRANTEE

Albert C. Bertrand
Blanche M. (ux)

Roger Conant Coöperative Bank

DESCRIPTION:

"A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate at the corner of St. Peter and Federal Streets in said SALEM bounded:- beginning at said corner and running southerly by St. Peter Street 32.52 ft. to land now or late of Foster; thence turning and running westerly by land now or late of Foster 46.41 ft. to land now or late of McGrath; thence turning and running northerly by McGrath 19.25 ft. to a corner; thence turning and running easterly 8 ft.; thence turning and running northerly 7 ft.; thence turning and running easterly one (1) ft.; thence turning and running northerly by said land of McGrath 24.15 ft. to Federal Street; thence turning and running south easterly by Federal Street 39.90 ft. to point begun at.

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being same premises conveyed to Albert C. Bertrand et ux by deed of the Naumkeag Amusement Co., of even date and record." "Including as a part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings, heating apparatus, plumbing, ranges, mantels, storm doors and windows, oil burners, gas and oil, and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, awnings, window shades, electric and gas refrigerators, air conditioning apparatus and other fixtures of what ever kind and nature on said premises, or hereafter placed thereon prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage; insofar as the same are or can be agreement of the parties be made a part of the realty". (etc.)-

Mortgage discharge indicated in Book 3927, page 61

Book 3331 - Page 565 also states:

GRANTOR

GRANTEE

Naumkeag Amusement Co.

Albert C. Bertrand

DESCRIPTION:

Same as complete one written (copied) from page 566 except for words inner belt.

"Being same premises conveyed to said Naumkeag Amusement Co. by Hermon Perkins, deed dated 6/10/1939 recorded Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 3182 page 463. Taxes assessed for the year 1943 are to be apportioned as of June 10, 1943."

Hands and seals June 9, 1943.

Discharge - Naumkeag Trust Co.

Book 3331 - page 565 records: (copied)

"Naumkeag Trust Co. of Salem, Massachusetts, holder of a mortgage from Naumkeag Amusement Co. to Naumkeag Trust Co., dated 6/10/1939 recorded with Essex South District County Registry of Deeds, Book 3182, page 464 acknowledges satisfaction of the same."

Dated June 10, 1943.

Book 3182 - Page 463

GRANTOR

GRANTEE

Hermon Perkins
Gertrude E. (ux)

Naumkeag Amusement Co.

DESCRIPTION: (Abridged by researcher)

See deed from Asa Wiggin to John Francis dated January 30, 1836 - recorded Essex South District Deeds Book 285, leaf 207 and deed from George E. Francis to City of Salem, dated 6/8/1925 recorded in Book 2645, page one; said premises having been inherited by me from George E. Francis of said Salem.

See also probate proceedings upon Estates of John Francis - Probate # 39597
Lucy B. Francis - Probate # 39600
John E. Francis - Probate #103978
George A. Francis - Probate # 39596
Sarah E. Francis - Probate # 39605
Martha T. Francis - Probate #155998
George E. Francis - Probate #183607

(All above listed estates filed in Essex County Probate Court - housed in Essex County Registry of Deeds building.)

The foregoing subject to the taxes assessed thereon for the year 1939.

Hands and seals June 10, 1939

(Researcher): Also - below. Naumkeag Amusement Co. to Naumkeag Trust Co. a mortgage in the amount of \$2400.00 in one year with 6% interest per annum payable quarterly as provided in a note of even date - same description. Dated: June 10, 1939.

Book 2645 - Page one.

GRANTOR

George E. Francis
(Single)

GRANTEE

To City of Salem, a Municipal Corp. in
County of Essex.

DESCRIPTION:

"...the land situated in SALEM aforesaid at the corner of St. Peter and Federal Streets bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on St. Peter Street marked "A" on a plan entitled "Proposed Widening, Corner of Federal and St. Peter Streets, Salem, Massachusetts, January 1925" by George F. Ashton, City Engineer, then running northerly on St. Peter Street 16.80 ft. to a point marked "B" on said Plan; then turning and running westerly on Federal Street 35.70 ft. to a point marked "C" on said Plan; thence turning and running south easterly 39.90 ft. to a point "A" on said plan and the point of beginning. Containing 300 sq. ft.

Hands and seals June 8, 1925"

Book 285 - Page 207

GRANTOR

Asa Wiggin, Tailor
Abigail (ux)

GRANTEE

John Francis,
Ship Master

for \$1500.00

DESCRIPTION:

"A certain message in Salem, bounded as follows: beginning at the south easterly corner thereof on St. Peter's Street at a point 2.2 north of a store formerly of Hodges, then running northerly by said street 50 ft. more or less to County Street (now Federal St. - interpolated by researcher) thence westerly by County St. 36.2 ft. to the fence by my other land, thence southerly as the fence stands to a point in said fence, one foot north of the house (first mention of a building on this piece of land - researcher) on the granted land, thence running westerly in a line parallel to the north side of the pantry of said house and distant one foot from said north side of said pantry to a point; one foot westward of said pantry, thence running southerly in a line parallel to the west end of said pantry and one foot distant from said west and to land formerly of Hodges and thence easterly by said land formerly of Hodges to the corner begun at, the said Francis his heirs or assigns, however, shall not be at liberty to build any erection on said foot of land around said pantry so as to obstruct the light or air from my adjacent land."

Hands and seals February 2, 1836

On October 22, 1970, the researcher went to the City Hall, Salem, Massachusetts where the following information was found in the Tax Records of the City of Salem, Massachusetts for the year 1836:

Ward 2:

John Francis - 1 house #29 St. Peter St.
on page 93 the valuation as follows:

Value	Personal	Poll Tax	Real	Personal	Total
\$1500.00	\$500.00	\$1.50	\$6.60	\$2.20	\$10.30
				(written in pencil -----> A.B.)	2.20)

The researcher here records finding no books containing Tax Records for the years 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827.

The next previous book on the shelf is 1826.
(A fact known to the City of Salem, Massachusetts.)

HISTORIC SALEM INC.

House Sign Committee

FINDING:

House at (formerly) 29 St. Peter Street, Salem, Mass. now having been removed to property owned by Mr. Frank Wetmore abutting Brown St. Co. should have a house sign reading:

ASA WIGGIN
1836

October 22, 1970

John Crowninshield House

The lot on the west corner of Brown St. and Kimball Court was part of the homestead of George Williams in 1654 when he died. He left it to his son John who sold it and a lot east of it to Samuel Williams and John Gedney in 1658. Before 1672 it was divided, Williams getting this half upon which he built a house. He died in 1689 leaving it to his wife Mary (Veren) and residue to go to her children at her death.

However the administrator sold it in 1706 to William Browne who died in 1716 and his sons sold it to John Williams that year. He died in 1732 and in a division of his estate in 1750 it came to his daughter Anstiss, wife of John Crowninshield. The house was gone in 1755, Mrs. Crowninshield still owning the lot. She still owned it in 1793 when she died. Their son John, born in 1728, married, in 1753, Eunice Nutting.

In 1755 he bought of his parents a house and land in Prison Lane (Brown Street) and, of John Williams, some adjoining land. Evidently he at once removed the house and built a new one where he lived until his death in 1766. His wife survived him until 1776. It would appear that either Mrs. Crowninshield moved elsewhere after her husband's death or that the house was divided since Dr. Harold Bowditch in the little genealogy published in 1936, states that Habbakkuk Bowditch lived here and as he was married in 1765, had a son Nathaniel born in 1773 and removed that year to Salem Village (Danvers) it is evident that the Bowditch family and Mrs. Crowninshield either shared the house or that she moved out.

Nathaniel Bowditch of course was the famous author of the "New Practical Navigator." This house was moved back from Brown Street into Kimball Court, a short passage immediately behind it and stands there still. There is an interval from about 1776 to 1837 when data as to the house and the time of its removal are lacking but in 1837 and until 1859 the families of Dr. Samuel Johnson and Rev. Samuel Johnson, Jr. were here, moving to 2 Chestnut Street on the latter date.

In 1878 William Kimball was living there, Kimball Court appearing in the Directory in 1876. Perhaps it was in 1876 that the house was moved. Kimball died in January 1878, at 83. His wife, Eliza (Lane) died in 1887 and the Misses Abbie W. and Susan L. were still at 2 Brown Street in 1897, the latter dying in 1909 at the same address.

Salem in 1700
No. 15
Crowninshield Genealogy
14 Brown Street
Now No. 2 Kimball Court
John Crowninshield House