

# Historic Salem Incorporated

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23 - 25 1/2 BROAD STREET

Built for

NATHANIEL ROPES, gentleman

in 1885

Research by,  
Joyce King  
August 1988

"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,  
and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same"

23 - 25 1/2 BROAD STREET

BOOK 6275 PAGE 195

DATE - June 11, 1976

GRANTOR (seller) - Ralph H. Doering Jr.  
Trustee of Doering Trust

GRANTEE (buyer) - Raymond W. Thibault

DESCRIPTION - 4 Parcels of real estate  
One parcel being 23 - 25 1/2 Broad  
As shown on Plan

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - For title see deed as recorded in  
book 6109 page 203.

BOOK 6109 PAGE 203

DATE - October 31, 1974

GRANTOR (seller) - Ralph H. Doering Jr. release to  
Doering trust

BOOK 5622 PAGE 449

DATE - July 14, 1969

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Fred E. and Adeline E. Winter

GRANTEE (buyer) - Ralph H. Doering Jr.

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being the same premises conveyed to  
us by deed of Kenneth E. Winter as  
recorded in book 5331 page 762.

BOOK 5331 PAGE 762

DATE - January 6, 1966

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Kenneth E. Barbara Winter

GRANTEE (buyer) - Fred E. and Adeline E. Winter

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings being the third parcel conveyed

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed as recorded in book 5000 page 348.

BOOK 5000 PAGE 348

DATE - October 19, 1962

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Fred E. Winter also known as Wilfred E. Winter and Adeline

GRANTEE (buyer) - Kenneth E. and Barbara E. Winter

DESCRIPTION - Two parcels of land and buildings (The second being 23-25 1/2 Broad)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by Joseph E. Looney as recorded in book 4613 page 315.

BOOK 4613 PAGE 315

DATE - October 26, 1959

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Josephine E. Looney

GRANTEE (buyer) - Fred E. and Adeline Winter

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the Trustees of Ropes Memorial on Nov. 27, 1914 and recorded in book 2282 page 386.

BOOK 2282 PAGE 386

DATE - November 27, 1914

CONSIDERATION - "For consideration paid"

GRANTOR (seller) - Trustees of the Ropes Memorial

GRANTEE (buyer) - Josephine E. Looney

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The granted premises are shown upon a plan entitled, "Plan of land in Salem, Mass., belonging to the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial"

Whalen  
to  
Newburyport  
Co-op.BK.

Discharge  
Rs-2600 & 424

I, Mary A. Whalen, of Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, being unmarried, for consideration paid, grant to Newburyport Co-operative Bank, situated in Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, with mortgage covenants, to secure the payment of seven hundred dollars and interest and fines as provided in a note of even date, the land in NEWBURYPORT aforesaid with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows; viz: Commencing at the easterly corner thereof on Charles street by land of the Peabody Manufacturing Company, thence running about South 35° West by said street about two rods, ten links to land of Kiley (formerly City of Newburyport); thence about North 49° West by said land of Kiley four rods, one quarter link, and about North 53° West by land of or formerly of Nathan Poor two rods, eighteen links to land of Isaac Poor; thence about North 32½° East by said land of Isaac Poor two rods, ten links to land of the Peabody Manufacturing Company; and thence about South 49° East by land of said company six rods, nineteen links, more or less, to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to me by the Newburyport Co-operative Bank aforesaid by deed dated November 2, 1914, to be recorded herewith. I hereby transfer and pledge to the said mortgagee four shares in the 54th series of its capital stock as collateral security for the performance of the conditions of this mortgage, and my said note upon which shares said sum of seven hundred dollars has been advanced to me by the mortgagee. The monthly payments under this mortgage are seven and 70/100 dollars. In the event of an assignment of this mortgage, interest on the unpaid balance of the principal shall be at the rate of six per cent. per annum. This mortgage is upon the Statutory Co-operative Bank Mortgage Condition, for any breach of which the mortgagee shall have the Statutory Co-operative Bank Power of Sale. WITNESS my hand and seal this eighteenth day of November 1914.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ) Mary A. Whalen (seal)  
Essex, ss. Nov. 23, 1914. Then personally appeared the above named Mary A. Whalen and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed before me Nathaniel N. Jones Justice of the Peace  
Essex ss. Received Nov. 27, 1914. 25 m. past 3 P.M. Recorded and Examined.

Trs. of The  
Ropes Memorial  
to  
Looney  
& Vote  
& Plan

See Plan at End  
of this Volume.

The Trustees of the Ropes Memorial, a corporation established by law and located at Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grants to Josephine E. Looney with quitclaim covenants the land and buildings on the southerly side of Broad street in said SALEM bounded as follows: Beginning on Broad street at the Northeasterly corner of the granted premises by land of Bartlett thence running westerly by Broad street one hundred seventy two and thirty three hundredths feet (172.33') to land of Mansfield;

thence running southerly by land of Mansfield seventy and seventy five hundredths feet (70.75'); thence turning and running easterly by other land of grantor seventy eight and five hundredths feet (78.05') to a street or way called Orne Square; thence continuing in a straight line across said Orne Square about twenty four and thirty seven hundredths feet (24.37') and thence still continuing in a straight line forty five and two tenths feet (45.2'); thence turning and running southerly five and one tenth feet (5.1); thence easterly sixteen and eighty five hundredths feet (16.85') to land of Bartlett; thence turning and running northerly by land of Bartlett seventy seven feet (77') to the point begun at. Together with rights of foot passage five feet (5') wide over land of the grantor running forty five and two tenths feet (45.2') to the east from Orne Square and fifty eight and four tenths feet (58.4') to the west from Orne Square, as shown upon the plan hereinafter referred to, and leading to the rear of the dwelling houses upon the granted premises to be used in common with the grantor and its assigns; reserving to the grantor and its successors and assigns a right of way for all purposes and in both directions between the grantor's remaining land on Broad street over that part of said Orne Square which is included in the granted premises, and reserving also unto the grantor and its successors and assigns a right to lay, maintain, repair and to relay and to relocate in said granted portion of the way known as Orne Square pipes and conduits for water, sewage, gas and wires for the transmission of electric power, heat, light and telephonic or other form of electrical or magnetic communication and a right at all times to enter into and upon the said way and to excavate the same for any or all of the foregoing purposes. The granted premises are shown upon a plan entitled, "Plan of land in Salem, Mass., belonging to the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial" by Charles A. Metcalf, Surveyor, dated August, 1914, to be recorded herewith. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said corporation has caused this instrument to be executed by William R. Colby, its vice president, hereunto duly authorized, on this twenty seventh day of November A.D. 1914.

Trustees of the Ropes Memorial (seal)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. }  
Essex, ss. Nov. 28 A. D. 1914. }

by William R. Colby  
its Vice President.

Personally appeared the above named William R. Colby, Vice President as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial before me,

Robert M. Mahoney Justice of the Peace.

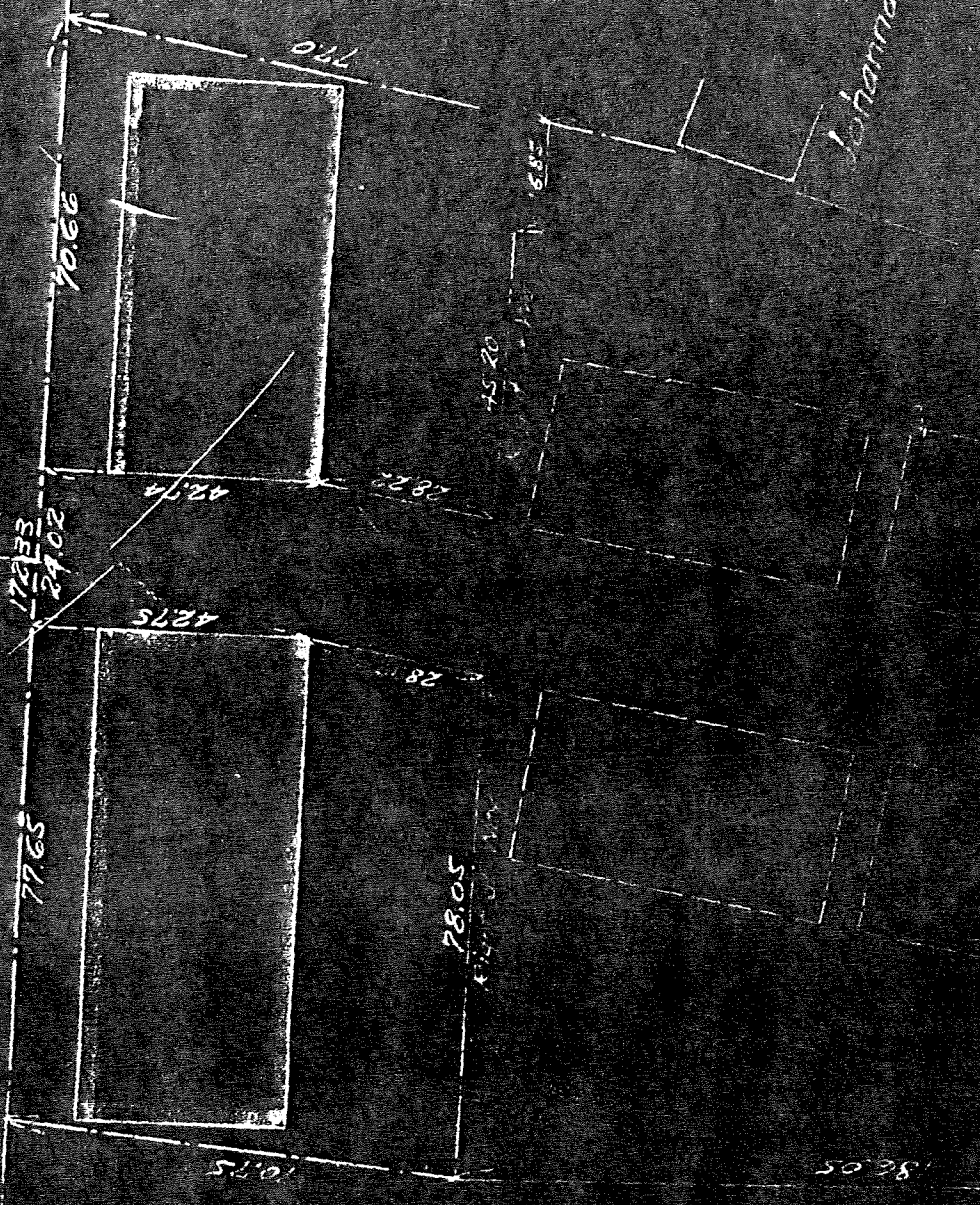
Certificate of Vote. At a meeting of the Trustees of Ropes Memorial held at Salem on November twenty A. D. 1914, a quorum being present, the foregoing instrument was read and it was duly voted that the same be adopted as

Vote

Plan Book 2002 pg. 600

BROAD ST.

ST.



Gordon Bartlett Hrs

Litanna F. Cummings

MEMORIAL

Surveyor

The Ropes Memorial was established under the wills of Mary Pickman Ropes and Eliza Orne Ropes, and is conducted by a board of trustees incorporated in 1912.

The property was bequeathed to the Ropes sisters by their brother Nathaniel Ropes.

Nathaniel Ropes acquired the property from his aunt, Sarah Fisk Orne, who died in March of 1876. Mr. Ropes built many houses in Salem, with the purpose of providing modern, single family housing at a moderate rent for the working class. He died on February 6, 1893 at 60 years of age.

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.



NOTES:

The land on which this house stands was once part of the "Common land" which was laid out in the first settlement of the town.

"Broad street was so called as early as 1799. It was one of the original highways; and laid out very wide, the southern boundary being on a line with the southern side of the burying ground, and the town conveyed to the adjoining owners a strip of the width of the burying ground at that end and running easterly to a point, so that the houses at the corner of Winthrop and Broad streets stand in what was formerly Broad street." (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 4 pg. 98)

Prior to the construction of 21-25 Broad Street, the land owned by Sarah F. Orne, was occupied by the shoe shop of Benjamin F. Pickering and a barn owned by the heirs of Joseph Smith.

On May 21, 1885 a permit was issued to Nathaniel Ropes to build a wooden dwelling house for four families, 77' X 32 1/2', 2 1/2 stories high at 25 Broad St.

1886 Broad Street Residents

23 Benjamin Cram age 34  
23 1/2 Andrew Case age 31  
25 George Bates age 38  
25 1/2 Charles Fry age 33

1900 census

23 Benjamin Cran age 48, shoe salesman, born Mass.  
Bertha " age 44, born Maine  
Benjamin " age 20, bookkeeper in a bank, born Mass.  
23 1/2 Mary Rogers age 59, cut embroidery dealer, born Mass.  
Adeline " age 47, sister, saleswoman, born Mass.  
Fannie Dolan age 28, servant, born Ire.  
25 Isak Taylor age 53, clerk furniture store, born Mass  
Sarah " age 47, born Mass.  
Cora M. " age 23, telephone operator, born Mass.  
Clarence " age 19, clerk, born Mass.  
Walter " age 15, at school, born Mass.  
Helen " age 5, born Mass.  
25 1/2 no listing

23 620 Bates  
D.O.S. 07

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# THE SALEM NEWS

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1893.

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## BORN.

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SEMONS.—In Salem, Feb. 7, to Edmund and Bernace Semons, a daughter.

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## OBITUARY.

Two '49'ers Join the Silent Majority.

William A. Lamper, one of Lynn's most prominent merchants, died on Monday, aged 68. He had been in the produce business in Lynn, since 1850, and was the last of the well-known firm of Lamper Brothers.

Capt. John Blatchford, a former well-known master mariner and a California pioneer of '49, died in Gloucester, Sunday, at the age of 63 years. He went to California in the spring of 1849 with a party, in the schooner Paragon, remaining there two years, and after his return commanded several of the crack vessels of the Gloucester fishing fleet.

Intelligence has been received at Boxford, announcing the death of Hiram Towne, a native of that village, in Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Towne was one of the original forty-miners, going to California at the time of the gold fever. He made his "pile" and made a short visit to his native place, then going to Kansas, where he has since resided.

Hon. Joseph Hobson, for many years a leading dealer and manufacturer of lumber, died Sunday. He was born in Buxton, Me., March 20, 1816. On Saco becoming a city he was elected its mayor in 1867. In Maine's legislature he had represented Saco for several terms.

### Death of Mrs. A. W. Beckwith.

Mrs. Ann Wass Beckwith died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Wilson, Lowell street, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the advanced age of 91 years 9 months and 3 days. The deceased was a very estimable woman and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, even in her old age her bright and cheerful manner and her watchfulness of others and willingness to help them being not the least of the kindly traits of character which endeared her to so many. She possessed her faculties till the last, and carried sunshine wherever she went, it being her practice till within a short time to take long walks and make frequent calls on her numerous acquaintances. Her funeral will take place Thursday afternoon.

## THE LATE NATHANIEL ROPES.

### His Early Life in Cincinnati

and in Salem.

## Amassed a Fortune in Eastern R. R. Stock.

### Peculiar Characteristics Which Marked His Later Years.

Nathaniel Ropes, who died at his home number 318 Essex street shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as stated in the late edition of THE NEWS, was the son of Nathaniel Ropes and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1833. Mr. Ropes, Sr. had gone to that city when it was in its infancy, and had amassed considerable property.

Deceased attended Harvard college, and was graduated in the class of 1855. Among his classmates were the late Phillips Brooks, Dr. James A. Emmer-ton, and H. F. Waters. During his stay in the east, at that time, he resided with his aunt, Mrs. S. F. Orne, in the old Ropes mansion on Essex street, which house he subsequently occupied, and in which his death occurred.

Returning to Cincinnati, he engaged in business with his father, which business was the management of a large candle and oil manufactory. Not fancying that business, or for some other good reason, he

Returned to Salem About 1862.

and devoted himself to the management of what property he possessed. He resided with his aunt, and continued to occupy the house after her death, which occurred some 12 or 15 years ago.

He became a large holder and buyer of Eastern railroad stock when that corporation was anything but a paying institution. Despite the advice of friends he continued buying this stock, beginning by paying \$100, and never ceasing to invest until the bottom notch of \$2 was reached and the upward slide had gone on for some time. It was on this stock that most of his wealth was made. He was not a speculator, as commonly so called, paying his certificates out right for cash, and locking them up in his strong box.

He also was an extensive dealer in real estate, and had built and owned 29 tenements on Orne square, besides several other houses in various parts of the city. He also had a large interest in property left by his father in Cincinnati, and Mrs. Orne had left him considerable property.

Mr. Ropes had never been West but twice during his latter life to attend the funerals of his parents. He never married, and the three sisters residing in Cincinnati are

His Only Surviving Relatives.

The oldest of these sisters, Miss Sarah Ropes, has been with him nearly all this winter.

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He was never an active man in business with others, in the way of directorships of banks or corporations, and it is believed that he is director only of the Boston Water Power company, of which he is the largest owner. He was a member of the Essex Institute. He was not a church-going man, but had contributed more or less towards the support of the New Jerusalem church, out of respect to the belief of his mother, who was a Swedenburghen. His father had been an attendant at the First Unitarian church.

Simple funeral services will be conducted by Rev. John A. Hayes of the church of the New Jerusalem, at his late residence, Thursday afternoon, at 5 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Cincinnati for interment, under the charge of his sister.

**A Marked Personality.**

With the death of Nathaniel Ropes, one of the most prominent characters of Salem passes into history.

His was a personality so marked, an individuality so peculiar, that his prototype may safely be said not to exist, nor will it, in the social atmosphere of today and the future, be likely to be duplicated.

As a youth and college man, he was a well-known character, high in the social world, one of a coterie of as lively youths as ever furnished the life of his particular set.

As a man, he became altogether different. He became more and more retired in his habits, continuing however, in his friendly and cordial relations with his former associates, entertaining them with rare hospitality at his own house, but rarely, if ever, returning their friendly visits.

Perhaps next to his unobtrusive philanthropy, peculiarity and eccentricity, were his most marked characteristics. As a philanthropist he let not his right hand know what his left did. Charitable objects were certain of his support, but not a cent would he give except under the solemn promise that his name would never appear in connection therewith.

Among other evidences of his generosity, tinged a bit perhaps with his eccentricity, and the reverence he always held for the memory and wishes of his departed aunt, Mrs. S. F. Orne, was the fact that he kept upon his bounty roll all the old servants and retainers of that lady, and to their second and third generation.

Mr. Ropes was one of the original members of the Observatory club when a young man, which had headquarters over Wallace & Young's music store, and after that organization disbanded he kept the apartments as a private clubroom or office for several years. There he met with his kindred spirits and did his talking and smoking.

**He used to be a**

**Familiar Figure on the Street** until within two years or so. At that time he had an attack of the grip, from which he had never fully recovered. His mannerisms upon the street were often, as were his ways in company, misinter-

preted. His set and steady stare, deemed offensive by sensitive persons, was but the outward evidence of deep thought and business cogitation.

His gifts in charity were innumerable, and many a family in the city will deeply feel the loss of a friend, who was indeed a friend in need, and who was so circumspect in his giving that almost none suspected it. Instead of seeking companionship with people of his station, he went about doing good, and for the good he did hundreds will revere him.

His end came peacefully. Up to 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon he was perfectly comfortable and talked rationally with several friends, all of whom he recognized with a cheerful salutation. There was no suffering, but as the general breaking up of the whole system approached, he sank into unconsciousness, and, as a weary child, peacefully fell asleep.

**Boston Transcript**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1893.

**MARRIAGES.**

PIERCE—MOSELY—In this city, 6th inst., by Rev. Dr. Hale, Mr. Francis A. Pierce and Caroline E. Mosely.

RUSS—SOULE—In this city, 4th inst., by Rev. Eber Butler, Charles E. Russ and Edla M. Soule, both of Boston.

SAMUELS—LYNCH—In this city, 5th inst., by Rev. Caleb D. Bradley, D. D., Mr. John S. Samuels of New York city and Miss Mary E. Lynch of Boston.

PRESSEY—NYE—At New London, N. H., 5th inst., by Rev. George W. Gardner, D. D., Mr. Frank W. Pressey and Miss Maude E. Nye, both of New London.

**DEATHS.**

CHAMPNEY—At Brighton, 5th inst., Charles H. Champney, 58 yrs. 5 mos. 19 dys.

SAWIN—John B. Sawin of Lincoln, Mass., 68 yrs. 9 mos.

WARE—In this city, 6th inst., Mrs. Susan W. Ware, formerly of Worcester, 87 yrs. 5 mos.

Funeral from residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie N. White, Wildwood street, Dorchester, at 1 o'clock, Wednesday, 8th inst. Forest-avenue station, N. Y. & N. E. Railroad.

BARNES—At Lincoln, 5th inst., of apoplexy, Annis E., wife of Eda B. Barnes, 70 yrs. 3 mos.

CHILD—At West Newton, Olive Turner Thayer, widow of the late David W. Child.

Notice of funeral later.

CHURCH—At Fairhaven, Mass., 5th inst., suddenly, Sarah Johnson, widow of Captain John Church, 77 yrs.

FOSTER—At College Hill, 5th inst., Charles A. Foster, 72 yrs.

KINSLEY—At Canton, 4th inst., Mrs. Sarah Ann Kinsley, widow of Alfred Kinsley, 86 yrs. 6 mos. 9 dys.

LAMPER—At Lynn, 8th inst., William A. Lamper, 68 yrs. 10 mos. 27 dys.

PARKES—At Reading, 4th inst., Mrs. Lucy B. Parkes, 90 yrs. 10 mos.

PHINNEY—At Monument Beach, Mass., 4th inst., Lucy E., daughter of Roswell B. and Minnie L. Phinney, 5 mos.

VINTON—At Melrose, 5th inst., Florence E. Vinton, youngest daughter of Aaron and Abbie S. Vinton, 15 yrs. 9 mos.

Southampton, England. He was a very talented man when in his prime, having a good voice and being a good amateur artist. He was very well off at the time of his son's marriage, and had previously been a member of Parliament.

#### Nathaniel Ropes.

Mr. Nathaniel Ropes who died at his residence on Essex St. on Monday of this week, was born in Cincinnati, Jan. 7, 1833. His father bearing the same name, removed from Salem, and having settled there about 1820, he became engaged in business, and ever after remained. Mr. Ropes, the subject of our notice, was educated at Cincinnati and at Harvard College, being a member of the class of 1855, as mentioned in our notice of Bishop Brooks, who was of the same class, together with Dr. Jas. A. Emmerton, and Mr. H. F. Waters of Salem. Mr. Ropes was much in Salem during his college life, staying with his father's sister, Mrs. Sarah F. Orne, who resided in the old mansion, for more than a century the home of that branch of the Ropes family. Here too, he came, about 1863, to make a short visit. But, at the earnest solicitation of his aunt, who was at the time a sufferer from a disease of the eyes, which soon resulted in total blindness, Mr. Ropes, always her favorite nephew, was persuaded to remain indefinitely, and since Mrs. Orne's death he has continued to live in the same old-fashioned, quiet, but kindly way, which has distinguished so many Salem families of the old school. Never engaged in active business since leaving Cincinnati, where he was connected with his father in the manufacture of oils and candles, he has by persistently adhering to one undeviating method of investment—never speculation—amassed a handsome property, and by his building operations contributed much to the employment of first class mechanics and to the comfort of many families desiring modern homes at a fair rental. The dwellings on Orne Square were evolved from his own brain, and were built—with the mechanical assistance of Mr. John H. Bell—and under criticism of many real estate owners,—for the purpose of showing the possibility of furnishing, at a moderate rent, single houses, for one tenant each, provided with all modern conveniences including gas, furnace, hot water and sanitary appliances. The success of the scheme is undoubted, and a fair return on the investment has also been assured. To those who did not know him beneath the surface, Mr. Ropes perhaps appeared a little rough, but this was the cover of a good intent, and a large, kind heart, as the children of Orne Square, who were his best friends, will testify. To a tenant in distress Mr. Ropes never appeared on rent day, and many members of the families of his aunt's old employees will be among his sincerest mourners. He had strong attachments, and was a true friend to those whom he knew to be true to him, but with equally strong dislikes he never hesitated to denounce anyone

whom he felt was dishonorable and untrustworthy. His sense of honor was very high, and this was his faith, one might almost say his religion. Living in the way he did, retiring from the society which he enjoyed as a young man, he had little to do with the active world around him, a thing to be regretted, both for his own loss and for what a man of so strong a character, once developed in this direction, might have done in a place like Salem.

Mr. Ropes will be missed, and his loss will come most heavily upon those who can least afford to part with him. His death was caused by a general giving out of his system, exhausted by a severe attack of la grippe, some two years since, and from which he never regained his former strength. He leaves three sisters, the eldest of whom was with him during his last short illness. Funeral services at the house were conducted on Thursday by Rev. Mr. Hayes of the New Jerusalem Church and the interment will be at Cincinnati.

## Boston Transcript

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1893.

### MARRIAGES.

**BOWMAN—BROWN**—At Dorchester, 8th inst., at Stanton-avenue Church, by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins, Abner H. Bowman and Katharine Ellen Brown, daughter of John M. Brown, all of Dorchester.

**EDGAR—BRAASTAD**—In this city, 9th inst., by Rev. Loren B. Macdonald, William Edgar and Minna Braastad, both of Boston.

**WING—CHRISTIAN**—At Dorchester, 25th ult., by Rev. Mr. Smith, Dr. John F. Wing and Mary Jane Christian.

**MURDOCK—WADE**—At East Bridgewater, 9th inst., by Rev. John W. Quinby, Mr. George F. Murdock of Stowe and Miss Abbie B. Wade of East Bridgewater.

### DEATHS.

**BOND**—In this city, 10th inst., Edward P. Bond of West Newton, Mass., 68 yrs.

Funeral at the Unitarian Church, West Newton, Monday afternoon, at 2.15. Burial private.

**DELAND**—At Roxbury, 9th inst., at his late residence, 12 Greenville street, Thomas W. Deland.

Funeral from his late residence, at 2.30 P. M., Sunday. Burial private.

**FULLER**—At Charlestown, 9th inst., Esther Hall Fuller, 3 yrs. 11 mos.

**HALL**—In this city, 10th inst., Richard Hitchcock Hall, 4 mos. 6 dys.

**JARVIS**—10th inst., Dr. John Furness Jarvis.

Funeral services at his late residence, 58 Chambers street, Monday, 13th inst., at 3 P. M. Friends requested to send no flowers. Burial at Concord, N. H.

**LOVELAND**—10th inst., Isaiah T. Loveland, 58 yrs.

**MORVILLE**—At Jamaica Plain, 11th inst., Emma A. Morville.

Funeral services from her late residence, 221 Chestnut avenue, Tuesday, 14th inst., at 2 P. M. Burial private.

**TUTTLE**—At Dorchester, 11th inst., Miss Mary Austin Tuttle, 81 yrs. 4 mos.

**WARD**—In this city, 9th inst., Sarah, wife of Thomas Ward, 23 yrs. 5 mos. 27 dys.

**WILLIAMS**—At Roxbury, 10th inst., Mrs. Emily Williams, 85 yrs. 5 mos.

Funeral from her late residence, 31 Rox-

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## SARAH FISK ORNE

Sally Fisk Orne, widow of Joseph Orne, Esq., and daughter of the late Nathaniel and Sarah (Putnam) Ropes, born in Salem May 11, 1795, died at her residence on Essex street on Tuesday morning, March 28, 1876, after a long and painful illness which she bore with Christian patience and submission. During the last years of her life the trials of her situation were rendered doubly severe by total blindness; to her a dreadful affliction, depriving her of the power of seeing and freely conversing with friends to whom she had been for so many years so devotedly attached. It was seldom, however, that the slightest murmur escaped her lips; her strong and vigorous mind retained to the last its serenity and composure. Mrs. Orne was descended from families established at Salem in the first period of its history and always maintaining a high character in this neighborhood. She inherited many of the excellent qualities that so conspicuously marked the characters of the puritans of former days. Unswerving fidelity to truth and religious faith, tenacity of affection in domestic life, intense dislike of all that was pretentious or false, and a charitable and kindly disposition that avoided all public notice, made her the object of deep regard and respect to her family and friends. While her death must be considered only a beneficent release from mental and bodily suffering, it still brings sorrow to many hearts; sundering as it does so many pleasing and dear associations of the past, and extinguishing a name once frequent and honored in this community.



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Ralph H. Doering Jr.

DESCRIPTION -

Land and buildings

PREVIOUS REFERENCE -

Being the same premises conveyed to  
us by deed of Kenneth E. Winter as  
recorded in book 5331 page 762.

BOOK 5331 PAGE 762

DATE - January 6, 1966

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Kenneth E. Barbara Winter

GRANTEE (buyer) - Fred E. and Adeline E. Winter

DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings being the third parcel conveyed

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed as recorded in book 5000 page 348.

BOOK 5000 PAGE 348

DATE - October 19, 1962

CONSIDERATION - None listed

GRANTOR (seller) - Fred E. Winter also known as Wilfred E. Winter and Adeline

GRANTEE (buyer) - Kenneth E. and Barbara E. Winter

DESCRIPTION - Two parcels of land and buildings (The second being 23-25 1/2 Broad)

PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The same conveyed by Joseph E. Looney as recorded in book 4613 page 315.



BOOK 4613 PAGE 315

DATE - October 20, 1959  
CONSIDERATION - None listed  
GRANTOR (seller) - Josephine E. Looney  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Fred E. and Adeline Winter  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the Trustees of Ropes Memorial on Nov. 27, 1914 and recorded in book 2282 page 386.

BOOK 2282 PAGE 386

DATE - November 27, 1914  
CONSIDERATION - "For consideration paid"  
GRANTOR (seller) - Trustees of the Ropes Memorial  
GRANTEE (buyer) - Josephine E. Looney  
DESCRIPTION - Land and buildings  
PREVIOUS REFERENCE - The granted premises are shown upon a plan entitled, "Plan of land in Salem, Mass., belonging to the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial"

Whalen  
to  
Newburyport  
Co-op.Bk.

Discharge  
6-26008424

I, Mary A. Whalen, of Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, being unmarried, for consideration paid, grant to Newburyport Co-operative Bank, situated in Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts, with mortgage covenants, to secure the payment of seven hundred dollars and interest and fines as provided in a note of even date, the land in NEWBURYPORT aforesaid with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows; ~~to-wit~~: Commencing at the easterly corner thereof on Charles street by land of the Peabody Manufacturing Company, thence running about South 35° West by said street about two rods, ten links to land of Kiley (formerly City of Newburyport); thence about North 48° West by said land of Kiley four rods, one quarter link, and about North 58° West by land of or formerly of Nathar Poor two rods, eighteen links to land of Isaac Poor; thence about North 32½° East by said land of Isaac Poor two rods, ten links to land of the Peabody Manufacturing Company; and thence about South 49° East by land of said company six rods, nineteen links, more or less, to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to me by the Newburyport Co-operative Bank aforesaid by deed dated November 2, 1914, to be recorded herewith. I hereby transfer and pledge to the said mortgagee four shares in the 54th series of its capital stock as collateral security for the performance of the conditions of this mortgage, and my said note upon which shares said sum of seven hundred dollars has been advanced to me by the mortgagee. The monthly payments under this mortgage are seven and 70/100 dollars. In the event of an assignment of this mortgage, interest on the unpaid balance of the principal shall be at the rate of six per cent. per annum. This mortgage is upon the Statutory Co-operative Bank Mortgage Condition, for any breach of which the mortgagee shall have the Statutory Co-operative Bank Power of Sale. WITNESS my hand and seal this eighteenth day of November 1914.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ) Mary A. Whalen (seal)  
Essex, ss. Nov. 23, 1914. Then personally appeared the above named Mary A. Whalen and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed before me  
Nathaniel N. Jones Justice of the Peace  
Essex ss. Received Nov. 27, 1914. 25 m. past 3 P. . Recorded and examined.

Trs. of The  
Ropes Memorial  
to  
Looney  
& Vote  
& Plan

See Plan at End  
of this Volume.

The Trustees of the Ropes Memorial, a corporation established by law and located at Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid, grants to Josephine E. Looney with quitclaim covenants the land and buildings on the southerly side of Broad street in said SALEM bounded as follows: Beginning on Broad street at the Northeastly corner of the granted premises by land of Bartlett thence running westerly by Broad street one hundred seventy two and thirty three hundredths feet (172.33' to land of Mansfield;

thence running southerly by land of Mansfield seventy and seventy five hundredths feet (70.75'); thence turning and running easterly by other land of grantor seventy eight and five hundredths feet (78.05') to a street or way called Orne Square; thence continuing in a straight line across said Orne Square about twenty four and thirty seven hundredths feet (24.37') and thence still continuing in a straight line forty five and two tenths feet (45.2'); thence turning and running southerly five and one tenth feet (5.1); thence easterly sixteen and eighty five hundredths feet (16.85') to land of Bartlett; thence turning and running northerly by land of Bartlett seven feet (7') to the point begun at. Together with rights of foot passage five feet (5') wide over land of the grantor running forty five and two tenths feet (45.2') to the east from Orne Square and fifty eight and four tenths feet (58.4') to the west from Orne Square, as shown upon the plan hereinafter referred to, and leading to the rear of the dwelling houses upon the granted premises to be used in common with the grantor and its assigns; reserving to the grantor and its successors and assigns a right of way for all purposes and in both directions between the grantor's remaining land on Broad street over that part of said Orne Square which is included in the granted premises, and reserving also to the grantor and its successors and assigns a right to lay, maintain, repair and to relay and to relocate in said granted portion of the way known as Orne Square pipes and conduits for water, sewage, gas and wires for the transmission of electric power, heat, light and telephonic or other form of electrical or magnetic communication and a right at all times to enter into and upon the said way and to excavate the same for any or all of the foregoing purposes. The granted premises are shown upon a plan entitled, "Plan of land in Salem, Mass., belonging to the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial" by Charles A. Metcalf, Surveyor, dated August, 1914, to be recorded herewith. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said corporation has caused this instrument to be executed by William R. Colby, its vice president, hereunto duly authorized, on this twenty seventh day of November A.D. 1914.

Trustees of the Ropes Memorial (seal)  
 by William R. Colby  
 its Vice President.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. )  
 Essex, ss. Nov. 28 A. D. 1914. )

Personally appeared the above named William R. Colby, Vice President as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial before me,

Robert M. Mahoney Justice of the Peace.

Certificate of Vote. At a meeting of the Trustees of Ropes Memorial held at Salem on November twenty A. D. 1914, a quorum being present, the foregoing instrument was read and it was duly voted that the same be adopted as

BROAD ST.

77.63

17.233

29.02

42.75

42.74

70.66

MEMORIAL

Surveyor

78.05

42.74

28.51

5.83

50.93

Gordon Parker

Warrant

The Ropes Memorial was established under the wills of Mary Pickman Ropes and Eliza Orne Ropes and is conducted by a board of trustees incorporated in 1912.

The property was bequeathed to the Ropes sisters by their brother Nathaniel Ropes.

Nathaniel Ropes acquired the property from his aunt, Sarah Fisk Orne, who died in March of 1876. Mr. Ropes built many houses in Salem, with the purpose of providing modern, single family housing at a moderate rent for the working class. He died on February 6, 1893 at 60 years of age.

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.

NOTES:

The land on which this house stands was once part of the "Common land" which was laid out in the first settlement of the town.

"Broad street was so called as early as 1799. It was one of the original highways; and laid out very wide, the southern boundary being on a line with the southern side of the burying ground, and the town conveyed to the adjoining owners a strip of the width of the burying ground at that end and running easterly to a point, so that the houses at the corner of Winthrop and Broad streets stand in what was formerly Broad street." (Essex Antiquarian, Vol. 4 pg. 98)

Prior to the construction of 21-23 Broad Street, the land owned by Sarah F. Orne, was occupied by the shoe shop of Benjamin F. Pickering and a barn owned by the heirs of Joseph Smith.

On May 21, 1885 a permit was issued to Nathaniel Ropes to build a wooden dwelling house for four families, 77' X 32 1/2', 2 1/2 stories high at 25 Broad St.

1886 Broad Street Residents

23 Benjamin Cram age 3  
23 1/2 Andrew Case age 31  
25 George Bates age 38  
25 1/2 Charles Fry age 33

1900 census

23 Benjamin Cran age 48, shoe salesman, born Mass.  
Bertha " age 44, born Maine  
Benjamin " age 20, bookkeeper in a bank, born Mass.  
23 1/2 Mary Rogers age 59, cut embroidery dealer, born Mass.  
Adeline " age 47, sister, saleswoman, born Mass.  
Fannie Dolan age 28, servant, born Ire.  
25 Isak Taylor age 53, clerk furniture store, born Mass  
Sarah " age 47, born Mass.  
Cora M. " age 23, telephone operator, born Mass.  
Clarence " age 19, clerk, born Mass.  
Walter " age 15, at school, born Mass.  
Helen " age 5, born Mass.  
25 1/2 no listing

23 600  
1200  
100

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# THE SALEM NEWS

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1893.

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## BORN.

SEMONS.—In Salem, Feb. 7, to Edmund and Beruace Semons, a daughter.

## OBITUARY.

Two '49'ers Join the Silent Majority.

William A. Lamper, one of Lynn's most prominent merchants, died on Monday, aged 68. He had been in the produce business in Lynn, since 1850, and was the last of the well-known firm of Lamper Brothers.

Capt. John Blatchford, a former well-known master mariner and a California pioneer of '49, died in Gloucester, Sunday, at the age of 63 years. He went to California in the spring of 1849 with a party, in the schooner Paragon, remaining there two years, and after his return commanded several of the crack vessels of the Gloucester fishing fleet.

Intelligence has been received at Boxford, announcing the death of Hiram Towne, a native of that village, in Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Towne was one of the original forty-niners, going to California at the time of the gold fever. He made his "pile" and made a short visit to his native place, then going to Kansas, where he has since resided.

Hon. Joseph Hobson, for many years a leading dealer and manufacturer of lumber, died Sunday. He was born in Buxton, Me., March 20, 1816. On Saco becoming a city he was elected its mayor in 1867. In Maine's legislature he had represented Saco for several terms.

### Death of Mrs. A. W. Beckwith.

Mrs. Ann Wass Beckwith died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Wilson, Lowell street, about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the advanced age of 91 years 8 months and 3 days. The deceased was a very estimable woman and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, even in her old age her bright and cheerful manner and her watchfulness of others and willingness to help them being not the least of the kindly traits of character which endeared her to so many. She possessed her faculties till the last, and carried sunshine wherever she went, it being her practice till within a short time to take long walks and make frequent calls on her numerous acquaintances. Her funeral will take place Thursday afternoon.

## THE LATE NATHANIEL ROPES.

### His Early Life in Cincinnati

and in Salem.

## Amassed a Fortune in Eastern R. R. Stock.

### Peculiar Characteristics Which Marked His Later Years.

Nathaniel Ropes, who died at his home number 318 Essex street shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, as stated in the late edition of THE NEWS, was the son of Nathaniel Ropes and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1833. Mr. Ropes, Sr. had gone to that city when it was in its infancy, and had amassed considerable property.

Deceased attended Harvard college, and was graduated in the class of 1855. Among his classmates were the late Phillips Brooks, Dr. James A. Emerton, and H. F. Waters. During his stay in the east, at that time, he resided with his aunt, Mrs. S. F. Orne, in the old Ropes mansion on Essex street, which house he subsequently occupied, and in which his death occurred.

Returning to Cincinnati, he engaged in business with his father, which business was the management of a large candle and oil manufactory. Not fancying that business, or for some other good reason, he

### Returned to Salem About 1862.

and devoted himself to the management of what property he possessed. He resided with his aunt, and continued to occupy the house after her death, which occurred some 12 or 15 years ago.

He became a large holder and buyer of Eastern railroad stock when that corporation was anything but a paying institution. Despite the advice of friends he continued buying this stock, beginning by paying \$100, and never ceasing to invest until the bottom notch of \$200,000 was reached and the upward slide had gone on for some time. It was on this stock that most of his wealth was made. He was not a speculator as commonly so called, paying his certificates out right for cash, and locking them up in his strong box.

He also was an extensive dealer in real estate, and had built and owned tenements on Orme square, besides several other houses in various parts of the city. He also had a large interest in property left by his father in Cincinnati, and Mrs. Orne had left him considerable property.

Mr. Ropes had never been West but twice during his later life to attend the funerals of his parents. He never married, and had three sisters residing in Cincinnati, are

### His Only Surviving Relatives.

The oldest of these sisters, Miss Sarah Ropes, has been with him nearly all the winter.

He was never an active man in business with others, in the way of directorships of banks or corporations, and it is believed that he is director only of the Boston Water Power company, of which he is the largest owner. He was a member of the Essex Institute. He was not a church-going man, but had contributed more or less towards the support of the New Jerusalem church, out of respect to the belief of his mother, who was a Swedenburghen. His father had been an attendant at the First Unitarian church.

Simple funeral services will be conducted by Rev. John A. Hayes of the church of the New Jerusalem, at his late residence, Thursday afternoon, at 5 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Cincinnati for interment, under the charge of his sister.

#### A Marked Personality.

With the death of Nathaniel Ropes, one of the most prominent characters of Salem passes into history.

His was a personality so marked, an individuality so peculiar, that his prototype may safely be said not to exist, nor will it, in the social atmosphere of today and the future, be likely to be duplicated.

As a youth and college man, he was a well-known character, high in the social world, one of a coterie of as lively youths as ever furnished the life of his particular set.

As a man, he became altogether different. He became more and more retired in his habits, continuing however, in his friendly and cordial relations with his former associates, entertaining them with rare hospitality at his own house, but rarely, if ever, returning their friendly visits.

Perhaps next to his unobtrusive philanthropy, peculiarity and eccentricity, were his most marked characteristics. As a philanthropist he let not his right hand know what his left did. Charitable objects were certain of his support, but not a cent would he give except under the solemn promise that his name would never appear in connection therewith.

Among other evidences of his generosity, tinged a bit perhaps with his eccentricity, and the reverence he always held for the memory and wishes of his departed aunt, Mrs. S. F. Orne, was the fact that he kept upon his bounty roll all the old servants and retainers of that lady, and to their second and third generation.

Mr. Ropes was one of the original members of the Observatory club when a young man, which had headquarters over Wallace & Young's music store, and after that organization disbanded he kept the apartments as a private clubroom or office for several years. There he met with his kindred spirits and did his talking and smoking.

He used to be a

Familiar Figure on the Street until within two years or so. At that time he had an attack of the grip, from which he had never fully recovered. His mania upon the street were often, as were his ways in company, misinter-

preted. His eyes and steady stare, deemed offensive to sensitive persons, was but the outward evidence of deep thought and business agitation.

His gifts in charity were innumerable, and many a friend in the city will deeply feel that he was indeed a friend who was so circumspect in his giving that almost none suspected. Instead of seeking companionship with people of his station, he was out doing good, and for the good of hundreds will revere him.

His end came suddenly. Up to 10 o'clock yesterday noon he was perfectly comfortable, talked rationally with several friends, all of whom he recognized with a cheerful salutation. There was no sudden breaking up of the whole system approached, he fell into unconsciousness, and, as a weak child, peacefully fell asleep.

## Boston Transcript

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1893.

### DEATHS.

PIERCE—MOSKOWITZ—In this city, 6th inst., by Rev. Dr. Hale, Francis A. Pierce and Caroline E. Moskowitz.

RUSS—SOULE—In this city, 4th inst., by Rev. Eber Butler, Charles Russ and Edla M. Soule, both of Boston.

SAMUELS—LYNCH—In this city, 5th inst., by Rev. Caleb D. Samuels, D. D., Mr. John S. Samuels of New York and Miss Mary E. Lynch of Boston.

PRESSEY—NYE—In New London, N. H., 5th inst., by Rev. George Gardner, D. D., Mr. Frank W. Pressey and Mrs. Maude E. Nye, both of New London.

CHAMPNEY—At New York, 5th inst., Charles H. Champney, 58 yrs.

SAWIN—John M., of Lincoln, Mass., 68 yrs. 9 mos.

WARE—In this city, 5th inst., Mrs. Susan W. Ware, formerly of Weymouth, 87 yrs. 5 mos.

Funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie N. Ware, 127 Wood street, Dorchester, at 1 o'clock Wednesday, 8th inst. Forest avenue at the Y. & N. E. Railroad.

BARNES—At Lincoln, 5th inst., of apoplexy, Annis E., wife of J. Barnes, 70 yrs. 3 mos.

CHILD—At Weymouth, Olive Turner Thayer, widow of David W. Child, 67 yrs.

CHURCH—At Fall River, Mass., 5th inst., suddenly, Sarah J. Church, widow of Captain John Church, 77 yrs.

FOSTER—At Cambridge Hill, 5th inst., Charles A. Foster, 72 yrs.

KINSLEY—At Cambridge Hill, 5th inst., Mrs. Sarah Ann Kinsley, widow of Fred Kinsley, 80 yrs. 6 mos. 9 dys.

LAMPER—At Cambridge Hill, 5th inst., William A. Lamper, 68 yrs. 10 mos. 27 dys.

PARKES—At Cambridge Hill, 5th inst., Mrs. Lucy B. Parkes, 90 yrs. 10 mos.

PHINNEY—At Cambridge Hill, 5th inst., Lucy E., daughter of Roswell B. and Minnie L. Phinney, 70 yrs.

VINTON—At Cambridge Hill, 5th inst., Florence E. Vinton, youngest daughter of Aaron and Abbie S. Vinton, 15 yrs.



Southampton, England. He was a very talented man when in his prime, having a good voice and being a good amateur artist. He was very well off at the time of his son's marriage, and had previously been a member of Parliament.

**Nathaniel Ropes.**

Mr. Nathaniel Ropes who died at his residence on Essex St. on Monday of this week, was born in Cincinnati, Jan 7, 1833. His father bearing the same name, removed from Salem, and having settled there about 1820, he became engaged in business, and never after remained. Mr. Ropes, the subject of our notice, was educated at Cincinnati and at Harvard College, being a member of the class of 1855, as mentioned in our notice of Bishop Brooks, who was of the same class, together with Dr. Jas. A. Emmerton, and Mr. H. F. Waters of Salem. Mr. Ropes was much in Salem during his college life, staying with his father's sister, Mrs. Sarah F. Orne, who resided in the old mansion, for more than a century the home of that branch of the Ropes family. Here too, he came, about 1863, to make a short visit. But, at the earnest solicitation of his aunt, who was at the time a sufferer from a disease of the eyes, which soon resulted in total blindness, Mr. Ropes, always her favorite nephew, was persuaded to remain indefinitely, and since Mrs. Orne's death he has continued to live in the same old-fashioned, quiet, but kindly way, which has distinguished so many Salem families of the old school. Never engaged in active business since leaving Cincinnati, where he was connected with his father in the manufacture of oils and candles, he has by persistently adhering to one undeviating method of investment—never speculation—amassed a handsome property, and by his building operations contributed much to the employment of first class mechanics and to the comfort of many families desiring modern homes at a fair rental. The dwellings on Orne Square were evolved from his own brain, and were built—with the mechanical assistance of Mr. John H. Bell—and under criticism of many real estate owners,—for the purpose of showing the possibility of furnishing, at a moderate rent, single houses, for one tenant each, provided with all modern conveniences including gas, furnace, hot water and sanitary appliances. The success of the scheme is undoubted, and a fair return on the investment has also been assured. To those who did not know him beneath the surface, Mr. Ropes perhaps appeared a little rough, but that was the cover of a good intent, and a large kind heart, as the children of Orne Square, who were his best friends, will testify. To a tenant in distress Mr. Ropes never appeared a cent day, and many members of the families of his aunt's old employees will be among his sincerest mourners. He had strong attachments, and was a true friend to those whom he knew to be true to him, but with equally strong dislikes he never hesitated to denounce any

whom he felt was dishonorable and unworthy. His sense of honor was very high, and this was his faith, one might almost say his religion. Living in the way he did, retiring from the society which he enjoyed as a young man, he had little to do with the active world around him, a thing to be regretted, both for his own loss and for what a man of so strong a character, once developing in this direction, might have done in a place like Salem.

Mr. Ropes will be missed, and his loss will come most heavily upon those who can least afford to part with him. His death was caused by a general ailment of his system, excited by a severe attack of la grippe, some two years since, and from which he never regained his former strength. He leaves three sisters, the eldest of whom was with him during his last short illness. The funeral services at the house were conducted on Thursday by Rev. Mr. Hayes of the New Jerusalem Church and the interment will be at Cincinnati.

**Boston Transcript**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1893.

**MARRIAGES.**

**BOWMAN—BROWN**—At Dorchester, 8th inst., at Stanton Avenue Church, by Rev. T. Corwin Watkins. Abner H. Bowman and Katharine Ellen Brown, daughter of John M. Brown, all of Dorchester.

**EDGAR—BRANTAD**—In this city, 9th inst., by Rev. Loren J. Macdonald, William Edgar and Minna Brantad, both of Boston.

**WING—CHRISTIAN**—At Dorchester, 25th ult., by Rev. Mr. Smith, Dr. John F. Wing and Mary Jane Christian.

**MURDOCK—WADE**—At East Bridgewater, 9th inst., by Rev. John W. Quinby, Mr. George F. Murdock of Scituate and Miss Abbie B. Wade of East Bridgewater.

**DEATHS.**

**BOND**—In this city, 10th inst., Edward P. Bond of West Newton, Mass., 68 yrs. Funeral services at the Unitarian Church, West Newton, Monday afternoon, at 2.15. Burial private.

**DELAND**—At Roxbury, 9th inst., at his late residence, 12 Greenville street, Thomas W. Deland. Funeral from his late residence, at 2.30 P. M., Sunday. Burial private.

**FULLER**—At Charlestown, 9th inst., Esther Hall Fuller, 3 yrs. 11 mos.

**HALL**—In this city, 10th inst., Richard Hitchcock Hall, 4 mos. 27 dys.

**JARVIS**—10th inst., Dr. John Furness Jarvis. Funeral services at his late residence, 58 Chambers street, Monday, 13th inst., at 3 P. M. Friends requested to send no flowers. Burial at Concord, N. H.

**LOVELAND**—In this city, 10th inst., Isaiah T. Loveland, 58 yrs.

**MORVILLE**—In Jamaica Plain, 10th inst., Emma A. Morville. Funeral services from her late residence, 221 Chestnut street, Tuesday, 14th inst., at 2 P. M. Burial private.

**TUTTLE**—At Dorchester, 11th inst., Miss Mary Austin Tuttle, 81 yrs. 4 mos.

**WARD**—In this city, 9th inst., Sarah, wife of Thomas Ward, 5 mos. 27 dys.

**WILLIAMS**—At Roxbury, 10th inst., Mrs. Emily Williams, 7 yrs. 5 mos. Funeral services at her late residence, 31 Rox-

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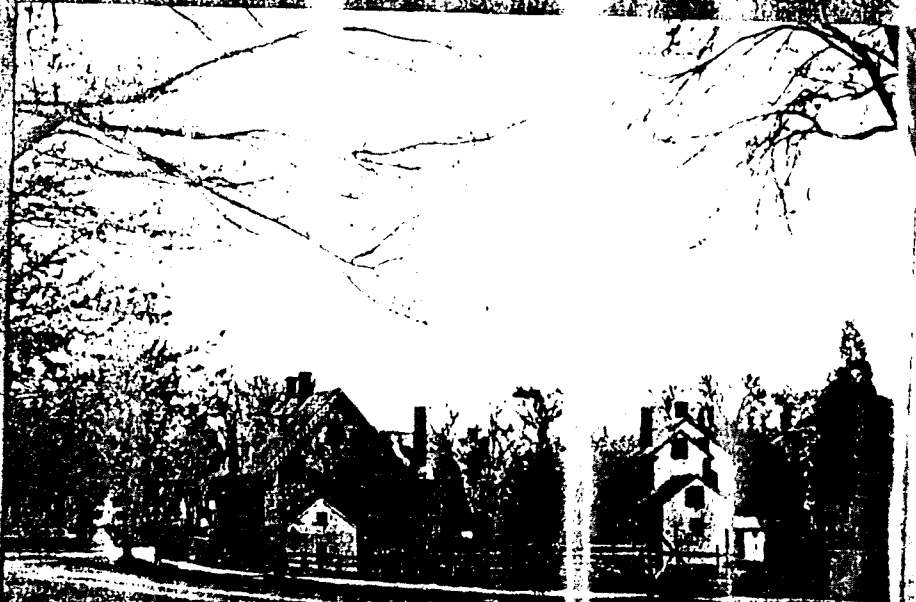
SARAH FISK ORNE

Sally Fisk Orne, widow of Joseph Orne, Esq., and daughter of the late Nathaniel and Sarah (Putnam) Ropes, born in Salem May 11, 1795, died at her residence on Essex street on Tuesday morning, March 28, 1876, after a long and painful illness which she bore with Christian patience and submission. During the last years of her life the trials of her situation were rendered doubly severe by total blindness, to her a dreadful affliction, depriving her of the power of seeing and freely conversing with friends to whom she had been for so many years so devotedly attached. It was seldom, however, that the slightest murmur escaped her lips; her strong and vigorous mind retained to the last its serenity and composure. Mrs Orne was descended from families established at Salem in the first period of its history and always maintaining a high character in this neighborhood. She inherited many of the excellent qualities that so conspicuously marked the character of the puritans of former days. Unswerving fidelity to truth and religious faith, tenacity of affection in domestic life, intense dislike of all that was pretentious or false and a charitable and kindly disposition that avoided all public notice, made her the object of deep regard and respect to her family and friends. While her death must be considered only a beneficent release from mental and bodily suffering, it still brings sorrow to many hearts; sundering as it does so many pleasing and dear associations of the past, and extinguishing a name once frequent and honored in this community.

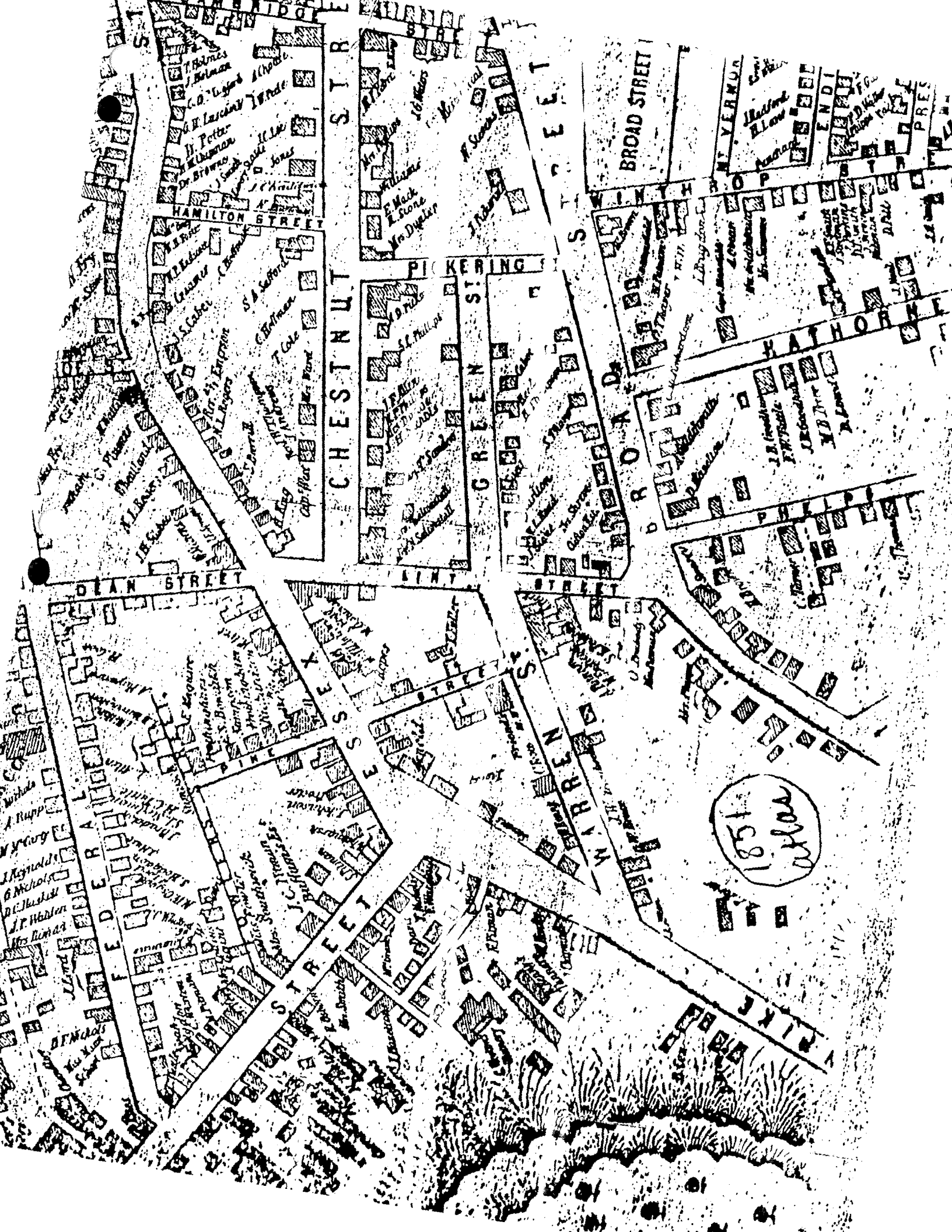


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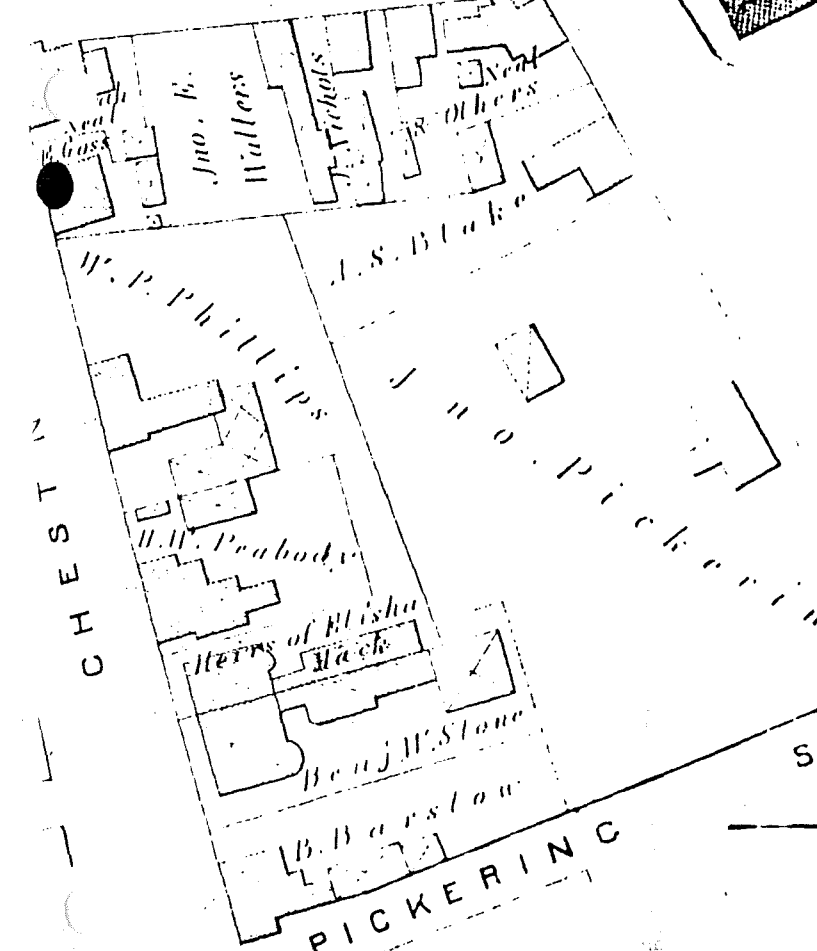
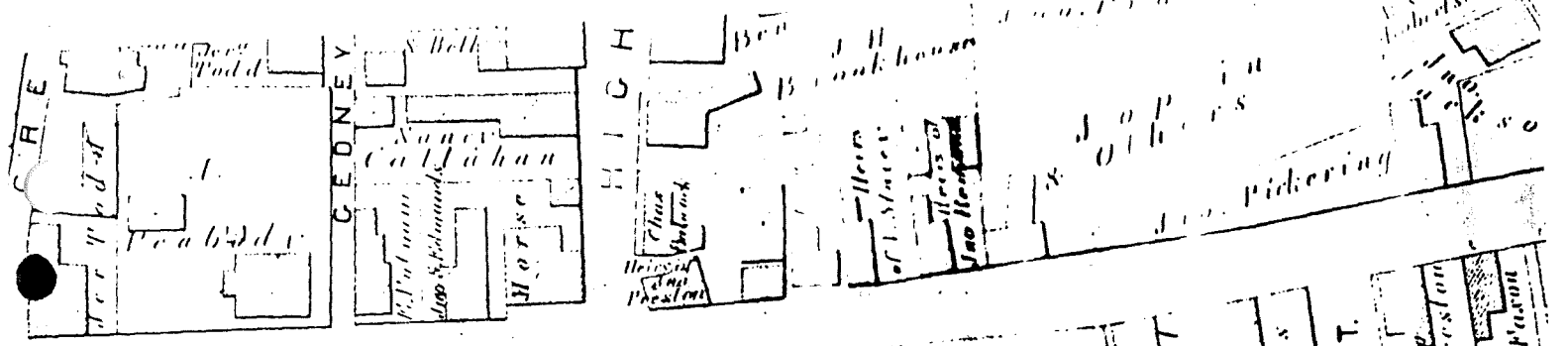
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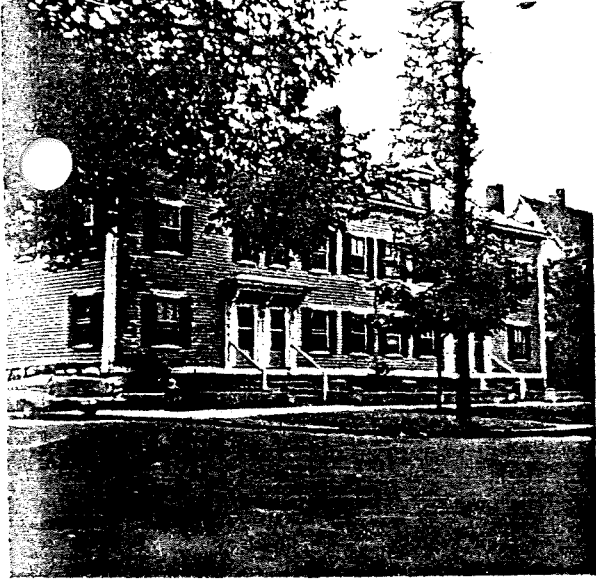
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W. J. Jones



1874

Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1874 by G. A.





LOY 701 W W S M O O M O U N

2. Town Weymouth  
 Street 23-25 Broad St  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Use \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present Use Home  
 Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Style Third Quarter  
 Source of Date SHDSC - see Rev.  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANCE of site to area: Great Little None SITE endangered by \_\_\_\_\_

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material: \_\_\_\_\_

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Cluster Elaborate Irregular

ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency \_\_\_\_\_ Simple/Complex

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Balcony \_\_\_\_\_ Recessed \_\_\_\_\_

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard pitch roof  
 Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork \_\_\_\_\_

FACADE: Gable End: Front/Side Symmetrical/Asymmetrical Simple/Complex Ornament

Entrance: Front/Side Centered Double Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied \_\_\_\_\_

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Obscured \_\_\_\_\_

OUTBUILDINGS \_\_\_\_\_ LANDSCAPING \_\_\_\_\_

5. Indicate location of structure on map below 6. Footage of structure from street \_\_\_\_\_  
 Property has \_\_\_\_\_ feet frontage on street

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_ NOV 1967

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FORM B - BUILDING

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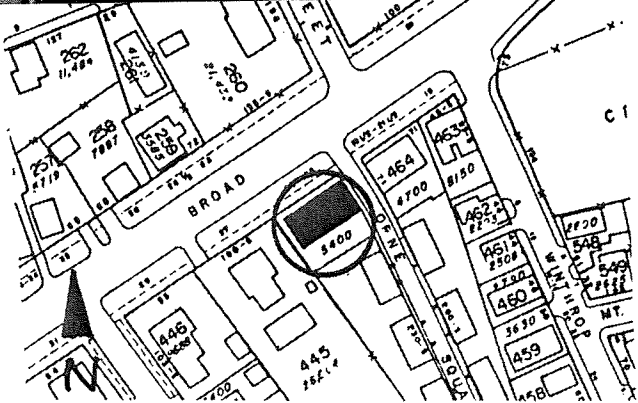
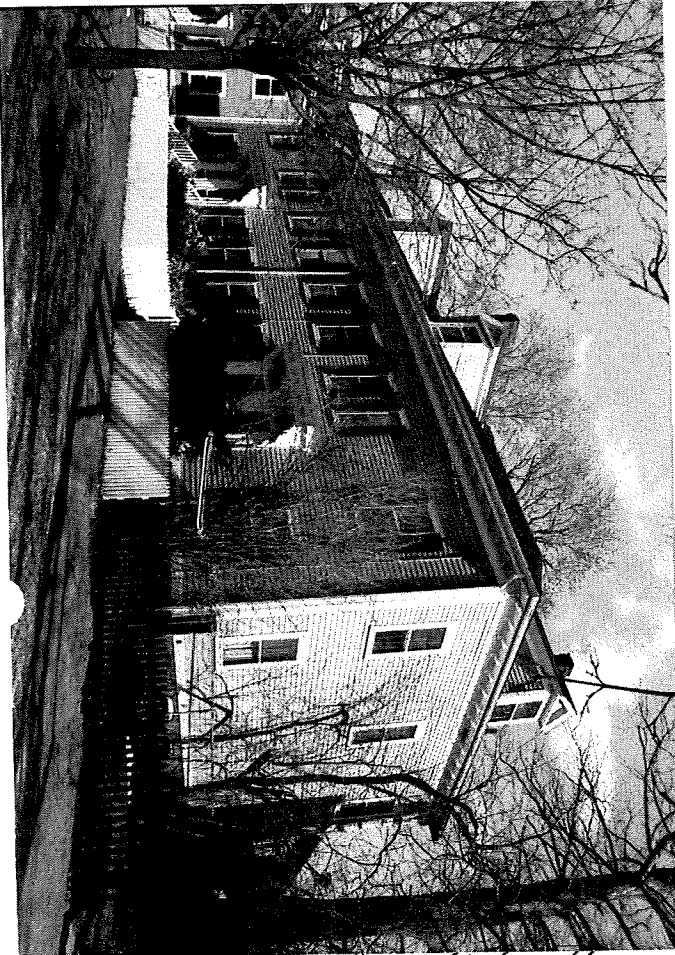
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Massachusetts Archives Building  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, Massachusetts 02125



Town Salem  
Place (neighborhood or village) Central Salem

Address 23-25 1/2 Broad Street  
Historic Name Nathaniel Ropes Tenements

Uses: Present Residential  
Original Residential

Date of Construction 1885

Source HSI Report

Style/Form

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick  
Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard  
Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition good

Moved  no  yes Date

Acreage less than one acre

Setting setback slightly from sidewalk in 19th century  
residential area

Recorded by Lisa Mausolf  
Organization Salem Planning Department  
Date (month/year) April 1997



## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The four-family dwelling at 23-25 1/2 Broad Street is a 2 1/2-story building which is rectangular in plan. Clad in wood clapboards, the building rests on a brick foundation and is capped by a hip roof with brackets decorating the projecting eaves. The facade measures ten bays wide and fenestration is irregularly spaced but symmetrical. Fronted by concrete steps, a double portal entrance is located near each of the ends. Each entrance is capped by a hip-roofed door hood supported by a pair of decorative consoles. Each recessed entrance is fronted by a modern storm door with an interior door displaying five-panels with the upper two glazed. Windows contain 2/2 sash with molded surrounds, storm windows and blinds. Those over the entrances are somewhat smaller in size. A series of pedimented dormers punctuate the roof; two on the facade, one on each end and four on the rear roof slope. The pattern of the fenestration on the rear elevation matches that of the facade. The four rear entrances contain glass-and-panel doors which are topped by rectangular transoms.

The building is setback slightly from the sidewalk. There is a series of bushes behind the modern picket fence that lines the sidewalk.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Nathaniel Ropes was issued a building permit to construct the four-family dwelling at 23-25 1/2 Broad Street in 1885. The land on which this house stands was once part of the "Common land" which was laid out in the first settlement of the town. Prior to the construction of the Ropes building, the lot was occupied by the shoe shop of Benjamin F. Pickering and a barn owned by the heirs of Joseph Smith. Nathaniel Ropes (1833-1893) was born in Cincinnati, and came to live in Salem in 1863. He lived with his aunt in the Ropes Mansion at 318 Essex Street. Nathaniel Ropes also had extensive real estate holdings, and the four housing units at 23 Broad Street were part of 29 tenements he had built and owned on Orne Square. The units were intended to provide modern, single-family housing at a moderate rent for the working class. The apartments at 23-25 1/2 Broad Street were leased to a variety of tenants over the years. At Ropes' death, the property was bequeathed to his sisters who later established the Trustees of the Ropes Memorial. The property was conveyed to Josephine Looney in 1914, who sold it to Fred and Adeline Winter in 1959. Ralph Doering, Jr. purchased the property in 1969 and sold it to Raymond Thibault in 1976 (King 1988).

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✓ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

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Community Property Address  
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## National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible       Eligible only in a historic district  
 Contributing to a potential historic district       Potential historic district

Criteria:       A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations:       A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Statement of Significance by: Lisa Mausolf

*Justify criteria that are checked in the above sections:*

Constructed in 1885 as rental housing by Nathaniel Ropes, 23-25 1/2 Broad Street is a good example of a late 19th century, multi-family block. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association and is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C at the local level. Although the building appears to lack sufficient significance for individual listing, like its neighbors, it would be a contributing resource if the boundary of the existing Chestnut Street Historic District (listed 8/28/73) was extended to include this section of Broad Street.