

104 FEDERAL ST.

JOHN BELL

JOHN CHANDLER

BECKFORD ST.

9'-4"

34'-5"

28'-5"

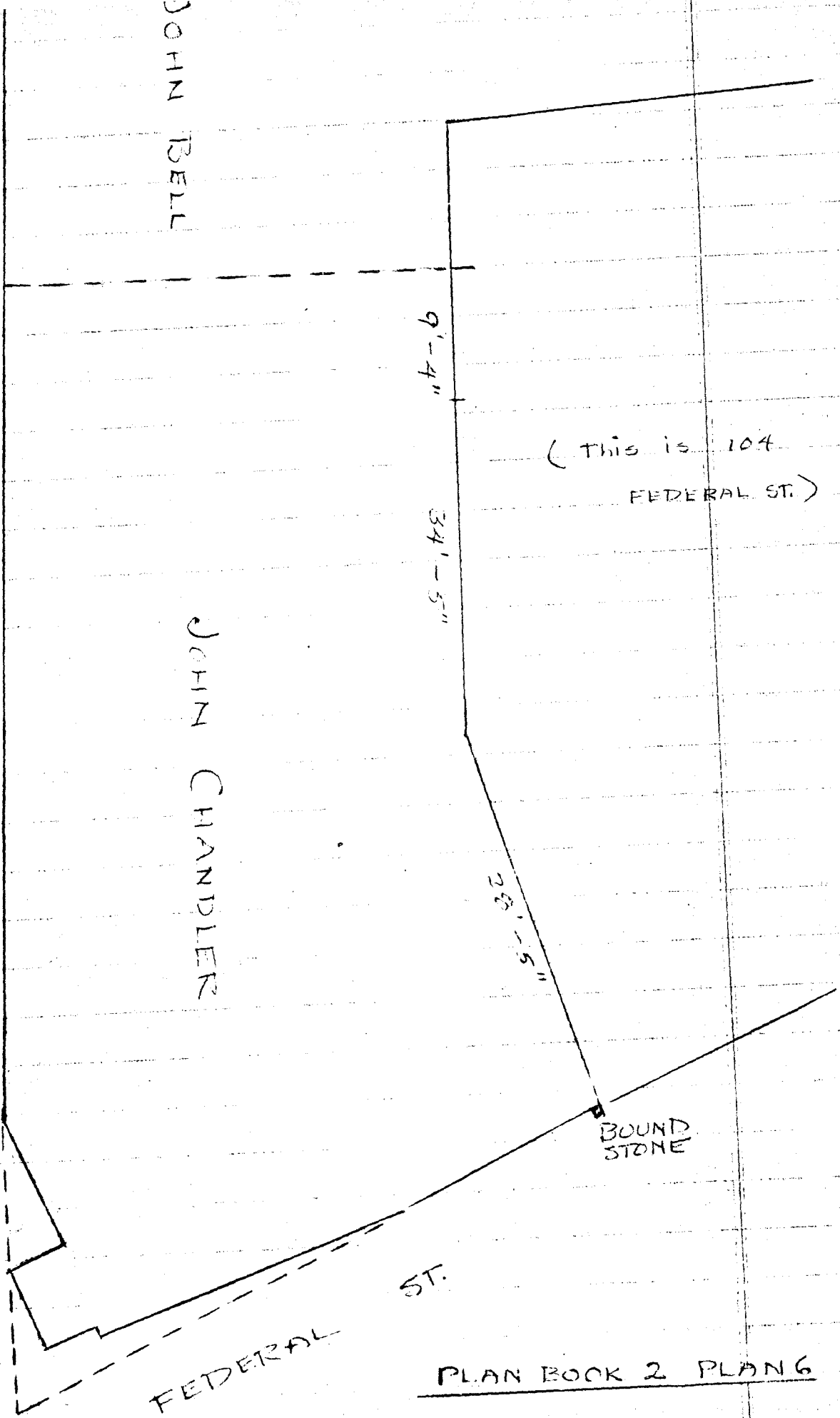
(this is 104 FEDERAL ST.)

BOUND STONE

ST.

FEDERAL

PLAN BOOK 2 PLAN 6



THE ASA LAMSON HOUSE
104 Federal St., Salem

DOCUMENTATION

DEEDS - BOOK & PAGE

283 - 153 July 18, 1825

LUCY MARTIN of Salem, singlewoman, for \$600 sells to ASA LAMSON of Salem, upholsterer, a certain lot of land on Federal St. bounded as follows: beginning on said street at SE corner of the house of Peter Webster, running N by house and land of Webster as the same goes 74'-4" to SE corner of Webster's barn; then E by land of Jonathan Millet 25'; then S by other land of said LUCY 53' to Federal St.; then W on street 49' to first bounds. Premises in part having descended to said LUCY from her grandfather Benjamin Bullock dec. and in part from her father George W. Martin, dec.

CITY OF SALEM TAX RECORDS

- 1810 no listing for Asa Lamson, Ward 3 or 2
- 1811 no listing for Asa Lamson, Ward 3 or 2
- 1812 Asa Lamson, 1 poll (no property) in Ward 2
- 1813 Asa Lamson, 1 poll (no property) in Ward 2
- 1814 Ward 2, Asa Lamson (note) "see #3"
Ward 3 (written in pencil at bottom of list) Asa Lamson int- - - House (dashes are undecipherable letters, no valuation given.)

Ward 3 Listing

- 1815 Asa Lamson house & shop in it 1000
- 1816 same as above
- 1817 to 1825 same, only valuation is 500
- 1826 same listing, valuation 700
- 1828 same, except valuation 900
- 1829 & 1830 same except valuation 1000

PROBATE #44833 ASA LAMSON, upholsterer March 2, 1858
will drawn 1857

No mention of wife or adopted son
Residue of estate after bills are paid goes to various nephews, etc. and deacons of First Baptist Church.
Inventory: only real estate - 104 Federal St.

799 - 124 August 5, 1858

Robert Feele of Salem, exec. under will of ASA LAMSON, upholsterer, dec. of Salem sells real estate for payment of debts; for \$2375 sells to JOHN S. FELTON, trader of Salem, land and buildings bounded: on W in 2 courses by land of John Chandler 74'-4"; on N by land of Webster 25'; on E by land of Lucy Martin 58'; on S by Federal St. 49'. Being same purchased by Lamson Book 238 page 153 and which he occupied at the time of his decease.

925 - 61 April 12, 1875

Charles Symonds and George Burt, trustees under the will of JOHN S. FELTON, dec. of Salem, sell for \$3000 to LUCY WOODBURY wife of James Woodbury the message (same description as above) Premises having been conveyed to FELTON Book 799 page 124

992 - 187 February 18, 1873

JAMES and LUCY WOODBURY of Salem sell for \$2600 to JOHN H. BELL of Salem the message (same description) Being same premises conveyed to said WOODBURY by deed Book 925 page 61

1292 - 229 October 7, 1890

JOHN BELL to JOSEPH A. BROWN to CHARLOTTE BELL, wife of JOHN BELL in 2 deeds: message in Salem (same description) Being same premises conveyed to me by James Woodbury Book 992 - p.187

2454 - 160 July 19, 1920

MARY A. JODREY of London, England sells to J. MORTON DAVIS and ELENORE B. G. DAVIS land and buildings (same description) This land came to me by inheritance, see part of premises described in deed Book 1292 page 229

3362 - 462 March 17, 1944

ELENORE B. G. DAVIS of Marblehead sells to OLIVE M. and LEO BENNETT land and buildings (described above) Being same premises conveyed Book 2454 page 160

3758 - 10 August 1, 1950

LEO G. and OLIVE M. BENNETT sell to EDNA G. ODELL, ESTHER and RUTH ODELL land and buildings at 104 Federal St, bounded: beginning at SW corner on Federal St. by land now or late of Chandler, running NW and N by land of said Chandler 74'-4" to land of said Chandler; running E by said land 25' to land now or late of Lucy Martin; thence SE by said Martin's land 58' to Federal St.; then SW by Federal St. 49' to beginning. Also small plot of land in rear of above premises extending back to land now or late of Norris. Being same premises conveyed to us Book 3362 page 462.

SUMMARY

In tracing the house at 104 Federal St., we came upon a curious circumstance which used to occur occasionally in real estate transactions in the old days in Salem. Asa Lamson, an upholsterer, purchased a "lot of land", the dimensions of which are the same as at present from Lucy Martin in 1825. In the City of Salem Tax Records, Asa Lamson began paying taxes on a "house" in 1814. He owned no other property, and so apparently Lucy Martin permitted him to build his combined house and shop on her land, which he finally purchased from her 11 years later. When Asa Lamson died in 1858 his will remembered various nephews and the Baptist Church deacons. His house and land were sold for "payment of debts". Oddly there is no mention of his wife or adopted son, for whom no record of death can be found up to 1850.

Lamson genealogy straightened out a confusing duplication of names. Another Asa Lamson, a saddler and chaise maker, lived in North Salem and had a shop on Bridge St. He was the son of a Capt. Asa Lamson of Beverly. A third Asa Lamson, a "Reverend", was born in New Hampshire, lived in Andover and died in Salem in 1860. The Asa Lamson of 104 Federal St. was probably distantly related to these others. He was born in Exeter N.H. son of Joseph Lamson in 1783. In 1814 he married Margaret Brown in Salem, and this was the year he built his house on Federal St. They apparently had no children of their own, but adopted Augustus Hodgkins Lamson in 1833.