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- 52 113 October 21, 1729
Joseph Thrasher, tanner of Salem sells for £28 to Samuel Pope, blacksmith of Salem 28 rods of land bounded N. on Isaac Goodale; E. 3½ rods on highway or country road; S. on Joseph Thrasher; W. on Salem Great Pastures 3½ rods.
- 82 250 March 16, 1741
Samuel Pope of Salem, blacksmith, and Sarah his wife for £550 sell to Joshua Goodale of Salem, cordwainer, the dwelling house and land in Salem butting E. on Buffum's land 8 poles; S. on the Great Pasture so called 3½ poles; W. on land which said Joshua lately purchased of Enos Goodale 8 poles; and N. on highway 3½ poles; with outhouses, privileges and appurtenances, and the liberty of using, passing, and re-passing to and from my well on ye other side of said way.
- 345 183 July 1, 1844
Joshua Gafford Goodale, Elizabeth his wife, Rebecca Page Goodale, Marcus Comerails and wife Mary Henfield, Samuel Page Goodale, all of Boston for \$1500 sell to Charles Warren Turner a certain dwelling house and land in Salem. (same description as above) The premises being the same which Samuel Pope conveyed to Joshua Goodale the great-grandfather of said grantors by deed Book 82 p. 250
- 346 136 July 9, 1844
Charles Warren Turner, tanner, of Salem mortgages to Sarah Turner widow of Salem for \$1,000 his land and dwelling house. (Mortgage released see below) Property described: bounded on E. by land formerly of Buffum now Putnam's 8 poles; on S. by great pasture formerly called, now called gallows hill pasture 3 poles and a half; on W. by land which Joshua Goodale purchased of Enos Goodale 8 poles; on N. by highway 3 poles and a half, including the liberty (of using the well on other side of road.)
- 467 132 June 26, 1849
Sarah Winchester wife of Jacob Winchester declares she is paid in full (mortgage, mortgage note and judgment, etc. against Charles W. Turner) and releases to Charles W. Turner her title to dwelling house and land on Boston St. Mortgage was made out to her in name of Sarah Turner, widow.
- 1968 199 June 10, 1905
Sarah E. Turner, unmarried, of Salem, for \$1 and considerations grants to Catherine Turner, wife of James Turner land and buildings on the S. side of Boston St. bounded on N. by Boston St.; on E. by land of Dugan and land of Putnam; on S. by Putnam St.; and on W. by land of Hill. Being the homestead estate of the late Charles W. Turner.

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2680	58 February 2, 1916 <u>Catherine Turner</u> wife of James H. Turner grants to <u>Sarah E.</u> and <u>Luella Turner</u> land and buildings (same description as above) being the homestead estate of the late Charles W. Turner.	
3347	185 September 2, 1943 <u>Luella Turner</u> of Salem, unmarried, grants to <u>James J. Lillis</u> of Salem land and buildings on the S. side of Boston St. (described above) for title see deed from Catherine Turner Book 2680 p. 58 the other grantee Sarah E. Turner having deceased.	
3357	46 December 8, 1943 <u>James J. Lillis</u> , unmarried, of Peabody grants to <u>Arthur J.</u> and <u>Lena E. Carroll</u> of Salem land and buildings (same description) Being same premises conveyed Book 3347 p. 185	
4330	329 December 4, 1956 <u>Arthur J.</u> and <u>Lena E. Carroll</u> of Salem sell to <u>Richard J.</u> and <u>Barbara F. McHugh</u> land and buildings (see plan copied on next page) bounded: on E. by Boston St. on 2 courses : 20.62' and 50.35' on S. by land of Voyer 98.41' on S.W. by land formerly of Putnam 15.19' on S. by land formerly of Putnam 73.61' on S.W. by Putnam St. 64.02' on N.E. by land of Burrell 180.15' Being same premises conveyed Book 3357 p. 46	
4802	91 June 21, 1961 Decree authorizing foreclosure of mortgage: <u>Roger Conant Co-op. Bank</u> vs. <u>Richard J. McHugh et al.</u> granted by Court, property on W. side of Boston St. page 93 August 8, 1961 <u>Roger Conant Co-op. Bank</u> took possession of land and buildings (described above.)	
4854	101 September 27, 1961 <u>Roger Conant Co-op. Bank</u> of Salem grants to <u>J.S. Gleason Jr.</u> Adm. of Veterans' Affairs land and buildings (described above) Premises shown on plan Book 4330 p. 329. For grantor's title see Book 4802 p. 93	
4973	130 August 27, 1962 <u>J.S. Gleason Jr.</u> Adm. of Veterans' Affairs grants to <u>Peter Copeland Jr.</u> of Salem land and buildings. (described above) For title of grantor see Book 4854 p. 101	

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4330 329 November 1956 Land of

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Arthur J. and Lena Carroll



Putnam St.

64.02'

Putnam

73.61'

Garage

15.19'

11900 sq.ft.

Voyer

98.41

Burrill

180.15'

50.35' X 20.62'

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Boston St.

S. Perley

"Salem in 1700"

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Boston St. was called: a road, main road, the country road, great country road, the Boston road.

The original mill built (in 17th C.) by Capt. William Trask was on the North River. (E. of Boston St. about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further toward Peabody line)

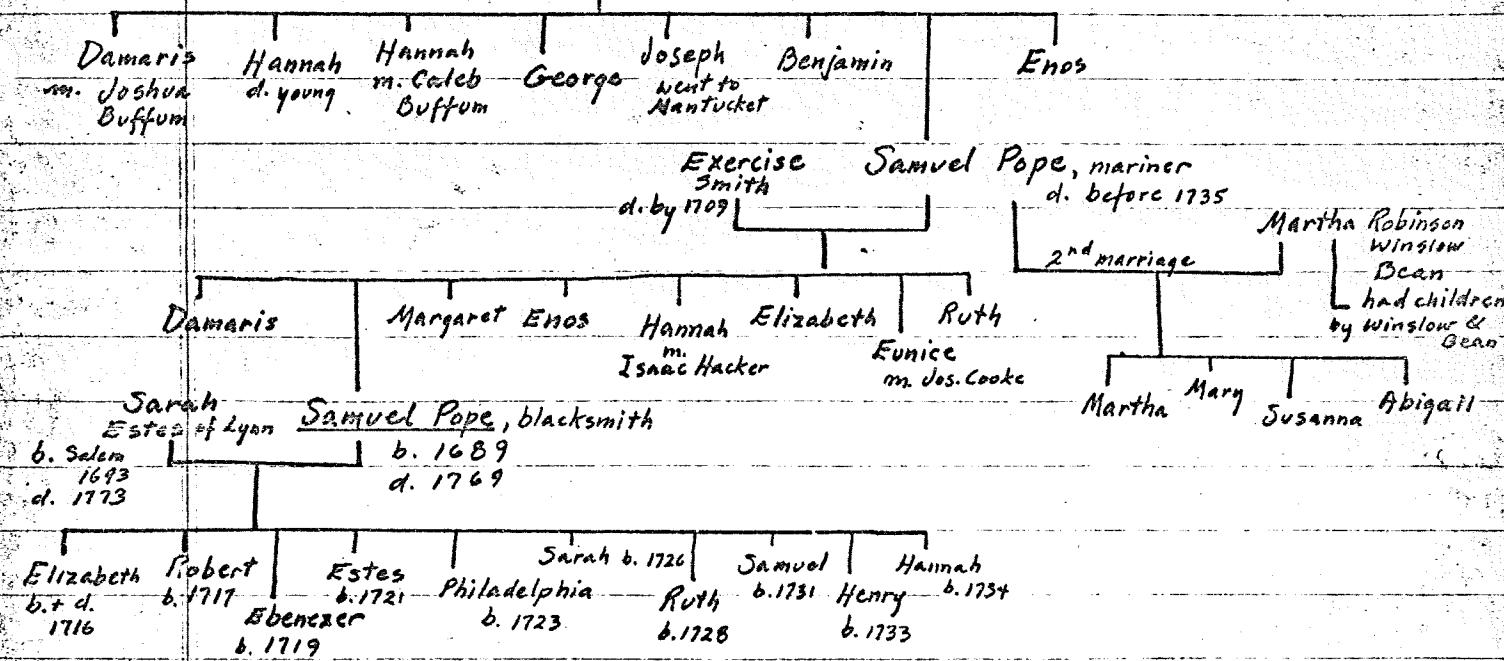
A bridge existed over part of the North River at the low point of Boston St. by Sylvania and Bridge St.

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Joseph Pope m. Gertrude —
came from England in 1634
died 1667



E.I.H.C. Vol. 57 p. 10 (by Sidney Perley)

July 1735 Samuel Pope a blacksmith sold his house and lot on Hardy St. and in 1737 was in possession of a house and nearly 2 acres of land formerly a part of the common land over which Proctor St. now runs -- apparently Samuel Pope built a house thereon, having his blacksmith shop near the

Junction of the ancient road (approx. where Pope St. is:—"ancient road" went along the W. side of the arm of the North River which used to be where the power lines + poles are, + the playground.) and Boston St. For £130 he and Sara conveyed the property to Moses Steward in 1737.

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-- land along Boston St. was called Trask's plain -- it was common and undivided land until 1718 when houses were first built.

P. 7 The North River as it passed under what is now Boston St. was the "limit of the town." (by the late 17th C.) (the Quakers, never very popular, settled in this area, well out of the center of Salem. The Pope family was a Quaker family.)

P. 9 -- a bridge was first built (over the N. River) in 1640 and called the Town bridge. The river extended along Norman's Rocks nearly to Highland Av. This part of the river formed a pond for a tide mill.

P. 17 Henry Safford who was born in 1793 where the ex-mayor Turner (James H. Turner, mayor of Salem 1894-1897) now lives on Boston St. is said by his granddaughter to have been the last child passed through the "Witch Tree". (this tree, described as growing ① in the area at left of Proctor St. where witches were hung and ② on the property of #69 Boston St. was a tree whose trunk divided about 2' above the ground - the halves grew apart then rejoined into a common trunk farther up, leaving a hole. Babies were handed through this hole as infants to protect them from "witchcraft.")

SUMMARY

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This fascinating old house is at least 232 years old: possibly even 10 years older! Samuel Pope the mariner and his son Samuel Pope the blacksmith both did a great deal of confusing land purchasing. Samuel the blacksmith, by himself and sometimes with Joseph Thrasher or Eben Hawks bought up many lots and "common rights". The Common lands in the old days comprised all that rocky hilly area around Salem High School, Salem Hospital, and also west of Highland Av. and all the area of Gallows Hill west of Boston St. For some years up till approx. 1727 Samuel the blacksmith lived in Lynn (where he married Sarah Estes) Then he moved to Salem. I would guess he built at least 2 houses. (Proctor St. and Boston St.) In addition he bought a house on "Grafton's Lane" from his father, and he owned land in Northfield. (North Salem) By 1734 he and his wife had 10 children: the oldest boy was 17. Perhaps in the next few years these older children married and lived in their father's houses.

The deeds indicate with no doubt that the house at #69 Boston St was standing when Pope sold the property (for a goodly sum!) to Joshua Goodale in 1741. The 1729 deed is, I believe, for the same piece of land (no house) and bought by Pope for only £28. The bounds in this earliest description list "E. by the highway" and "W. by the great pastures." Most of the other deeds list the land as bounded "on N. by the road" and "on S. by the great pastures." A look at the plan as surveyed in 1956 shows that accurately the bounds should be "on N.E. by road" and "on S.W. by {great pastures Putnam St." The most recent description does say "on E. by Boston St." and "on S.W. by Putnam St."

In this age of family mobility it seems remarkable that the Goodales who bought the house in 1741 lived there, 4 generations, for over 100 yrs. until 1844. The next family, the Turners possessed the property almost as long: for 99 years.