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33 Flint Street

Built by,

WILLIAM IVES, printer

in the year 1855

Research by,

Joyce King

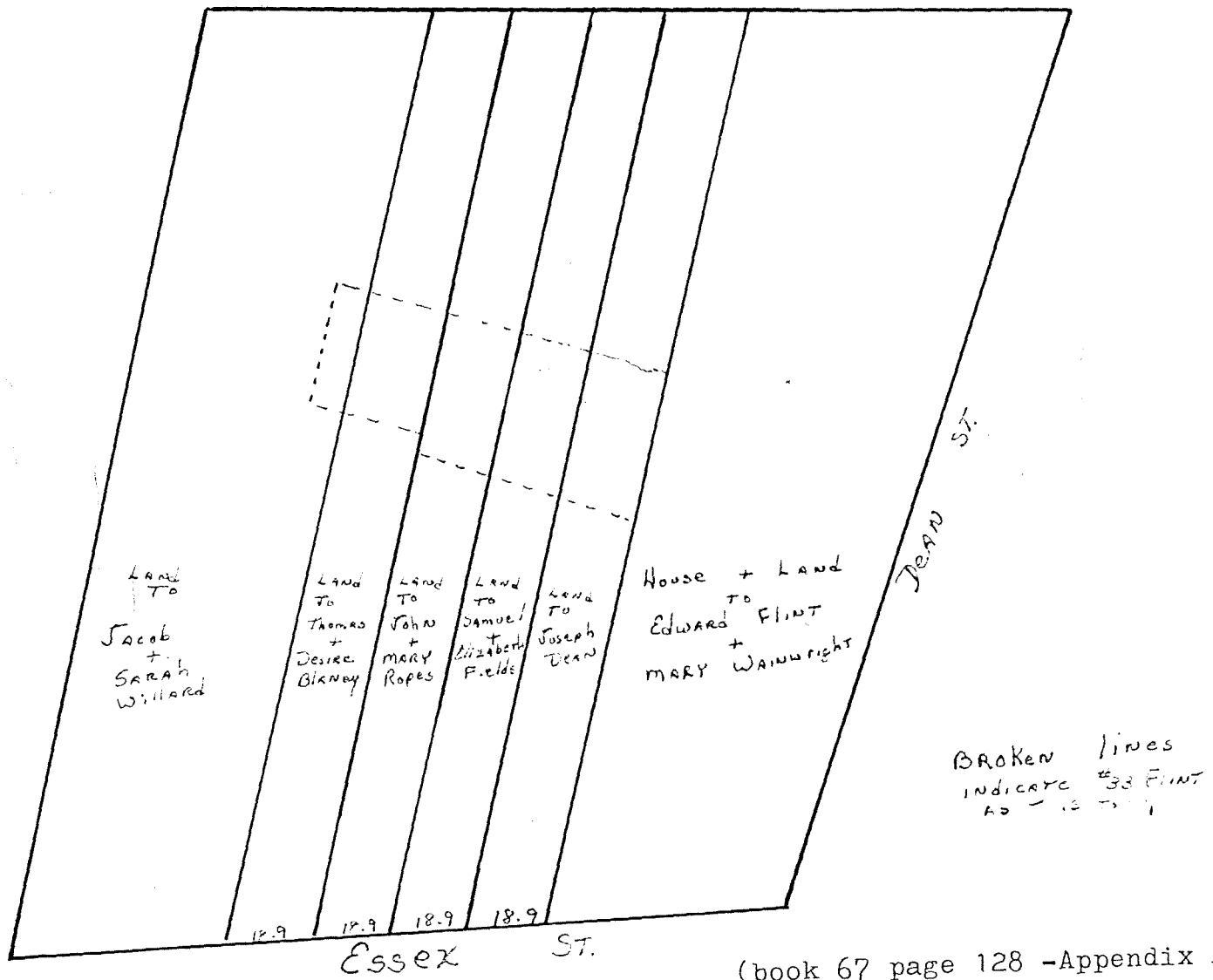
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*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects.
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

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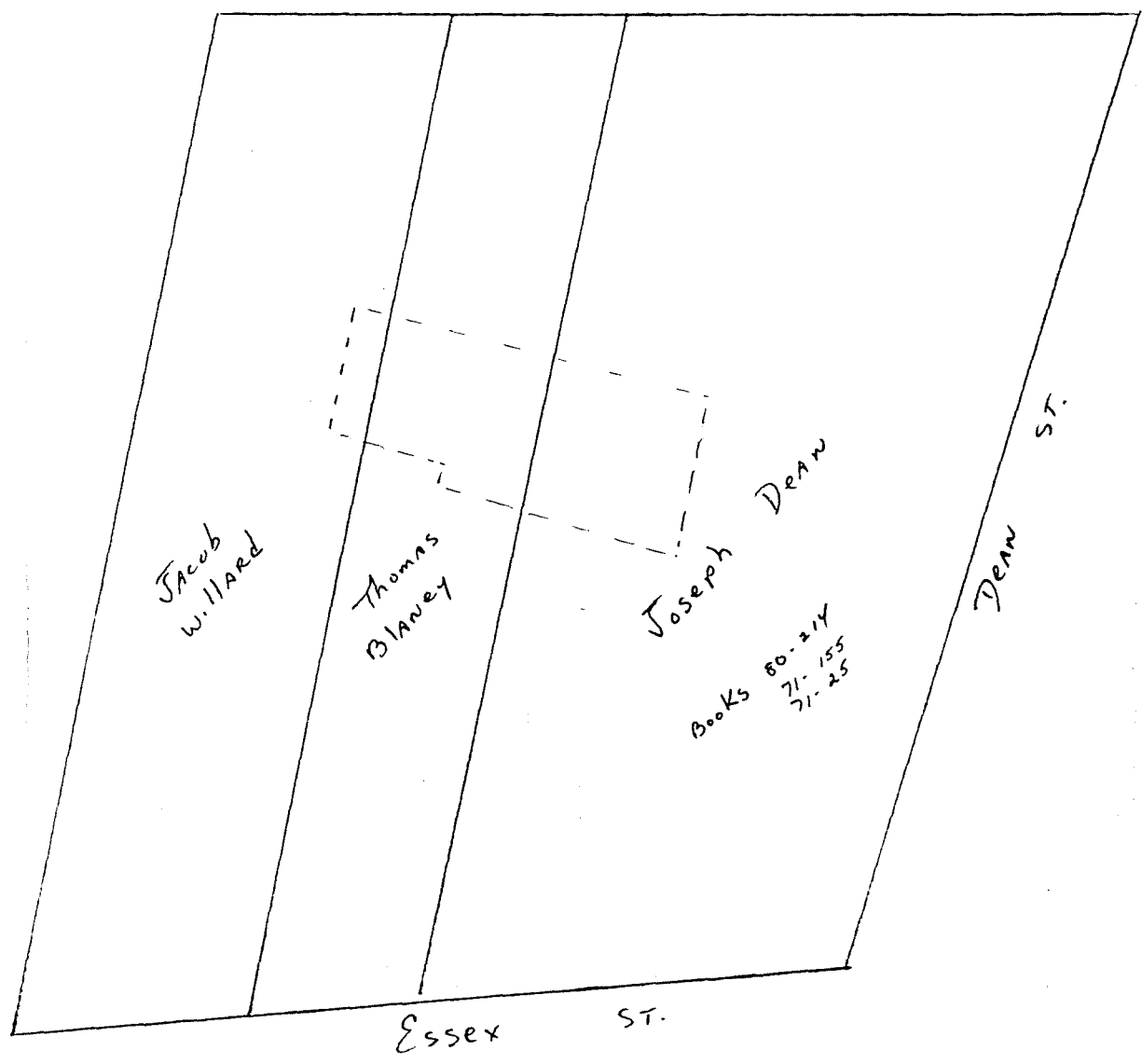
The early history of Flint Street as given in the Essex Antiquarian volume 7, page 67: Flint Street was one of the original lanes leading down to the water. It was called a highway in 1668; lane yt leads to ye north river, 1679; Dean's lane, 1766; Dean Street, 1795; and Flint Street, 1894.

The lot on which 33 Flint Street stands was a small portion of land owned by Benjamin Flint. Mr. Flint died in the winter of 1732-3 and his estate was divided in 1734:

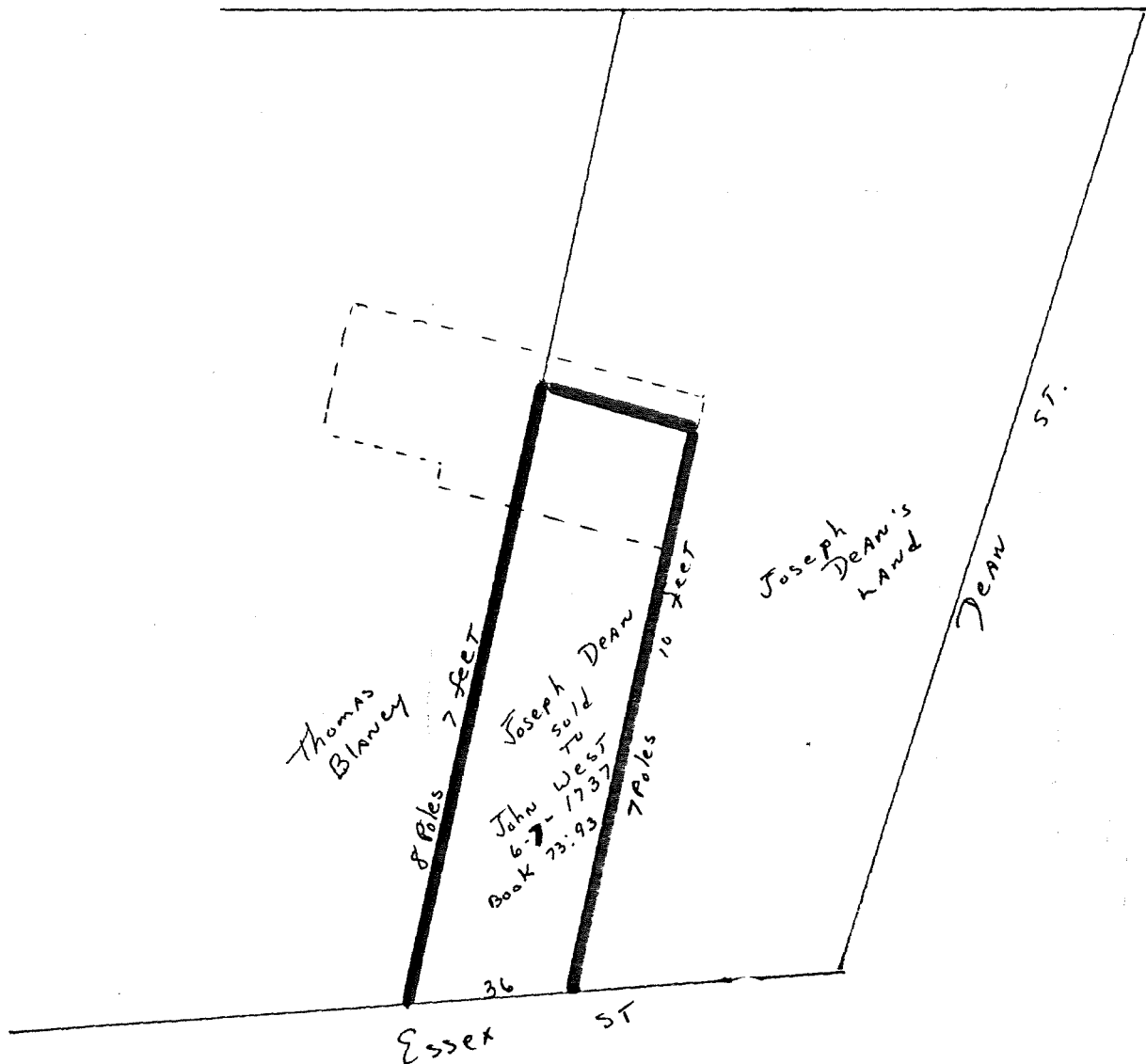


(This map shows a small portion of Benjamin Flint's vast estate)

Thomas Blaney purchased the Ropes' strip of land, while Joseph Dean bought out the shares of Field, Flint and Wainwright. By the year 1736 the division was as shown below:

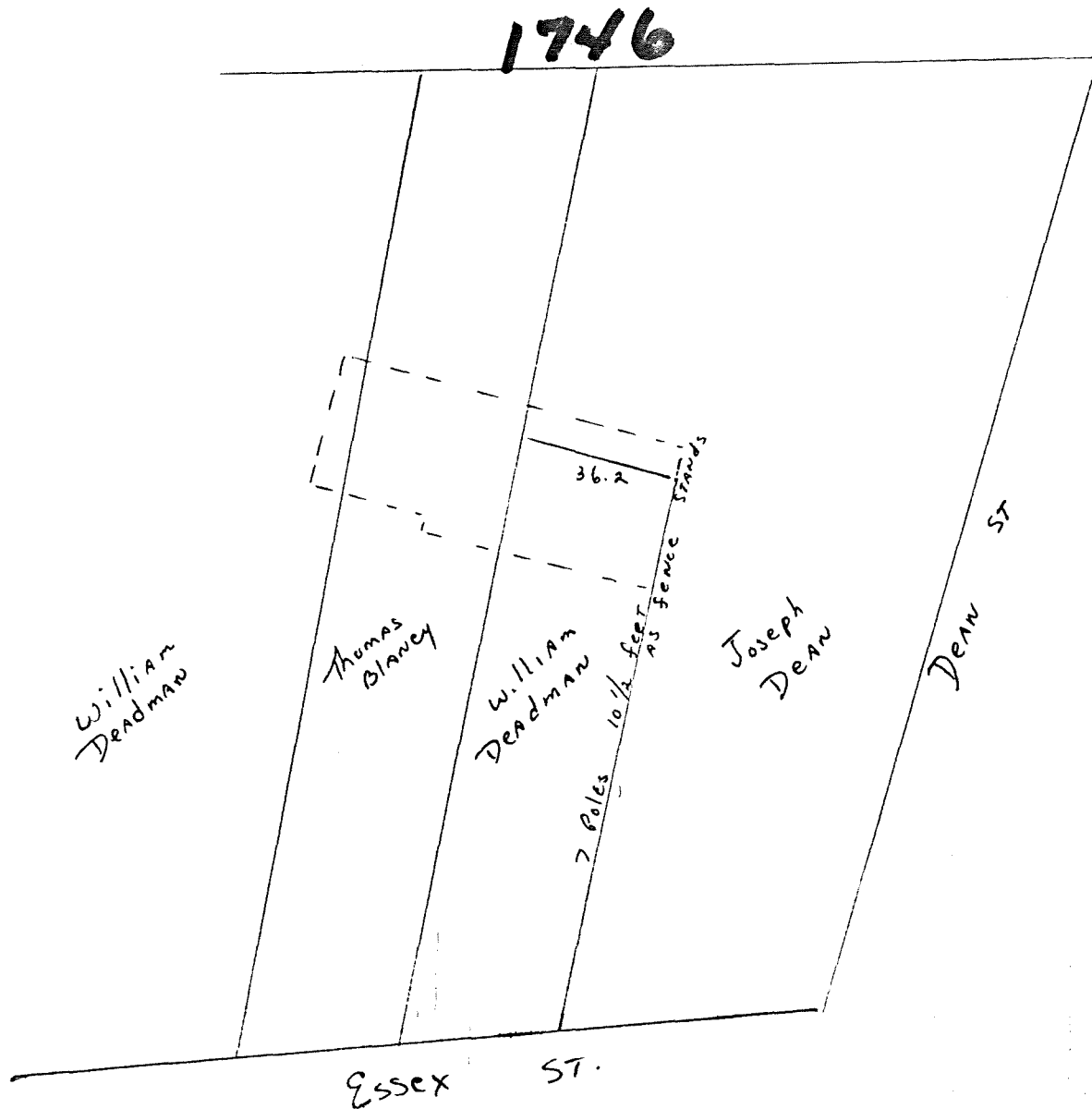


In June of 1737 Joseph Dean sold a small portion of his land to John West. This transaction mentions buildings on the lot (probably outbuildings):



John West built a dwelling house* on this lot sometime between 1737 and 1740 when he sold "my dwelling house with a small piece of land" to William Deadman (book 80 page 140). Mr. Deadman also purchased the Willard lot in Oct. of 1743.

* See appendix B for an account of this house.



On April 26, 1763 William Deadman sold to Ebenezer Putnam, physician, "My mansion house and land, with all other buildings; the whole of what John West granted on June 19, 1740". Also included in this deed was the Willard lot. (book 112 page 165)

On Nov. 15, 1770 Ebenezer Putnam purchased an 18 foot strip of land from Alice Blaney, widow, "The same John Ropes Jr. and Mary his wife sold to Thomas Blaney". (book 128 page 155)

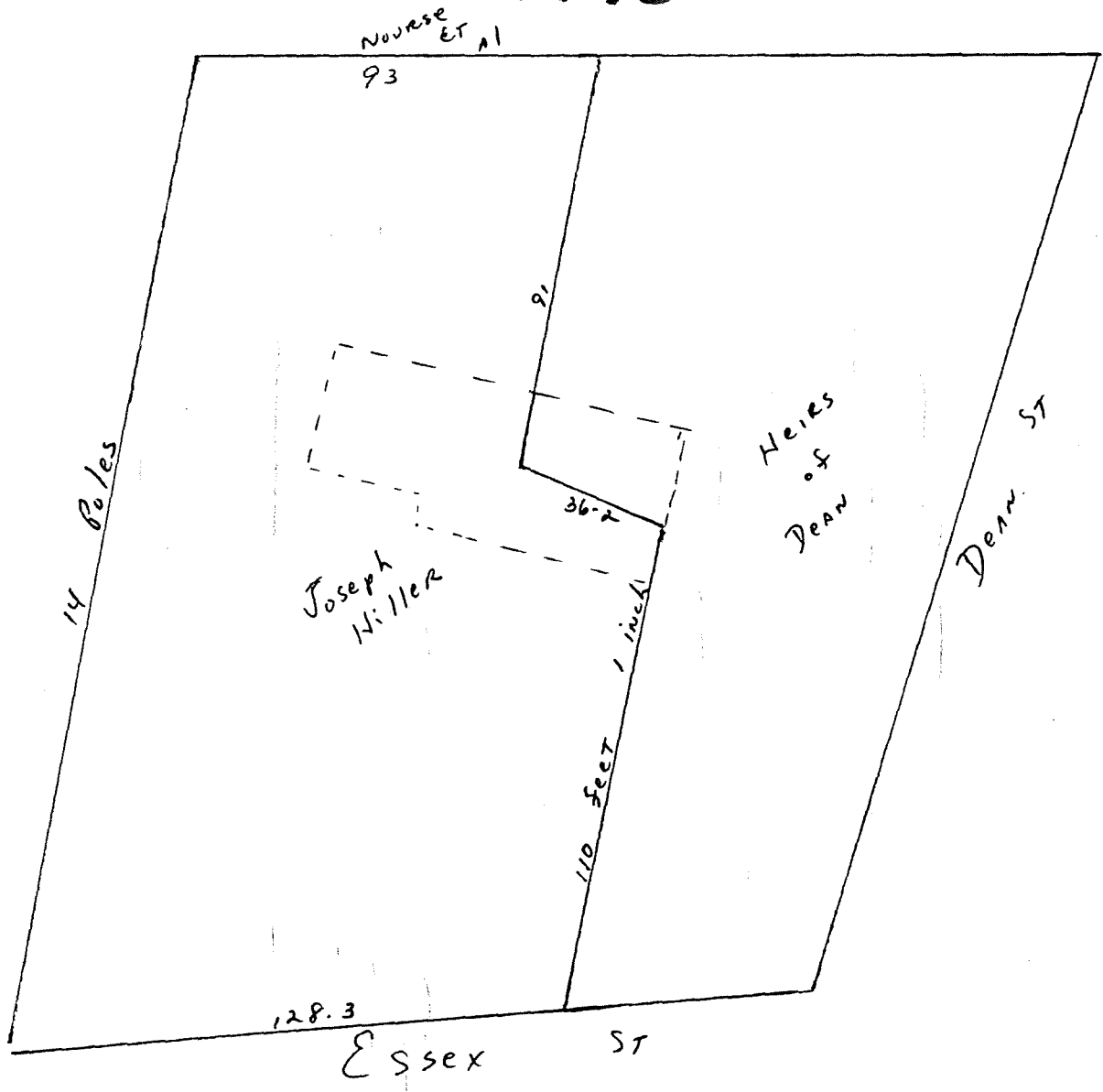
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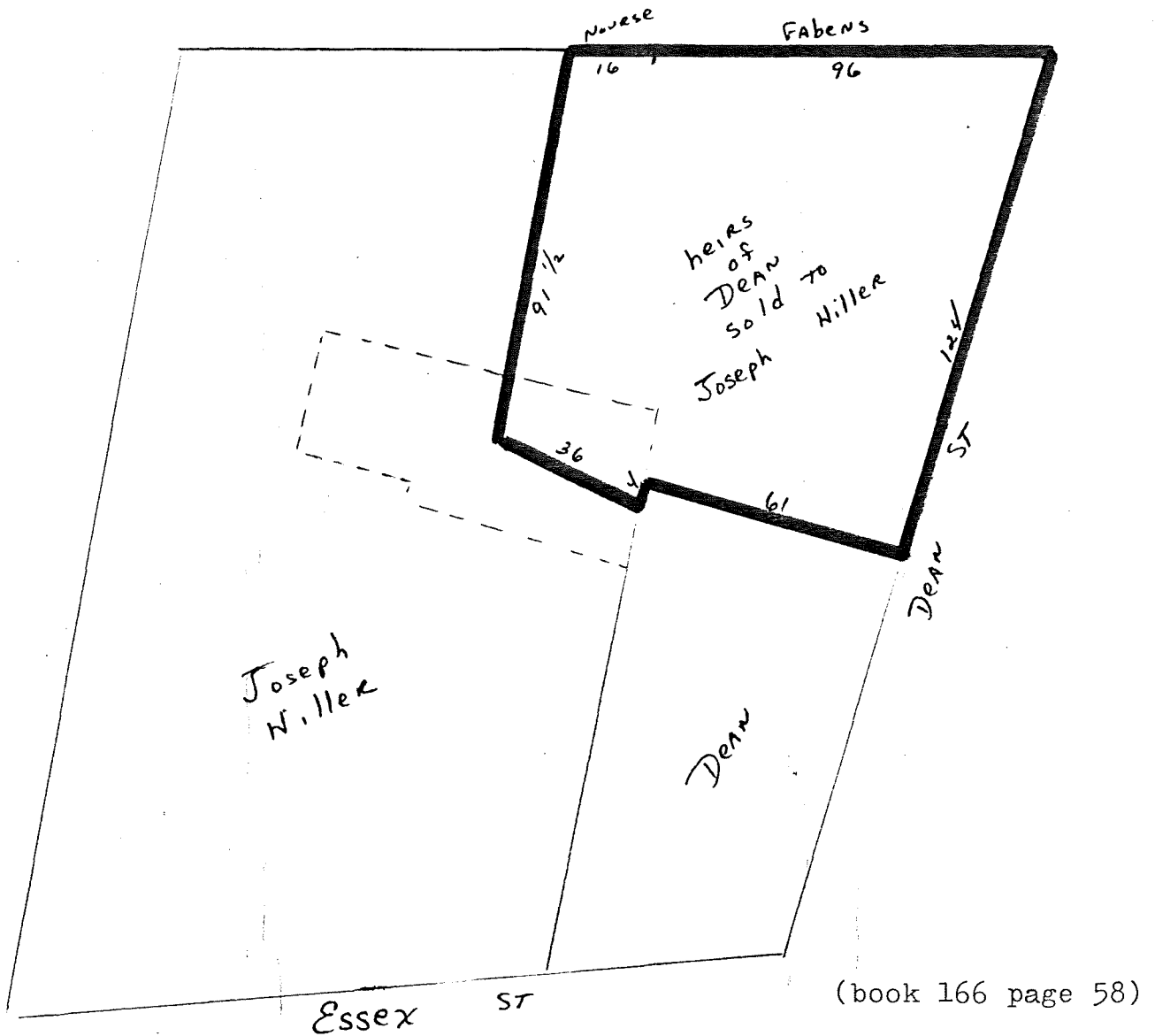
On April 12, 1793 Ebenezer and Sarah Putnam et al sold, for 350 pounds, the land with mansion house to Joseph Hiller. This included "a narrow strip except as claimed by Abigail White"(heir of Blaney). Said strip measures 18 feet on the street and runs north 14 poles, and measures at the north 18.9 feet. The southeast corner of strip is 54 feet west from the southeast corner of land hereby conveyed being the land which Ebenezer purchased of William Deadman in 1763 and of Alice Blaney in 1770. (book 156 page 120)

On Sept. 24, 1793 John Watson of Salem, schoolmaster and Abigail his wife, in her right; Jacob Treadwell of Ipswich and Elizabeth his wife, in her right; Rebecca Brown, widow; and Thomas Ashby, mariner, and Mary his wife, in her right sold to Joseph Hiller the narrow strip containing 16 poles "the same assigned to us by Abigail White, mother of said Abigail, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Mary". Abigail was the heir and daughter of Desire Blaney. (book 156 page 246)

1793

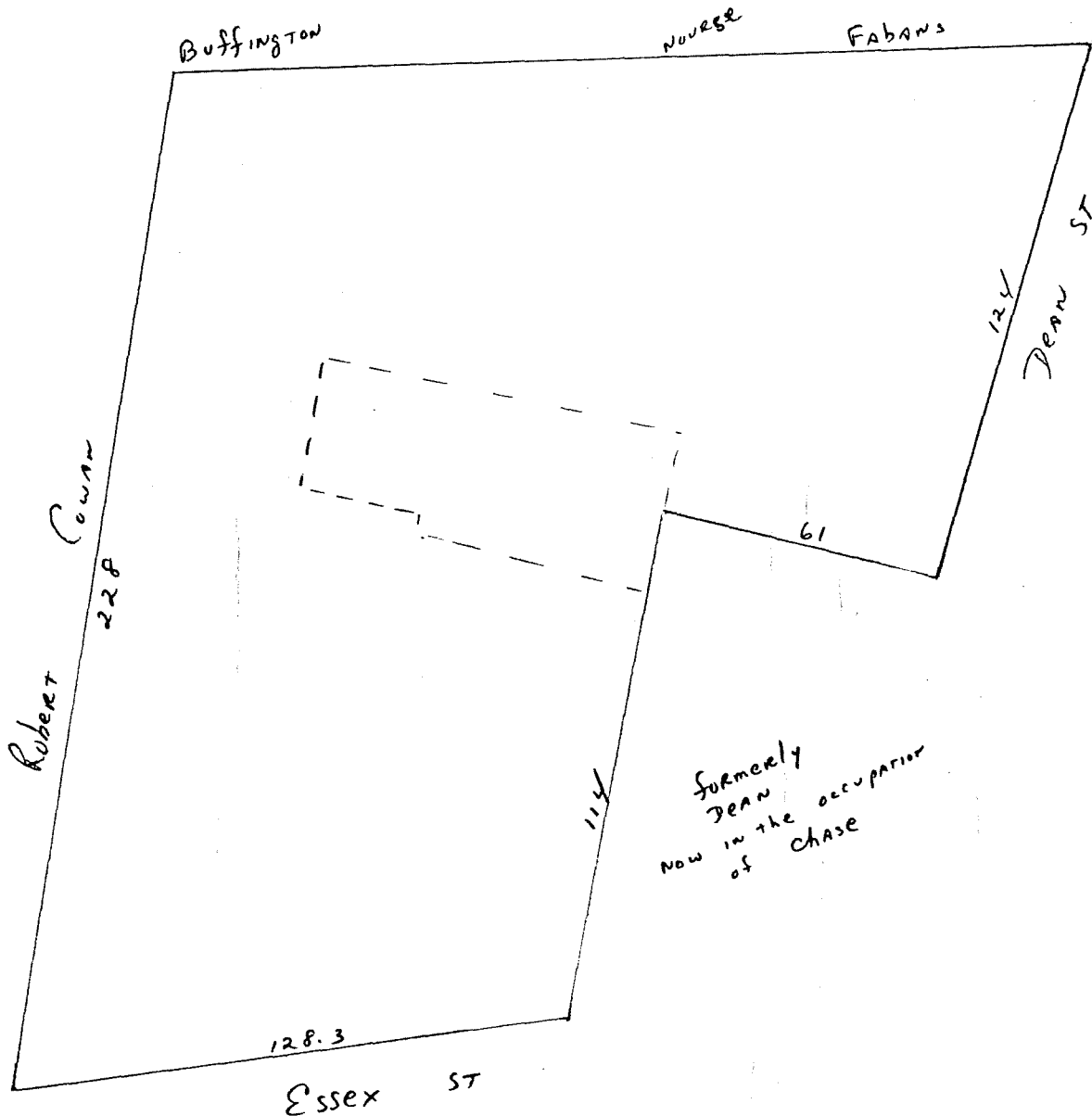


Joseph Hiller added to his estate by the purchase of a lot of land adjoining his, which the heirs of Joseph Dean sold on Aug. 29, 1799:



(Major Hiller was the first United States Collector appointed by General Washington. His house was on Essex St. and valued at \$2,500 in the year 1797. Major Hiller had moved to Lancaster, Mass. by the year 1803 and died there in 1814.)

On Nov. 2, 1802 Joseph and Margaret Hiller sold to William Prescott the land on Essex St. with the dwelling house, barn and all other buildings for the sum of \$6,500. The same property purchased of Ebenezer Putnam and Nathaniel Ropes book 156 page 120, John Watson et al book 156 page 246 and Jonathan Dean et al book 166 page 58:



(book 171 page 259)

On March 1, 1809 William and Catherine Prescott, then of Boston, sold to John Cabot, for the sum of \$7,000 the same estate purchased from Joseph Hiller. (book 187 page 33)

Mr. Cabot owned the property until his death in August of 1821. The heirs of John Cabot sold the property to Thomas P. Bancroft on Jan. 8, 1822. "The same conveyed to John Cabot, late of Boston, by William Prescott." (book 228 page 89)

The Bancrofts decided to take up residence in Boston and put their home at 390 Essex St. up for sale. The Salem Gazette of August 3, 1838 carried an ad to this effect:

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

The subscriber offers for sale the following described real estate viz:

The house and land adjoining occupied by him in Essex St. said Real estate is pleasantly situated and contains upwards of 3/4 of an acre of land on which is a choice collection of trees.

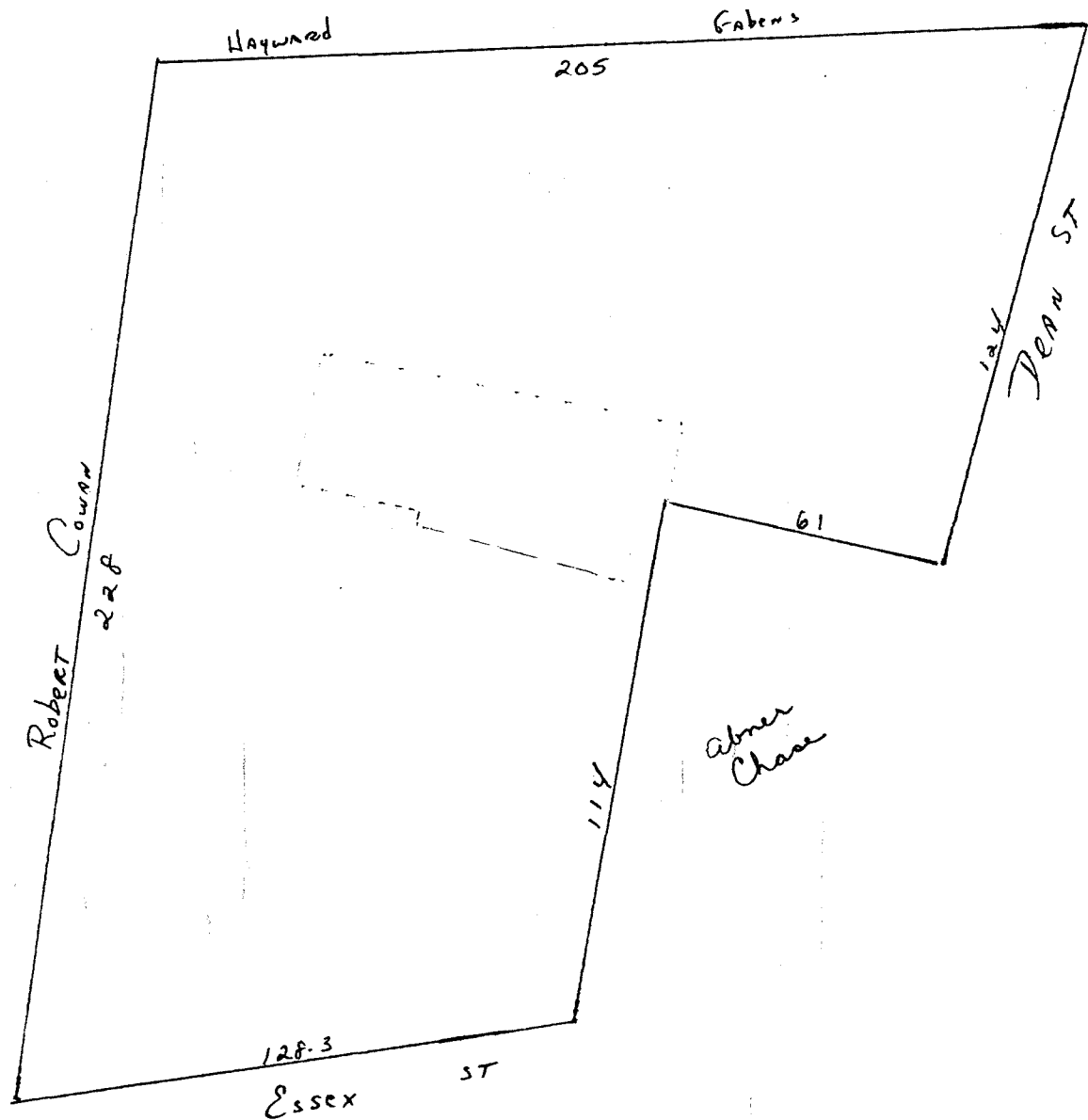
Also a lot on St. Peter St. adjoining the burying ground containing about 1/4 of an acre.

Also a farm in Lynnfield of about 80 acres now occupied by Mr. Jona Smith. For particulars apply to

Thomas Bancroft

(It is apparent by this ad that the dwelling house now known as 33 Flint St. was not there at this time - 1838.)

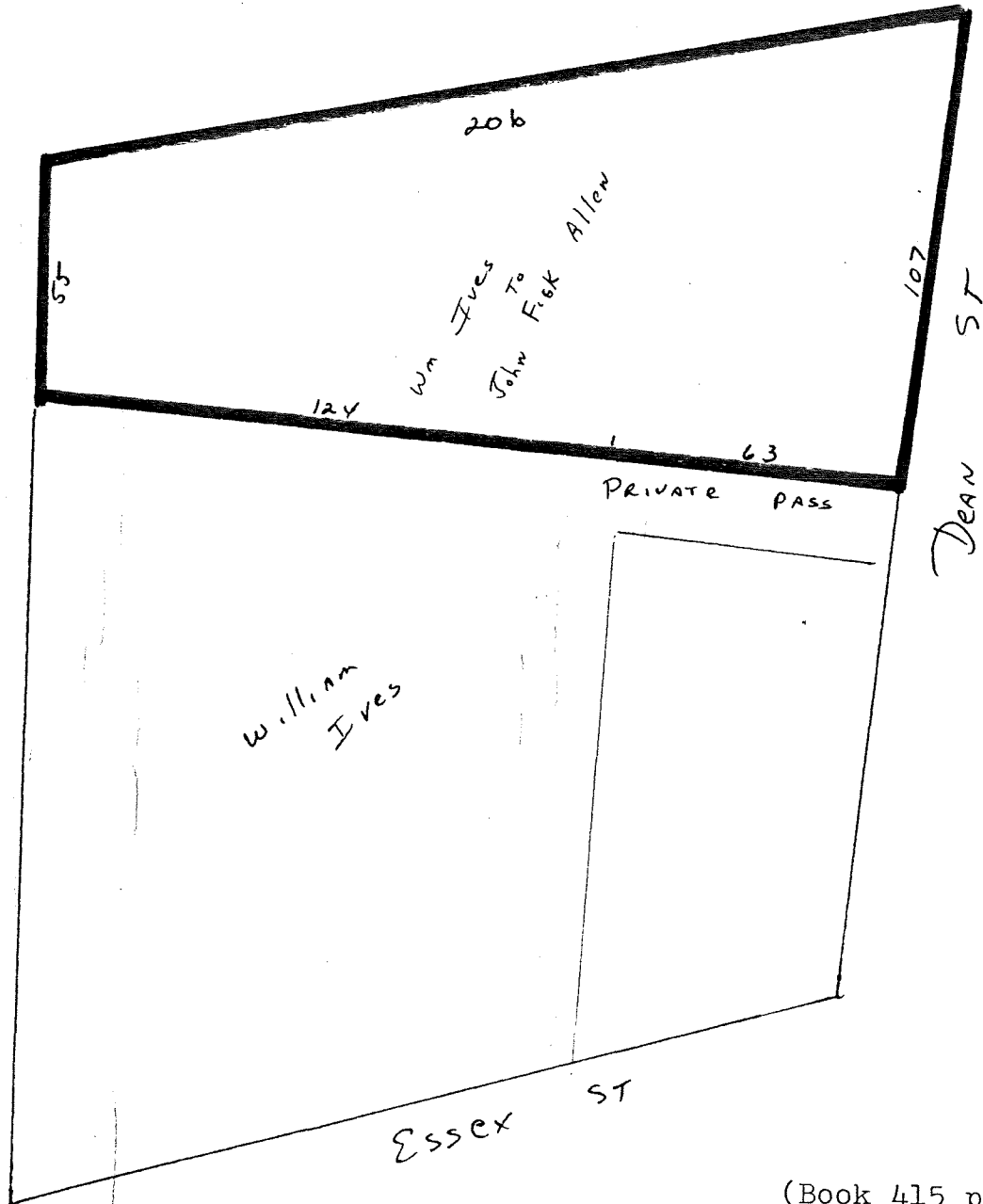
On Oct. 8, 1838 Thomas and Hannah Bancroft, of Boston, sold to Charles Sanders, of Salem, the land and dwelling house, barn and other buildings, the same conveyed by the heirs of John Cabot.



(book 309 page 3)

Charles Saunders sold to William Ives, printer, on Oct. 1, 1841 the lot of land on Essex St. containing about 125 poles and a dwelling house, barn and other buildings, the same conveyed to Saunders by Thomas Bancroft. (book Book 327 page 108)

Prior to the purchase of 390 Essex St. Mr. Ives made his home at #9 Dean St. (This house was moved off the site to Phelps Ct. in the 1860's.) In August of 1849 William Ives sold a portion of the land to John Fisk Allen. Mr. Allen, whose house was at 31 Chestnut St., purchased this property to cultivate grapes. He had a long hot house which enclosed the 400 varieties which he raised with great success.



(Book 415 page 153)

Since there was a way left between the Ives' property and Allen's, it leads one to believe there must have been some sort of building on the Ives' property requiring an entrance from Dean St. (possibly an outbuilding)

The tax records of the 1850's show the progression of Mr. Ives' property:

- 1851 - William Ives 390 Essex St. house value \$3,000
new house (392 Essex) value \$4,000
house and shop 408 Essex St. value \$2,000
- 1853 - William Ives house \$3,000
house \$4,000
house and shop \$2,000 - sold to Sam Johnson
- 1854 - William Ives house 392 Essex \$4,000
house 390 Essex \$3,000
- 1855 - William Ives house 392 Essex \$4,000
house 390 Essex 3,000
**house in rear \$1,000 (street book says new house)
- 1856 - William Ives house rear Dean St. \$1,000
house 390 Essex St. \$3,000
house 392 Essex St. \$4,000

The first occupant of the house (33 Flint) appears to have been Richard M. Chamberlain, age 40, who was in the hoisery business (1856 street book, City Hall).

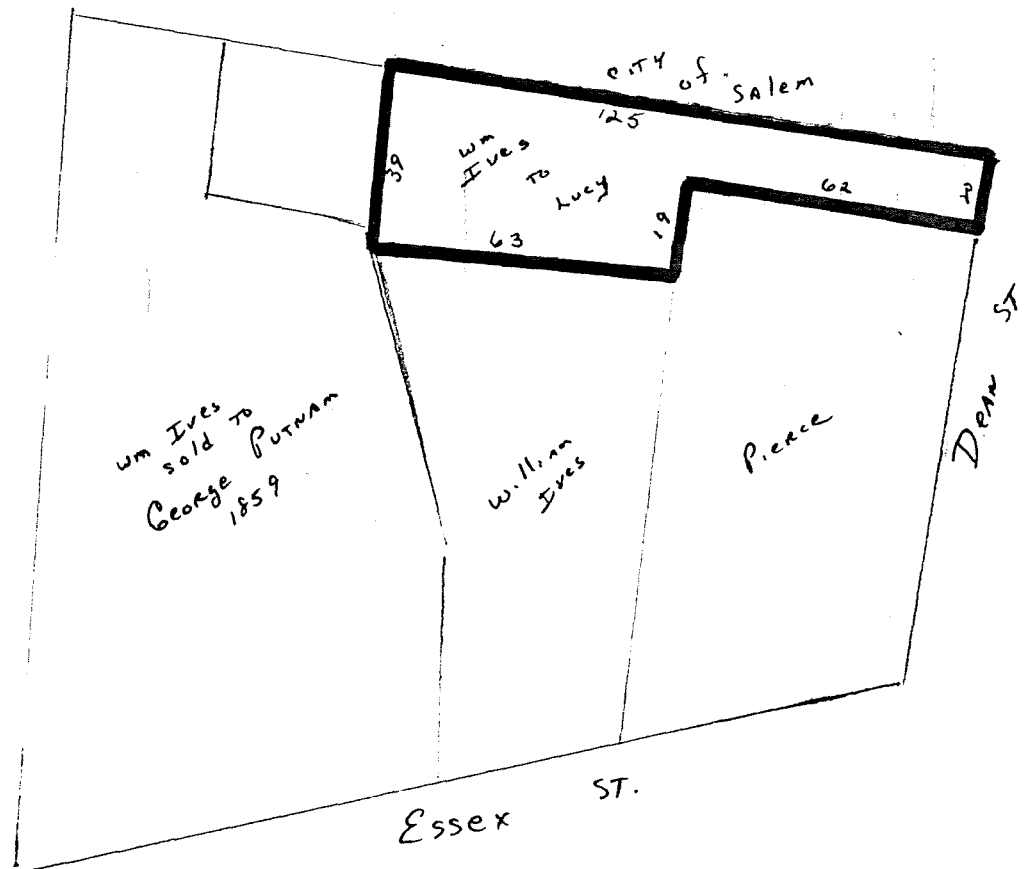
In 1860 Rear 3 Dean St. (sometimes referred to as rear Dean St., and 5 Dean St.) was occupied by David Newcomb age 50, an oysterman and his family. The federal census of 1860 gives a clear insight as to the Newcomb family:

David Newcomb	age 66	oyster dealer	born Mass.
Marietta H. "	" 34		" "
David B. "	" 25	oyster dealer	" "
John "	" 22	" "	" "
William Moore	" 53	laborer	" Eng.
Hannah "	" 44		" Mass.
Sarah "	" 9		" "

The occupants (of 33 Flint) as given in the street books at City Hall:
Dean Street

1861 - R5 vacant (occupants moved before May 10th)
1862 - " " tax William Ives - land \$500, house \$500
1863 - _____
1864 - " Mrs. John (erasure)
1865 - " widow - tax Wm Ives on Essex St.
1866 - R Mrs. Lucas - owner Wm Ives
1868 - 5 women only " " "
1869 - " " " " "
1870 - " Mrs. Sarah Lucas owner Wm Ives - house \$500, land \$300
1871 - R5 " " " " " " " " "
(Sarah H. Lucas was first married to Capt. W. Homans
of Beverly by whom she had 6 children. She married
second Lewis Lucas.)
1872 -R5 Samuel P. Harris age 42 owner Wm Ives

On Jan. 31, 1872 a straw deed was drawn between William Ives, Samuel Botter and Lucy G. Ives wife of William. This transaction separated 33 Flint from the rest of Ives' land and placed the title in Lucy's name only.



Mr. William Ives passed away on Dec. 13, 1875. The story of his life was written in *The Salem Observer*:

The Salem Observer.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1875.

WILLIAM IVES.

The recent decease and burial of WILLIAM IVES, one of the founders of the *Observer* and for many years an editor and publisher of it, removes from our society one who has been for many years among its most useful and worthy members. He had reached the advanced age of eighty-one years, and until quite recently had retained so much bodily and mental vigor as to enjoy life and contribute to the pleasure of others, which was always his supreme joy. Mr. Ives was one of the most excellent of men, singularly unselfish, childlike in his purity of heart and simplicity of purpose, warm-hearted, generous, sympathetic, conscientious in the highest degree.

Mr. Ives was the eldest son of the late Capt. William and Mary Bradshaw Ives, and brother of our well-known fellow citizens, John M. and Stephen B. Ives, and of Benjamin Hale Ives, whose early death caused the loss to the world of an enthusiastic and distinguished naturalist. The deceased William became an apprentice to the printing business in the office of the *Salem Gazette*, under the late Thos. C. Cushing, Esq. In January, 1823, in connection with his brother, Stephen B., he established the *Salem Observer*, with which he remained in active service for the greater part of a half century. It was largely owing to his industry, intelligence and application to business that the *Observer* became established upon an enduring basis. He was also well-known for many years as a member of the old and highly respectable firm of W. & S. B. Ives, booksellers and publishers. Mr. Ives retired from business several years ago, and has since passed his time in the enjoyment of private life, which his social nature and communicative habits peculiarly fitted him to relish.

During his active life Mr. Ives was warmly interested in public affairs, and especially in those reforms which appealed to the moral nature, as the cause of freedom, of temperance, and of peace. To these enterprises he was always ready to lend his countenance and aid, and prompt to be their champion whether they gained popularity or otherwise. He was early an abolitionist and continued faithful unto the end to the sacred ideas expressed by that name, being impelled into that fold by sentiments of pity for the oppressed as well as by an earnest sense of justice. He was always an avowed friend of temperance and an enthusiastic lover of peace, which causes he upheld both by precept and example. He was a liberal giver to those less fortunate than himself, for his heart was large and tender, and he loved to be of service to his fellow-creatures.

Mr. Ives was a modest man and never assumed an aggressive attitude unless impelled thereto by some feeling of indignation or strong impulse of duty. He always declined public office, and preferred to exert what influence he might within the limits of personal intercourse. The noisiest Ives are not the most useful or the most admirable, but those which have been the most virtuous and unselfish. Mr. Ives's name will long be recalled by his numerous kindred and acquaintances with tender and respectful feelings, and the community will remember him as one of its most worthy citizens.

The funeral services were held at the residence on Essex street, on Wednesday forenoon, and were attended by a large number of the kinsfolk, and by numerous friends and acquaintances. The Rev. E. B. Willson officiated in the most admirable manner. The selections from Scripture were apt and impressive, the prayer fervent and consolatory, and the allusions to the marked traits of character and lessons to be derived from the life and death of Mr. Ives were affectionate, pertinent and just. The following beautiful and appropriate lines, selected (with the alteration of a single word) from the "Comforter," edited by Rev. J. G. Bartholomew, were read by Mr. Willson with marked effect:—

"Why mourn ye that our aged friend is dead?
Ye are not sad to see the gathered grain,
Nor when their mellow fruit the orchards cast,
Nor when the yellow woods shake down the
ripened mast.

Ye sigh not when the sun, his course fulfilled,
His glorious course, rejoicing earth and sky,
In the soft evening when the winds are stilled,
Sinks where his islands of refreshments lie,
And leaves the smile of his departure spread
O'er the warm-colored heaven and ruddy
mountain head.

Why weep ye then for him who, having won
The bound of our appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
So timely to his final rest has passed;
While the soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers like twilight hues when the bright sun
is set?

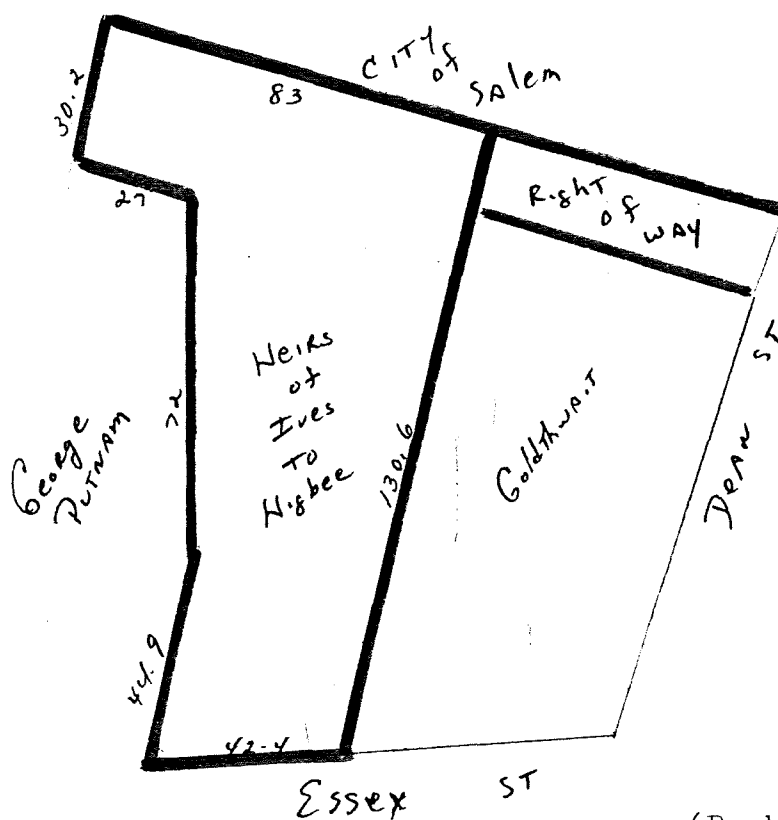
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Nor can I deem that nature did him wrong,
Softly to disengage the vital cord,
For when his hand grew palsied, and his eye
Dark with the mists of age, it was his time to
die."

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The tax records show that George Arrington was the tenant in 1877, while Lucy Ives paid the tax on the property valued at \$700.

Lucy G. Ives joined with the other heirs of William on Oct. 1, 1879 when they sold the estate (390 Essex and 33 Flint) as a whole to Charles Higbee for the sum of \$5,250. This included "the right of way across other land of Lucy G. Ives from Dean St. to rear of the premises, said right of way as now used lying between land of Pierce and the city."



(Book 1026 page 205)

Twenty six days later Charles Higbee transferred the title to Willard Goldthwait (book 1026 page 207). Mr. Goldthwait owned the house on the corner of Dean and Essex and purchased the Ives' estate to enlarge his garden. The house at 390 Essex was torn down for this purpose.

Mr. Goldthwait leased out the house at 5 Dean St. to Charles A. Arrington age 29 in 1881. Justin Dowst was the occupant in 1884 the tax of \$1,000 (\$600 for the house and \$400 for the land) was paid by Mr. Goldthwait. The year 1886 brought a change from family occupancy to what appears to be transient boarders:

Frank W. Carleton, baker age 27
Douglas St. Claire
George Stevenson
Joseph Beaty
John Anderson
Arthur Adams
Joseph Cronan

Dean Street was renamed and renumbered in 1888. It was at this time that R5 Dean became 33 Flint. The number of tenants had dwindled down to four by 1888:

David M. Bruce - organ pipe maker age 22
James Lincoln Taylor - bookkeeper age 23
Alex Chisholm - currier age 27
Robert Scavonayher - greenhouse worker age 22

Willard Goldthwait died on Sept. 1, 1893. His probate (#74713) lists his property as:

house and land 388 Essex St. valued at \$5,000
lot of land adjoining value \$2,500
house and land 33 Flint St. value \$1,200
lot at Harmony Grove

The Salem Daily Gazette.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1893.

BORN.

LANDERS.—In Middleton, Aug. 27, to Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Landers, a son.

DIED.

GAGNON.—In Salem, Sept. 2, Joseph H., son of Honore and Marie Gagnon, 13 days.

GOLDTHWAIT.—In Salem, Sept. 1, Mr. Willard Goldthwait, 73 years.

MOWTON.—In Marblehead, at the Neck, Sept. 1, Mr. George Melbourne Mowton, 40 years, 3 months—a native of New York City. Intment in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Roxbury.

OUELLET.—In Salem, Sept. 1, Joseph Alexandre, son of Joseph and Marie Ouellet, 1 year.

ST. PIERRE.—In Salem, Sept. 1, Mrs. Anastasia, widow of Mr. Herbert St. Pierre, 73 years.

LONG.—In Topsfield, Sept. 1, of diphtheria, Alice, aged 15 years, and Ethel, aged 18 years—children of Mr. Ira Long.

ROBERTS.—In Danvers, Aug. 27, Sacket Leverich, youngest son of Daniel C. and Elizabeth R. Roberts, 8 months 25 days.

END OF A USEFUL CAREER.

Last Chapter in the Life of Mr. Willard Goldthwait.

Man of Sterling Qualities and Marked Integrity.

Brief Biographical Sketch of the Events in Boyhood and Manhood.

Mr. Willard Goldthwait, a well known and highly respected citizen of Salem, died at his residence, on Essex street, last evening at 10.30 o'clock.

Mr. Goldthwait had been in poor health for some months, but it was not until within a few weeks that his illness assumed a serious turn. For several days his condition has been critical, and his death was hourly expected.

Mr. Goldthwait was born in Weston, Mass., in 1820, and came to Salem a poor boy. He learned the trade of a shoemaker of Mr. George W. Estes, who had a shop on Norman street, where McKean's shoe factory now stands, and during his apprenticeship boarded in Mr.

Estes' family.

Later he entered the employ of the late William Garrett, who had a dry goods store in the West Block on Essex street.

In 1843 Mr. Goldthwait

Began Business for Himself,

opening a dry goods store in a little shop on the corner of Essex and Washington streets. The store was only 14 by 24 feet, and the amount of capital invested was \$500.

In 1846 he bought his uncle's interest in the firm of Ide & Goldthwait, his uncle, Mr. Joel Goldthwait going to Boston. This partnership lasted a little more than a year.

In 1847 he opened a store in the Lynde Block, then beginning to make a specialty of carpets. In 1863 he admitted as a partner Mr. Henry M. Bixby, who had been a faithful clerk in his employ for several years, and the firm name was changed to Willard Goldthwait & Co.

The firm remained in the Lynde Block until its destruction by fire in May, 1866. They then took a ten year lease of a store in the Holyoke Building, then being erected. In 1872 the firm changed its name to Goldthwait & Bixby.

When the lease of the Holyoke Building was nearing a close, the late John Kinsman bought the old buildings on the Gen. David Putnam estate on Essex street, and consulting with Messrs. G. & B. erected for them an elegant marble front building with especial adaptability for their carpet trade. In 1876 the firm occupied the new store.

In 1889 Mr. Goldthwait retired from business, and the firm became Henry M. Bixby & Co., George A. Morrill and John O. Hinckley being partners.

Mr. Goldthwait in 1868 built the elegant residence, on Essex street, in which he died. His wife died about five years ago, and he leaves no children. Mr. George E. Goldthwait of Salem is his only brother.

Mr. Goldthwait always attended the Universalist church and was one of its most

Devoted and Zealous Members.

He was a liberal contributor to its support and served for a long time as superintendent of the Sunday School. His house was always open for the entertainment of visiting clergymen. His contributions were not confined to the society alone, but extended to other churches in need of a helping hand.

He was greatly interested in Tufts college, and has laid that institution under obligation to him for generous assistance.

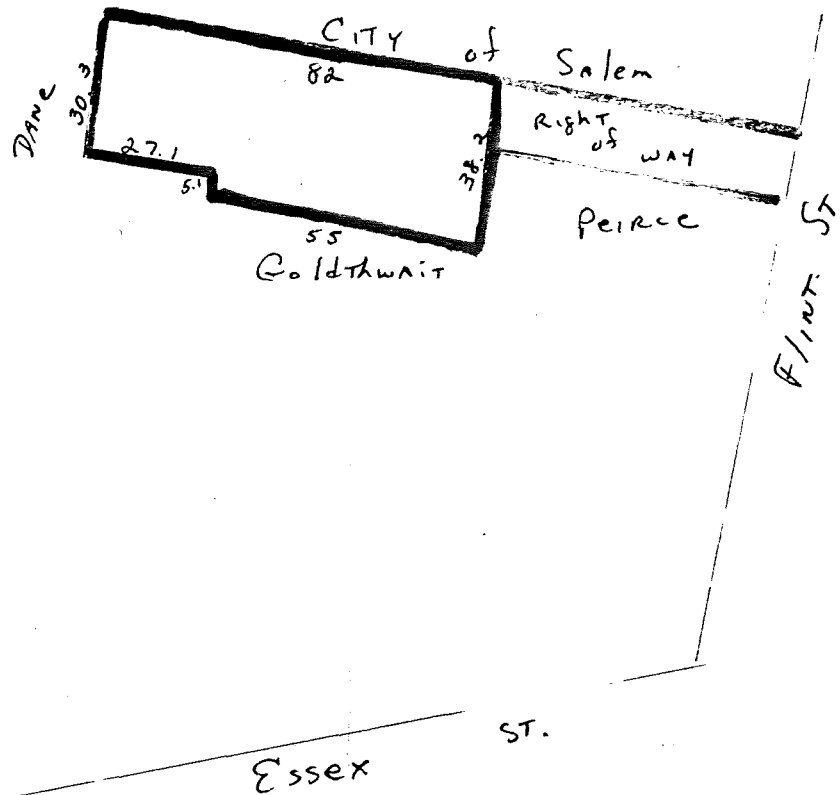
He contributed liberally to charity in a quiet way, and many good deeds were performed by him in a private manner.

He had a strong literary inclination, was a constant reader, and was in correspondence with prominent literary men all over the country. When the late Bryant Taylor visited Salem, he was the guest of Mr. Goldthwait.

In all his business dealings he was strictly honorable, and he will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

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The property was auctioned off on May 4, 1894 to Joseph Dane
"being part of the estate conveyed to Willard Goldthwait by deed
of Charles Higbee (book 1408 page 516)



The tax records reflect the change in ownership:

1895 James B. Lemon, M.D.	age 60	owner - Joseph Dane
William E. Walker	" 22	house value \$700
		land value \$700

1899 Vacant

Joseph F. Dane died on August 17, 1903. His probate (#93075) lists his heirs as: Joseph A. Dane, Annie D. Upton and Walter Q. Dane. The heirs retained the property until August 8, 1924 when they sold the property to Helen F. Grady. The same conveyed to Joseph Dane on May 4, 1894. (book 2606 page 438)

March 13, 1927 William H. and Helen F. Grady, husband and wife,
sold to Louis G. and Alice B. Marcotte "the same premises conveyed
to Helen F. Grady by Annie D. Upton et al on August 8, 1924.
(book 2716 page 537)

Feb. 23, 1939 Louis G. and Alice B. Marcotte, husband and wife,
sold to Mortimer O'Connell the same premises conveyed by William
H. Grady et ux on March 30, 1927. (book 3175 page 210)

Jan. 3, 1946 Mortimer and Helen O'Connell sold to Arzelie B.
Marcotte, of Salem, the same conveyed by Louis Marcotte and the
grantee in which she is described as Alice B. Marcotte. (book 3436
page 436)

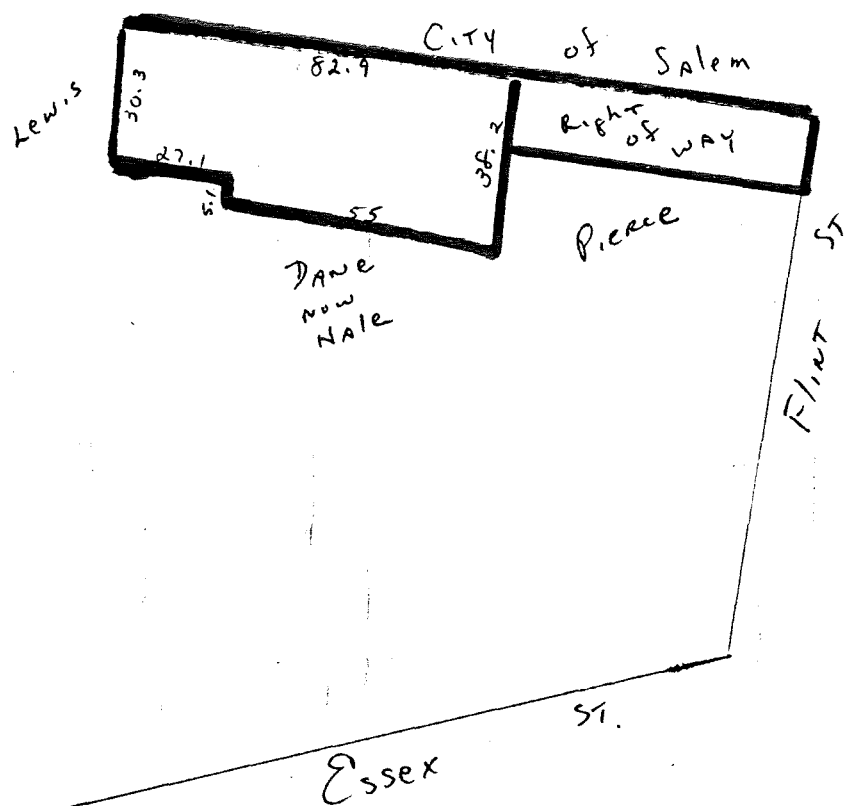
Sept. 12, 1957 Arzelie B. Marcotte, widow, sold to John T. and
Blanche L. Francoeur, husband and wife, the land and building
same conveyed by deed of Mortimer C. O'Connell. Together with
a right of way to pass and repass to and from Flint St. over land
lying between said land of Pierce and land of the City of Salem.
(book 4402 page 55)

Oct. 29, 1976 John T. and Blanche L. Francoeur, husband and wife,
of Cocoa, Florida, formerly of Salem, sold to Peter W. and Kathleen
Sandberg. "For title see deed of Arzelie Marcotte Sept. 1957.
(book 6294 page 218)

June 30, 1977 Peter W. and Kathleen M. Sandberg to Kathleen M. Sandberg. The same conveyed by deed of John T. Francoeur et ux to us. Subject to mortgage of \$15,031.88. (book 6370 page 140)

June 13, 1979 Kathleen M. Sandberg to Peter W. and Kathleen M. Sandberg. For title see book 6370 page 140. (book 6601 page 277)

Sept. 29, 1980 Peter W. and Kathleen M. Sandberg sold to Steven F. Crowson of 33 Flint St. the land and building:



The same premises conveyed together with the right to pass and repass to and from Flint St. over land lying between said land of Pierce and land of City of Salem. For title see book 6601 page 277. (book 6742 page 630)

It is reported that the rear of 33 Flint St. appears to be of an earlier date than 1855. Although, at this time, documents do not show a building prior to 1855, new sources may be found in the future which indicate outbuildings or possible evidence of a building moved to this site. Until such time, the documented year of 1855 must be used.

The Essex Institute has in its collection an 1885 photo of the Willard Goldthwait garden, 388 Essex St. A portion of 33 Flint St. is visible (shutters all closed). Negative #5113.

Note: Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court, both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration.

These names are Moughlin in the first part said parting
of the same parties before named stand being in the
rent in some in equal proportions of said in a certain
lots of land in Salem before mentioned by the
Main street there measuring seven by two feet North by
On land of Hannah Crump there measuring seventy
five feet West by On land of Sarah Willard eight feet
his wife and Easterly On land of Edward Thiel of Maine
measuring six and a half North and half West by
to front River so called in Salem before mentioned
ends of a certain lot of land said to be owned by
bounded as follows North by the Great pasture so called
there measuring six feet and five inches twenty feet and
fifteen feet to a stake and stone and from thence South by
line of the up land and Main to a stake and stone
by a line which is divided from the former of both
also said in the same rights in some land of Salem
before divided and divided by a line which is purchased
by Benjamin Dink and of Edw. Pepper and is called the same
of other two called and known by the names of Robinson
Robinson's cottage rights all which parcels of land were
sold out to them and their heirs in equal proportions of five
year estate of their Uncle Benjamin Thiel late of Salem
before mentioned to be by record of the Court of
probate in County of Middlesex New Hampshire
and suppose that a full and final Division of the
parts of the same. May be had and made by the parties
and each party may have and hold his and their
respective parts and Divisions in the same parties to have
present have agreed and then expressed that they
that of parties before named have also hereby agreed
wants of parts and agreed to divide with each other his and
their heirs and assigns in manner following to wit that
of Joseph Dean shall have and hold independently of him
his heirs and assigns forever of certain part of
said Main street lot between Easterly on land of Edw.
Thiel and his wife's measuring North by the Great
land, there measuring eight feet and nine inches
South by

Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a historical document or manuscript. The text is written in a dark ink on aged paper and is oriented vertically on the page. The script is dense and difficult to decipher due to its cursive nature and the high contrast of the image. The text appears to be organized into several paragraphs, with some lines starting with capital letters. The overall appearance is that of a well-preserved but somewhat faded historical record.

lying between Blaney and Tullymore and further
North by an Cairn of land sixty feet and nine inches
and South by King's Main street sixty feet and eight inches
of an acre and half of upland and half of meadow of Forest Green
to be sold as is set out which amount to the sum of fifteen pounds
and fifteen shillings and sixpence. Whereof the said
are accordingly accepted by them and for further confirma-
tion of this Division the settlement of parties before
named do hereby give and release to each other
his and their heirs and assigns forever of all and of the
said Division and herein before sett forth and devised to
be holden in severalty in Mannors and Femes of force
and they and each of them shall and well forever remain
and defend each other in quiet and peaceable posses-
sion of premises according to this Division against
of some full claims demands and all persons who have or
shall have any claim or demand against the same
unto the said their heirs and assigns of and of the said David
in the sixth year of his Majesty King James the sixth
witnessed at the presence of the said David and
John Gardiner Abel Robinson John Blaney John
David Blaney John

Essex Octob 28 1738
Joseph Dean Thomas Blaney Elizabeth Field
David Blaney John Field John Pope John
Elizabeth Field John Pope Mary Pope John
and Mary Pope all lawfully authorized by their
instrument to be their free Act and Deed before
of

Joseph Dean Samuel Field John Pope Peter B. 1738

Now all the above by their presents of the said Joseph Dean
of Salem in County of Essex in New England Master for
said in consideration of Twenty five pounds of provincial bills
to be in hand before of receiving and delivery of
these presents well and truly paid by Samuel
Field of Salem Justice Shipwright of the said County
and also by these presents do freely sell give and convey
grant bargain sell alien and give of the said premises
unto the said Samuel Field his heirs and assigns forever
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Nathaniel Fisher, of St. Peter's church; born at Dedham, July 8, 1742; graduated Harvard College, 1763; installed. Feb. 25, 1782; he died suddenly Dec. 20, 1812. I would say, in passing, that his son Theodore was probably the finest penman that ever graduated from the Hacker school. Among the scholars of 1800 to 1804, he certainly stood foremost.

The next building is the store on the corner. As early as 1815, it was a grocery and apothecary store, occupied by Thomas Seccomb; afterwards by Nathaniel Watson and his son Fenton, saddlers.

We now pass over to the eastern corner of Essex and Boston streets, and find the store, with house attached, of Captain Samuel Very, formerly engaged in the coasting trade with Baltimore and other southern ports. He was a fine man and a strong Jeffersonian democrat, ever ready at the polls on election days.

Next we come to the old house belonging to the Grant family, renovated and put in fine order some forty years since, as the present edifice shows. Then two or three small houses, one of which was occupied by Mr. John Bird, a comb maker; another by a Mrs. Day, a famous tailoress, formerly Mrs. Hart, and mother of Capt. Charles Hart of Brig New Priscilla, which was taken by the pirates near Cuba in 1829, the crew never being heard from. Next in order is the old Williams house, a relic of the olden time. Some of the family resided there in 1814. There was a large field in the rear of the house, extending to gardens on Federal street. Following this was a three-story wooden building, used for a grocery store, by Mr. James Thorndike, more recently occupied by John Ward, many years for the same business.

Next in order was the Friends' meeting house, built in 1718, with burying ground adjoining; and then came the

mansion of Mr. Robert Cowan. He and his wife were of English extraction, and had several sons and daughters. He was a person of much ingenuity in the manufacture of lead pencils, and was, I have heard it said, the first that brought into use gum copal as a varnish for carriages. He is also remembered as being one of the crew of Privateer Schooner Pickering, commanded by Jonathan Harraden during the revolutionary war, who was eminently successful in his enterprises against the English, having captured a large number of armed vessels with many guns. All of the buildings from the Grant House have been since torn down or removed and the present edifices have been erected.

From Mr. Cowan's house, we pass a large garden beautifully laid out, in the highest state of cultivation, until we come to the house of Major Hiller, the first United States Collector appointed by General Washington. He was superseded by Col. William R. Lee of Marblehead, August 13, 1802, and soon afterwards removed to Lancaster, Mass., and died there in 1814. I recollect, perfectly well, seeing him at his home on Essex Street, a short time before his removal. Charles Cleveland, Esq., nephew of Major Hiller, afterward City missionary of Boston, who died some few years since nearly 100 years of age, acted as Deputy Collector to his uncle from 1789, until his resignation, and with Col. Lee to February, 1803 when he resigned; and William W. Oliver, Esq., who had lived with Major Hiller for several years was appointed by Col. Lee, to fill his place, which position he held until April 10, 1839. The next occupant of this house was Judge Prescott, father of the historian; another occupant was Thomas P. Bancroft, who lived there several years. It was then purchased by Charles Saunders and a few years after was sold to Mr. William Ives, who built the

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new house to the westward. After the death of Mr. Ives, the house was sold and torn down and the site converted into a pleasure ground by Mr. Goldthwaite, owner of the new house on the corner. Rev. James M. Hoppin occupied it for a few years during his pastorate in Salem.

Next to Mr. Hiller's, was the house of Mr. Abner Chase, and then the two-story grocery store of Capt. Stephen Osborn. Passing to the opposite corner of Dean street, we come to the mansion of Col. Sprague, occupied by him and the Stearns family. Col. Sprague died in 1808, and a portion of the Stearns family have resided there ever since. It has been kept in good order, and makes as fine an appearance at the present time as it did half a century ago.

The next, where now stands the residence of John H. Silsbee, Esq., was the site of one of Salem's ancient structures, devoid of paint or beauty, and occupied by the families of Hubbard Oliver, Mr. Johnson, and a Mr. Pettingell. Mrs. Oliver kept a school there for young children. Mr. Johnson was sexton of the old South church,—Dr. Hopkins' church,—and of the new church when finished in 1805. A spacious room on the lower floor was used as a dining hall for the workmen employed in building the turnpike at the commencement of operations in 1802. It may not be generally known that Dr. Stearns was one of the prime movers in the enterprise, and was a large stockholder, and took much pride in the building of it, and was bound, as the story runs, to have it when finished, so level and straight as to take an early look from Salem into the Boston market. This old house was the writer's birth-place. Some years later it was torn down, I think about 1806. The brick house now on the spot, the residence of John H. Silsbee, Esq., was erected by Joseph Sprague, son of Col. Sprague, who lived there with his family for

many years, when it became the residence of Col. Francis Peabody and family; it was then sold to Samuel Williams, Esq., brother of Rev. William Williams, and from him purchased by Mr. Silsbee. The next house was the home of Aaron Waite, Esq., and built by him in 1796; he and his family lived there many years, and after his death it was occupied by his son-in-law, Nathaniel L. Rogers, Esq., and family, during his life, and by the remaining members of his family until the present time. The next house was the estate of Captain Nehemiah Buffington and now the home of George Wheatland, Esq.

The house below was the Mackey house, the residence of Mr. John Dodge, then of Capt. Philip P. Pinel, and next, of Miss Plummer. Then followed Miss Higginson's, and Mrs. Wallis's store. The last was built, as I learn, by a Mr. Very. The next, was a two-story dwelling house with a shop below. These four buildings, occupied the site where now stands the beautiful mansion of the late Captain John Bertram. We pass over to the next corner, the Ropes House, now belonging to Mrs. Bertram, the residence once of Rev. Mr. Hoppin, Mr. Ezra Northey, James B. Ferguson, and others. The next, end-ways to the street, was the home of John Prince, Esq. The next, a little west of the house of Mr. Emery S. Johnson, but of which I have no recollection, was said to have been built by Mr. Maule. Then we come to the so-called Clark house, Mrs. Clark living in the western end, and various families at different times, occupying the premises. Next, the estate of Capt. John Buffington, end-ways to the street.

On the corner of Beckford street, stood a large, square building, with an ell, venerable, but dilapidated in appearance, owned by Dr. Stearns. Various families occupied it, from time to time. This house was built by Mr. Kitch-

sixteen years. Left widow and four children, three sons in town, dau. widow Woods. See D. B. All came from Topsfield into the town of Salem. Derby, Neck Gate.

666. Oct. 23. Samuel, of Samuel and Abigail Webb. Atrophy Inf., 10 years. Son of John Webb, she a Palfrey, two children, females. Hardy Street below Derby.

667. Oct. 28. Thomas Mascoll. Dysentery, 64 yrs. Has two sisters, widow Mary Welman and the widow of Pasca Foot, called Tammy. Derby, corner of Becket.

668. Nov. 28. John Hubbard, of John and Martha Fairfield. Scarlet fever and throat distemper. 3 years. They have two daughters left. She a Hubbard of Ipswich Hamlet. He a son of Dr. W. Fairfield of Wenham.

669. Dec. 13. Priscilla Lambert, of Matthias and Hannah Rice. Scarlet fever and throat distemper, 4 years. She was a Lambert of Salem and married M. Rice, a physician, of Saco, and removed to Blackpoint, Me. He died several years ago. Left three males, child born at Scarborough, widow removed to Salem last year.

670. Dec. 14. Female child of Henry and Sarah Prince, at birth. He was from Ipswich. She a Millet. They have six children, two males.

671. Dec. 15. Thomas, of Thomas and Mehitable Rue. Scarlet fever and throat distemper, 3 years. She an Archer. One male child. Her mother Kimball, past 80, and his mother's mother, a Becket, past 70, at the funeral. Essex, corner of Turner Street.

672. Dec. 17. Richard Goss, of Bradford. Apoplexy, 53 years, married at 27 years. 1st marriage, one year; 2nd, sixteen years; 3rd, four years. Leaves five children. He born in Bradford, a ship carpenter. Third wife a Eulen. His surviving children by second wife.

673. Missing. Capt. Hardy Millet. Lost at sea, 25 years, son of John Millet. Full name was Joseph Hardy.

[To be continued.]

SOME OLD ESTATES.

COMMUNICATED BY EDW. STANLEY WATERS.

It has happened that the families of which some account has been printed in the COLLECTIONS have many of them owned or occupied homes in that part of the city which is now comprehended between Dean and Beckford streets, bordering on Essex street, or in their neighborhood.

This necessitated a somewhat thorough study and careful collation of the boundaries of these premises, and the use of considerable time and research in ascertaining them and reconciling apparent discrepancies, and to save some future explorer of this region that trouble, and as the results obtained are somewhat definite and correct certain errors which exist in regard to the location of some of the earlier homesteads, they are here presented.

On the upper or western side of Dean street lay the homestead land of Edw. Flint, who died in 1711, leaving it to his son Benjamin. It extended from Essex, then Main street, to the bank of the North river, along which ran a way which in 1760 was supplanted by the present Federal, then called New street. This was probably hardly a recognized town road, as I gather from some of the deeds. In 1734 the bank at the north end of the Flint land is spoken of as *claimed* by the town.

Benjamin Flint sold to Thomas Blaney a lot from this

on Essex street, $3\frac{1}{2}$ rods in width, next east of the then Quaker meeting-house and adjoining ground, in 1725, and here then Blaney's house stood, newly built; in 1770, his widow Alice sold this or a part of it to Edmund Needham.

At Benj. Flint's death in 1734 all this land was divided among his heirs, and as Thomas Blaney married his niece Desire Dean he obtained a part.

This was the most westerly strip, 140 poles long and 18 feet broad, of a piece of that length, and 72 feet broad, which Flint's sister Eliz. Dean received with other property as her part. It was a front lot on Essex street, beginning at a point fifty feet from the corner of Dean street. The corner lot went in the division to Edw. Flint, a nephew of Benj., and his sister Mary Wainwright. Blaney also bought the next strip to his, a piece of the same size, which came to John and Mary Ropes.

Between Blaney's homestead land and this came the front lot assigned to another sister of Flint's, Sarah, wife of Jacob Willard, who I think sold hers, and it was bought in 1744 by Wm. Deadman.

Eliz. Dean's other heirs, Eliz. Field and Joseph Dean, received respectively the next two quarters. Dean soon afterwards bought his sister Field's, and then sold the front half of their united portion to John West, who in turn sold it to Wm. Deadman. Dean afterwards bought the corner lot of Edw. Flint and his sister, and this was transmitted through two or three generations of Deans, until it came, about 1800, into the possession of Abner Chase, who married into the family.

In 1763 we find Deadman owner of all the front land on Essex street from Dean's to Blaney's, and April 26 of that year he sold it to Dr. Eben Putnam, who lived there the remainder of his life, having also added to it by purchase from the widow Alice Blaney.

In 1793 his heirs sold it to Major Joseph Hiller,* whose residence it was for some time. There was apparently some difficulty in regard to that strip which had been set off to Desire Blaney. I gather that Blaney's second wife and widow sold the whole to Dr. Putnam, not realizing that that portion of it which came by his first wife should go to that wife's children or heirs, but at any rate a claim was made, and successfully it proved, by Abigail White's heirs, the daughter of Desire Blaney, and a separate conveyance from them to Major Hiller was made Sept. 20, 1793.

The old mansion-house at present on the premises, and owned and occupied by William Ives, Esq., was built, I think, before 1800.

The next, and corner lot, as we have said, became the property of the Dean family. It was the home of Capt. Jonathan, the son of Joseph, and perhaps of his son Jonathan, and of his daughter Sarah Chase. The house which he built here remained until within a few years.

Turning the corner and keeping along the western side of Dean street we follow the Dean homestead, but in 1799 the heirs sold a large strip with a front on Dean street of 124 feet to Major Hiller, which ran back to his land. The owner of the next land in 1799 was James Fabens, who was here also in 1770. This land too was formerly of Thomas Blaney, who in 1740 bought of Hannah, widow of Robert Orange of Boston, another sister of Benjamin Flint, for 250 £ all her part of his homestead, being $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres, bounding all these above mentioned premises on the north, and thence extending to the bank of the North river. Through this of course Federal street was laid out and many house lots thereon were sold from

*Mary Stevens, wife of Samuel of Gloucester, and daughter Abigail, wife of Jos. Hiller of Boston, Gent., Apr. 17, 1752.

the Blaney land. The following advertisement relates to them:—

"To be sold at a reasonable rate by Alice Blaney, a number of house-lots lying near the bottom of Dean's Lane. They are allowed to be some of the best in the New Street."

Gaz. of Apr. 4, 1769.

Other occupants on this side of Dean, between Essex and Federal streets, were Daniel Jacobs, Ezra Johnson, and Eben Hutchinson, in 1764.

Back from or west of James Fabens' was Benjamin Nourse's land, bought after 1765.

When Federal street was laid out, about 1760, lots upon the south side of it were sold as follows: the most westerly, containing 28 poles, to Joseph Ross, June 25, 1770 (the next estate* on the west being then owned by "John Rowe, Esq."); next east to him a lot of the same size to Benj. Hathorne, Nov. 28, 1772; next to him one of 56 poles, June 5, 1773, which touched the Putnam land on the south. These first named lots sold for 33 £, 12 s. apiece, the latter one for 57 £, 17 s., 4 d.; the frontage of the former was 3½ poles, of the latter 5 poles.

I have no note of the sale of the corner lot.

Crossing Federal street the lot on the other corner of Dean street was sold by the Blaneys to John Dampney for 26 £, 13 s., 8 d., Aug. 5, 1766. It was then bounded east on Dean's lane, as the fence there stands, 8 poles; on the New street, 2½ poles; and north on the bank by

*It appears as if this must have been bought from Sam. Buffum, to whom, Sept. 9, 1766, Blaney sold 32 poles, bounded N. W. on a Town Way lately laid out and commonly called New street, 4 poles; S. W. on land of Jno. Buffum, 8 poles; S. E. by B.'s other land, 4 poles; and N. E. the same.

Edmund Needham.
Robert Blaney.

J. B. appeared Sept. 13, 1766, and, being almost blind, the within instrument being read to him, he acknowledged it.

the wall there, with the right to the bank each and flats, continued to the channel of the North river, also the rocks and stones which stand on my land next said Dane's land reserving to Sam. Williams his flake stuff, and liberty to remove it next spring, and to improve the land I have leased him."

Joseph Dampney, his administrator, sold this land in 1769 to David Britton. The next lot west was sold June 26, 1769, to Nathan Kimball for 33 £, 12 s., 3 poles in front on Federal street. The next was bought by Joseph Janes, Oct. 5, 1769, and a narrow strip in 1770, giving a front in all of about 3½ poles. The next by Billings Bradish,* with a front of 4 poles, Sept. 4, 1770. The next, Nov. 26, 1772, by Wm. Lang, on Federal street, 3½ poles in front. The next with a frontage of 3 p., 21 l., to Jerathmeel Peirce, May 13, 1773, and the next and most westerly, 3 poles on the street, bounded by land of Jona. Buffum on the west, had been previously sold to Joseph Brown, Aug. 19, 1771.

Crossing Dean street at its foot, we come to the land now occupied by the Hacker school-house, sold to the town for that purpose by Jos. Sprague in 1789.

This must have been the land sold to George Dean, Sen., by John Cole and George and Priscilla Bowers in 1686 and 1687, whose position a little further research has freed from the doubt which existed when the "Dean Family" was begun.

The northern portion was sold by John and Mary Rapes, to whom it came by division of the Dean heirs, to the Cooks, who had already bought the southern portion of Joseph Dean. It may have included also the land extending from the school-house to Federal street, which Mr. Sprague sold to Thomas Whittredge in 1799.

*Married Sarah Austin at Charlestown, Feb. 1, 1765. Coll., Vol. VII, p. 24.

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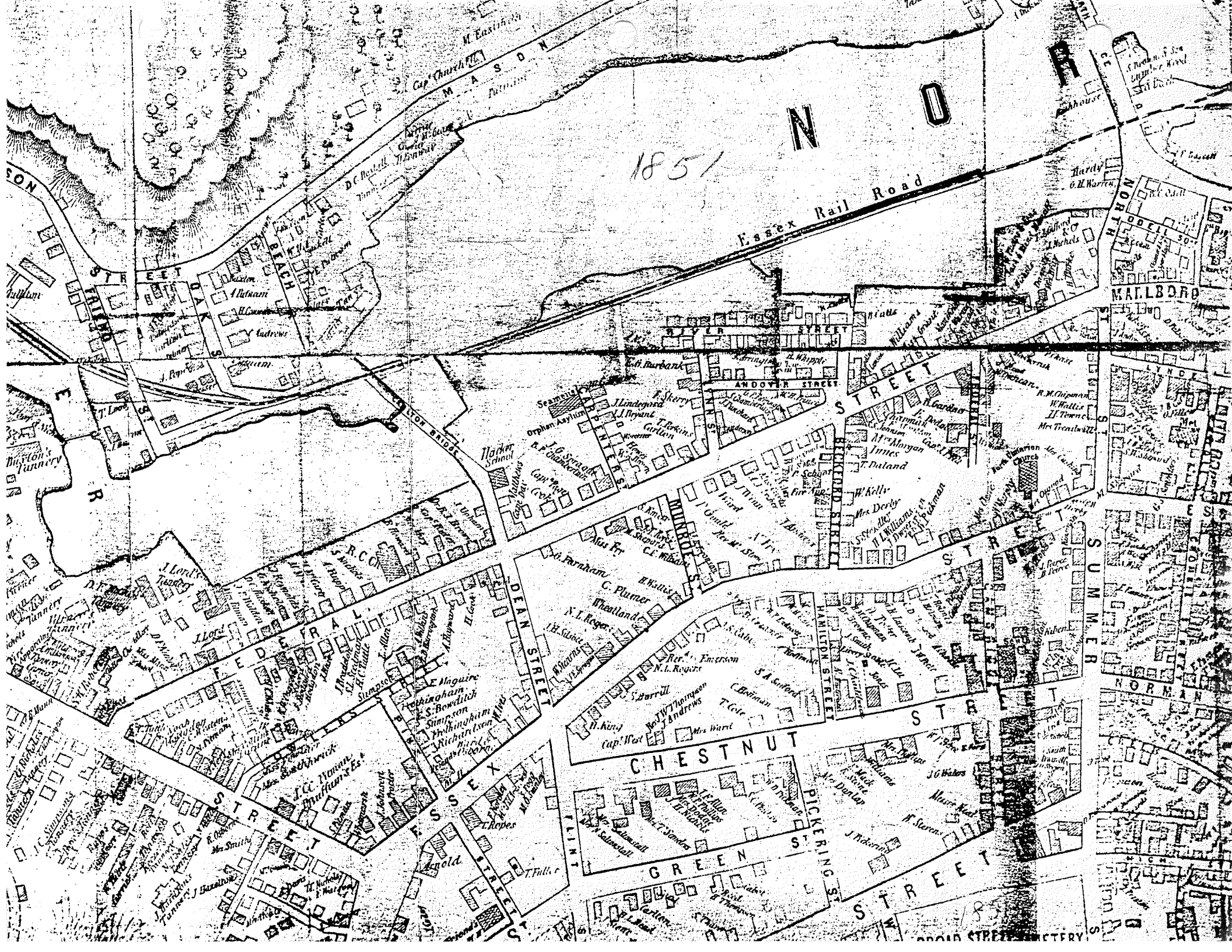
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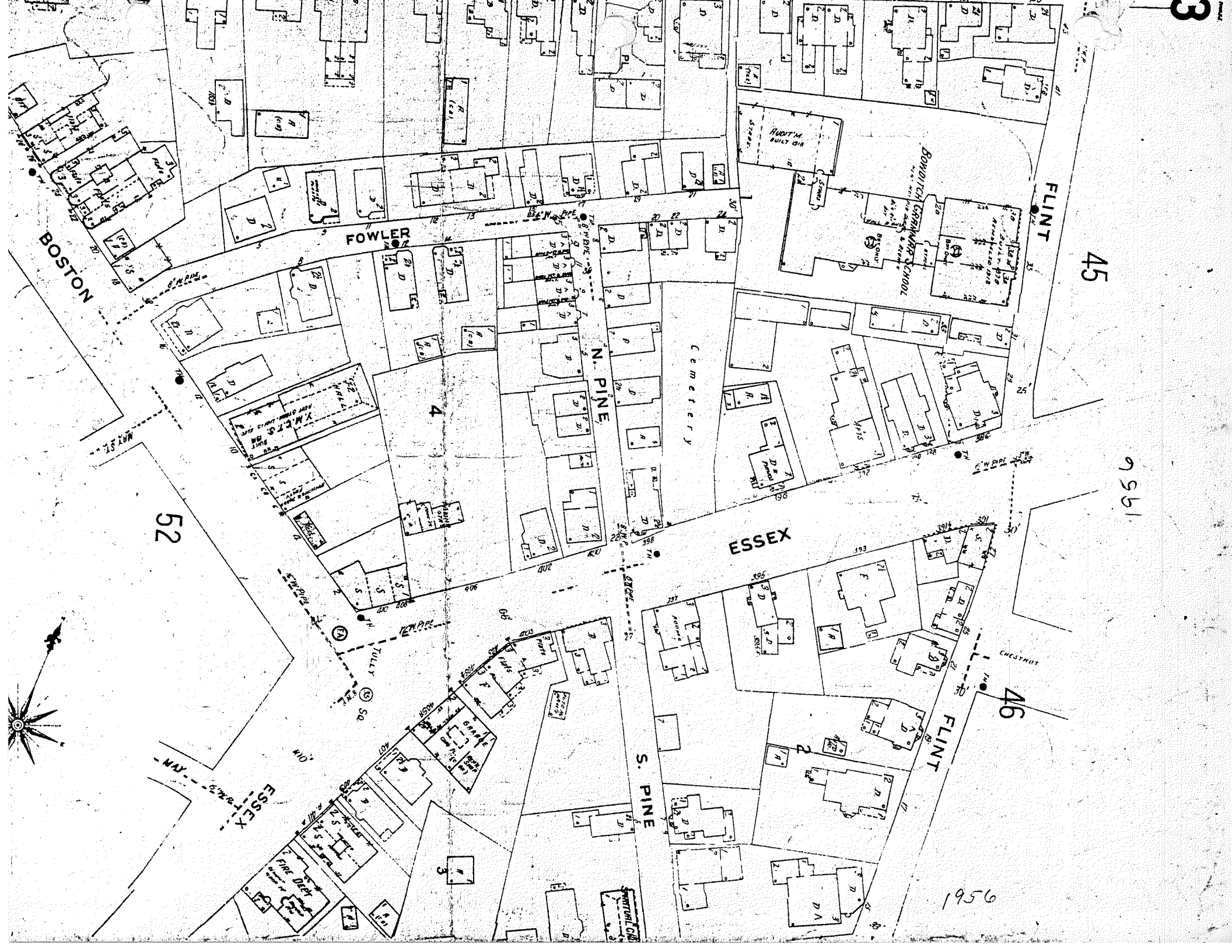
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