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16 Winter Street

Built for,

EDWARD H. PAYSON, cashier

and his wife AMELIA

in 1845

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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."*

16 Winter Street

This house is an excellent example of the Greek Revival Style with its wide entablature and cornice, pilasters on the matched-board facade and gable end to the street, all of which make it look like a small version of a Greek temple. (Salem Historic Commission District Study)

The history of Winter street is given in the Essex Antiquarian, vol. 8 pg. 66: "Winter street was an ancient road. It was called a lane or highway in 1668; Road leading to Beverly ferry, 1705; Highway leading from the training field to Beverly ferry, 1760; the way to the ferry, 1769; Road, 1771; Way leading to ferry lane, 1771; the ferry lane leading to Beverly, 1779; Ferry lane, 1780; Ferry lane or the way leading to Essex bridge, 1793; and Winter street, 1795."

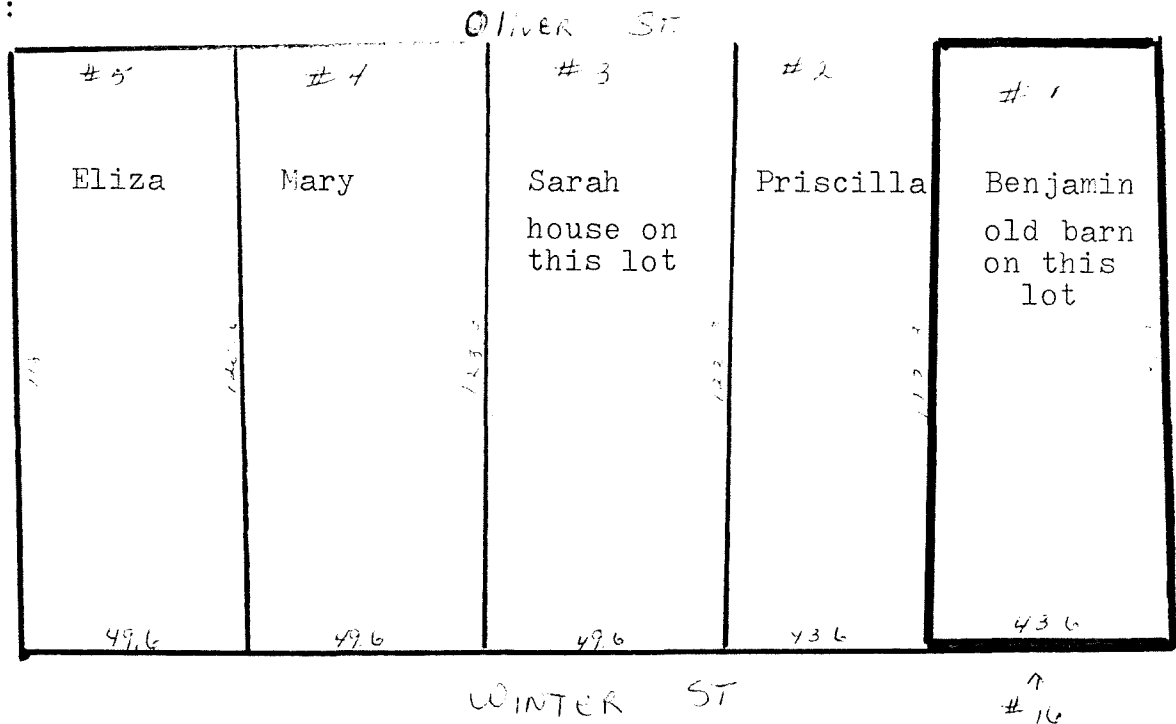
Very early the entire west side of Winter St. was owned by Jacob Pudeater, blacksmith. Mrs. Pudeater lived on this land until the summer of 1692, when she was condemned as a witch and executed Sept. 22, 1692, being about seventy years of age. Later the land came into the possession of the Cheever family.

Benjamin Cheever was in the tannery business with his brother, Samuel, who lived on the corner of Washington Sq. and Winter St. The tannery occupied a large portion of Winter St. with many vats thereon. Benjamin's house was on the lot now occupied by 20 Winter

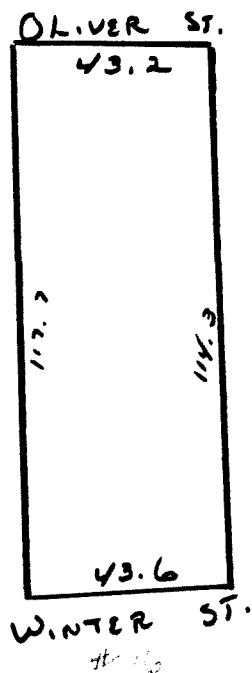
St. while his barn was on the land now known as 16 Winter St. Benjamin Cheever died in January 1832 at the age of 85. In his will, written May 25, 1829 (probate #5206) Mr. Cheever bequeathed the use and improvement of all his real estate to his beloved wife Mary during her natural life. His daughters Mary Cheever, Priscilla Howard, Sarah Lewis and Eliza Cheever each received \$500. This was to be paid 3 months after the decease of "myself and wife." All the rest to be equally divided between his son Benjamin and daughters Mary, Priscilla, Sarah and Eliza after the death of his wife Mary.

Mary Cheever died on July 4, 1842 at the age of 91. She had a paralytic shock a week before when she fell out of her chair at the breakfast table.

As per will the estate was divided into five parts on Sept. 20, 1842:



1842 Oct. 13 - The heirs of Benjamin Cheever sold the land called Lot #1 with an old barn to Belinda Perley, widow.



1844 Oct. 13 - Belinda Perley, widow, sold the strip of land with an old barn called Lot #1 to Edward H. Payson, cashier, for the sum of \$900. (book 349 page 21)

1845 - Edward H. Payson acquired a building permit to build a wooden dwelling house on Winter St. (Salem Street Dept. books stored at the Essex Institute)

Edward H. Payson was born in Roxbury on Dec. 5, 1803 the son of Lemuel and Joanna (Newhall) Payson. He came to Salem as a boy and began his business career at Mr. Fenno's brokerage office. At the age of 23 he accepted a position in the Commercial bank

where he was a cashier. With the introduction of the National banking system, the Commercial became the First National bank of Salem. Mr. Payson was married on Sept. 29, 1829 to Amelia Mellus of Dorchester. The Paysons lived in their new house for two years and then moved across the street to the home of her brother, Henry Mellus, at #17 Winter St. Later the Payson family moved into a new house at #15 Winter St.

1847 Oct. 8 - Edward H. and A. M. Payson sold the land, dwelling house and out buildings at #16 Winter St. to Carleton Dole Esq., of Augusta, Maine, for the sum of \$4,050. (book 388 page 183)

Little has been found regarding the life of Carleton Dole, other than after leaving 16 Winter St. the Doles made their home in South Reading only to return to Winter St. in 1866 when they purchased #15. Mr. Dole died on April 6, 1870 leaving a widow, Eliza and children viz: Octavia Justin of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Eliza Jane Stanwood of Boston; Helen M. Perkins of Peabody; John Dole of Amherst; Hannah and William Dole of Salem. This notice appeared in the Gazette shortly before his death:

"March 29 - Carleton Dole, Esq. in attempting to step from a moving horse car at the turn-out near Ober's Mills in Beverly, on Saturday forenoon, was thrown down, and seriously injured, his hip being dislocated and his leg broken. He was conveyed to his residence on Winter street in this city, where he was attended by Doctors Peirson, Mack and Choate, and is understood to be getting along as well as could be expected, though suffering severely.

Mr. Dole is past "three-score years and ten", and it is feared that it will be a long time before he recovers. He blames no one for the accident."

1850 March 25 - Carleton and Eliza C. Dole sold the property to Thomas J. Fettyplace of Mobile, Alabama for the sum of \$4,500. (book 425 page 210)

Thomas Fettyplace did not live in this house but purchased it for the benefit of his mother to whom the title was transferred in 1852 (book 466 page 123). This notice gives some information about the Fettyplace family:

In 1816 Elizabeth Gerry, administratrix of her father's estate, sold Elbridge Gerry's island title to Thomas Fettyplace (See appendix) of Marblehead for forty-two dollars.⁸⁶ The Fettyplace family gradually acquired full title to Cat Island, not relinquishing it until 1848. Captain William Fettyplace was the family member most interested in the island's ownership. After acquiring three quarters of the island, his complete title was secured only after he was granted a release of interest from his five nieces, the daughters of Thomas Fettyplace. These daughters, born in Marblehead, had moved to Mobile, Alabama, where the necessary depositions for delivery of their interest were made. Their names are unusual for Marblehead:

	<i>Birth</i>
<i>Elizabeth Gerry Fettyplace</i>	1810
<i>Mary Jane William Fettyplace</i>	1811
<i>Lucy Catharine Dodge Fettyplace</i>	1818
<i>Hannah Ann Williams Fettyplace</i>	1822
<i>Sarah Burrell Fettyplace</i>	1823

On February 14, 1848, William Fettyplace relinquished all his title in Cat Island to David Blaney of Marblehead for five hundred dollars, thus terminating the Fettyplace proprietorship.

1850 census -

Hannah Fettyplace	age 65	born Mass.
Eliza G.	" 38	" "
Mary	" 36	" "
Ann W.	" 25	" "
Ann Harrigan	" 21	" Ire.

1855 - #16 Winter street - "Cut down Elm tree was about dead, said to be killed by leakage of gas which passed near its roots - but doubted this to be true. Died for want of nourishment for the earth is yellow sand - measured from 12 inches above ground 11 ft. in circumference and from the ground to the first crutch where the limbs first branched out it was 23 ft. and circumference was 8 ft."

1860 census

Hannah Fettyplace	age 75	born Mass.
Elizabeth	" 47	" "
Mary J.	" 45	" "
Sarah B.	" 30	" "
Mary Larkin	" 23 domestic	" Ire.

1861 July 10 - Hannah (Devereux) Fettyplace died at the age of 76. The title to the property was transferred to Elizabeth G. Fettyplace on August 23 (book 627 page 251)

1862 March 10 - Henry King Fettyplace died. This notice appears in the Portraits in the Essex Institute:

86. HENRY KING FETTYPLACE, 1820-1862. Oil, by Charles Osgood. Canvas, 24½ in. x 29¼ in. Full face, arm resting on chair arm, holding cane. White waistcoat, black scarf with pin, soft rolling collar, black coat. Brown background.

*Bequest of Miss Sarah Fettyplace, 1911.
On deposit with the Marblehead Historical Society.*

Henry King Fettyplace was baptised at Marblehead February 13, 1820, the son of Thomas and Hannah (Devereux) Fettyplace. He removed to Mobile, Alabama, in his youth and there engaged in mercantile pursuits. Declining health caused his return to Salem, where he died, unmarried, on March 10, 1862. The family residence was for many years at 16 Winter Street, Salem: [See *Essex County Probate Records*, Docket 38968; *Salem Register*, March 17, 1862; *Salem City Hall Records*, book 6, p. 184; *Marblehead Vital Records* (printed), vol. 1, p. 174.]

Tax records:

	16 Winter Street		
1865-68	Misses Fettyplace	house val.	\$3,000
		land	1,000
1869	" "	house val.	\$4,500
		land	1,000
1870	" "	house val.	\$4,000
		land	1,500

1871 - Thomas Fettyplace of Mobile, Alabama died. In his will, written Nov. 14, 1866, all his property was bequeathed to his sisters. The real estate was listed as house and land at 328 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. Each sister received \$7,809.50 as their share of the estate (probate #38969). It would be interesting to learn more about the Fettyplace family during this period especially when you consider that Mobile was besieged and bombarded March 27 to April 9, 1865, by 45,000 Federal troops led by General Canby. Mobile was evacuated two days later and surrendered by its mayor April 12. During 1867-1868 the entire

state was under military rule. In 1868, under a new constitution, Alabama was declared by Congress to be restored to the Union.

Tax records:

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1872	Misses Fettyplace	house val.	\$4,000
		land	1,500
1874	" "	house val.	\$4,000
		land	1,800
1876	" "	house val.	\$4,200
		land	1,800

1880 census

Elizabeth Fettyplace	age 68	keeps house	born Mass.
Mary J.	"	" 67 sister	" "
Sarah B.	"	" 52 sister	" "
Hattie Jordan	"	22 servant	" Ire.
Maggie Cronan	"	19 servant	" "

Tax records

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1881	Misses E.G. Fettyplace & sisters	house	\$3,600
		land	5,104 ft. \$1,400

1882 Nov. 5 - Elizabeth Fettyplace died. The total value of her estate was \$220,895.40. Her heirs were listed as - Louisa A. D. Peabody of Mobile, Ala, sister; Lucy Fettyplace of Marblehead, sister; Ann W. Cushman of Greenfield, Mass, sister; and Sarah B. Fettyplace of Salem, sister. (probate #59082)

1886 Jan. 22 - A straw deed was drawn by which Sarah B. Fettyplace, Louisa A.D. Peabody and Anne W. Cushman placed the property into the name of William G. Barker, who in turn transferred the title to Sarah B. Fettyplace. (book 1166 page 160)

Tax records:

16 Winter Street
 1887 vacant owner Sarah B. Fettyplace house val. \$3,600
 land 1,600
 1890 empty " " " " "

1900 census

Sarah Fettyplace	age 63	born Mass
Annie Whalen	" 23 servant	" New Brunswick
Ellen McCarthy	" 26 "	" Ire.

1911 Nov. 3 - Sarah Fettyplace died. This obituary notice appeared in the Salem Evening News:

"Miss Sarah Fettyplace died at her home, 16 Winter street, last night. She was born in Marblehead, about 85 years ago, but had been a resident of Salem from childhood. She had been blind for several years, an affliction from which her father, two sisters and an uncle also suffered. She was the last of a family of seven children, five daughters and two sons. She was connected with philanthropic and charitable institutions and gave largely of her means. She was a woman of a quiet disposition, lovable, and was a devoted friend of the old East church, with which she was connected practically her whole life, being the second oldest member."

1912 Jan. 16 - William G. Barker executor of the will of Sarah B.

Fettyplace sold the property to Harry P. Gifford. "The same premises conveyed by me to Sarah B. Fettyplace on Jan. 22, 1886." (book 2129 page 3)

1917 May 18 - A straw deed was drawn placing the title in the names of both Harry P. Gifford and his wife Bertha V. S. Gifford. (book 2365 page 344)

1943 Sept. 30 - Bertha V.S. Gifford widow of Harry P. sold the property to Anna L. Russell. (book 3350 page 249)

1950 Nov. 28 - Henry and Anna L. Russell sold the property to Richard D. Bowman of Marblehead. (book 3787 page 500)

1952 June 30 - Richard D. Bowman sold the land and building at 16 Winter St. to Doris E. Raymond, wife of Bradford C. (book 3905 page 564)

1954 Nov. 15 - Bradford C. and Doris B. Raymond sold the property to the Parish of St. Peter's Church in Salem. (book 4118 page 179)

1972 May 31 - The Parish of St. Peter's Church in Salem sold the land and buildings at 16 Winter St. to A. Rayner and Donna M. Kenison (book 5871 page 463)

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 purposes.



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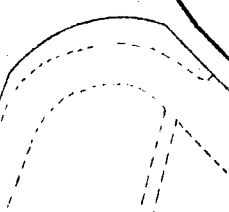
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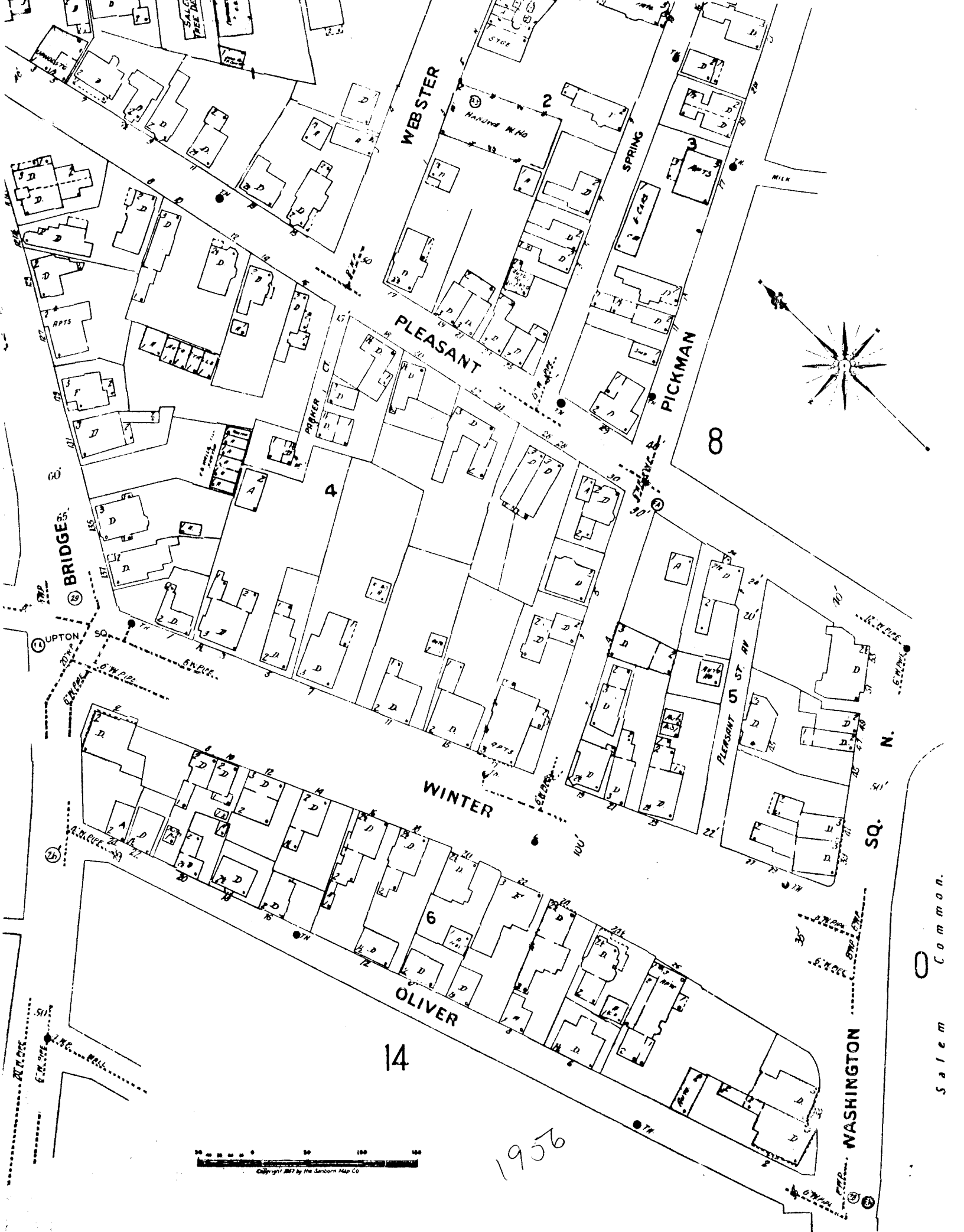
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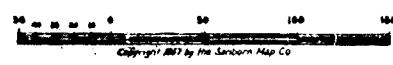
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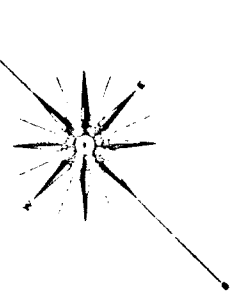
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