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98-100 Bridge Street

Built for

BENJAMIN WEBB, yeoman

by the year 1806

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and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

98-100 Bridge Street

"That portion of Bridge street lying between Winter and Planters street is substantially in the same location as the old road was in the colonial days. It is probably the first road in Salem, and was undoubtedly used by the old planters before Endecott came. It was called the Lane in 1657; ye common country road, 1680; common lane towards Bass River ferry, 1680; ye highway which leadeth down to Beverly ferry, 1695; Ferry lane, 1702; highway going down to ye ferry, 1702; ye country road or highway to ye north ferry, 1704; highway from Salem common to Essex bridge, 1791; and Bridge street, formerly Ferry lane, 1795." (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 8 page 152)

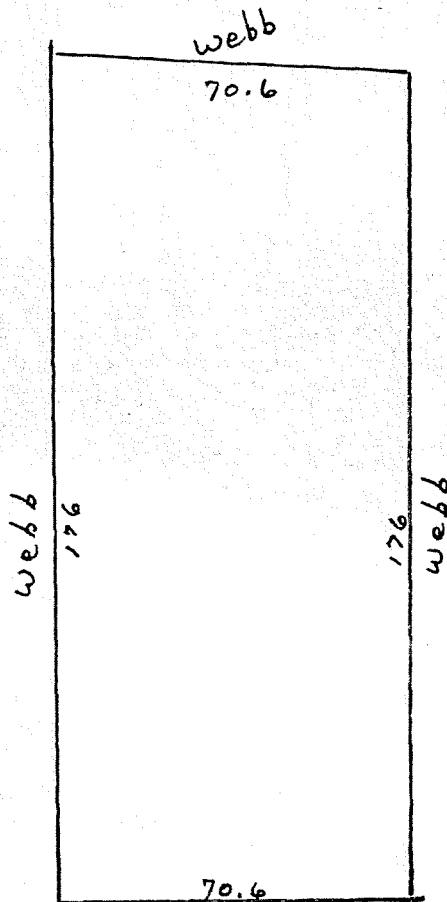
The lot on which this house stands was a small portion of the Skerry farm. The Skerry family was in possession of this land before 1661 and held ownership until the 1790's (appendix A & B).

In 1795 Benjamin Webb, keeper of Salem's most noted Sun Tavern on Essex St., began to purchase the greater portion of the, then isolated, Skerry estate (book 160 page 121, book 165 pages 15 & 184). By 1799 Mr. Webb's land holdings extended from the east side of Lemon St. to the west side of Skerry St.

In 1806 Mr. Webb, now called a yeoman (land holder), laid out streets through the land and divided the estate into house lots. More importantly the tax records indicate that Mr. Webb had built a house on this almost deserted street:

1806 Benjamin Webb taxed for a homestead \$900
7½ acres on Bridge St. with a new
house \$2,500

On April 3, 1813 Benjamin Webb, yeoman, and his wife Mary sold for the sum of \$3,200 the dwelling house and 47 2/3 poles of land to George Peirce (sometimes spelled Pearce) a mariner and husband of Mr. Webb's niece, "Betsey" (Webb):



BRIDGE ST

(book 200 page 214)

George and Elizabeth Peirce along with their six children viz George (b.1809), William P. (b.1812), Philip (b.1814), Elizabeth (?), Sarah (b.1816) and Susan C. (b.1817) made their home at 68 Bridge St. (now 98-100 Bridge St.). George Peirce died on Nov. 14, 1822 at the age of 39 from hepatic disease. In his will (probate #21170) written on April 13, 1821, George devised: "It is in the best interest of my children to leave all to their mother my wife Elizabeth Pearce."

Elizabeth Peirce died on March 6, 1826, from chronic diarrhea, at the age of 39. Michael Shepard was appointed guardian of Elizabeth's minor children (probate #21171) and an inventory of the estate was made:

A farm and dwelling house in Danvers about 100 acres. The late estate of Nathan Pearce - value \$4,000

A dwelling house and land Bridge St. - value \$2,100

$\frac{1}{2}$ of a store and wharf called Peirce Wharf - value \$2,500

Pew at the Baptist Church - value \$125

A petition was entered at this time to sell the messuage on Bridge St. and the farm in Danvers.

On April 9, 1827 Michael Shepard the guardian of George, William, Elizabeth, Philip, Sarah and Susan Peirce sold for \$2,100 to Peirce L. Wiggin the dwelling house and other buildings. The same George Peirce the father of minors bought of Benjamin Webb on April 5, 1813 (book 245 page 177).

Four days later Peirce L. and Anna B. Wiggin sold for the sum of \$2,600 to William Stickney, ropemaker, the lot of land on Bridge St. with the dwelling house. "I purchased of Michael Shepard on April 9th" (book 245 page 181).

William Stickney was the owner of several ropewalks on Bridge St. One of these was the Briggs' ropewalk which Mr. Stickney moved in parts from Briggs St. to Bridge St. in 1803. James Duncan Phillips describes a ropewalk in his book "Salem and The Indies" as, "A building as long as the longest rope desired, and for long cables this meant something like two hundred and eighty yards (740'); thus a ropewalk was a conspicuous object in the landscape. They also had to be straight. In the earlier days they had been shorter, but increased with the size of ships."

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William Stickney was born in Salem, Oct. 1, 1780. He married first Elizabeth Byrne on Jan. 23, 1803. She died in Salem on Aug. 19, 1811. Mr. Stickney then married Harriet Fowler, the daughter of Nathaniel and Anna Fowler, on May 2, 1816. The Stickney's had nine children:

Hannah (b. 1803) married David Ingersoll.

William (b. 1805) married Lucy A. Sawyer. He was a master mariner and died at sea in 1851.

Elizabeth (b. 1806) married Harvey Vinall.

Samuel (b. 1810) died in the year 1810.

Love (b. 1821) married Joseph W. Fabens.

Harriet (b. 1823) unmarried.

Nathaniel (b. 1825) died Oct. 31, 1825.

Franklin (b. 1827) married H.N. Brown. He was a master mariner and died at Liverpool, England in 1863.

David (b. 1832) married Susan Huntress. He was a master mariner and died in Washington, D.C. in 1861.

The 1831 tax records:

Bridge Street

William Stickney - house \$2,000
3 ropewalks \$3,500
barn and 4 horses

On Feb. 17, 1837, his ropewalk and spinning-house were destroyed by fire; loss nearly \$25,000. He immediately rebuilt, and continued the business until his death. He was an original member of the Salem Mechanic Association, and for many years Director of the Salem Bank. He died in Salem, May 2, 1839. An inventory of his estate (probate #26567) itemizes the furnishings in each room and to whom articles were sold (appendix C, D, E, F, G & H).

The Salem Street Book of 1844 indicates that Joseph Fabens was considered the head of the household. On Oct. 2, 1846 the property was transferred into joint ownership with Harriet Stickney and Joseph Warren Fabens, merchant, each owning an equal share (book 390 page 93).

Joseph Warren Fabens (1821-1875) was a man of many abilities. For several years he contributed columns to the Salem Observer and was the author of several poems. He took an active part in the introduction of camels into the southwest territory. In a letter written in 1869 he notes, "18 camels delivered tobacco to Santiago to the utter amazement of there people." The American Camel Co. had 70 camels, "Having been bot¹ of some 50 different people." Mr. Faben's interesting and diversified papers are now preserved at the Essex Institute. Among these is a letter addressed to Mrs. (Love) Fabens, 68 Bridge St., Salem, Mass.

On Nov. 30, 1849 Harriet Stickney, widow, of Salem and Joseph and Love Fabens, of Boston, sold to Thomas P. Pingree, merchant, the dwelling house and land, "Being the same estate sold to Harriott and Joseph" in book 390 page 94 (book 420 page 153).

On Dec. 4, 1849 Thomas P. Pingree sold to Ephraim F. Miller, trustee, "The same conveyed to me by J.W. Fabens et al." (book 439 page 67).

Col. Ephraim F. Miller was the next door neighbor (#66 Bridge St.). He was born in Boston, in the year 1808, graduated at Harvard College in 1828, and practiced as a lawyer at Ipswich, Salem and Boston. The Stickney family remained in the house under Col. Miller's ownership as indicated in the 1850 federal census:

Harriet Stickney	age 59	born Mass
Hannah H. Ingersoll	" 46	" "
William P. Stickney	" 45 mariner	" "
Lucy A.	" 22	" "
Franklin	" 22 mariner	" "
Harriet F.	" 25	" "
David	" 18 mariner	" "

On June 2, 1851 Ephraim F. Miller, trustee, sold to Rufus Wyman the same real estate conveyed to him by Thomas Pingree in 1849 (book 446 page 180).

The Salem Street Books show that under Mr. Rowell's ownership the occupants were:

- 1852 Rufus Wyman - owner
- George Smith age 24

- 1854 Rufus Wyman - owner - value \$3,500
- George Smith age 26

On April 29, 1856 Rufus Wyman sold to Joseph Rowell for the sum of \$3,300 the same property conveyed by deed of Ephraim Miller (book 529 page 237).

The federal census of 1860:

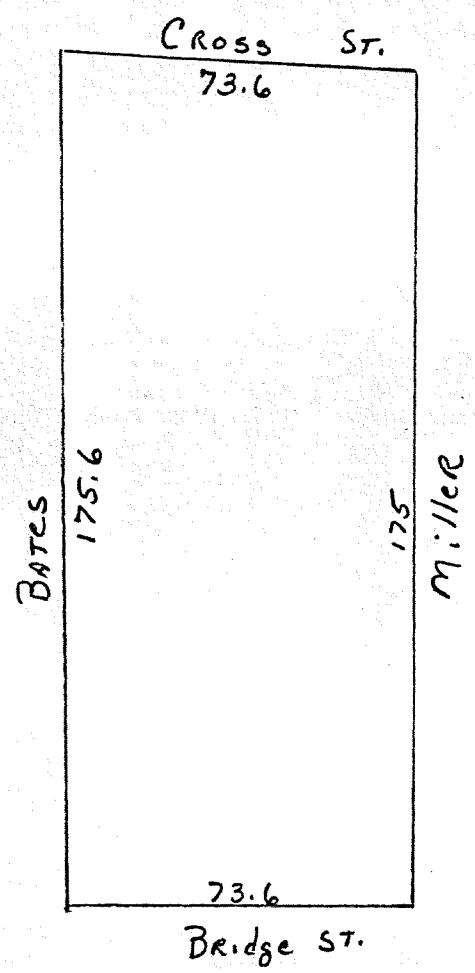
Joseph Rowell	age 57	master mariner	born Mass
Priscilla "	" 50		" "
Mary "	" 18		" "
Caroline "	" 16		" "
2nd family			
John Goldsmith	" 52	master mariner	" "
Hannah B. "	" 52		" "
John H. "	27	master mariner	

Captain John Goldsmith (b.1806) made his first voyage in the schooner "Regulus". The vessel brought home a cargo of brandy and brimstone, and was 120 days on the passage from Gibraltar, an unusually long and trying one, the craft being given up as lost. He was in the "George" on her 16th and 17th voyages, being then only 25 years old. He made twenty-five voyages to Africa, three to Calcutta, two to China, and others to Russia and up the Mediterranean. He was one of the California pioneers, making the passage in the barque "Nile", of which he was master, his son John H., later a shipmaster, accompanying him. (Salem Vessels and Their Voyages, vol. 2 page 57)

Capt. Rowell's next tenant was William H. Nelson and family. The Salem Street Book for the year 1862 states that Capt. Nelson was then 40 years of age and listed as being at sea. The Rowell and Nelson families remained in the house until the Rowells moved to Chicago in 1867. Captain Rowell died in that city on Nov. 8, 1882. An obituary notice printed in the Salem Gazette sheds some light on the captain's life:

"Personal. Another of the noted shipmasters that made Salem famous forty years ago, has passed away. Capt. Joseph Rowell died at his home in Chicago, on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the age of 75 years. In his early years, in company with his companion, the late Captain Bertram, he walked to Boston to enter upon his first voyage. His promotion was rapid, and for several years he commanded the "Sterling" and other ships, in the service of Robert G. Shaw, one of Boston's merchant princes. In his later voyages he was part owner of the ships he commanded, being engaged in the Sumatra pepper trade. Capt. Rowell was a man of sterling qualities, possessed of an equable temper that was seldom ruffled, and a most genial disposition, a very entertaining host, and a most welcome guest, — and these traits made him many friends, not only in Salem and Boston, but also in Chicago, where he has resided since the marriage of his daughter, the wife of Horace Tucker, of the Illinois Central Railroad. Capt. Rowell was married to Priscilla L. Ward, (sister to the late Capt. Frederick G. Ward,) who survives him."

On May 2, 1867 William Leech of Salem, trustee for Joseph and Priscilla Rowell, both of Aurora, Illinois, sold for the sum of \$5,500 to Anna C. Hatch, wife of Lemuel B. Hatch the property described as:



(book 723 page 298)

Although the property was in Anna's name the tax valuation was in the name of her husband Lemuel:

1868 valuation

Lemuel B. Hatch - house 68 Bridge St.	\$3,300
barn " "	200
land " "	1,600
store house and counting room Derby St.	800
coal building Derby St.	300
house #1 Ives St.	500
currier shop and tannery Buffum St.	1,200
land and flats Ives St.	no value given
3 horses	

The federal census for 1870 gives a closer look at the Hatch household:

Lemuel B. Hatch	age 64	wood and coal dealer	born Mass
Anna C. "	" 57	keeps house	" "
2nd family			
Nathaniel Very	" 32	wood and coal dealer	" "
Elizabeth "	" 34		" "
Nathaniel "	" 4	at home	" "
Sarah B. Thomas	" 45	no occupation.	" "

This ad appeared in the Salem Gazette on Sept. 16, 1873:

"House for sale. Three story dwelling, #68 Bridge St., is offered for sale. Said house contains 15 rooms, is supplied with gas and water, and is in good condition. The estate extends from Bridge to Cross St., and has a large barn and tool house in the rear. The land measures 73.6 feet front by 178 feet deep, and is well stocked with a choice variety of fruit trees and grapes. For terms inquire on premises."

Since the tax valuation for 1874 still lists Lemuel Hatch as the owner of 68 Bridge St., it is apparent that a buyer was not found or that the Hatch family decided not to sell.

After the death of Col. Miller, which occurred on August 17, 1876, Mr. Hatch purchased the land adjoining at #66, removed the Miller cottage, and built a new house on the corner lot. The house at 68

Bridge St. was rented out to various tenants:

(males over the age of 18)

1881	Charles H. Dalton	age 45
	William H. Meldran	" 38
1883	Charles H. Dalton	" 47
	Charles E. Dalton	" 20

Lemuel B. Hatch died on March 1, 1885. The obituary notice appeared in the local newspaper:

LEMUEL B. HATCH.

Mr. Lemuel B. Hatch, the well-known dealer in wood and coal, died on Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, after a short illness of pneumonia. He took a very severe cold about ten days ago, but went out on Monday of last week, down to his wood and coal wharf, against the advice of his friends. In the evening, while waiting for a car, he sat down upon the stone steps of a doorway at the corner of Orange and Essex streets, it is said, taking an added chill.

Mr. Hatch was a good man and a good citizen in every sense. He was a man of the strictest integrity and uprightness of character, and he probably does not leave an enemy. He was a man of genial temperament and disposition and of marked kindness of heart. He was kind and sympathetic with his fellow men and equally so to his animals. A few years ago there was a fire at his place, and four of his horses were burned to death. He was troubled a good deal less about his loss than at the way in which the animals met their fate. He was of a warm social nature, and will be missed by the public as well as by his family. Mr. Hatch for more than forty years carried on the wood and coal business at the head of Derby Wharf. He served in the Common Council in 1847, '48, '50, '51, '52, and '53, and in the Board of Aldermen in 1871. He was born in 1806, and came to Salem upwards of half a century ago.

In his probate (#61833) Mr. Hatch's heirs were listed as: Ann C. Hatch, widow, Elizabeth A. Very and Charles F. Hatch, children. The inventory of the estate:

lot of land in Danversport	\$ 150
estate on Derby St.	4,000
personal estate	8,533.27

By 1887 Bridge St. had been renumbered and the house appeared for the first time as 98-100. Mrs. Ann C. Hatch owner - house \$2,500; land \$1,700 and the barn \$100. The occupants are unknown since the only listing given is "no man".

Ann C. Hatch died on Nov. 18, 1889. This simple obituary appeared in the Salem News:

"Mrs. Ann C. Hatch widow of Lemuel B. died at her home on Bridge St. at 8:01 P.M. yesterday at the age of 77."

In 1895 the Street Book shows:

98 Bridge St.	Herbert Stillman	age 40	painter
100 " "	Harrison T. "	" 34	dentist
owner Elizabeth A. Very	house \$2,700		
	land 1,900		
	barn 800		

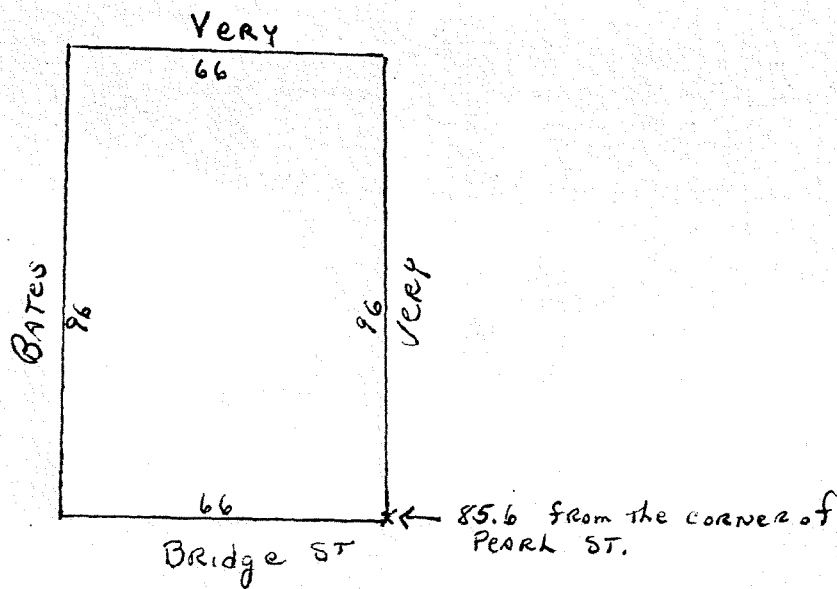
Mrs. Sarah H. Stillman died on Feb. 15, 1908. Her obituary reads:

"Mrs. Sarah H. Stillman died at her home, 100 Bridge St., Saturday evening, after a brief illness. She was born in Rockport, April 14, 1817, and was the daughter of the late William N. and Sally (Colby) Tucker. She was one of the oldest members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and of the Lafayette St. Church, a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc. of the church and one of the first directors of the Woman's Friend Soc. She was the mother of 7 children, 5 of whom are living viz: Amos, a past commander of Post 34 G.A.R. and Superintendent of lights and parks, Edward, Frank, Herbert, and Harrison T. Stillman. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Lucy Mackintire, of this city. Her eldest son, Samuel, died several years ago and her daughter, Mrs. George Osgood, passed away a few weeks ago. Her three eldest sons, Samuel, Amos and Edward served their country during the Civil War. Mrs. Stillman was remarkably bright and active for one of her age, and retained all of her faculties up to within two days of her death."

Elizabeth Very died on August 6, 1895, but her estate was not divided until May of 1921. The heirs of Elizabeth Very sold to, the tenants of many years, Harrison T. and Mary Grace Stillman (see plan appendix I).

On Feb. 25, 1936 the Salem Savings Bank, holder of a mortgage from Harrison T. Stillman, foreclosed for default on the property conveyed to Harrison Stillman and the late Mary Grace Stillman by deed of May 4, 1921 (book 3067 page 424).

On April 22, 1939 the Salem Savings Bank sold to Nora A. White, wife of William J. White, the same property as conveyed by foreclosure:



(book 3179 page 51)

On March 22, 1949 Nora A. White sold the property to Gerard L. and Rosemarie Halle (book 3654 page 369).

On April 20, 1967 Gerard L. and Rosemarie Halle, husband and wife, sold the same to Robert and Janet Maguire (book 5437 page 279).

On Jan. 3, 1969 Robert and Janet M. Maguire, husband and wife, sold to Richard F. Gillespie the same as conveyed by Gerald L. Halle et ux (book 5584 page 36).

On Oct. 3, 1970 Richard F. Gillespie sold to Gobeille and Sweeney Inc. the same property conveyed by deed of Robert Maguire et ux (book 5717 page 561).

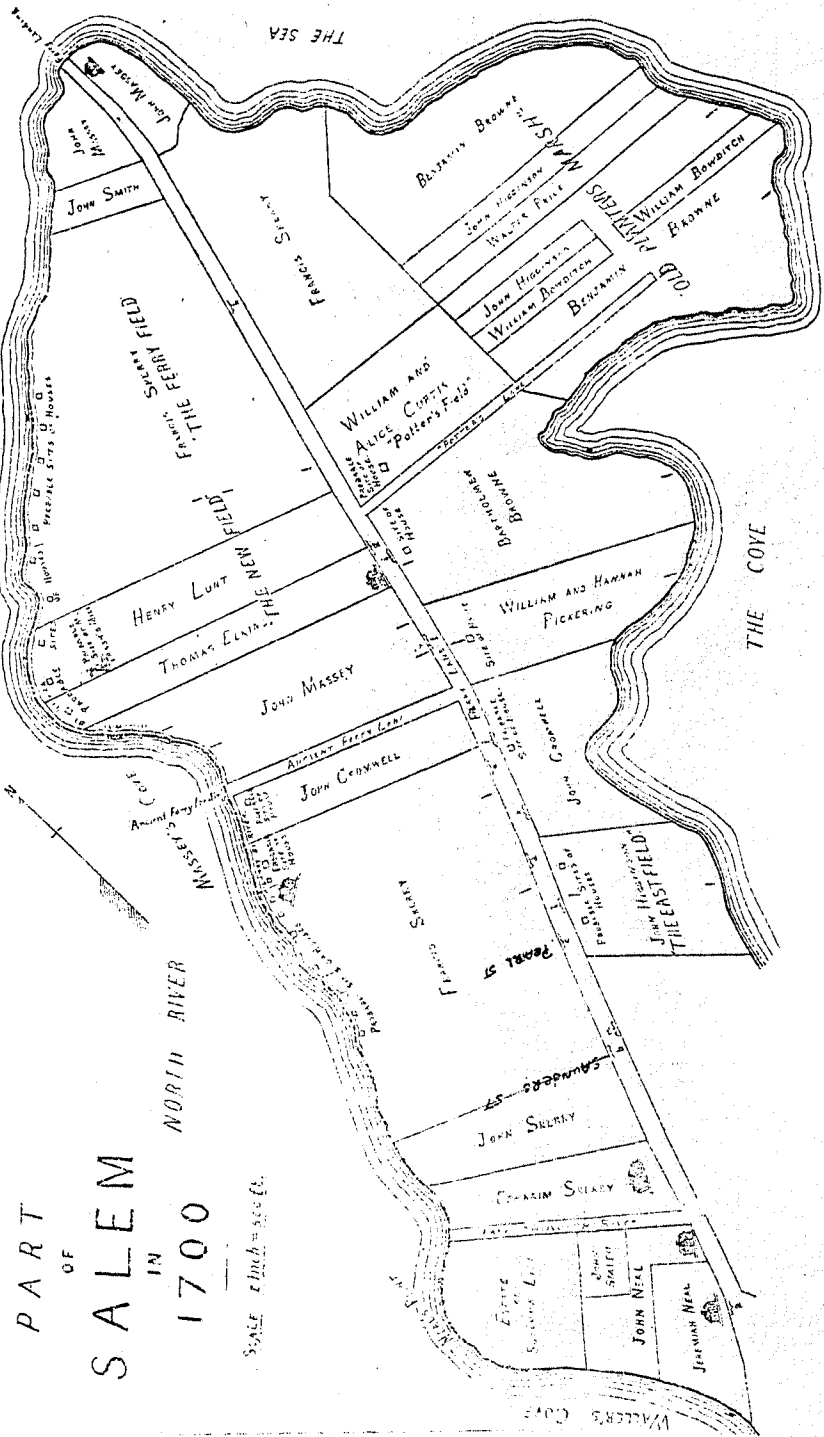
On Feb. 16, 1972 Gobeille and Sweeney Inc., of Beverly, sold for the sum of \$36,900, to William R. Koenig, of Morningside Dr., Beverly, the same as conveyed by deed of Richard F. Gillespie (book 5843 page 566).

On August 24, 1973 William R. Koenig sold for \$45,250, to Robert W. Barnard, trustee of The Richard Trust, the same property as described in deed of Gobeille and Sweeney Inc. (book 6007 page 702).

On Jan. 10, 1979 Robert W. Barnard, trustee of The Richard Trust, sold the land and buildings at 98-100 Bridge St. to Raymond L. Young, the present owner (1981).

Notes: The Essex Institute has in its collection a photo of 102 Bridge St. In this photo 98-100 Bridge St. can be seen.

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.



pounds, the town conveyed to William Browne of Salem, gentleman, "A Certain Strip of Land in Salem formerly improved as a way through the Potters feild to Planters Marsh being in length about Sixty rod & in breadth about one rod & half butting Westerly on land of James Lindall Esq^r Northerly on the Ferry lane Easterly & Southerly on the said Brownes Land & Marsh," March 5, 1739.*

North river has been so denominated since the first settlement. It was called the sea in some 1761 deeds.

Waller's cove was called the cove yt runs up to ye end of Jno. Williams his field in 1683.

Collins' cove was called the sea in 1658; ye cove, 1680; the cove or salt water, 1681; the cove or creek that comes in of salt water, 1682; the salt sea, 1684; ye river, 1694; ye sea or salt water, 1720; Collins' cove, 1730; cove or creek that comes in from the sea, 1748; and the cove near the Neck, so called, 1783.

The Ferry. The ferry, which ran from Massey's cove over to and up Bass river, was established in 1636. It was called Bass River ferry, and was first conducted by John Stone, who was duly licensed to maintain it Dec. 26, that year. He was to conduct it for three years; and to have a penny from each inhabitant of the town and two pence from a stranger for passage. No provision was made for animals apparently. The succeeding term of three years was given to Stone's father-in law William Dixie, and he was to have a boat large enough to carry domestic animals, as horses, swine, etc. The ferry landing on the Salem side was changed in 1686, when John Massey began his service as ferryman, as stated hereafter in connection with the history of his lot. The way by land from the centre of Salem to this new terminus was from the ancient landing along the river bank until 1698 when a way was made very nearly in the present location of the eastern end of Bridge street. At that time it is apparent that the Beverly terminus was changed from

Bass river to the present eastern end of Beverly bridge. The ferry was continued until the Beverly, or Essex bridge, as it was first called, was built in 1788.

In the sketches that follow, after 1700, titles and deeds referred to pertain to the houses and land under and adjoining, and not always to the whole lot, the design being, after that date, to give the history of the houses then standing principally.

Jeremiah Neal House. John Neal of Salem, yeoman, early owned all the land shown on the map southwest of Lemon street. Upon this part of the lot in 1670 he built a dwelling house, in which lived his son Jeremiah Neal, carpenter. John Neal died in 1672, having devised the house and this part of the lot to his son Jeremiah Neal. Jeremiah Neal died in 1722, possessed of the house and lot. In 1735, in the division of the estate, this was assigned to the deceased's son Jeremiah Neal, the house being then called "an ancient building," and valued at two pounds. The house was gone before 1749.

John Neal II : This lot was a part of the lot of John Neal, and in his will, dated May 3, 1672, and proved June 28, 1672, to his son Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter, he devised this portion of his lot. Jeremiah Neal released the lot to his son John Neal of Salem, carpenter, for seven pounds, Nov. 10, 1693.† John Neal probably erected a house and barn thereon immediately, and conveyed house, barn, and land to his brother Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter, for one hundred and fifty pounds, Nov. 18, 1702.‡ Jeremiah Neal, for one hundred and seventy pounds, conveyed the same estate to John Lemmon of Salem, mariner, April 25, 1749.‡

Mr. Lemmon died in 1770, having devised his real estate to his wife Sarah. She conveyed the house and land about it, for twenty-five pounds, to John Fisk, esq., of Salem, March 20, 1794.§ Mr.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 14, leaf 246.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 15, leaf 100.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 93, leaf 51.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 157, leaf 143.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 79, leaf 85.

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Fisk probably took the old house down immediately afterward.

John Smith Lot. This was a part of the lot of John Neal, and was conveyed by him to John Smith of Salem, seaman, March 16, 1670-1;* and Mr. Smith owned it until after 1700.

Estate of Susanna Lyde Lot. This was a part of the lot of John Neal, and was devised by him, in his will dated May 3, 1672, and proved June 28, 1672, to his son Jeremiah Neal of Salem, carpenter. Jeremiah Neal conveyed the lot to Francis Nichols of Salem, joiner, June 10, 1673.† Mr. Nichols conveyed it to William Godsoe of Salem July 31, 1683.‡ Apparently Mr. Godsoe immediately conveyed the lot to Capt. George Curwen of Salem, merchant; and Capt. Curwen died possessed of it in 1685. In the settlement of his estate it was assigned to his daughter Susanna Curwen, who married Edward Lyde of Boston in 1694, and died, childless, before October, 1696. Her heirs were her brother, Hon. Jonathan Curwen, her sisters, Abigail Russell and Hannah Brown, and her nephews, Samuel and Sheriff George Curwen (sons of Capt. John Curwen). George died in 1696, leaving a son, Bartholmew Curwen. Jonathan Curwen, Abigail Russell, Hannah Brown, Samuel Curwen and Bartholmew Curwen were the owners of this lot in 1700.

Ephraim Skerry House. This lot and house constituted the homestead of Marshall Henry Skerry as early as 1673. He died in April, 1697, having devised the house and lot to his son Ephraim Skerry. The house then had a leanto. Ephraim Skerry lived here and died in the spring of 1741, having devised the house and land around it to his sons Ephraim and John, the house being called "an old house." By a division of the real estate the old house and barn and land around them became the property of Ephraim. Ephraim Skerry died before Feb. 11,

1746-7, when administration was granted upon his estate. By a partition of the estate the old house and barn and land around them were assigned to his son Henry Skerry. The house was gone soon afterward.

John Skerry Lot. This lot was a part of the homestead of Marshall Henry Skerry. He died in April, 1697, having devised this lot to his son John Skerry, who, before 1718, removed to Chatham, in Kent, England, and while living there disposed of it.

Francis Skerry House. That part of this lot east of the eastern dashes early belonged to Jeffry Massy, who died 9:9:1676. There was an old house upon that part of the lot at that time. In his will he devised the house and lot to his son John Massy and family. They lived in the house until 1682, when they removed to what is now the Salem end of Beverly bridge. Mr. Massy was then a yeoman, and he conveyed the lot, the house being gone, apparently, to Francis Skerry of Salem, yeoman, Jan. 31, 1682-3.†

Francis Skerry owned the middle section of the lot, between the dashes, in 1682. He had lived upon it from an early date, having erected the present house, now the residence of M. Colby Abbott, about 1683. Mr. Skerry died in the summer of 1684, his will, dated June 25, 1684, being proved Aug. 30, 1684. He devised his dwelling-house and malt-house, and homestead adjoining, after his wife Bridget's decease, to his grandnephew, Francis Skerry (son of Marshall Henry Skerry) of Salem, yeoman. The homestead was then valued at two hundred pounds.

Nathaniel Felton, sr., and John Massey, sr., testified, Jan. 15, 1699-1700: "That y^e land Given to Francis Skerry by his uncle Francis Skerry abovesaid called the homestead had Six dwelling houses upon It before the yeare 1661."[‡]

That part of this lot west of the dashes early belonged to Marshall Henry Skerry.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 6, leaf 170.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 13, leaf 122.

who died in 1697, having devised this land to his son Henry Skerry.* He conveyed it, apparently, soon afterward to his brother Francis Skerry. Priscilla Skerry, widow of Henry, had a life estate in all of Marshall Skerry's land, and was in possession of this in 1702. Three houses stood on this part of the lot before 1661.

This entire lot of land came into the possession of Francis Skerry. Mr. Skerry died in 1736, having devised the house and barn and land around them to his brother Ephraim Skerry of Salem, yeoman, which he also conveyed to him by deed on the same day he made his will, Aug. 20, 1736.† Ephraim Skerry died in the spring of 1741, having devised the house and land around it to his son Henry Skerry of Salem, yeoman. Henry Skerry died in 1781, administration upon his estate being granted Dec. 7, 1781. In the division of the estate, made the next year, the eastern half of the house and western half of the barn and the eastern part of the homestead were assigned to his eldest son Samuel Skerry. The western half of the house and eastern half of the barn were assigned to his son Henry Skerry, who must have conveyed his portion to his brother Samuel before April 8, 1799, when the latter conveyed that part of the house and lot to Benjamin Webb of Salem, innholder.‡ Mr. Webb became a yeoman, and died before Dec. 5, 1811, when administration was granted upon his estate. This part of the house and land descended to his children, Mary Barton, Priscilla Williams, Jonathan Webb and Samuel Webb. Widow Mary Barton and Jonathan Webb, apothecary, both of Salem, and Rev. Nathaniel W. Williams of Concord, N. H., and his wife Priscilla released that part of the house and lot to their brother Samuel Webb, jr., of Salem, March 1, 1831.§ The eastern part of

the house and lot was owned by Samuel Skerry until his death which occurred in 1829. It was sold by his administrator to James Archer of Salem, mariner, Nov. 30, 1830.* Mr. Archer died March 7, 1841, and his heirs James Archer and Elizabeth Archer, conveyed the east part of the house and lot to John Archer of Salem, gentleman, June 5, 1841.† The latter, then of Salem trader, conveyed the same interest in the house and land to Samuel Webb of Salem April 11, 1843.‡ Then Samuel Webb became the sole owner of the entire estate. He died April 5, 1865, having devised the estate to the children of his sister Mary Barton, namely, John Barton of Lynn, and William C. Barton, Gardner Barton and Margaret, wife of George D. Phippen of Salem. These conveyed the property, June 11, 1866, to the present owner and occupant,§ who has lived in the house ever since that time. The frontispiece shows the house as it appeared originally. About ten feet has been cut since from the eastern end, an ell added to the western end, and the ancient ell built out to the front. In this house are found the ancient shouldered posts, and the early laths split from the log.

John Cromwell Lot. This was the homestead of Richard Brackenbury before 1661, and he lived in the house which he had built and that then stood upon it. Samuel Ebourne, sr., aged about eighty-seven years, Nathaniel Felton, sr., aged eighty-two, and John Massey, sr., aged about sixty-six, all of Salem, testified, June 7, 1697, "that that field now in y^e possession of John Cromwell next to y^e land w^{ch} was formerly Jeffrey Mafsey was formerly Richard Brakenburys Lott which had on it a dwelling house which was Erected & Inhabited by Said Brackenbury before the yeare of Our Lord One thousand Six hundred Sixty & one."|| Rich-

*Perhaps "Mr. Batter" formerly owned that part of this section lying next to the dashes.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 74, leaf 25.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 165, leaf 184.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 250, leaf 62.

*Essex Registry of Deeds, book 256, leaf 245.

†Essex Registry of Deeds, book 325, leaf 47.

‡Essex Registry of Deeds, book 336, leaf 181.

§Essex Registry of Deeds, book 205, leaf 157.

||Essex Registry of Deeds, book 11, leaf 251.

Honorable Daniel A. White Esquire, Judge of Probate
County of Essex.

Pursuant to a warrant from a Justice of the
Peace, the subscribers, the Committee therein named, having
first sworn, have made the following

Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of
William Stickney

late of Salem in said County, gentleman deceased, testate as shown
to us by the Administrator

Real Estate

Rope Walk on Bridge Street with land under adjoining 3500.-

Factory Office on land adjoining Rope Walk 50.-

A strip of land adjoining Teabody's Orchard in March Street 75.-

Two Story House on corner of March Street and Gardner's Court
with land under and adjoining, occupied by J. ^{with out Building} Cardon 200.-

Two Story House in Gardner's Court with land under adjoining 175.-

One Story House — do — do — " " " "
occupied by Geo. Webber 100.-

Two Story House in O'good St with land under adjoining
occupied by Thos. Maubray 275.-

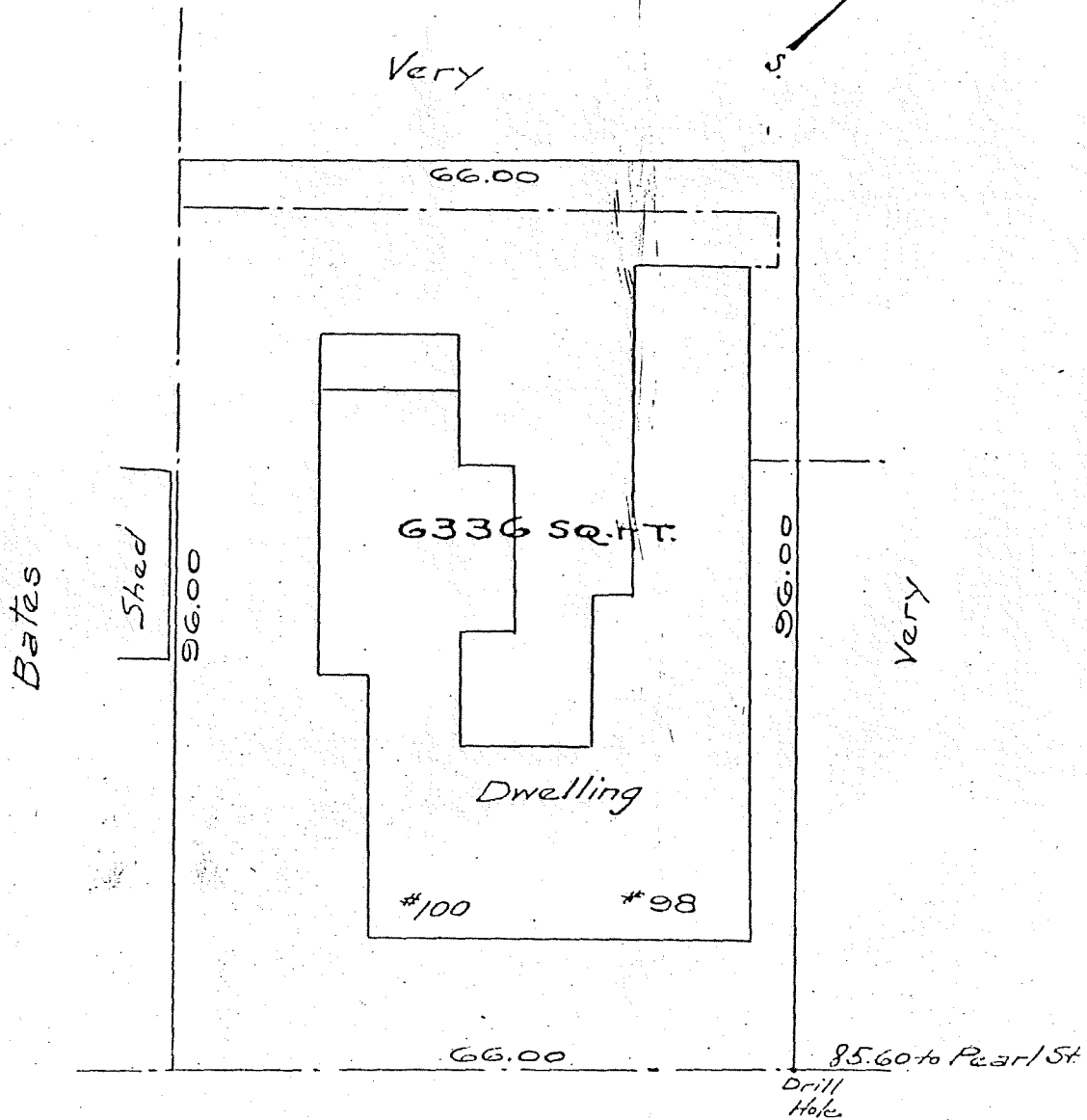
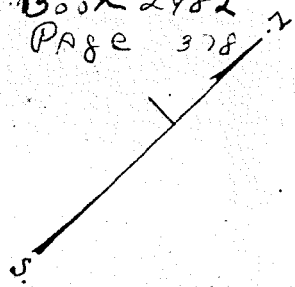
A small lot of land in the rear of O'good St bordering
on Collins' Cove 40.-

A Pier in first Baptist Church Salem 5.-

Three Story House in Bridge Street with Barn and Out
Houses together with the land under and adjoining
occupied by the family of W. Stickney deceased 2500.-

Amount Carried forward \$ 7,095.-

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BRIDGE ST

LAND AT NO'S 98-100 BRIDGE ST.
SALEM, MASS.

SCALE 1" = 20 FT
MAY, 1921

Thomas A. Appleton C.E.

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Aunt Brokers			1396 39
Lead 168 Cts	Dennis	5 3/4	7 66
Lot Copper Thimble	Brown		90
Spinning Apparatus	Whitmore		4 50
Lot Iron Weights	Gwin		1 -
Leather Bands	Cutts		1 50
1/2 Rope 61 Cts	Osgood	3/4	2 13
1/2 Tallow	Howard		20
2 Hatchets	Adams	6 1/2	12 25
1 "	Gwin		3 50
2 Rufflers	Whitmore	10 25	20 50
Hatchet	Parson		1 87
Stone Pump	Newhall		4 50
Caryall & Farnell	Nichols		108 -
Chaise & "	Gardner		15 -
Jack	"		35
Lot Harness	Wagatt		45
" " Bell In	Gardner		2 50
2 Cuskins Blanket In	Wagatt		60
Rail Road & Line	Pottingall		65
Worse Coat	Richard		15 50
Wagon Harness	"		50
6 Chalks Coal	Peccomb	6 00	36 -
2 "	"	6 00	12 -
2 "	Howard	6 00	12 -
2 "	Whitmore	6 00	12 -
4 "	Gardner	6 00	24 -
Copper 176 Cts	"	7	29 92
2 Pole Beams	Newhall	9 75	1 75
2 Ladders	Upton	75	1 50
Capstan Post	Gwin		75
4 Spinning Wheels	"	8 75	3 50
Stone Pump	Newhall		50
Iron 8155 Cts	Hughes	3/4	61 16
Coach Runners In	Gardner		5 -
4 Oil Casks	"	70	2 80
Run of Wheel	Gwin		25
Iron 4150 Cts	Gardner	1/2	81 56
Coach Wheel & pole	"		1 62
Pligh & Runners	Cutts		50
31 Wood Hoops	Gwin	15	4 65
Older Casks & Boards	Gardner		15
Part over			1894 03

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Assessment (Boston over)		66581	
Lot Old Junk	St & Marlton		30
Gum Bar 25 Cts	" "		56
Spinning Machine	Winnant & B	9	
Spreader	Adams	10	25
Rec & Boats	Whitman	1	00
" & Baring	Deans		35
	Milson	3	
2 Trucks & Falls	Shawmut	2	
Lot Old Boards	Whitall	1	25
2 Recs with Hooks	Gwin		18
Gum Wheels & Cogs 1500 Cts	St & Marlton	11	40
Lot Gum Hooks	Puttignall	1	37
" " " " "	Howard	2	58
Tops & Tails	Puttignall	1	12
Top Head	Gwin		40
Two Kettles & Alfa	Cardner	5	30
Lot Gum Bar Iron	Gwin	2	
" " " "	"		60
" " " "	Winnant		20
" " " "	Richard		62
Part of Harness	Cutts	1	
Top Head	Whitman	9	75
Spinning Wheel	Gwin	5	
Crack	Puttignall	14	50
Reeling Machine	St & Marlton	1	12
Lot Old Junk	Milson	8 1/4	182 49
1 1/2 Quil Yarn 2212 Cts	"	12 1/2	12 75
102 Bobbins	Howard	13 1/2	49 10
2 Quil Yarn 2806 Cts	"	12 1/2	14 68
117 Bobbins	Gwin	4	2 64
Mandrel Yarn 16 Cts	"	12 1/2	3 25
26 Bobbins	"	20	3 25
13 Bobbins with White Yarn	Richard	52	1 64
2 " with Kyan Rope	Puttignall	5	32 65
653 Bobbins	Adams	6 1/4	78 69
Yarn 125 Cts	"	12 1/2	9 12
73 Bobbins	Howard	6	143 52
Yarn 2427 Cts	"	14 1/2	17 13
137 Bobbins	Milson	5 1/2	22 61
Yarn 1408 Cts	"	12 1/2	6 00
50 Bobbins	Cutts		6 00
Potent Balance			1395 89
Unit 1/2			

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Purches by C. P. Newhall by order of Bay & Merrill Esq
 1839
 Memo to Estate of Wm Flanagan July 17th 1839
 July 17th

Compositions 15 Cts	Gardner	"	1	65
1st Pistols & flash	Newhall			1 75
Saw	Needham			37
3 Springs & Bells	Leavitt	25		75
2 for Shears	Pickard	9		34
Lot Iron Rope &c	Gardner			65
Reel and Brels	H. & Weston			87
Screws Lot	Pickard			1 00
Box of Soap	Upton			1 25
10 Dye & Marlines	Gardner	40		4 00
6 Clothes Lines	"	32		1 92
Desks & contents	Leavitt			1 00
Large Desk	Andrew			3 25
2 Bands & Bot Leather	Whitmore			1 50
3 Chairs	Gwin	30		90
Looking Glass &c	Pickard			62
Fundries on Desk	Deems			57
5 Pictures	Parsons	7		35
Brush & Clap boards	Cutts			27
Galvanizer & Iron	Deems			97
Iron Tubes 355 Cts	Mattigall	3/4		2 66
" " " 213 Cts	Cutts	5/8		1 32
12 Coils Manila Cordage 265 Cts	Gwin	2 1/2		22 53
4 " " " 68 Cts	Upton	7/4		49 81
16 " " " 278 Cts	"	4 1/4		25 71
16 " " " 1973 Cts	"	5 1/2		108 52
13 " " " 1081 Cts	"	7 1/4		78 37
31 " " " 3805 Cts	Marcell	6 1/2		247 33
21 " " " 894 Cts	Gardner	2 1/4		20 12
4 " " " 177 Cts	"	4		7 08
Remnants " Ripping 364 Cts	Pickard	4 1/2		11 88
1 Coil Tar Manila Cordage 148 Cts	Marcell	4 1/4		7 03
3 B White Rope 264 Cts	"	6 1/4		16 52
4 Coils Lath Line 762 Cts	Needham	3 1/4		22 76
1 " " " 384 Cts	Marcell	3 1/4		14 40
2 Cart horns	Nichols	30		60
Box Old Iron	Marcell			1 62
Iron Plate 90 Cts	"	1 1/2		66
Bucket Fluegards &c	"			1
Chair	Gwin			3

(And over)

665 81

Amount forwarded
North East Parlour

\$ 3431.35

Amount forwarded

3064.44

- 1 Table
- 1 Sofa
- 8 Chairs
- 1 Looking glass
- 1 Carpet

- 1.00 1 Waiver
- 9.00 Contents of Chest containing
- 1.60 Tin and Crockery ware
- 1.50 Brass ware
- 4.50 Wooden Ware

3.50
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South West Chamber

- 1 Bureau
- Dressing table & Wash stand
- 8 Chairs
- Bedstead, Bed, Bedding & Curtains
- 1 Oak Chair
- 1 Straw Carpet

- Cupboard & Shave Box
- 5.00 Clothes Horse, Basket & Bin
- 1.50 1 Copper Tea Kettle - brass
- 2.00 1 Brass Kettle - Brass
- 15.00 Knives, Forks and Spoons

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North East Chamber

- 1 Bureau
- Dressing table & Wash stand
- 7 Chairs
- Bedstead, Bed & Bedding
- 1 Carpet

- 1.25 Old Barrel and Chest
- 1 Carrall & Harney
- 2.00 1 Chair - do -
- 50 1 Broken lantern
- 1.40 Lot of old stuff in Chamber
- 7.00 Pitch fork & Hay Chopper
- 3.00 Corn

60
75
75
10
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Middle Chamber

- 1 Desk
- 4 Chairs
- Bedstead, Bed & Bedding
- 1 Looking glass

1.50
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Back Chamber

- Bedstead, Bed & Bedding
- 1 Bureau

2.00
50

Front Entry

- 1 Dining Table
- 1 Hat Tree

3.00
50

Dining Room

- 1 Secretary & Book Case
- 1 Sofa - Broken
- 7 Chairs
- Fire set
- 1 Looking glass Broken
- Bellows & Brush
- 1 Book Rack
- 1 Table
- 1 Fire Screen

2.50
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87
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Kitchen

- 2 Sells
- 5 Chairs
- 1 Light Stand
- 2 Tin Lumps

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Amount forwarded 3064.44

Amount forwarded

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\$ 3043.18

Personal Estate

Brought forward

In Rope Walk

In Factory Office

6 Coils Manila Cordage 915 lbs @ 11¢ 100.65
 6 do Normline 270 lbs @ 13¢ 35.10
 6 do Spungam 1920 lbs @ 10¢ 192.-
 4 do Java Cordage 4757 lbs do 475.70
 4 do Wadage 890 lbs @ 4¢ 35.60
 4 do Java Cordage 170 lbs @ 5¢ 8.50
 Remnants 240 lbs @ 7¢ 16.80
 Coil Java Manila 140 lbs @ 5¢ 7.00
 50 White Rope 250 lbs @ 12¢ 30.00
 Coil Latha line 111 lbs @ 5¢ 5.55

Box of Composition in desk 2.00
 2 Pistols & Powder flask 4.00
 1 Saw .50 & Sleigh Bell \$1.50 2.00
 Lot of Iron \$1.00. Clear 2 bolts \$1.50 2.50
 Lot of screws \$1.50 - 10 da. Maline \$1.00 11.50
 6 Boxes #3 - 1 Desk 5.- do #2.- 10.-
 2 Leather Bands and leather 1.50
 3 Chans .25 & 1 looking glass .25 50
 1 Gimlet 12¢ & Salamander funnel \$1.00 1.12
 Carried forward ~~88.80~~

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In Woodbridge's Barn

Band on machine, ground rope, slide
 milled &c.
 2 Sackles and Hook
 2 in-out bands &c.
 500 bobbins first quality of yarn 6250 lbs @ 8¢ 500.-
 131 do Cont. yarn 2100 lbs @ 5¢ 105.-
 26 do Manila yarn 61 do @ 9¢ 5.49
 13 do White yarn 12 do @ 10¢ 1.20
 About 1000 Bobbins
 Balance straight
 Steam Engine with apparatus
 2 Pieces of Iron Machinery
 1 Bobbin Frame
 1 Laying Machine
 1 Speeder
 1 Reeling Machine
 2 Coacks
 1 Spinning Wheel
 Tubes, plates and frames
 Part of Machinery & Bands
 168 lbs @ 3¢
 Cops and Gails \$2.00 4p. Sled \$2.00
 Old Iron \$10.00 Old Staff \$2.00
 Copper Jar Kettle with Jar apparatus
 Iron & Reel
 Small Aul \$2.00 Hand Aul \$2.00
 Small Speeder
 Hauling Down Machine
 Spinning Wheel
 Oil Casks
 2 Lunters
 5 Hatches and 1 Rougher

1 Piece Cast Iron 5.00
 About 15 Chaldons of Coal @ 6¢ 90.-
 Cart & Harness 15.-
 31 Wooden Hordes 3.10
 Old Sleigh & Runners 50.7
 Lot of Old Iron 20.-
 do do do 20.-
 do Copper 16.-
 4 Spinning wheels - old ones 5.-
 2 Saddles 2.50
 2 Scale Beams 1.50
 Carryall with Runners & Wheel 5.-
 Capstan Post 25
 4 Oil Casks 2.-
 Carried forward ~~40.-~~
 At Wm's (Wm's) Machine shop 20.-
 Laying Machine 10.-
 Force Pump 20.-
 Carried forward ~~40.-~~
 In House and about the premises 5.-
 occupied at the time of decease 5.04
 South West Parlour 4.00
 13 Silver Spoons 12.-
 1 Sofa 7.50
 1 Small Sofa 7.-
 1 Mahogany Card table 4.-
 8 do - Chans 40.-
 1 Looking glass 45.- 5m set \$1.50 6.50
 1 Carpet \$18.00 2 lamps 2 candle sticks 20.-
 2 Fruit Basket \$5.00 2 Carpet & Witches 7.00 5.00
 33 lbs Crockery \$5.00 3 Waxes \$7.50 5.75
 38 Glass ware 1.00

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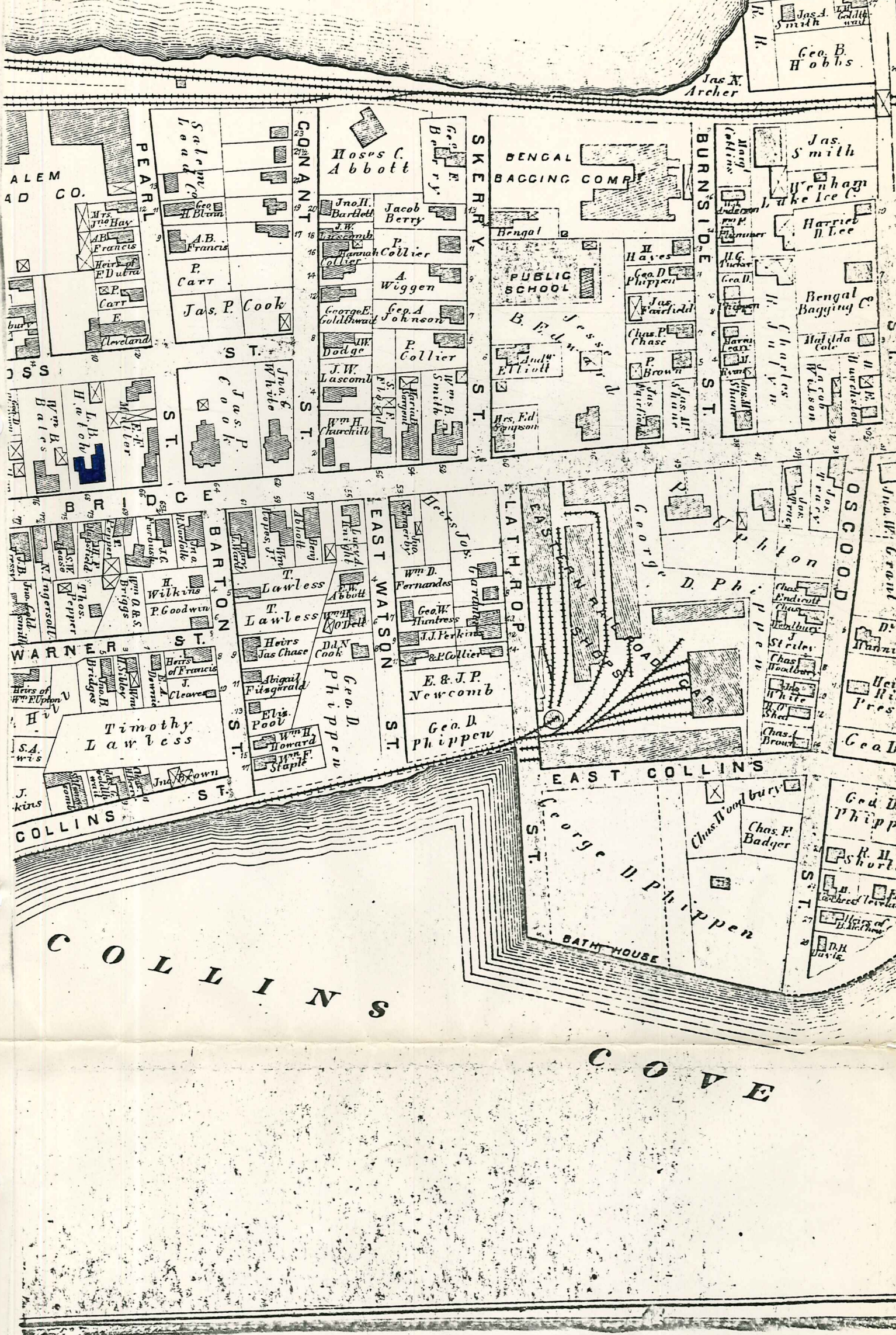
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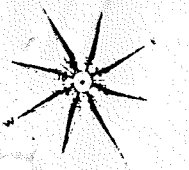
NORTH RIVER



COLLINS

COVE

RIVER



PEARL

SHOE FACTORY

LOFT

CROSS ST. COURT

SAUNDERS

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BRIDGE 50'

LEMON ST. COURT

LEMON

SMITH

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St. Ann's
Parish
Catholic Church