

OFFICE AT OLD TOWN HALL

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20-22 Chestnut Street

Built for

WILLIAM A. REA, merchant

&

Rev. James Thompson

by 1835

Research by,
Joyce King
May 1984

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

22-22 Chestnut Street

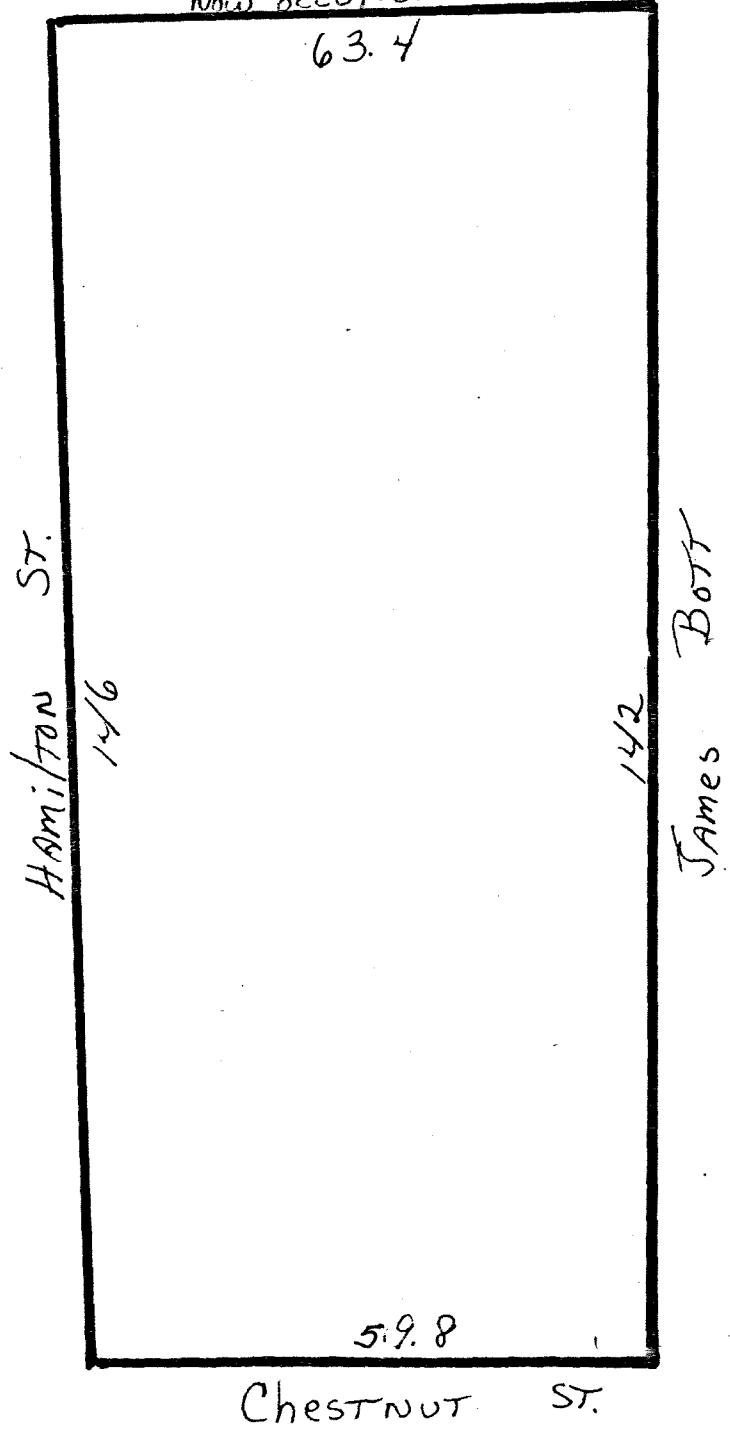
Book 274 page 142

Dec. 6, 1833

\$1,600

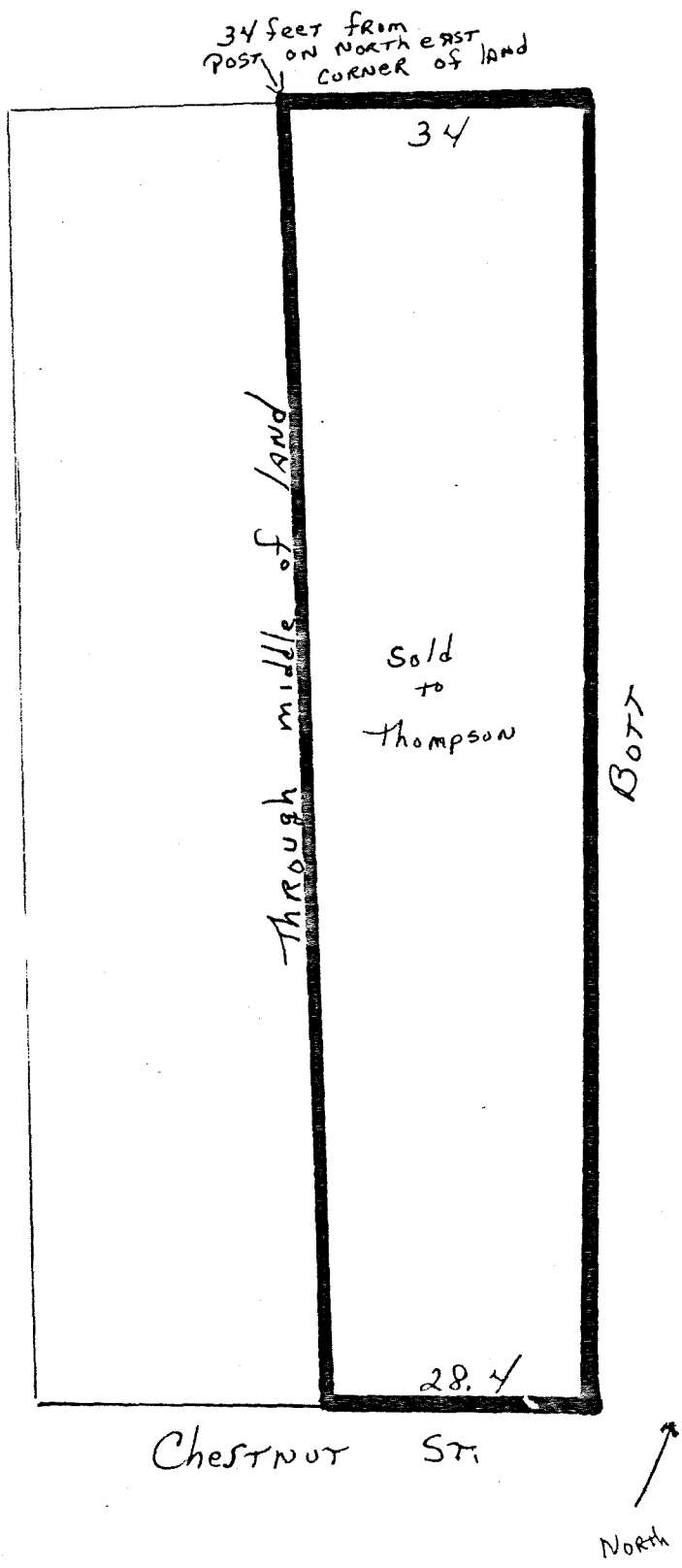
Thomas R. Colcord, livery stable
keeper, sold a lot of land to William A.
Rea, merchant.

Heirs of G. Osborn
Now occupied by Colcord



Book 275 page 268
April 24, 1834
\$800

William A. Rea, merchant, sold the
east half of the lot of land to
James W. Thompson, of Salem. "The
same I purchased of Thomas R. Colcord."



Book 306 page 17
April 11, 1838
\$4,450

William A. and Mary F. Rea, of Boston, sold to Nathan Endicott "All that west half of the Block or House situated on Chestnut St. in said Salem, the other half on the east part of which belongs to and is occupied by Rev'd James W. Thompson, with the land under and to said west end belonging with all the buildings." The west end is bound south by Chestnut St. 31.4 feet; west by Hamilton St. 146 feet; and north by the heirs of G. Osborn dec., now by Colcord. "It is however understood that the line in front may be some what short of 31 feet 4 inches the city having taken thereupon a small strip to widen said Hamilton St. - I hereby reserve to the owner or occupant of said eastern end at all times the privilege of the way from Hamilton St. to the back part of said premises with carts or otherwise."

Captain Nathan Endicott died on Sept. 19, 1857. His will probate number 38555:

"I Nathan Endicott of Salem state of Massachusetts, do make, ordain and declare, this instrument to be my last will and testament. -

All my debts and funeral expenses to be paid as soon as possible after my decease and all my unsettled business closed up as early as it is judicious - and the property invested in a safe productive manner -

Item I will and direct all my property whatever, excepting hereafter mentioned, to be held in trust and all the income of same to be paid to my wife Margaret Oliver Endicott during her life, or her

Widowhood, in case she should marry again, then I will and direct one third of the net income to be paid her and the remaining two thirds to be equally divided between my children or their heirs -

Item - I give to my Wife Margaret O. Endicott all my household furniture of every kind also all my plate, wearing apparel, Nautical instruments & c. for to dispose of in any way she pleases, in case I should out live her then at my decease I give & bequeath the above mentioned furniture & other articles to my children & the same to be equally divided between them or the surviving child should there be but one to take it all.

Item - Upon the decease of my Wife M. O. Endicott or my own, should she die before me, it is my will and desire that my property should then be equally divided between my children or their heirs, and the same to be held in trust for the benefit of themselves and or their children and for them to have the income of same on each ones proportion so divided.

Item - If my daughter Mary C. Endicott should not have been married at my decease I will and bequeath her one thousand dollars as soon as may be convenient for my executrix or executors to pay the same -

Item - I hereby authorise and empower my executrix, executors, or trustees, or their successors to dispose of any or all my real estate should they think advisable and convey the same legally to person or persons -

Item - It is my desire for my wife to allow my sister Nancy E. Osgood fifty dollars pr annum during her life - provided the income of my estate permit her to do it -

Item - I constitute and appoint my wife Margaret Oliver Endicott executrix, with my Brothers Ch^S M. and Lewis Endicott executors of this my last will and testament -

Item - I hereby request my Brothers C. M. and Lewis Endicott to be trustees of my estate and when ever it becomes the duty of the Judge of Probate to appoint trustees under this will I desire him to endeavour to put the property into the hands of suitable judicious persons -

Item - In case either of my children should be unmarried or have no legal heirs of their own then they may by will give or bequeath their proportion of my Estate set off to them to any person or persons they please, but I would recommend their giving it so it will ultimately go to their nearest relative."

Anna Gower Endicott, the last of the Endicott heirs, died on August 11, 1933. Miss Endicott bequeathed the real estate on Chestnut St. to the Grace Church. The half house at 22 Chestnut St. was then valued at \$6,430. (Probate #176938)

Book 5711 page 702
Sept. 11, 1970

The Grace Church in Salem, a religious corporation, sold the land and buildings to Wallace F. Whitney Jr. and Robin D. Whitney. This conveyance was subject to and with the benefits of an agreement between the Grace Church and Jane P. Northey for a right of way (appendix A). "The Grace Church in Salem obtained title by devise under the will of Anna Gower Endicott #176938. Anna Gower Endicott was the daughter of Margaret J. Endicott. Margaret J. was the daughter of Nathan Endicott.

Book 5994 page 72
July 16, 1973
\$53,000

Wallace F. Whitney Jr. and Robin D. Whitney sold the land and buildings to Richard Carlson, trustee. "Intending to convey the premises conveyed to us by the Grace Church as recorded in book 5711 page 702."

Registered Land
Docket #159066
Certificate #46384
Book 210 page 46384
Oct. 12, 1976

The boundaries of 22 Chestnut St. were determined by the Court and a plan was filed in the Land Registration Office (appendix B).

Certificate No. 46384, Originally Registered October 12, 1976, in
Registration Book 210 Page 46384 for the Southern Registry District of Essex County.

This is to Certify that John H. Neely and Christine B. Sullivan

Salem in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

as joint tenants, are the owner(s) in fee simple
that certain parcel(s) of land situate in Salem

in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

- NORTHEASTERLY by Chestnut Street twenty six and 71/100 (26.71) feet;
- NORTHWESTERLY by Hamilton Street one hundred forty five and 94/100 (145.94) feet;
- SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Frederick P. Keach et al twenty six and 59/100 (26.59) feet; and
- SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of James B. Schooley et al, the line in part running through a building and the middle of a 6" wood partition wall, one hundred forty two and 75/100 (142.75) feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown upon plan numbered 150-A, drawn by Essex Survey Service Inc., Robert B. Bowman, Surveyor, dated December 2, 1970, as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of which is filed with original Certificate of Title #46384 in said Registry.

The above described land is subject to the following:

Standards for the Care and Management of Certified Historic Landmarks pursuant to G. L. Chapter 9, Section 27, as set forth in a Notice by the Massachusetts Historical Commission certifying said land as a historic landmark, duly recorded on May 18, 1971 in Book 5766, Pages 549 and 550; to a City of Salem Ordinance establishing The Chestnut Street Historic District, dated November 20, 1971; and to a Consent and Agreement by Wallace F. Whitney, Jr. et ux to the Certification by the said Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Standards for the Care and Management of Certified Historic Landmarks pursuant to G. L. Chapter 9, Section 27;

The right to have the building which encroaches over the northeasterly bound of said land, as shown on said plan, maintained as it existed at date of original decree, so long as said building continues to stand;

A right of way over the Way, shown on said plan, as set forth in an Agreement between Grace Church and Jane P. Northey, dated March 12, 1934, duly recorded in Book 2984, Page 592, in said Registry;

The above described land is subject to and has the benefit of such rights as are implied in reason of the boundary line passing through the middle of a 6" wood partition wall, shown on said plan, so long as said wall continues to stand.

I hereby certify that said land is under the operation and provisions of Chapter 185 of the General

Acts of said John H. Neely and Christine B. Sullivan

as recorded under said Chapter, subject, however, to any of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 185 of said Chapter, which may be subsisting, and subject also as aforesaid.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court, WILLIAM I. RANDALL, Esquire, Judge of the Land Court, at Salem, in said County of Essex,

this 4th day of November in the year nineteen hundred
even, at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes in the afternoon.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court,

John H. Neely et al, 22 Chestnut Street, Salem, Ma. 01970

DATE DOCUMENTATION

The first mention of a house at 22 Chestnut St. appears in the tax records:

- 1834 - William A. Rea was taxed for property in Ward 4
- 1835 - William A. Rea, merchant taxed for 1/2 house 22 Chestnut St. valued at \$3,500
Rev. J. W. Thomson taxed for 1/2 house 20 Chestnut St. valued at \$3,500
- 1836 - same
- 1837 - William Rea "gone"

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Salem Street Book listing the occupants in 1837:

- William A. Rea 1/2 house unf(inished)
- J. W. Thomson 1/2 house unf(inished)

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Architecture in Salem

by Bryant F. Tolles Jr
with Carolyn K. Tolles

Chestnut and Broad Streets 197

Standing on the west side of Botts Court (and the east corner of Hamilton Street) at numbers 20-22 is a three-story, hipped-roof, wooden double house (NR; MHD) erected for Rev. James Thompson (eastern half) and William Rea (western half) in c. 1836. Highlighting its front matched-board facade is a double Roman Doric entrance porch protecting identical doorways with paneled transoms and full-length sidelights.

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Notes on the Building of Chestnut St. by Wiswall

Nos. 20-22 This double house on the easterly corner of Hamilton Street, now occupied by the Reverend Mr. Morris and Mr. Henry Northey, 1930-1939, was built as a double house in about 1836 by the Reverend James W. Thompson and Mr. William Rea. Mr. Thompson lived at No. 20, and Mr. Rea occupied the westerly side. Later, residents of No. 20 were John Chadwick, 1851-1861; David Moore, 1863-1865, and Joseph Price, 1866-1926, a retired druggist. After Mr. Rea, occupants of No. 22 were Nathan Endicott, 1838-1857, the president of the Oriental Insurance Company, and the Misses Endicott, to 1933.

REA

William Archelaus Rea, the son of Captain Archelaus and Elizabeth (Mason) Rea, was born in Salem on Dec. 26, 1807. He married Mary F. Wheeler, of Boston, on Oct. 11, 1834.

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ENDICOTT

Captain Nathan Endicott, the son of Captain Moses and Nancy (Towne) Endicott, was born on Sept. 19, 1790. He married Margaret Oliver Hicks of Boston in Nov. of 1816. Their children were:

Helen Maria - born Aug. 25, 1818; married Henry French

Frederic Gustavus - born Jan. 1, 1823; died April 1840

Margaret Josephine - born July 20, 1825; married her sister's husband Samuel B. Howe of Mobile, Ala.

Mary Coolidge - born Aug. 21, 1830; married Samuel B. Howe

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1880 census

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|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| Margaret J. Howe | age 49 | born Mass. |
| Lizzie F. Endicott | " 24 daughter | " " |
| Anna G. Endicott | " 23 daughter | |
| Margaret McCarty | " 45 servant | " Ire. |
| Margaret O'Neal | " 15 servant | " Mass. |

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Negative # 5285 4 X 5 taken around 1885

NOW THEREFOR- it is agreed as follows:

(GRACE CHURCH)

(JANE P. NORTHEY)

A

The party of the first part grants to the party of the second part and her heirs and assigns as appurtenant to the said premises owned by her a right of way for the passage of pedestrians and vehicles between Hamilton Street and the said premises of the party of the second part over that strip of land belonging to the party of the first part which is described as follows: Beginning at a point on Hamilton Street which is five feet four inches southerly from the northerly boundary line of the premises of the party of the first part; thence easterly about twenty-six feet nine inches to said premises of the party of the second part at a point which is four feet four inches southerly from said northerly boundary line of the premises of the party of the first part; thence southerly by said premises of the party of the second part eleven feet nine inches; thence westerly about twenty-six feet three inches to Hamilton Street; thence northerly by Hamilton Street eleven feet nine inches to the point of beginning. The party of the first part shall not obstruct said way, but shall have the right to use it in common with the party of the second part. The party of the second part releases to the party of the first part and its successors all rights she may have acquired by prescription or otherwise to use any part of the premises of the party of the first part other than that part thereof in which rights are granted to her by this instrument. The consideration for this instrument is less than one hundred dollars. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties and Henry B. Northey, husband of the party of the second part, in witness of his release of curtesy and other interests in the rights released by the party of the second part, have executed this indenture this 12th day of March 1934.

Grace Church in Salem

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS) By Charles H. Fabens Clerk (seal)
 Essex ss. March 12 1934 Per-) Jane P. Northey (seal)
 sonally appeared the above named) Henry B. Northey (seal)

Charles H. Fabens and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of Grace Church in Salem. Before me,

Albert W. Chisholm Notary Public (Notarial seal)

PLAN OF LAND IN SALEM

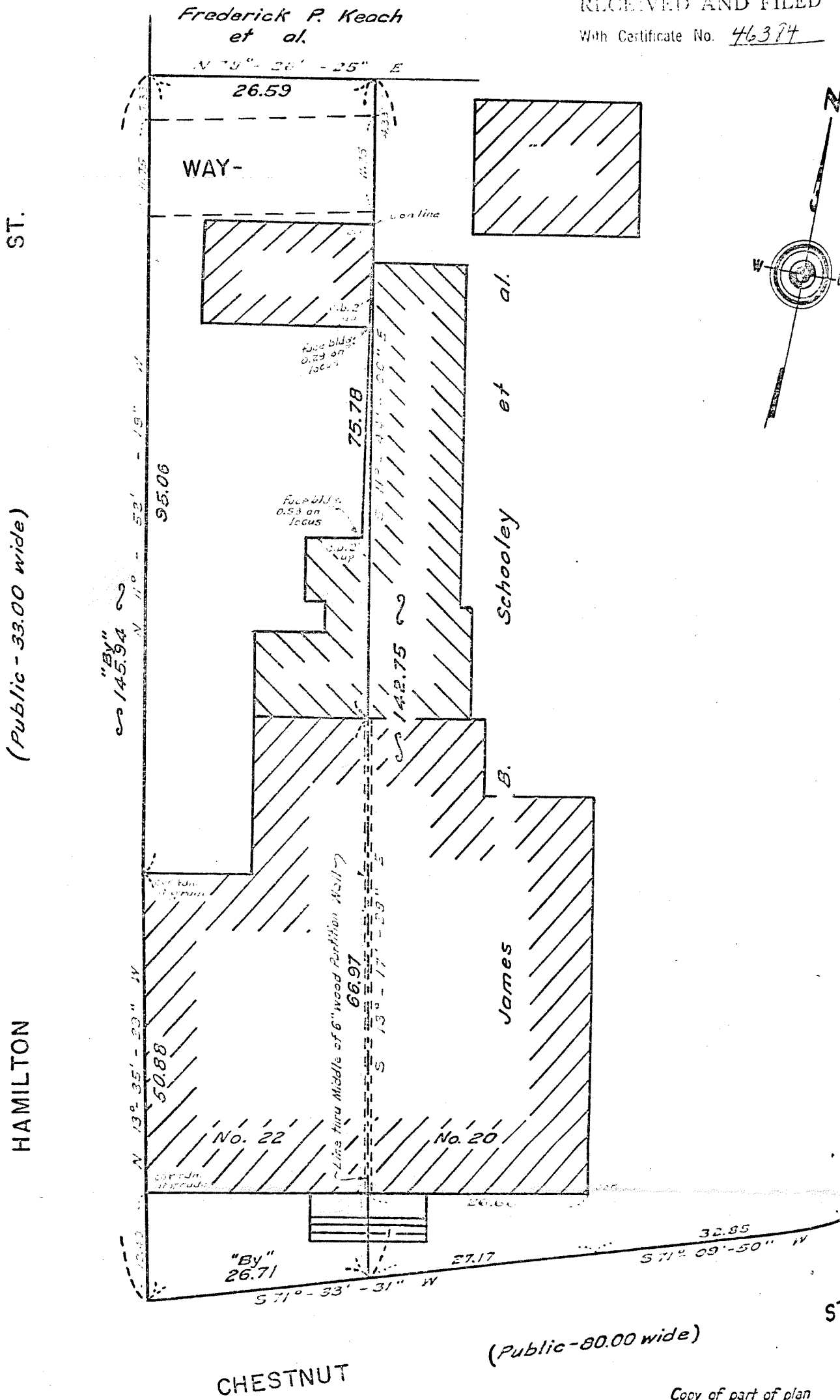
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Essex Survey Service Inc.
Robert B. Bowman, Surveyor

December 2, 1970

Essex South Registry District
October 12, 1976

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FEB. 16, 1971
Scale of this plan 15 feet to an inch
R.L. Woodbury, Engineer for Courts



ASH
RUST
W. C. Cully

WASHINGTON STREET

DERBY MARKET HOUSE

200
Milkhouse

1251
N

COURT HOUSE
DEPOT
ESSEX ROAD

CHURCH
16 King
& Draper
Dr. Flow

BARTON
CROMBIE STREET

NORMAN STREET
DEPOT

NORTH
MILBORD STREET

ESSEX
FEDERAL STREET

SUMMER
STURTEVANT STREET

BROAD STREET CEMETERY

Essex Rail Road

STURTEVANT STREET
ANDOVER STREET

HAMILTON STREET
MINOR STREET

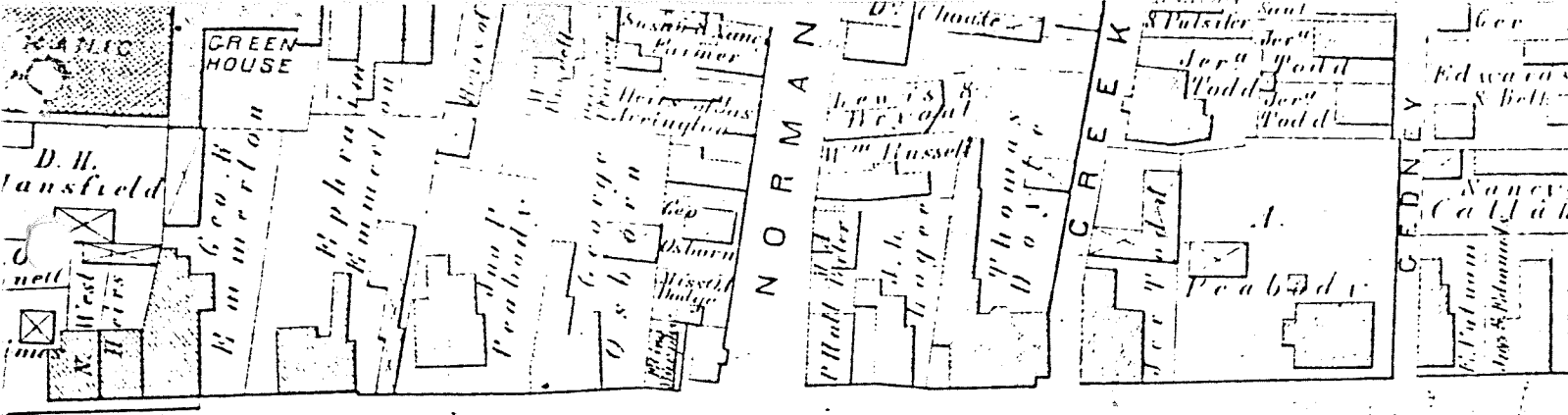
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WILSON BRIDGE
MILBURN STREET

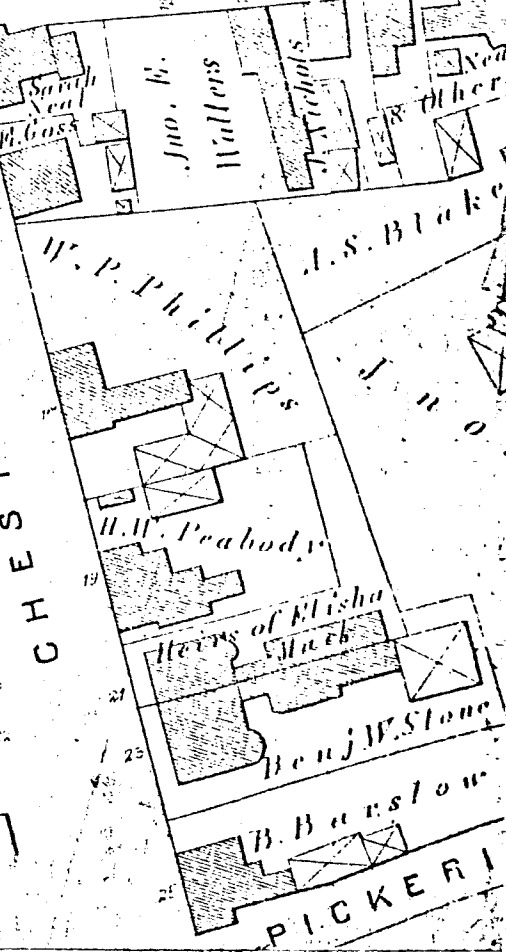
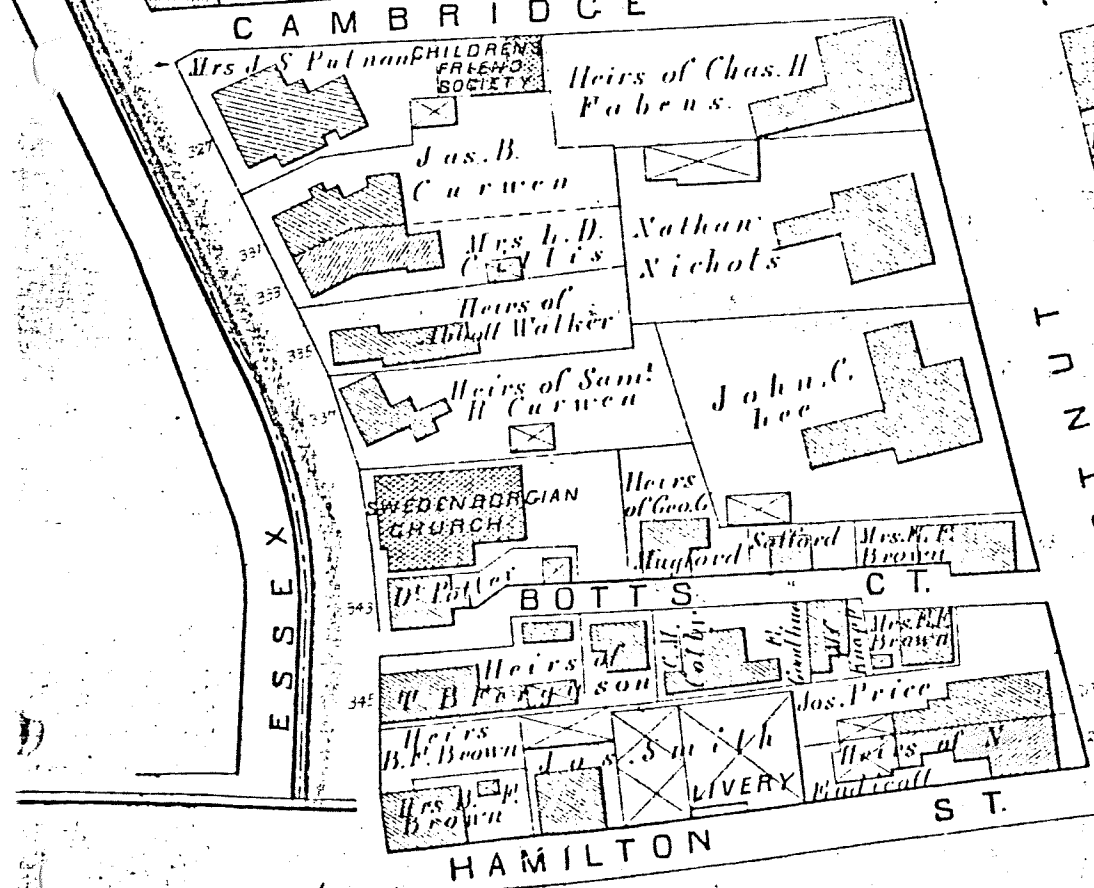
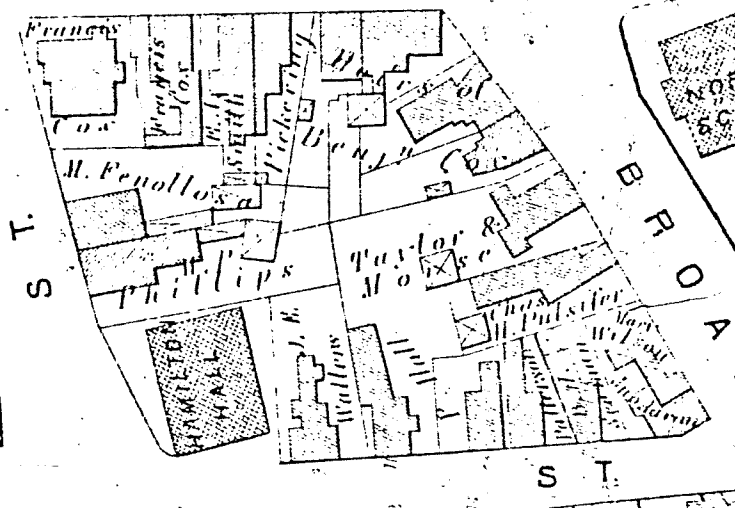
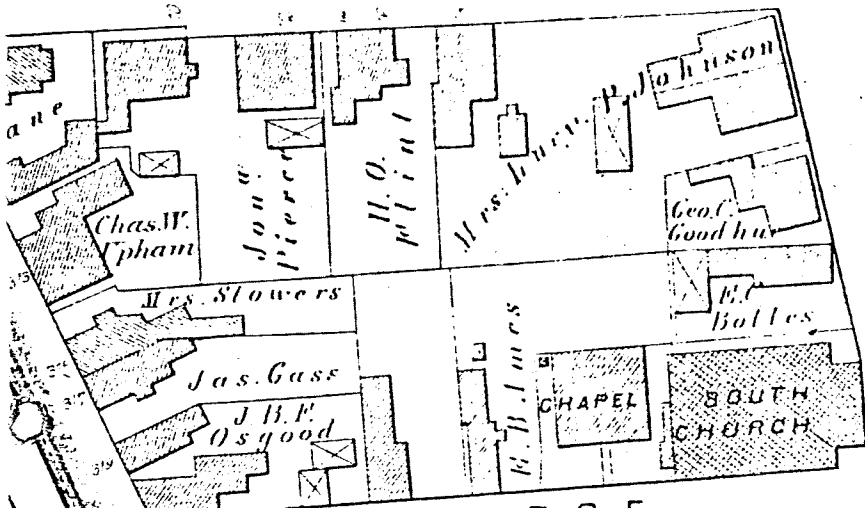
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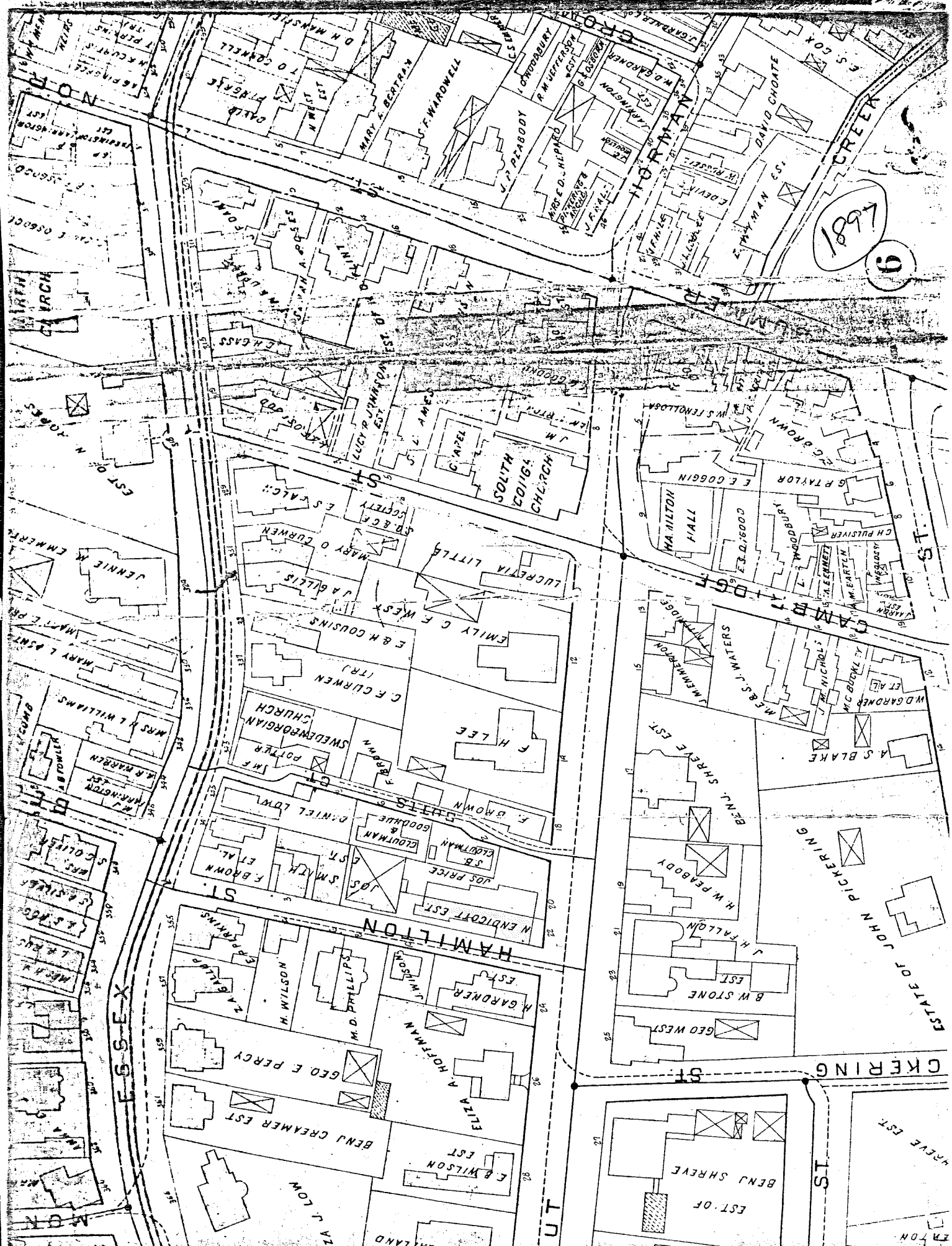
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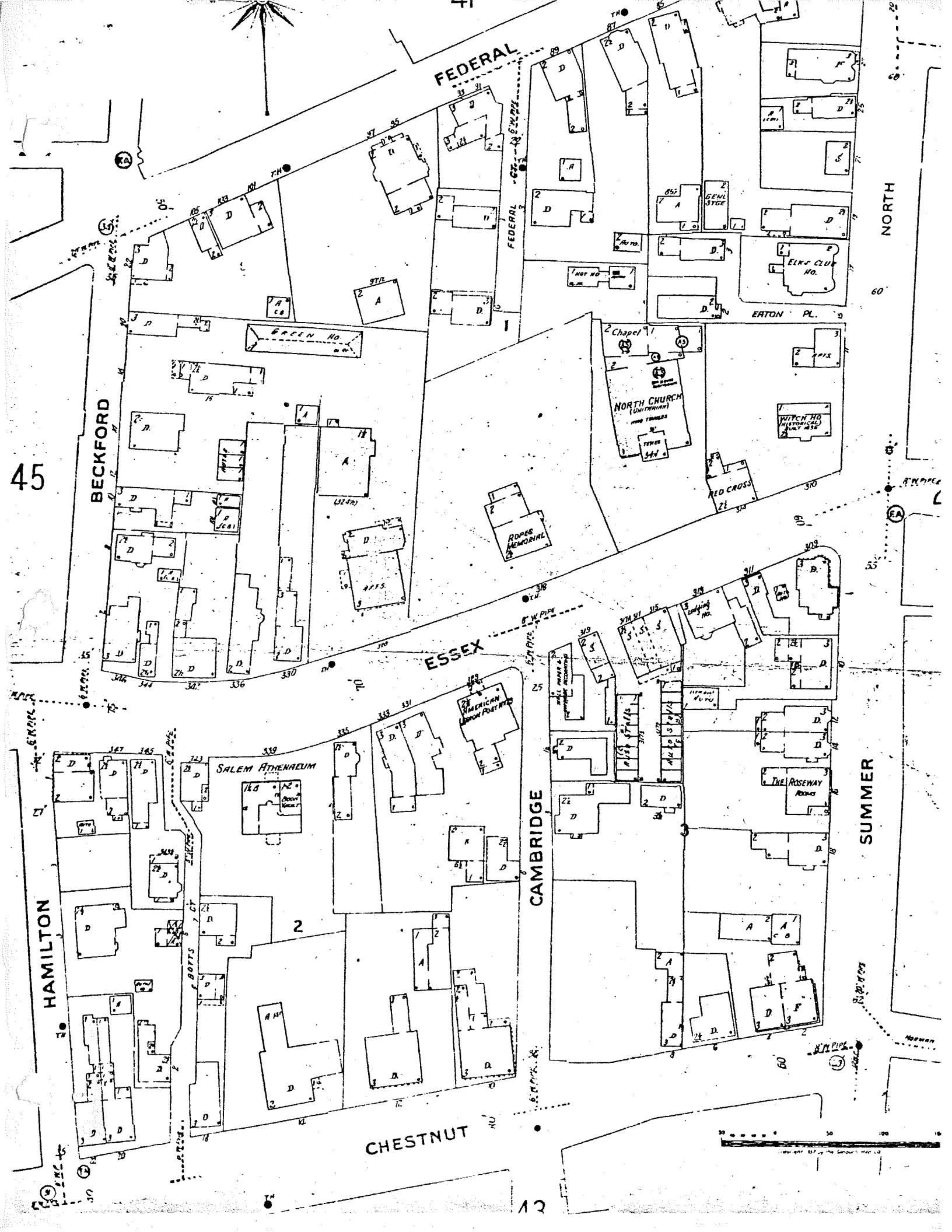


SUMMER



1874





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ESSEX

SUMMER

CAMBRIDGE

CHESTNUT

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BECKFORD

SALEM ATHENAEUM

NORTH CHURCH
(CONGREGATIONAL)
1828

WITCH NO
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

RED CROSS

AMERICAN
LABOR POLICE

THE ROSEWAY
ROCKES

HAMILTON

BOTTS ST

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