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Grantee: O'Neil Proulx of Salem  
Consideration: For consideration paid  
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Grantee: Benjamin Sweetser  
Consideration: \$1,212.00  
Date Recorded: October 6, 1882

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 944, Page 136

Grantor: Mary H. Nichols, Charles S. Osgood, and Susan W. Osgood of Salem  
Grantee: Robert Osgood of Salem  
Consideration: \$1,000.00  
Date Recorded: December 20, 1875

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 604, Page 277

Grantor: Mary H. Nichols, widow, of Salem  
Grantee: Mehitable Ward, singlewoman, of Salem  
Consideration: \$475.00  
Date Recorded: April 25, 1860

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 326, Leaf 160

Grantor: Benjamin Merrill, Esq. of Salem  
Grantee: Susannah Ward, widow  
Consideration: \$427.00  
Date Recorded: August 11, 1841

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book 229, Leaf 95

Grantor: Jonathan Andrews of Salem, Gentleman  
Grantee: E.A. Holyoke of Salem, Esquire  
Consideration: \$112.00  
Date Recorded: February, 2, 1822

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Book of Executions, No. 2

Grantor: Thomas Rowell  
Grantee: Jonathan Andrews  
Consideration: Court judgement against Thomas Rowell, boatbuilder  
Date Recorded: April 17, 1813

*Larry Davis*

5 Kyleigh Lane  
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November 20, 1997

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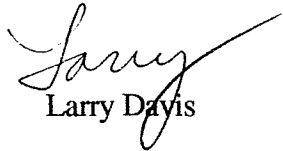
Dear Ann:

Attached please find a copy of the house history for 10 Turner St. Last Thursday I faxed a copy to Gary Palardy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at home, 532-8424, or at Salem State, 741-6286.

I would appreciate it if you would send the \$100.00 check to the above address.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do research on Salem's historic homes.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Davis



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HOUSE RESEARCH AND PLAQUE APPLICATION

Date: 10/14/97

Name: GARY PRILANDY

Address: HOME: 55 HOLL ST  
DORCHESTER MA  
01915

SUBJECT: 10 TURNER ST  
SALEM MA

Telephone Home: 922-2083  
Work:

Name of Property Owner(s): GARY PRILANDY

When and From Whom Property Acquired:  
~~ALICE~~

Age of Building if Known: 1740 - 1770

Any Additional Information Which May Be Helpful:

Houses to be researched must be built prior to 1914.  
A deposit of \$100.00 must be paid before research can begin.  
Price is \$175.00 for house research and plaque and includes one year's household membership to Historic Salem, Inc. \$165.00 for Seniors.

fax 922-2005

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Very truly yours,

  
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**JAMES G. GILBERT**

March 20, 2000

**By Facsimile: 744.4536**

Ann Busted  
Historic Salem, Inc.  
P.O. Box 865  
Salem, MA 01970

**RE: HOUSE HISTORY  
10 Turner Street  
Salem, MA**

Dear Ann:

Per our earlier telephone conversation, I include some notes on my research relative to 10 Turner Street. As you know, we have been waiting for quite some time for a finished house history. An incomplete history is on file with your office.

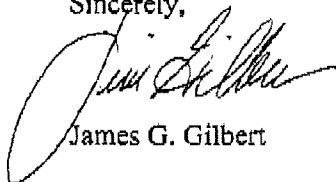
As we discussed, I am forwarding the attached notes. My research suggests that the house was built prior to 1778. You have agreed that Historic Salem, Inc. will prepare an appropriate plaque for the house with the following information:

**Thomas Rowell  
Shipwright  
Hannah (Becket) Rowell  
Built by  
1778**

I have agreed to cover the expenses for the plaque which are \$50.00. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, please confirm receipt of this letter and the attached by calling me at 978.744.9800 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James G. Gilbert

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## HISTORY OF TEN TURNER STREET

Owners: James G. Gilbert and Michael G. Pollock  
10 Turner Street  
Salem, MA 01970  
978.745.7729

In addition to the information obtained by and on file with Historic Salem, Inc. in an unfinished house history for the above residence, my research founded the following:

It appears that Thomas Rowell, a shipwright, (born, 3 April 1748/1750 at Newton, NH) was either the original or an early owner of the property. Records indicate that Thomas Rowell married Hannah Becket, of the Becket Shipyard family, on October 10, 1778 in Salem, Massachusetts. A review of Reverend Bentley's journals indicates several visits to the Rowell family at their Turner Street residence around this time. The Rowell's had nine children. It is highly likely that the Rowell's occupied the house at 10 Turner Street sometime shortly after their marriage. The records at Salem Library and the historic review done by Historic Salem list #10-12 Turner Street (formerly a two family) as Pre-Federal (1725-1790), which support this conclusion.

The house was probably owned by the Becket family, or built on land owned by the Becket family, and given as a dowry at the time of the marriage of Hannah and Thomas. It is very likely that the house stood at the time of the marriage of Thomas and Hannah on October 10, 1778, and was constructed sometime prior to that date. The house could be as old as 1725, however no records have been uncovered to support the date with specificity.

The house should be listed as built by 1778.

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