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1 Buffum Street

Built by Messrs Gifford

for Captain JOHN B. FISK and wife SARAH

in 1854

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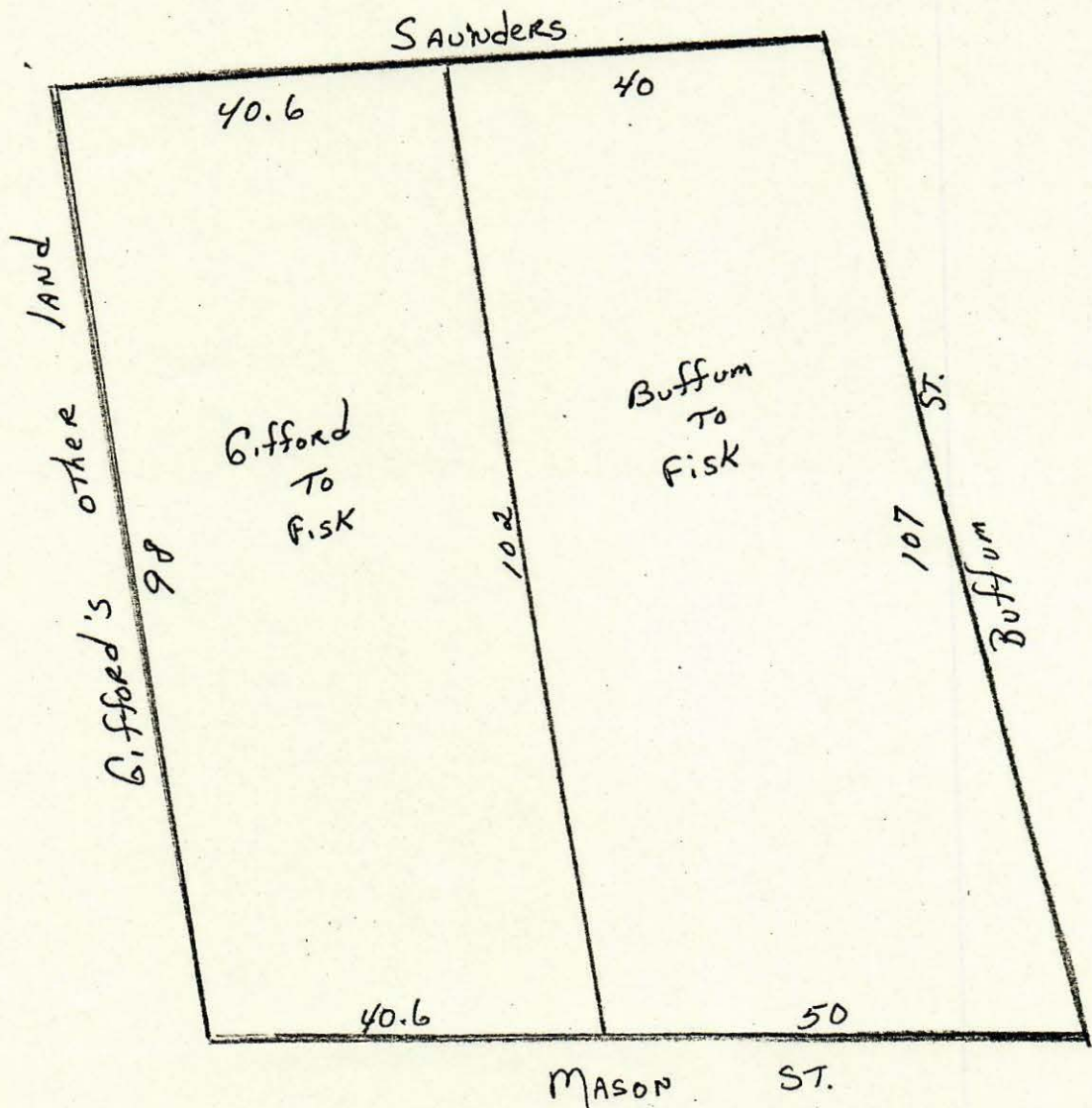
1 Buffum Street

Book 479 page 65
June 7, 1853
\$700

Thomas J. Gifford and James B. Gifford
housewrights sold a parcel of land to
John B. Fisk, master mariner.

Book 485 page 205
October 3, 1853
\$800

Jonathan Buffum, Edward Buffum, William
Frye and Anna his wife in her right
sold a parcel of land to John B. Fisk.



Book 788 page 70
December 9, 1869
\$4,800

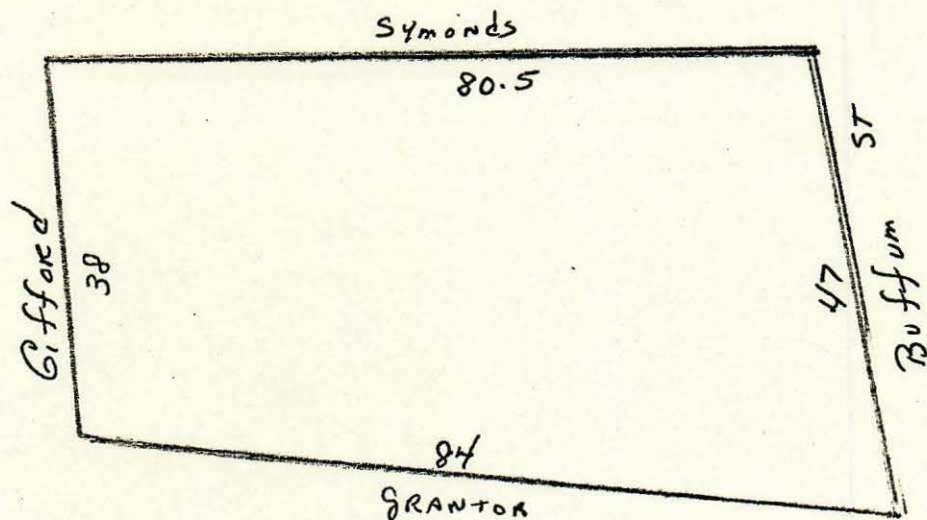
John B. and Sara Fisk sold the land and dwelling house to Nathaniel A. Horton. The same estate bought of Thomas and James Gifford, book 479 page 65 and of Jon^a Buffum et al, book 485 page 205.

Book 1951 page 487
January 16, 1909

William A. and Annie P. Horton sold the land and buildings "Mason St." to Martha O. Batchelder. The same premises conveyed to Nathaniel Horton by John B. Fisk on Dec. 9, 1869, book 788 page 70.

Book 2002 page 91
January 1, 1910

Henry M. and Martha O. Batchelder sold a parcel of land and the dwelling house to Bessie Dawson. Part of the premises described in deed of William A. Horton book 1951 page 487.



Book 2596 page 117
May 5, 1924

Charles and Bessie Dawson sold the land and dwelling house to Angus V. MacKay. The same conveyed by deed of Martha O. Batchelder on Jan. 1, 1910, book 2202 page 91.

Book 2826 page 139
November 2, 1929

Angus V. and Emily MacKay sold the land and dwelling house to Margaret A. Kidney. The same conveyed by deed of Bessie S. Dawson on May 5, 1924, book 2596 page 117.

Book 3294 page 21
May 12, 1942

James B. and Margaret Kidney conveyed half interest in the property to John and Barbara Wadja. "For title see book 2826 page 139."

Book 4364 page 261
May 1, 1957

Konstanty and Anna Gesek sold their half interest in the property to John and Barbara Wadja. "The same conveyed by Margaret Kidney."

Book 4832 page 78
Oct. 23, 1961

John and Barbara Wadja sold the land and dwelling house to Leon and Rose Shachnow. The same conveyed by deeds book 3294 page 21 and book 4364 page 261.

Book 5630 page 385
August 15, 1969

Leon and Rose Shachnow sold the land and buildings to Ronald R. and Frances Walsh. The same premises conveyed by deed of John Wadja book 4832 page 78.

Book 5937 page 723
December 29, 1972
\$34,000

Ronald R. and Frances A. Walsh sold the land and buildings to Francis J. and Anne Kimberly. The same conveyed by Leon Shachnow on August 15, 1969, book 5630 page 385.

Book 6419 page 633
November 25, 1977
\$47,500

Francis J. and Anne Kimberly sold the land and buildings to Eileen Italien. The same conveyed by deed of Ronald R. Walsh on Dec. 29, 1972, book 5937 page 723.

Book 6725 page 266
August 12, 1980
\$48,000

Eileen N. L'Italien sold the land and buildings to James A. McCurdy and Carole D. Keller. The same conveyed by deed of Francis J. Kimberly on Nov. 25, 1977, book 6419 page 633.

DOCUMENTATION by Joyce King

The 1854 tax records indicate that the house and land of John B. Fisk at 16 Mason (since changed to 1 Buffum St.) is taxed for the first time at the value of \$2,500.

The 1854-5 Salem Street Books (stored at the Essex Institute):
August 30 - "This day Mr. Aaron Hayward and his man began to lay edge stones for a sidewalk in front of the estate of Capt. John B. Fisk on the corner of Mason and Buffum streets. These edge stones were made and furnished by Clark and Blethen and straight ones measure in length on Mason street 93 ft. and on Buffum --- and the circular one round the corner measures 4 ft. 6 in. round on the outside of the circle." (This work was usually done after the construction of a building. It seems safe to state that this house was completed by mid 1854.)

Salem Gazette - April 13, 1869

"Valuable Estate on Mason Street at Auction - On Tuesday, May 18, at 11 o'clock AM will be sold on the premises if not previously disposed of at private sale. That valuable modern house with the land under and adjoining, situated No. 16 Mason corner of Mason and Buffum streets.

The house was thoroughly built a few years since by Messrs Gifford for the present proprietor, is in perfect order throughout; contains 8 finished rooms, is high stud, and in every respect a first class house. The land fronts on Mason street 100 feet and also on Buffum street 100 ft. making 10,000 sp. feet of land. This offers uncommon inducements for a person wanting a first class genteel residence in a pleasant and quiet location, free from the bustle of business, and yet convenient to the business portion of the city.

The premises can be viewed any day between 2 - 4 P.M.

Terms easy and made known at sale."



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