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21 Beckford Street

Built for

JOHN CHANDLER, grocer

in the year 1896

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

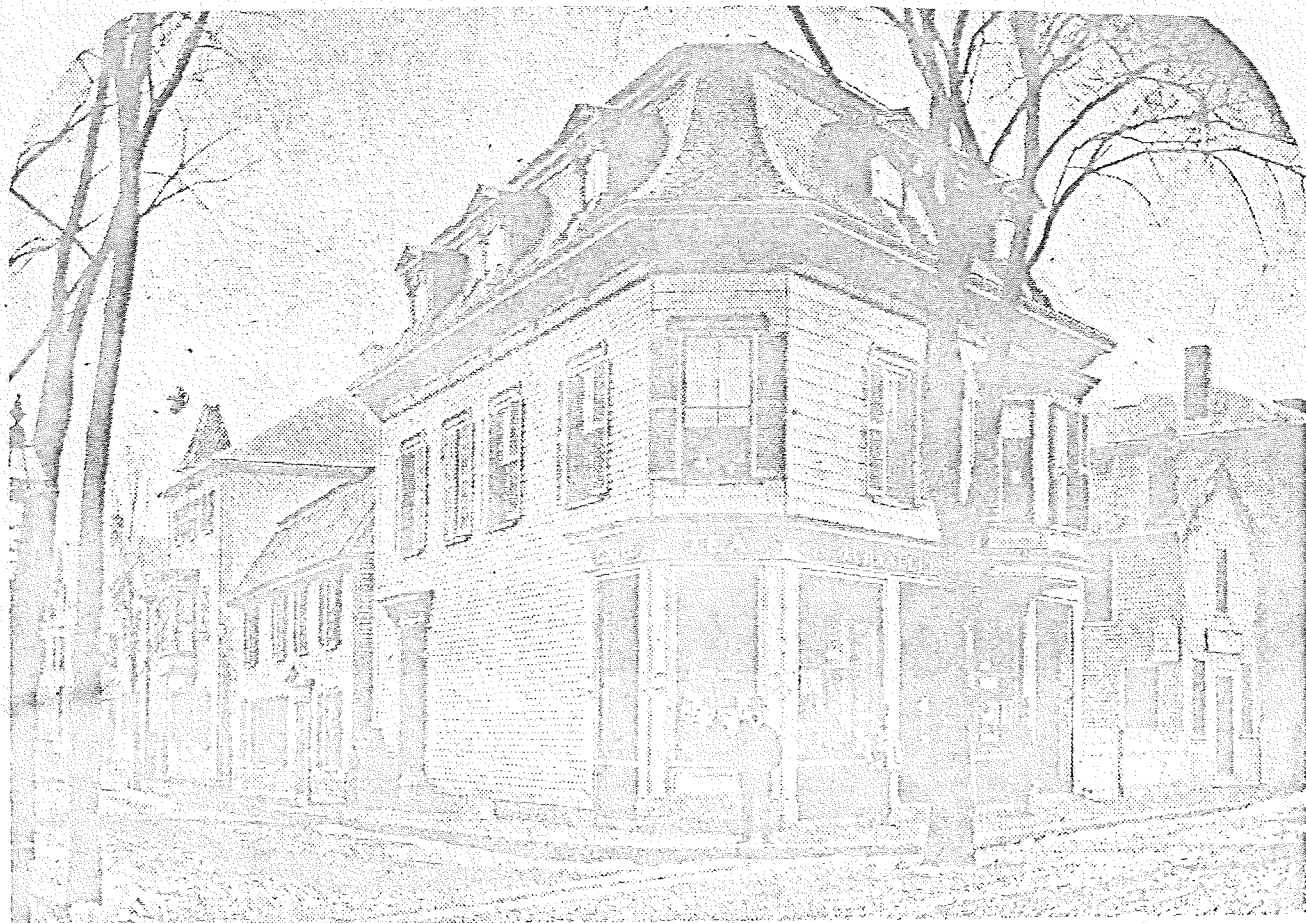
## 21 Beckford Street

This large wooden, two story house was built in the Colonial Revival style by John Chandler in 1896.

Beckford Street was called a lane in 1657; street or lane, 1677; street or highway, 1679; lane or highway that leads from ye main street to ye north river, 1696; Beckford's lane, 1773; Kitchen's lane, 1783; Turner's lane, 1793; and Beckford street in 1797. (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 7, page 116)

An old house occupied the lot on which this house stands until it was demolished in 1896. The old house was the home of John and Rebecca Beckford in the 1700's. In 1873 the property (which included the corner lot) was sold to John Chandler, grocer. (book 877 page 258)

Mr. Chandler removed the buildings on the corner of Federal and Beckford streets and built a store and dwelling house in 1874. The old house at 21 Beckford remained, being leased to various tenants over the next ten years.



The tax record for 1896 lists John Chandler's property as:

House 107 Federal	value	\$5,200
House 21 Beckford	value	<del>1,200</del> \$3,200 new
Shop 109 Federal	value	200
House and barn 7 River	value	900
House 106 Federal	value	1,500
House 22½ and 24 Beckford	value	500

John Chandler was the son of John D. and Mary (Mc Donald) Chandler. He was born on May 31, 1832 at 7 River St., where he lived until 1874 when he went to live in his new house at 107 Federal St. Mr. Chandler attended Salem schools and at an early age began to work as clerk in his father's grocery store. He was ambitious to do business on his own account and established a grocery store at the corner of Beckford and Federal streets. He was fortunate in his business. He had the necessary experience, knowledge and foresight, the sound judgment and sterling character that brought him substantial rewards for his industry and activity in business. He had an attractive personality, winning friends readily by his kindly and democratic manner and sympathetic nature. He belonged to no clubs or fraternal organizations; he divided his time between his business and his home. He was active in the North Unitarian Church and a generous supporter of its work. He married, October 26, 1865, Caroline F. Edwards, born at Salem, April 26, 1840, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail R. (Peele) Edwards. John and Caroline Chandler had no children. (Genealogy of Boston and Eastern Mass.)

Mr. Chandler never lived at 21 Beckford St., but leased out the property in 1896 to Mrs. Clara Hagar and Miss Harriet Hobson.

John Chandler died on Jan. 29, 1903. In his will, Mr. Chandler, left to Caroline "all furniture except my old-fashion tall clock, she is to use for her lifetime, then to pass to Wallace Chisholm, my executor and to cousin Caroline \$1,000. The rest to Wallace A. Chisholm to hold and invest to pay income to wife Caroline, but not to sell the estate on the corner of Federal and Beckford which I now occupy as my homestead and store, in the lifetime of my wife without her consent."

The inventory of John Chandler's estate:

Dwelling, store and land S.W. corner Federal and Beckford \$6,000  
House and land 21 Beckford \$4,000  
Two houses and land corner of Federal and Beckford \$4,800  
House, stable and land 7 River \$1,200

Subsequent to a few small bequest, the rest of the estate was to take care of his wife Caroline. After her death it was to be divided in equal shares by the Association for the Aged and Destitute Women in Salem and the Salem Seaman's Orphan and Childrens Friends Soc. The total personal property was valued at \$12,825.01. The real estate value was \$16,000. (probate #91677)

The Salem News carried this simple obituary: "Death of well known grocer, for many years kept a store on the corner of Federal and Beckford streets. Mr. John Chandler died at his home 107 Federal St. He was a graduate of the Hacker School. Leaves a widow."

Mrs. Hagar and Miss Hobson remained in the house as tenants after Mr. Chandler's death. Miss Hobson died on May 8, 1911 at 21 Beckford St. at the age of 83 years 11 months 17 days. Her funeral was held at the Grace Church. The burial was private. Shortly after the death of Miss Hobson, Mrs. Hagar moved to 76 Federal St.

On March 2, 1912 the Salem Seaman's Orphan and Childrens Friends Soc. and the Association for the Aged and Destitute Women in Salem sold the property at 21 Beckford St. to Charles W. Locke, of Salem. (book 2133 pages 501-503, see also appendix A)

Mr. Locke was born in Salem and was a member of the First Church. He was married to Elizabeth B. (Edwards) and had one son John W. and two daughters Mary E. and Alice M. Locke. Mr. Locke was associated with Boston banks and a charter member of the Boston Bank Officers Club. The Locke family lived in this house until they purchased a home at 26 Lee St., Salem.

On Nov. 8, 1926 Charles and Elizabeth B. Locke sold the property to Mary E. Carney, of Salem. (book 2704 page 319)

Mary E. Carney died on Jan. 26, 1953. Miss Carney's obituary reads: "Miss Mary E. Carney, of 21 Beckford St., died suddenly early this morning. She was the daughter of the late Michael and Catherine (Sliney) Carney. Surviving are two sisters Miss Ann M, with whom she made her home, and Mrs. James F. Sullivan, also several nieces and nephews. The funeral was from her home. A requiem mass was held at St. James.

On August 3, 1953 Ann M. Carney, of Salem, administratrix of the estate of Mary E. Carney, by license granted July 22, 1953 sold the real estate of the deceased at a private sale to Guy B. and Helen T. Praria, husband and wife, of Salem for the sum of \$9,000. (book 3998 page 132)

On March 29, 1957 Guy B. and Helen T. Praria sold the property to Heat Headquarters. (book 4356 page 460)

Nov. 23, 1959 Heat Headquarters sold to William Neil Goddard, of Marblehead. (book 4623 page 179)

Nov. 22, 1961 William Neil Goddard transferred the title to W. Neil Goddard, trustee of Federal Realty. (book 4847 page 140)

On Nov. 8, 1973 the title was transferred from W. Neil Goddard, of Marblehead, trustee of Federal Realty to William E. and Meredith L. Goddard, husband and wife, of 8 Garfield St., Marblehead. (book 6026 page 625)

William E. and Meredith L. Goddard sold the property on Jan. 12, 1977 to Bonnie Allen. (book 6316 page 43)

The title was then changed from Bonnie Allen to Bonnie Allen, of 21 Beckford St. and Bruce A. Grassfield, of Marblehead. (book 6316 page 47)

On Nov. 7, 1978 Bonnie Allen, of Salem and Bruce A. Grassfield, of Marblehead sold the property for the sum of \$58,000 to Joseph M. Naroski, of 4 Meadow Lane, Marblehead. (book 6535 page 465)

On May 31, 1979 Joseph M. Naroski, of Salem sold to Dennis Bollier, of 54 Buchanan St., Winthrop the land and building at 21 Beckford St. as shown on plan of the estate of John Chandler drawn by Charles Metcalf (appendix A) (book 6596 page 83)

All reference to book and page are deed books found at the Registry of Deeds, probate numbers are found in Probate Court, both offices located in the same building on Federal St., Salem.

(Found after the completion of report - Joyce King) 6-1980

21 Beckford Street

Gazette- May 1, 1896

Old house on Beckford Street about 175 years old belonging to John Chandler was demolished to make room for a dwelling built in modern style, designed by Joseph C. Foster, architect. We understand Mr. Chandler proposes to erect a fine two-story-and-a-half house with all the modern improvements, for which there is abundant space.

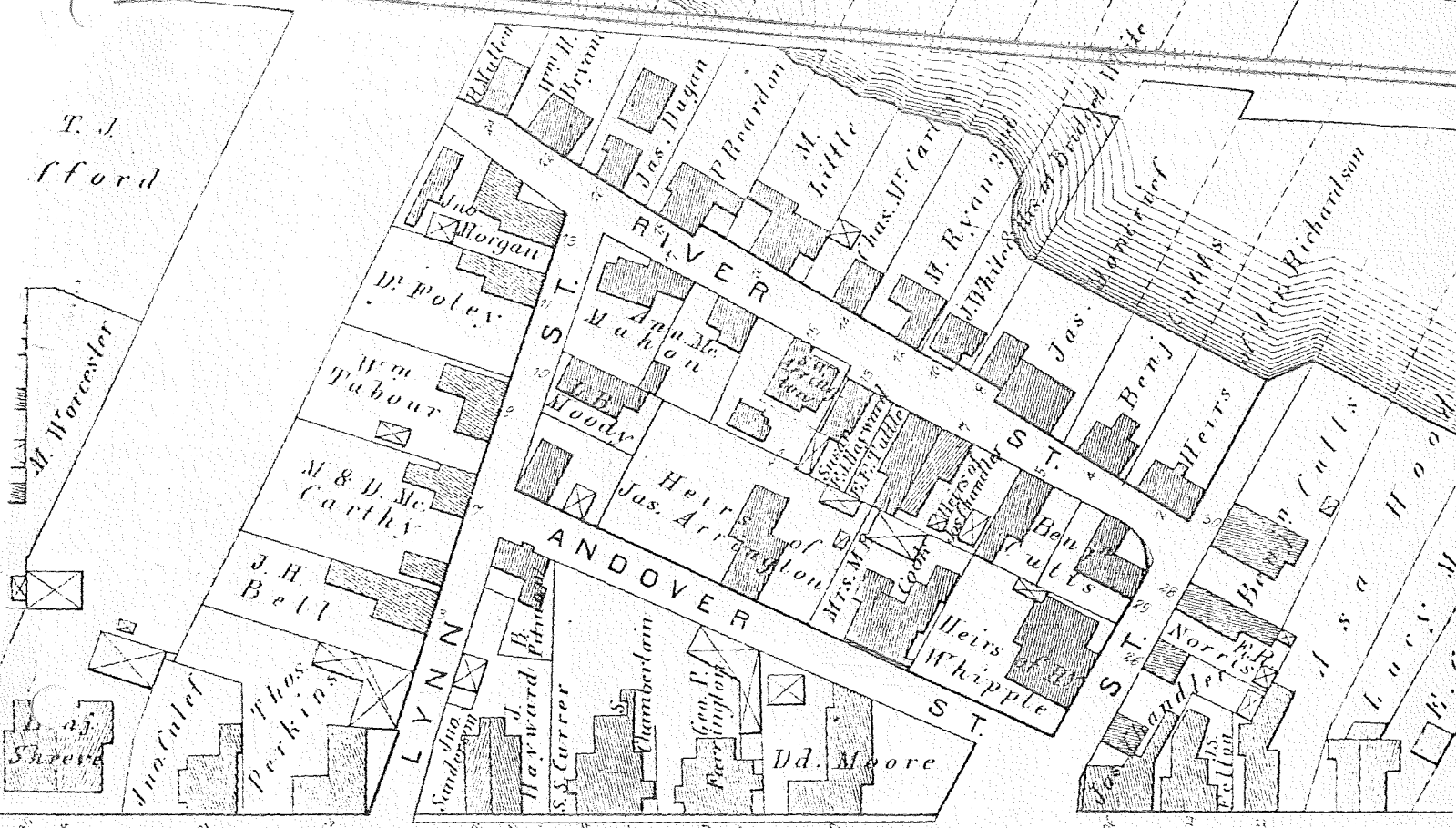
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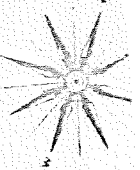
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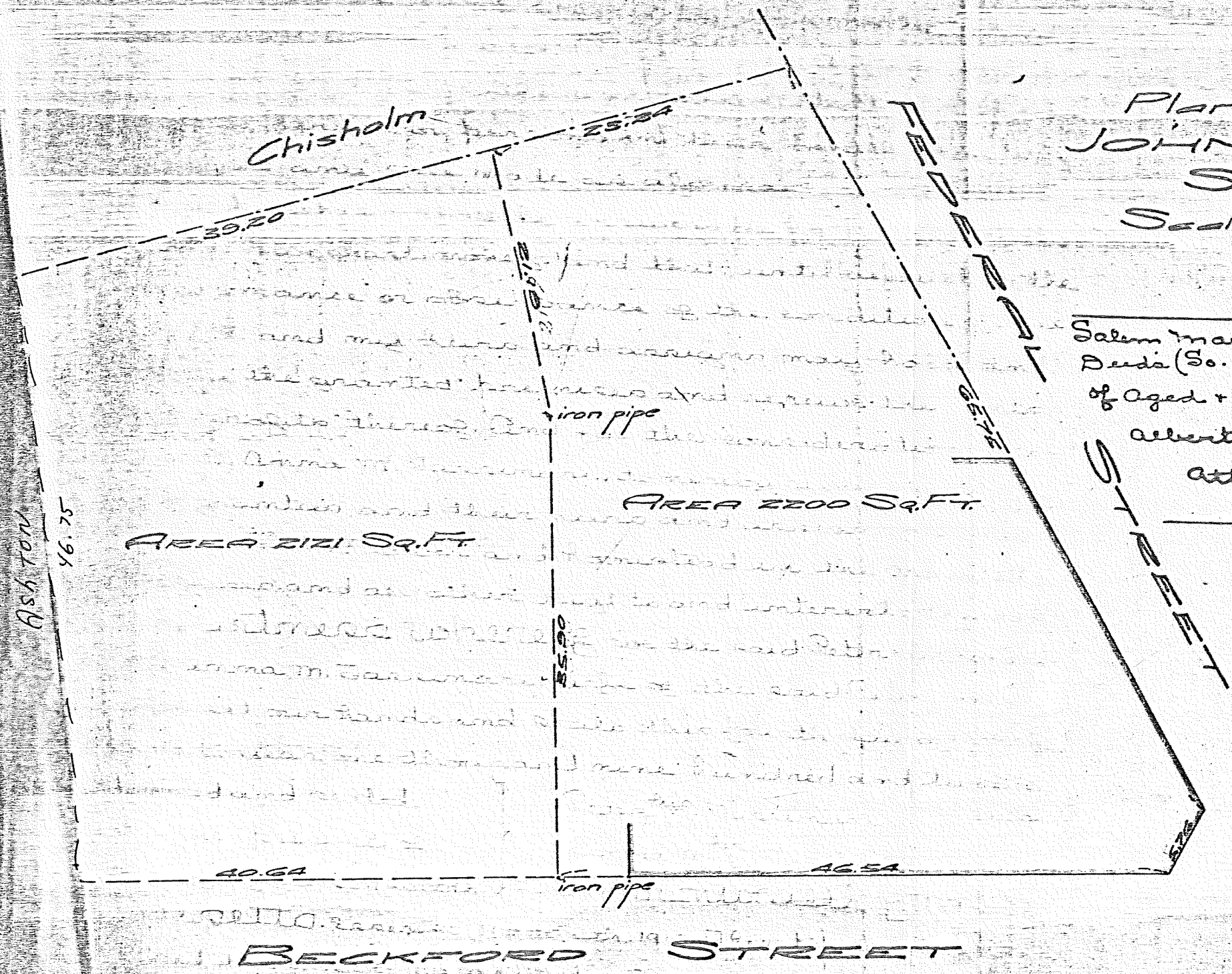
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Plan of the Estate of JOHN CHANDLER Salem, Mass. Scale 10 Feet to an inch.

Chas. A. Metcalf, Surveyor Feb. 1912.

Salem Mar. 6. 1912. Rec. & Ent. in Essex Reg. Deeds (So. Dist.) with Deed Acct. for the Relief of Aged & Destitute Women in Salem to Albert Jenks. Rec. B. 2132. P. 231. Attest: Forest W. Wood, Dist. Reg.



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