

# Historic Salem incorporated

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18 CAMBRIDGE STREET

Built for  
JOHN FULLINGTON, Brickmaker  
in 1807

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Cambridge Street runs through one of the more historically prominent parts of Salem. The street includes such architectural classics as Hamilton Hall (on the corner of Cambridge and Chestnut), a building designed by the famous Salem architect Samuel McIntire. The street has been part of Salem's history from the beginning, when it was known in the seventeenth century as "Meeting House Lane" or "Almshouse Lane". Later in that same century it acquired its present name [see attached report by Donna Vinson on 10 Broad Street].

The house at 18 Cambridge Street was built in 1807 by John Fullington, a Salem brickmaker. Tax records indicate that Thomas Butman, to whom Fullington sold the property, paid taxes on a "new house on Cambridge Street" in 1807 [Salem Tax Records, 1807]. Butman was a tailor who owned the house until he sold it to Thomas Fabens in June 1808. It appears that the property was once part of the property of the descendants of Jonathan Neale, who was one of Salem's first settlers [see Donna Vinson's report]. Descendant Jonathan Neal sold Fabens a piece of land in December 1808, a sale which further increased the lot at 18 Cambridge Street [see E.C.R.D. Book 185, Leaf 222].

The Fabens family occupied the house until 1849. Records indicate that Mrs. Margaret Fabens and Mary Stacey lived in the house in the 1830's and 1840's [Salem Directories, 1836, 1842]. In 1849 the family sold the property to Joseph Oldson, a Salem mariner who made his living restoring boats [Salem Directories, 1851, 1855, 1857]. Oldson sold the property to William Henville in 1851, who in turn sold the property to William H. Foster

in 1855. Foster was employed as a cashier at the Asiatic Bank, which was then located at 165 Essex Street.

James J. Buckley acquired the property from Foster in 1865. Buckley owned a liquor store on Washington Street, and lived in the house with his wife Margaret and son James P. The elder James died in the early 1870's, and Margaret and son James lived in the house. Margaret lived in the house until 1919, when the house passed into the hands of Isabella L. Murphy, widow of John H. Murphy. Isabella lived in the house until the early 1940's. Her son Edward Murphy and his wife Helen lived in the house from the mid-1920's until the late 1950's. Edward was employed as a painter and morocco (leather) worker [Salem Directories, 1918, 1926, 1939, 1958].

Mary I. Murphy lived in the house in the 1960's until 1980, when Warren and Martina Green acquired the property. Today the property is owned by Everett and Karen Cady.

## DOCUMENTATION

Essex County Registry of Deeds Book 183, Leaf 73

Grantor: John Fullington of Salem, Brickmaker and Abiel Fullington

Grantee: Thomas Butman of Salem, Tailor

Consideration: \$1200.00

Conveyance of: "...a certain piece of land in Salem with a dwelling house thereon situate and bounded as follows viz., beginning at the Southeast corner of James Nichols house lot on Cambridge Street and running Southerly and bounding Easterly on said Street thirty five feet being six feet Southerly of dwelling house aforesaid then westerly bounding southerly on land of Mary Neal twenty seven feet then Northerly bounding Westerly on land of John Neal thirty feet then Easterly and bounding Northerly on said Nichols thirty one feet to the bound first named on Cambridge Street..."

Date Recorded: December 17, 1807

E.C.R.D. Book 185, Leaf 43

Grantor: Thomas Butman of Salem, Tailor

Grantee: Thomas Fabens of Salem, Yeoman

Consideration: \$1350.00

Conveyance of: "...Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of James Nichols house lot on Cambridge and running southerly bounding easterly on said street thirty five feet more or less being six feet southerly of the dwelling house aforesaid thence westerly bounding southerly on land of Mary Neal twenty seven feet then northerly bounding westerly on Neal, thirty feet then Easterly bounding northerly on said Nichols thirty one feet to the bounds first named on Cambridge Street..."

Date Recorded: June 30, 1808

E.C.R.D. Book 185, Leaf 222

Grantor: Jonathan Neal of Salem, Yeoman

Grantee: Thomas Fabens of Salem, Yeoman

Consideration: \$300.00 .

Conveyance of: "...a certain piece of land in said Salem bounded and described as follows, Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the same thence running westerly bounding northerly on James Nichols twenty two feet six inches then southerly bounding westerly on Sarah Gardner twenty eight feet then esaterly bounding southerly on the said Jonathan Neal twenty five feet four inches, and then northerly and bounding easterly by the rear of said Fabens house lot to the first name bounds being thirty one feet with the priviledges and appurtenances therof belonging; the premises being the northerly part of the lot...in the division of the estate of J. Neal deceased father of the grantor which is set off is the said grantor Sarah Gardner aforesaid."

Date Recorded: December 2, 1808

E.C.R.D. Book 410, Leaf 172

Grantor: Elias W. Fabens, Cordwainer, John Fabens, Laborer, Thomas W. (Cordwainer) and Margaret Ashby, and Mary Stacey, all of Salem

Grantee: Joseph Oldson of Salem, Mariner

Consideration: \$695.00

Conveyance of: "...commencing at the Southeast bound, at a point six feet Southerly from the dwelling house on the premises and running Northerly by Cambridge Street thirty two feet, more or less, thence Westerly by land of James Nichols about fifty three and one half feet; thence Southerly by said Nichols and others about thirty one and one half feet, thence Easterly by land of Neal about forty nine and one half feet, to the point begun at..."

Date Recorded: May 4, 1849

E.C.R.D. Book 447, Leaf 48

Grantor: Joseph Oldson of Salem, Mariner

Grantee: William W. Henville of Salem

Consideration: \$900.00

Conveyance of: "...the same being subject to two mortgages for \$230 and \$300 respectively the former to Nancy Andrews and the the latter to

Jeremiah Cogswell viz..."

Date Recorded: June 6, 1851

\*\*\*E.C.R.D. Book 522, Leaf 106

Grantor: William W. Henville of Salem

Grantee: William H. Foster of Salem

Consideration: \$1400.00

Conveyance of: same as E.C.R.D. Book 685, Page 60

Date Recorded: Nov. 16, 1855

\*\*\*E.C.R.D. Book 685, Page 60

Grantor: William H. Foster of Salem

Grantee: James J. Buckley of Salem

Consideration: \$1350.00

Conveyance of: "...convey unto the said James the lot of land with the buildings thereon situated on Cambridge Street in said Salem and bounded as follows: Commencing at the South East bound at a point six feet southerly from the dwelling house on the premises and running northerly by said street thrity two feet, thence running westerly by land now or late of Nichols forty three feet and six inches. Thence Southerly by land of said Nichols and others thirty one feet and six inches. Thence Easterly by land of Neal forty nine feet and six inches to the point begun at..."

Date Recorded: June 12, 1865

\*\*\*E.C.R.D. Book 2412, Page 472

Grantor: Dennis W. Quill of Beverly, Executor of the last will of Margaret C. Buckley late of Salem

Grantee: Isabella L. Murphy of Salem

Consideration: \$3500.00

Conveyance of: same as E.C.R.D Book 6402, Page 404. Mortgage Deed Book 2412, Page 473 includes all furnaces, heaters, ranges, mantels, gas and electric light fixtures, screens, and screen doors.

Date Recorded: May 6, 1919

\*\*\*E.C.R.D. Book 2870, Page 285

Grantor: Isabella L. Murphy of Salem, widow

Grantee: M. Pauline Murphy of Salem

Consideration: For Consideration Paid

Conveyance of: same as E.C.R.D. Book 6402, Page 404

Date Recorded: December 26, 1930

\*\*\*E.C.R.D. Book 6402, Page 404

Grantor: Mary I. Murphy

Grantee: Warren and Martiņa Murphy

Consideration: \$33,900.00

Conveyance of: "...the land in said Salem together with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast bound thereof on Cambridge Street at a point six feet southerly from the dwelling house on the said premises and running Northerly on said Cambridge Street thirty-two feet, thence running Westerly on land now or late of Nichols forty-three and six-tenths (43.6) feet; thence running Southerly by land now or late of said Nichols or others, thirty-one and six-tenths (31.6) feet; thence running Easterly by land now or late of said Neal forty-nine and six-tenths (49.6) feet to the point begun at..."

Date Recorded: October 11, 1977

Know all men by these presents that we John Fullington of Salem  
 in the County of Essex Newse Jeter & his wife in her right in consideration  
 of twelve hundred dollars paid by Thomas Butman on said Salem, the receipt  
 whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the  
 said Thomas Butman his heirs & assigns a certain piece of land in said Salem  
 with a dwelling house thereon situate & bounded as follows viz. beginning at  
 the Southeast corner of James Nichols house lot on Cambridge Street & running  
 southerly and bounding easterly on said Street thirty five feet being six feet Southwesterly  
 of the dwelling house aforesaid then Westerly bounding southerly on land of Mary  
 Neal twenty seven feet then Northerly bounding Westerly on land of J. Neal  
 thirty feet then Easterly & bounding southerly on said Nichols house lot

John Fullington  
 to  
 Tho. Butman

E.C.R.D  
 Book 183  
 Leaf 73

to the house first named on Cambridge Street with the privileges and  
 appurtenances thereto belonging. To have & to hold the above granted premises  
 to the said Thomas Butman his heirs and assigns to his and their heirs and assigns  
 forever and we do covenant with the said Thomas Butman his heirs and  
 assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the above granted premises that  
 they are free of all incumbrances that we have good right to sell and convey  
 the same to the said Thomas Butman in manner aforesaid and that we  
 will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Thomas Butman  
 his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons  
 In witness whereof we the said John Fullington & Abiel Fullington have hereunto  
 set our hands and seals this twenty eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and seven.

signed sealed & deliv.  
 in presence of us  
 Thomas Blake  
 Benjamin Lange

Abiel <sup>his</sup> Fullington - seal  
 John Fullington - seal

Essex. October. 28. 1807. Then the above named John  
 Fullington & Abiel Fullington acknowledged this  
 above instrument to be their free act and deed  
 before me Ezekiel Savage Just. of Peace.

Essex. Recd. Decemr. 17. 1807. recorded & examined by Amos Choate Reg.



