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16-18 Andrew Street

Built for

LEMUEL PAYSON, hatter

by 1808

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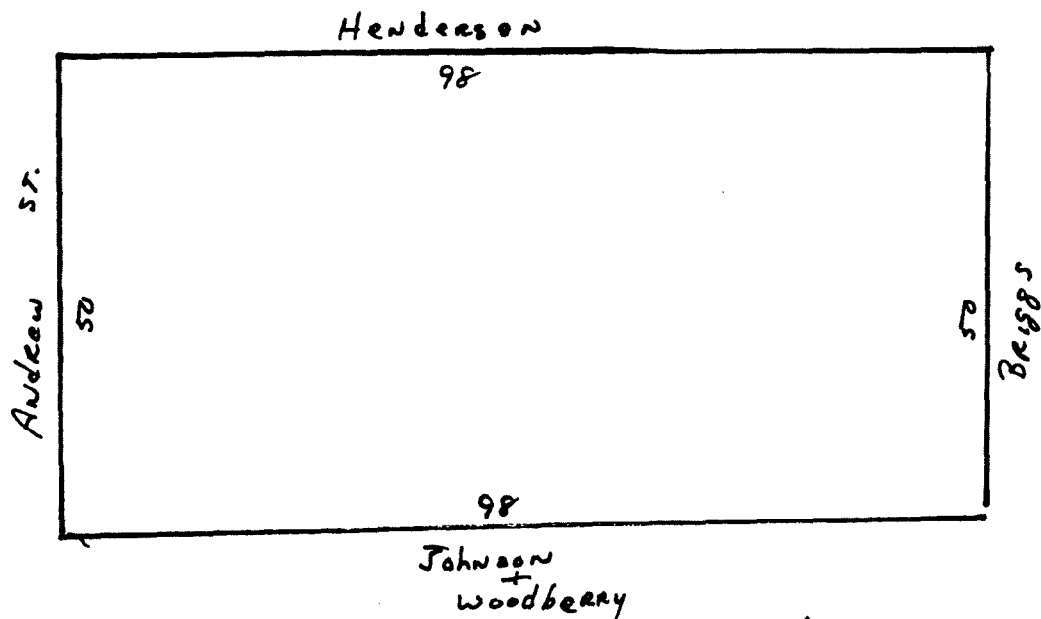
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and to work for the education of the community  
in the true value of the same."*

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This three-story, square, wooden, hip roof building has a favored Federal style front entrance with a fanlight surmounted by a modillioned pediment. (This style was taken by American builders from a Builder's Guide, by William Paine of England; an American edition of his book was printed in 1792.) Trim around the side door and bay window are later additions.

The land through which Andrew street is laid out, was early the property of Capt. Joseph Gardner, son of Thomas Gardner the first settler. The land was sold to Joseph Andrew in Feb. of 1710. In the deed it is described as a piece of land containing  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  acres. Joseph Andrew left this by will to his son Nathaniel A., and he bequeathed it to his son Jonathan A., who here carried on the tanning business, till his death, in 1781. The property was afterwards purchased by William Brown and sons, who carried on tanning here, until 1802 when Andrew street was opened, and the land divided into lots for sale. (Essex Institute Historic Collections, Vol. 50, pg. 293)

One of these lots was purchased by Lemuel Payson, hatter, on June 8, 1805, for the sum of \$540:



(book 177 page 5)

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The first mention of a house on this lot appears in a mortgage, dated April 21, 1808, in which Mr. Payson borrows \$2,700 for a dwelling house and land from Joseph White, merchant. This transaction also included land and dwelling house in North Salem. Mr. Payson cannot be found on the tax rolls for either house.

Lemuel Payson was the son of Samuel and Anne (Robinson) Payson, born on July 26, 1776. He married Joanna Newhall on April 26, 1801. The couple had four children: William Henry (b. 1802), Edward Holden (b. 1803), Albert Lemuel (b. 1805) and Alice Newhall (b. 1808). Mr. Payson's hat factory was on the corner of St. Peter and Essex streets (now covered by the East India Mall).

By 1810 Lemuel Payson was in deep financial difficulty, as were many other Salem merchants, because of the Embargo. Capt. Joseph White brought suit for non-payment of the mortgage in March 1810. (Court of Common Pleas) (appendix A & B description of Benjamin Ropes' losses due to Lemuel Payson.)

On April 17, 1810 Lemuel Payson released his right to the Andrew St. property over to Joseph White. "The same I purchased of James Brooks in 1805." (book 189 page 244)

Capt. Joseph White kept the property as an investment. The tenants during this period were not recorded. On August 12, 1826 Joseph White sold the east half of this house to Sylvester Fogg, mariner. "Half of the messuage purchased of Lemuel Payson and wife. Half of the house as now divided, half of the cellar as now divided by a brick wall. Half of the yard measuring from the middle of said house 20.7' to the east boundary line, half of the necessary as it is now divided by the partition wall, the right of using in common the front door, the pump, and the yard so long as the yard is divided by a partition fence. Said Fogg is not to enter or in any way use or improve the passage on the west side." (book 243 page 53)

On July 11, 1829 Joseph White sold the west half of the house and land to John Story, master mariner. "Fogg owns the east half as divided." (book 252 page 200)

It was a few months after this last transaction, on April 7, 1830, that Capt. Joseph White, a wealthy sea captain, became the victim of the most sensational murder of the nineteenth century. The eighty three year old captain was found murdered in his bed on the morning of April 7th. His skull had been crushed with a bludgeon, and there were a dozen stab wounds. The villains of this horrible deed were caught and tried. Two were hung but the third committed suicide while in jail.

The 1831 street directory lists the occupants of the east side as: Sylvester P. Fogg and John C. Jackman. The west was then occupied by John Story and Eben Burbank.

On Oct. 29, 1833 John and Nancy Story sold the west half of the property to William Hunt, merchant. (book 222 page 262)

William Hunt was born in Salem on April 25, 1804. When a mere lad he was employed by Mr. Jonas Warren, in Danversport. After remaining there a short time he entered as clerk in the store of Nathan Blood, on Derby St. where he remained until 1823, when he was employed by Mr. Robert Brookhouse, who had recently commenced in the African trade. After a few years he was given an interest in the business, which was continued until the death of Mr. Brookhouse, in 1866. They transacted a very large business, which was extended to the interior of Africa, from whence they imported large quantities of palm oil, gold dust, ivory and hides. At one time they owned more than twenty ships and barques. He retired, with ample means, on March 27, 1869, when the last voyage was completed. (History of Essex County, by Hurd)

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The 1836 directory shows the occupants of #16 Andrew street as:

William Hunt Jr., merchant at 165 Essex St.

Sylvester Fogg, mariner

Mrs. Fogg

(Mr. Hunt planted a maple tree in front of this house in 1844)

On June 7, 1848 Sylvester Fogg purchased a small strip of land on the east bounds, from his neighbor, Samuel Henderson. With the condition that Fogg was to build, at his expense a new fence on the line from the south end of the lot to the north by the west side of Henderson's garden, about 50' to the cross fence in back of Henderson's house. This strip was 1' X 96'. (book 398 page 240)

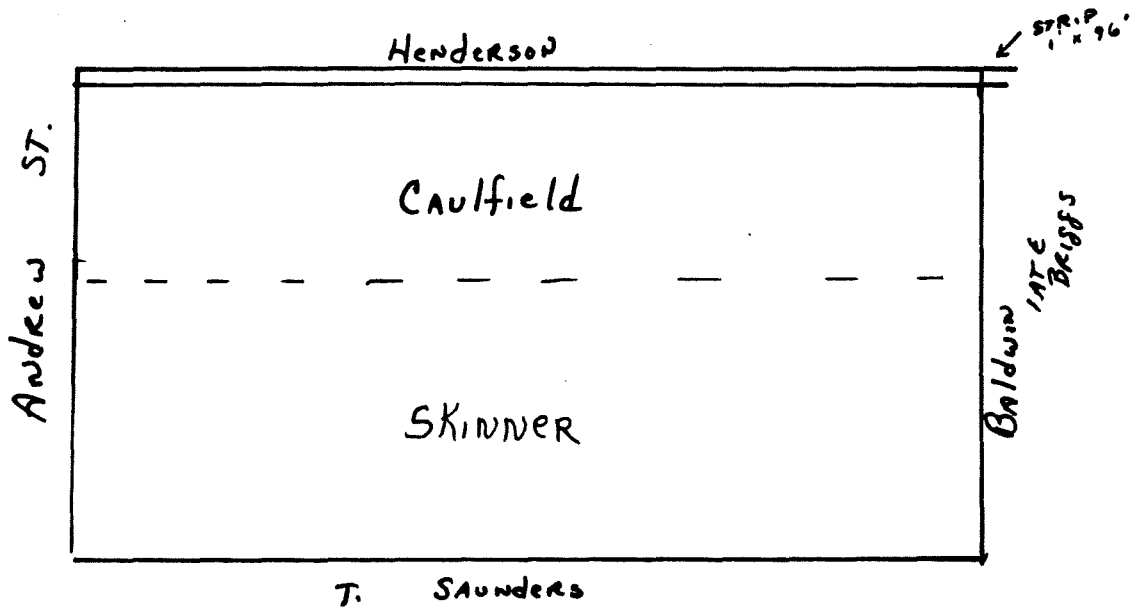
Both the Hunt and Fogg families had moved by the time the 1850 census was taken, for the tenants are listed as:

William Cook	age 44	mariner	born Mass.
Mary F.	"	44	" "
Caleb	"	12	" "
Sarah	"	7	" "
2nd family			" "
George C. Clark	"	34 carpenter	" "
Lydia H.	"	33	" "
George Wm	"	7	" "
Agnes	"	5	" "
Frances L.	"	1	" "
3rd family			
William H. Symonds	age 28	painter	" "
Julia	"	27	" "
William H.	"	6	" "
Julia	"	10 months	" "

On May 16, 1851 Sylvester P. Fogg, mariner sold this (east) half of the property to Thomas Melzard, trader. "The same purchased by me of Joseph White on Aug. 12, 1826, including a strip of land I bought of Samuel Henderson on June 10, 1848. (book 445 page 83)

On July 2, 1851 William Hunt sold his (west) half of the dwelling house and land to Richard Skinner and Richard Skinner Jr., cigar makers. (book 448 page 23)

Two weeks later, July 15, 1851, Thomas Melzard sold the east half to William Henry Caulfield, mariner. "The same estate conveyed to me by S.P. Fogg recorded in book 445 page 83." (book 448 page 74)



The 1853 tax records: (males over the age of 18)

Andrew street

- 16 (west 1/2) Richard Skinner                      owner 1/2 house value \$1,500
- James Harris
- 16 (east 1/2) William H. Caulfield              owner 1/2 house value \$1,400
- Anthony D. Caulfield
- Anthony A. Caulfield
- James C. Caulfield

The tax records for 1859 reveal some interesting data:

Andrew street

- 14 1/2 Richard Skinner Jr.    age 40                      value \$1,400
- Phillip G. Skinner
- 16 William H. Caulfield age 39                      value \$1,200
- James C. Caulfield        "    35
- Anthony Caulfield        "    77 "died this day May 6"
- Anthony Caulfield

On June 3, 1859 William H. Caulfield transferred the title to his (east) half of the dwelling house and land to his sister Sarah Caulfield. (book 610 page 47)

The 1860 census gives a closer look at both households:

Richard Skinner Jr.	age 41	cigar manufactorer	born Mass.
Susan "	" 42		" "
Susan E. "	" 18		" "
Richard W. "	" 16	clerk	" "
Mary "	" 13		" "
Laura W. "	" 11		" "
Hattie H. "	" 7		" "
Carrie B. "	" 3		" "
Grace F. "	" 1		" "
Margaret Brown	" ?	domestic	" Ire.

2nd family

Elizabeth Caulfield	age 72		born Mass.
Anthony A. "	" 43	master mariner	" "
William H. "	" 40	" "	" "
Elizabeth "	" 36		" "
Sarah "	" 30		" "
Abby "	" 21		" "

As indicated in the census, the Caulfield's were a seafaring family. One extremely interesting manuscript item concerning Anthony D. Caulfield could lead to a fascinating story:

"Antony D Caulfield master of Brig Sally Ann, having arrived here with a runaway slave belonging to Cap. Megill of St. John Porto Rico, which slave came on board of said Brig Clandestinely, without the knowledge or consent of said Caulfield, and being desirous of restoring said slave to his master, was this day deprived of said slave by Phillip Chase of Salem, who agreed to be responsible for all legal damages for said rescue -

Said Caulfield fearing damages and trouble on account of said Chase's interference, enters his protest accordingly -

Joseph G Waters"

Salem April 16, 1834

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Some insight can be gained about the Caulfields by reading articles which appeared in the local papers many years later:

"Capt. William Henry Caulfield was born on Andrew street, Salem on March 4, 1816, employed at the undertaking rooms of Frank E. Smith on Essex street. He was educated in public schools, going first to the old Williams street school. When a mere lad he went to sea, his first voyage being made with his father in the brig "Sally Ann", on a trip to the West Indies. He wished to go on a voyage a few months earlier, but his father would not give his consent at that time. Had he then gone, we would not have chronicled his birthday today, for the vessel was the brig "New Priscilla", and she was subsequently captured by pirates and every soul on board murdered. The captain had commanded many fine vessels in his day and has visited nearly all parts of the civilized world. (Salem Evening News, March 7, 1893)

"A pioneer in the importation of hides from South American ports, is Capt. Wm H. Cauldfield, resident of 100 Federal St. He went to sea at an early age, and sailed from Salem, Boston and other ports during his long service on the ocean. He went many voyages as master to Montevideo for hides. Among the vessels he commanded were the brig "Mary A. Jones"



and barques "Lucille" and "Arthur Pickering", owned by Benjamin A. West. His last voyage to Montevideo was made in the "Pickering" arriving at that port on April 1, 1861." (Salem Evening News, May 19, 1894).

"Death of Capt. Anthony Caulfield age 79 years, 4 months. Capt. Caulfield was injured by a fall and died at his home 100 Federal street. He followed the sea for many years and commanded many fine ships. Born in 1813, he was the son of Anthony and Elizabeth (Perkins) Caulfield. Capt. Caulfield was a well known shipmaster and sailed to all parts of the world. He commanded among others the "Som" and the schooner "Tremont". During the Russian War he was in the Mediterranean in command of the brig "General". Later he took the U. S. Revenue cutter "Alert", out to Rio Jeneiro for the government.

In Nov. of 1849 he sailed for California as master of the barque "Backus" and was part owner." (Salem Evening News, March 21, 1893)

The 1865 tax records show the Caulfields still in residence at what was then called 18 Andrew street:

16 Richard Skinner Jr.	age 47	house \$750, land \$450
Richard W. Skinner	" 22	
Charles H. Semter	" 32	
18 Wm H. Caulfield		house \$750, land \$450
Anthony Caulfield		

The 1870 census shows few changes:

Richard Skinner	age 51	street commissioner	born Mass.
Susan	" 52		" "
Susan E.	" 28	milliner	" "
Richard	" 26	fruit store	" "
Mary E.	" 23	clerk in fruit store	" "
Laura	" 21	no occupation	" "
Hattie	" 16	store clerk	" "
Carrie B.	" 13	at school	" "

2nd family

Elsie Caulfield	age	84	keeps house	born Mass.
Anthony A. "	"	55	sea captain	" "
William H. "	"	52	" "	" "
Elizabeth "	"	43	no occupation	" "
Sarah "	"	38	no occupation	" "

3rd family

Humprey Cook	"	59	Boston and Salem express	" "
Mary E. "	"	48	keeps house	" "
Thomas "	"	10	at school	" "
Hugh Diver	"	84	druggist	" "

The Caulfields decided to move in 1873 and their portion of the house was offered for sale:

"Valuable Estate On Andrew Street"

On Tuesday May 20 at 11 o'clock A M will be sold at public auction, (if not previously disposed of)

The easterly half of the three story frame dwelling house, situated No. 18 Andrew street with the land under and adjoining. Said house contains 11 finished rooms, and is convenient for two families.

The land measures 21 feet on Andrew street by 100 feet deep, being situated in a quiet and pleasant neighborhood. This estate offers a good opportunity for parties in search of a homestead. Terms easy. For particulars, enquire of the auctioneer."

On July 21, 1873 Sarah Caulfield sold the east half of the dwelling house and land to Edward Foley for the sum of \$2,200. "The same conveyed to me by deed of Wm H. Caulfield." (book 885 page 95)

The tax records of 1875 reflect the change in ownership:

16 Richard Skinner Jr.	age	55	house \$1,200; land \$500
Richard W. "	"	31 (died Aug. 13, 1875)	
John J. Saunders	"	30	
18 Edward Foley	"	41	house \$1,200; land \$400

## The 1880 census:

16	Richard Skinner	age 61	blind maker	born Mass.
	Susan	" 62	keeps house	" "
	Laura	" 31	daughter	" "
	Hattie	" 26	daughter	" "
	John Saunders	" 35	son-in-law, furniture dealer	" "
	Mary C.	" 33	daughter	" "
	Arthur	" 4	grand son	" "
18	George W. Burnham	" 50	house carpenter	" N.H.
	Jesse	" 50	keeps house	" "
	Georgianna	" 25	daughter, school teacher	" "
	Abby	" 23	daughter, school teacher	" Mass.
2nd family				
	Edward Foley	" 50	house painter	" Ire.
	Mary A.	" 34	wife, keeps house	" "
	Mary	" 16	at school	" Mass.

Richard Skinner died on July 14, 1893. This obituary notice appeared in the local newspaper:

## DEATH OF CAPT. RICHARD SKINNER AT HIS HOME THIS MORNING.

## Sketch of His Services as a Soldier and City Marshal.

Capt. Richard Skinner, a well-known and honored resident of Salem, died at his home at 4 o'clock this morning, in a somewhat sudden manner, although he had not enjoyed good health for many years, in fact since he had a serious illness during the war, in which he served with distinction.

Capt. Skinner was able to be out the last few days, but last night he was stricken with a shock, which resulted fatally at the hour above indicated.

He was conscious and realized that his end was approaching, but had no fear of death, dying as he lived, a brave man.

He was born in Salem, in January, 1819, and was named after his father, Richard Skinner. His age was 74 years, 6 months, 14 days.

In early life he learned the trade of painter, which pursuit he followed until he entered the tobacco business with his father, on Federal street. Their establishment was a large one, from 30 to 40 hands being employed in it.

While in this business, the civil war broke out, and Capt. Skinner, who had been an ardent Cadetman, and had worked his way up to the grade of a lieutenant from a private, accompanied the Second Corps of Cadets to Fort Warren.

After serving his period of time there, he returned home only to re-enter the services as captain in the 40th Massachusetts Regiment, under the command of Col. Joseph A. Dalton. He served faithfully and with distinction, and won the encomiums of his superior officers.

During his service he was taken ill with fever, and was sick for some time, and in after life never fully recovered. He rejoined the regiment, however, and remained with it until the expiration of his time in 1864, when he was discharged with the others at Hilton Head.

Soon after his return home, he was placed in charge of the city liquor agency, and in the term of Mayor J.B.F. Osgood was appointed city marshal, serving in that capacity from April 4, 1865, to March 23, 1868.

He was then appointed street commissioner, serving two years in that capacity.

He then entered the sash and blind business with ex-Alderman Prime, but afterwards dissolved, and had continued it alone up to the time of his death, his last place of business being on Front street, opposite the police station.

He leaves a widow and five daughters, one of the latter residing in Fitchburg, another in Malden, and three living in Salem.

He was a brother to Capt. J.B.Skinner, assistant marshal, Capt. Emery Skinner, assistant engineer, Philip Skinner, now in Green Cove Springs, Fla., James Skinner, and Mrs. T.J.Hutchinson.

He was a member of Phil H. Sheridan Post 34 G.A.R. a permanent member of the Supreme Colony of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, an ex-governor of John Endicott Colony, U.O.P.F, the Veteran Cadets, and was prominent in other organizations.

Capt. Skinner was a man of sterling honesty and worth, and possessed of the kindest instincts, which won to him the friendship of a large circle of people.

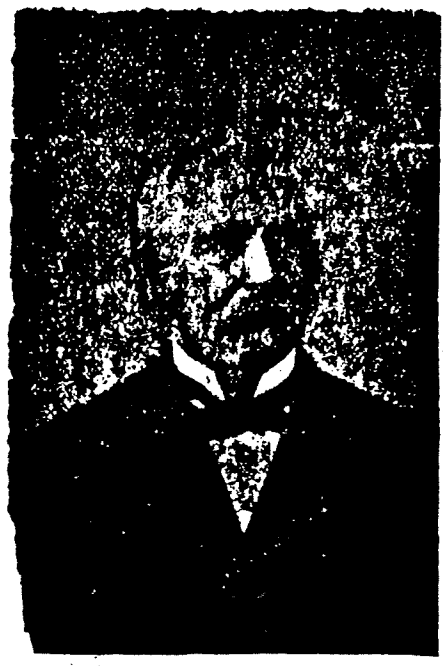
"In every duty he was faithful, and while his death is mourned there is a satisfaction in knowing that in his long career he filled always, an honorable station in life."

**CAPT. RICHARD SKINNER'S FUNERAL**

Many of His Relatives and Old Friends Gather to Pay a Loving Tribute to His Memory.

The funeral of Capt. Richard Skinner took place from his late residence on Andrew Street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Buckham of the Crombie street church, and Rev. Hugh Elder. The interment took place at Greenlawn cemetery.

The house was well filled with friends and relatives of the deceased, who gathered to pay their last tribute to a much respected man. Nearly every member of the police force was present, besides members of the Veteran and active Cadets, comrades of Post 34, the 40th regiment association, John Endicott colony Pilgrim Fathers and Royal Arcanum.



CAPTAIN RICHARD SKINNER.

**FAREWELL TRIBUTES OF FRIENDS.**

Funerals of Ex-City Marshal Richard Skinner, Mrs. Lucy L. Goodhue, Miss Almira J. Wiggin and the Infant Daughter of Mr. William H. Curtis.

The funeral of ex-Marshall Richard Skinner was held at his residence, 18 Andrew street, yesterday afternoon, Rev. John W. Buckham of the Crombie street church, and Rev. Hugh Elder, a former pastor, officiated. There was a large attendance at the services, but the burial was private.

The floral tributes were beautiful and profuse, including pieces from the Royal Arcanum, Pilgrim Fathers, and other organizations of which the deceased was a member.

The police force went to the house and took a last look at the familiar face of their former chief, before the services commenced. Among those present were Marshal Hart, Alderman J. Frank Dalton, members of Post 34, G. A. R., of the 40th Massachusetts Regiment Association, and of local orders. The body was interred in Greenlawn cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucy Luscomb Goodhue was held at her late residence on Liberty street Saturday afternoon. The body was interred in Harmony Grove cemetery.

On Dec. 5, 1894 the heirs of Richard Skinner conveyed the west half of the dwelling house and land to Susan Skinner. "Through the middle of the house as now divided and through the cellar as now divided by a brick wall. Privilege of using the front door in common with the east half. The same premises conveyed by William Hunt to Richard Skinner and Richard Skinner Jr. in book 448 page 23." (book 1432 page 273)

The 1900 census:

16 Hattie Skinner	age 46 bookkeeper	born Mass.
John Blakely	" 37 laundry business	" "
Carrie "	" 43	" "
Harold "	" 6 at school	" "
18 Edward Foley	" 70 painter	" Ire.
Mary "	" 30 daughter	" Mass.
Kattie Welsh	" 20 boarder, domestic	" "
2nd family		
William Carleton	" 19 freight brakeman	" Mass.
(illegible)	" 22 wife	" "
Harry "	" 1 son	" "

The tax records show little change:

1905

16	John Blakely	age 42	owner Hattie Skinner
18	Edward Foley	" 75	owner Mary J. Foley
	Jeremiah Broaderick	" 35	

1910

16	John Blakely	age 47	owner Hattie Skinner
18	Edward Foley	" 80	owner Heirs of Mary Foley
	Daniel Fitzgerald	" 29	

Edward Foley died on Jan. 2, 1912. This obituary notice appeared in the Salem Evening News:

EDWARD FOLEY DIED YESTERDAY

One of the Oldest Irish Residents of the City; Intimate of P.S. Gilmore.

Edward Foley, one of the sturdy citizens of Salem, died at his home 18 Andrew street, last night. Mr. Foley was born in Ireland about 83 years ago, and he came to this country and to Salem in 1849. He was a painter by trade, and for years was the master and expert painter for the E.R.R., painting the cars and locomotives and stations. Concluding his services with the road, he for many years carried on business for himself, having shops on Endicott and Derby streets. He retired several years ago, and since then lived quietly.

He was out and about so long as his health would permit, which was until quite recently, comparatively speaking. His mind was bright and active, and he maintained a lively interest in public affairs. He served the city as a member of the common council in 1870, 71, and 73, and he brought to the office a dignity and a most sincere effort to serve the city rightfully and honestly. He had no taste for the ways of politicians, and the same highmindedness that charaterized his private life he exemplified in his public services.

Mr. Foley was twice married, but both of his wives are dead, and his daughter died three years ago. He leaves two nephews, Bishop Louis S. Walsh of Portland, Me. and Austin Tyrrenn of Bradford, Penn. and four nieces, Mrs. Michael J. Doyle of Salem, Mrs. Thomas O'Connor of Boston, Miss Mary Carr of Lowell and another in Lawrence.

Mr. Foley was in his younger days a fine singer and he was a member of the choirs of old St. Mary's, the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. James. He and the late James O'Donnell were more instrumental than any one else in bringing the late P.S. Gilmore to Salem, their

inducing Mr. Gilmore to come and take the directorship of St. James church choir, also the leadership of the old Salem Brass Band. Mr. Gilmore afterwards married the young lady who was then organist of St. James church.

Mr. Foley was a member of the old Ancient Hibernian Benevolent association reading room, a charitable organization. He gave liberally to charity, and he will be sorely missed. His funeral will be held in the church of the Immaculate Conception Thursday forenoon at 10 o'clock, when solemn high mass will be celebrated."

On April 26, 1912 Louis S. Walsh, of Maine, executor of the estate of Edward Foley sold to Mary M. Dooley, wife of Valentine Dooley, the east half of the land and building on Andrew street. "The same conveyed to Edward Foley by deed of Sarah Caulfield." (book 1554 page 494)

The 1914 tax records indicate the changes:

16 John Blakely	age 51	owner Hattie H. Skinner -	house \$1,700;
			land 700
Harold W. Blakely	" 20		
18 Valentine Dooley	" 63	owner Heirs Mary Dooley -	house \$1,800
			land 500
George W. Burnham	" 84		
Valentine J. Dooley	25		
Arthur Dooley	21		

On Aug. 19, 1926 the heirs of Mary Dooley transferred the title of the east half of the dwelling house and land to Mary D. Fraser and Valentine J. Dooley. (book 2693 page 78)

On Sept. 25, 1943 the heirs of Hattie H. Skinner sold their west half of the dwelling house and land to Mary D. Collins (nee Mary D. Fraser). This transaction placed the entire house and land in the ownership of one person for the first time in over 100 years. (book 3349 page 537)

On Sept. 22, 1949 Mary D. Collins sold the dwelling house and land to David S. and Josephine M. Sultzbach. "For title see probate #193018, #193019, #115421 also book 2144 page 265 and book 2693 page 78."  
(book 3692 page 125)

Dec. 8, 1950 David S. and Josephine M. Sultzbach sold the house and land to Konstantine K. Eliopoulos. (book 3789 page 400)

Nov. 21, 1967 Konstantina K. Eliopoulos sold the land and building to Robert E. Warner. "The same conveyed by David S. Sultzbach et ux on Dec. 8, 1950." (book 5493 page 445)

August 7, 1970 Robert E. Warner sold the property to George and Georgina Osgood for the sum of \$16,900. (book 5702 page 790)

July 20, 1977 George K. and Georgina T. Osgood sold the same property to Gregory Maitland for the sum of \$45,000. (book 6373 page 103)

Sept. 22, 1981 Gregory Maitland sold the land and building to Robert C. Bramble. "The same conveyed by deed of George K. and Georgina T. Osgood."  
(book 6865 page 427)

Notes: Reference to book and page are deed books at the Registry of Deeds. Probate numbers are cases at Probate Court. Both offices are located in the same building on Federal St. All maps in this report are not meant to be exact, just for illustration purposes.



Voyges some good & some bad, & was at Last Stranded on the Horse Shoe so called near New York, almost a Total Loss, Thus I have ennumerated the Principle Losses, although thier are Some Minor Ones that I have not Mentined, & Althought we had met with such a Multiplcty of Losses, & seemed to us hard to bear them, yet we had enough left to pay every Cent we Owed, & Surplus left, Provided we had ben Delt with Fairly, or as one Man ought to do by Another, But O that Fatale day the fourth of June 1810 —

we then had on hand one half Brig *Independance*, Brig *Argus*, & Schooner *Saucy Jack* at Sea only, *Independence* & *Argus* lying at the wharf. & I Judged we had a Suffisincy of Goods in Store to pay every Cent we Owed, & had Provided we had bin Dealt fairlv by, I shoud say, I could have Obtained betwin twenty & thirty thousand Dollars, for what Neated only betwen Nine & Ten thousand Dollars, after Deducting Such a Multiplcty of Alowanabl Charges, the Coffee for One article, when Tack<sup>d</sup> from us, was worth 23ct. pd, When sold only brought 12 & 13 ct, thus we ware sackirfised & without a cause, I found the times ware growing Dificcult, & Observed to Capt Willman, that I was Determind never to send Another Cent to Sea, untill every Dollar we Owed was paid, if requested, then had a Number of Respectabl Merchants Failed Arround Us, & I was Determind not be caught in the Trap, of course We ware paying our Debts so fast as we could Sell our Goods to Advantage, I should say we had paid three fourths of them, We Owed the Essex Bank a large Sum, we had paid. as also the Salem & Beverly Banks, we had paid all except one Note, & cosiderabl many Individuals we had paid, & ware paying so fast as we posably could, & every one would have had their pay, & left us some Stock, bisides our Shipping, as we had Cosiderable Demands against Others, But I say again O that Fatell Day the 4th of June 1810

We Owed Richard Manning<sup>15</sup> a Sum of Mony, which we

15 Richard Manning (1776-1813) ran the stage coaches from Salem to Boston. His daughter Elizabeth was the mother of Nathaniel Hawthorne. It is possible that Mr. Manning was hard pressed in 1810 because of the needs of his widowed daughter and her young family. Ironically, some of the descendants of Benjamin Ropes and Richard Manning became close friends.

hired of him during the Embargo, paid him twelve pr. Cent for, & renewed the Notes every Sixty days, it happened the Notes ware Due the Sauturday Previous to the 4th of June, Artillery Election day, I caled in the evining of Sauturday, to pay him the Intrest, he remarked to me he should like to have us pay him part of our Notes, he Said he would take it in Coffee at a fair price, I told him I had not the lest Ojection, & that Cap Willman was going to Boston on Mondy & would return in the evening, & on Tuesday we would attend to it, Capt Wellman Proceeds to Boston on Monday, I met Mr. Dutch by the wharf, with Cap Gamaiel Hodges, he remarked he had a Demand against us, & Wished me to go to the Store, I asked him from whom the Demand was from, he says from Cap Hodges, I told him I did not owe him any thing, & asked him to let me see it, I then found it was Manings Paper, I left them, & went Immidiatry to Mr. Manning, found him at home, & asked him what he ment by such triatment, told him it was shamful, asked him if he did not agree to Wait till Capt Wellman Returned from Boston, & then tache Coffee, he says yes, but I had a Chance to Dispose of your paper, & have done it, well Sir I cant Say but you have ruined me, & left him, upon this every Demand that was Due, was Sued, mechncks and all, we then had but one Vesail at Sea, Schooner *Saucy Jack*, which we conveyed (her) to a man in town, with which he took of all the Suits againt us Except Hodges for About three thousand Dollars, — had I have had any Idia of this tacking Plan, we should have asigned our property, when I expt it would have Neated nearly Trupple, to what it did in the way it was Sekrefised, When the failers took place in this town, I suffered Considerable by indorsing, I paid A Number of Notes at the Bank & Elsware for which I never recived one Cent, I have bad Paper & Demands on hand to the Amount of thirty thousand Dollars, I had pretty Little estate, House & land Situted in Williams Street, which I lost, all but a trifle, by endorsing Lemuel Paysons Note, Payson had a Note Signed by himself & endorsed by Albert Grey, for which he wished to Obtain thee Mony, Cap Peter Lander would furnish it, on Condision, I would become the Second Endorser, which I concented to, as I did in all Other casses

when ever I was requested, Payson gave me a Policy of Insurence for Security, but the Captain Deveiated from his instructions, the Property was lost, & lost my Estate, without reciving one Cent, Except one Hat, I expect the Mony belonged to Mr. Wm. Gray, as Mr. Grey's heirs now Owns the Estate. My Brother also had three Pieces of Real Estate in North Salem, by which he lost Considerable Sum of Mony, The Mason place, he bought for Which he was to pay Fifty five hundred Dollars, on reciving the Deid, he paid two thousand Dollars, & gave a Mortarge for thee ballance, but Real Estate Depriccating In Value, it sold for barly enough to pay the Morgage he lost the two thousand Dollars, he also bought the Tredwell place at the Horse pasture so Called, & he & Wm. P. Symonds bought the Corner lot Opposite Groces Corner, by these Purchases he also lost, he says about three thousand Dollars, in the whole, Thire are two losses which I have not Mentioned Heretofore, One the Schooner *Hero*, Wm Upton master, Capt Wellman with myself Chartered one half from Jeduther Upton he loaded the Other half, for the West Indias, During the Voryge the Captain Died, She went into St Barholews, the Government took Charge of the Vesail & Cargo, appointed an Aggent, & he Disposed of the whole as he pleased, Crediting about Eighteen hundred Dollars, for which we never recived one Cent, I cannot here State how much we lost but say a very bad Voyge, —

We had on board the Bark *Pacific*, an adventure, of Tobacco & Logwowood, She was taken by the Deans, Carried into Norway, Condemned Vesail & Cargo, No Insurance, the Captain of the Barque Beckett, remined with her till the Cargo was Sold, & he informed me that our goods sold for upwards of Ten Thousand Dollars, —

Thus I have Detailed some of the Losses & Crosses of two, of the Most unfunate Creaturs, I belive I may say, that their is in this Town, & belive thier are not many, but what like Job, would have cursed the Day of thir birth, & would have got from existance as soon as posable, but I will not ripine at the hand of Providence, I had the Vanity to think, that I had as many friends as any one, but I find it all a Delusion, for when the Hours of Darkness & Distress came on, they liek the Diciples, all forsook me and

fled, & those I had befreinded the most ware my worst Enemies. Now what shall I do, having lost & given up all my Property, look at me a sight enough to melt a hart of Stone, with a Famly of Small Children,<sup>16</sup> without a Dollar warewith to Support them, House & all gone, No Friend that care to give me any Assistance, or imployment, What Shall I do, famly a Suffering, myself no Peace, almost Driven to Distraction, but I will Trust in God for Vain is the help of Man ]

About this time the War came on, & being Friendly to the government, that Government I allways mean to Support, & which I have Spent time & Mony to Support, I voluntied my Services, to the Support of my Country, I recived a Commision as a Captain, which I accepted with cherfulness, & called on Heaven, to Support & Protect, my Infant famly, for I Knew it was useless to Call on Man, I had held a Commision as Captain in the Millitia for the Space of Ten Years, which Cost me a heavy tax, besides, a great deal of time, & Trouble, The first Duty I was called to, was the recruiting Service, which I persued to the bist of my Ability. Policits runing high, I met with great Opposition, & Ill Treatment, the Enemies of Government, giving me Abusive Langgue, hising me, as I pased the Streets, but None of those things moved me, for I Knew I was Defending thee rights of my Country, a Country Dearer to me than Life, or I should Never have offered my life in its Support, & I was Determined, if life was spared, to persiviere to the End, after recruiting a large Number of Men, & that two with a great Deal of Labour & Fetigue, the Opposition, opposing with all their Strength, the enlisting of Men, I ricived the Pleasing Order from Coln. Tuttle, to repair to Greenbush in the State of New Yorke, with a Detachment then at Charlstown, but before I marched, I recived a Counter Order, to repair to the Cantonement at Pittsfield, & report myself to the Commanding Officer at that Post. On this march as hertofore, I met some friends & Some Enemies, On my arrivale I reported myself to Conl. Aspinwall, the then Comanding Officer, who gave an Order to tache Charge of the Cantomment, as he was

<sup>16</sup> "a Family of Small Children:" Benjamin Gardner, b. 1804; Fanny Wilkins, b. 1806; Henry James, b. 1809.



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ST. ELIZABETH

ST. CATHERINE

ST. AGNES

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Mrs. Studeny  
J. F. Peiman  
N. Gardner  
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