

# Historic Salem incorporated

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30 BROAD STREET

Built for  
HENRY THOMPSON, teamster  
c. 1830

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30 Broad Street  
Built c.1830 for Henry Thompson, teamster of Salem

Andrew Jackson was inaugurated the seventh president in 1829. In October of 1829 the first luxurious hotel of the New World opened in Boston. The Tremont Hotel had 170 private bedrooms with door locks, soap and water in each room, indoor toilets, menus for dining, room clerks, and bellboys, all new and first time ideas for the New World.<sup>1</sup> The 1830 census recorded a population of 12,866,020 people living in the United States. On September 16, 1830 Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote the poem "Old Ironsides", which was published in the Boston *Daily Advertiser*.<sup>2</sup> Holmes wrote the poem after hearing that the *Constitution* was to be dismantled. The poem was so popular that it helped to lead the way in a campaign to save the historic frigate.

In 1830 the population of Salem was 13,895. Henry Thompson had his house bilt circa. 1830. He lived in the house until his death intestate in 1860. His widow, Abigail, received the first floor of the house and the western half of the cellar and the attic. The children received the second floor and the eastern half of both the attic and cellar.<sup>3</sup> Abigail lived in the house until 1876. Orrin Thompson, a clerk, then lived in the house until he sold the property. Olive Newbegin bought the house and then immediately sold it to Louise Waters. Louise and her husband Ernest lived in the house until 1933. The house was vacant for two years before being rented out.<sup>4</sup> Richard Blake, a lawyer and notary, then moved in in 1939 after his wife bought the property. They lived the house until 1951 when they sold the property.

Essex County Registry of Deeds  
Book 252 Page 236

Date: August 18, 1829  
Grantor: James Stone, Bricklayer of Salem  
Grantee: Henry Thompson, Teamster of Salem  
Consideration: \$300  
Description:

"...the eastern part of that lot of land situated on Broad Street and Green Street (later Warren Street)...contained in the following lines beginning at the northeasterly corner of Green Street by land improved by the widow Hannah Smith as dower in the Estate of her late husband David Smith then running southerly by said Dower-land as the fence stands one hundred and eighty feet five inches to Broad Street then running westerly by Broad Street sixty eight feet five inches and a half to the middle of a bound stone about to be placed there then running northerly a straight line by

<sup>1</sup> Gorton Carruth, What Happened When: A Chronology of Life & Events in America (New York: Signet Book, 1989),277

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, 279

<sup>3</sup> Essex County Probate Record # 55159

<sup>4</sup> Salem Street Directory

remaining part of said lot retained + owned by said Stone and parallel with the first described line to the middle of a bound stone on Green Street then running easterly on said Green Street sixty three feet + nine inches to the first bounds..."

Essex County Probate

Case # 55159

Henry Thompson left his lands to his three children Kate L. Thompson, Caroline A. Brown, and Orrin F. Thompson.

Kate L. Thompson married Samuel D. Chamberlain, then later she married William W. Doherty. She died interstate and her sole heir was her daughter, Anna A. Chamberlain. Anna died August 23, 1892, she left her estate to her uncle Orrin F. Thompson, see Essex Probate #73222.

Caroline A. Brown died leaving her brother Orrin F. Thompson as her sole heir. Orrin F. Thompson left the property to Orrin Clayton Symonds, see Essex Probate #143229.

Essex County Registry of Deeds

Book 2640 Page 320

Date: June 13, 1925  
Grantor: Orrin Clayton Symonds of Danvers  
Grantee: Olive S. Newbegin  
Consideration: Paid  
Description:

"...the land in Salem in said Essex County, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Southeasterly by Broad Street fifty four and 30/100 (54.30) feet; Easterly by land formerly of Preston one hundred and eighty and 90/100 (180.90) feet; Northerly by Warren Street one hundred and twenty six and 95/100 (126.95) feet; Westerly by land now or late of Chambers and of Newhall one hundred and 50/100 (100.50) feet; and Southerly by said Newhall land sixty four and 40/100 (64.40) feet; and Westerly by Said Newhall land eighty two and 90/100 82.90) feet, be all of said measurements more less."

Essex County Registry of Deeds  
Book 2640 Page 321

Date: June 13, 1925  
Grantor: Olive Newbegin of Haverhill and unmarried  
Grantee: Louise B. Waters, wife of Ernest A. Waters, of Salem  
Consideration: Paid  
Description:

"...the land in Salem, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the granted premises on Broad Street by land now or late of Newhall; thence running northerly by the said Newhall land and by land this day conveyed to me ninety two and 50/100 (92.50) feet; thence running northeasterly by the land conveyed to me by a line parallel to the line of said Broad Street seventy (70) feet to land now or late of Preston; thence running southerly by land of Preston ninety seven and 50/100 (97.50) feet to Broad Street; thence running southwesterly by Broad Street fifty four and 30/100 54.30 feet to the point of beginning."

Essex County Registry of Deeds  
Book 3067 Page 197

Date: March 4, 1936  
Grantor: Louise B. Waters of Salem, married  
Grantee: Katharine M. Jeffrey of Salem  
Consideration: Paid  
Description:

"...the land in said Salem together with the buildings thereon and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at a point on the Northerly line of Broad Street at the land of Emma Towle, thence running Northerly by land of said Towle, 70.03 feet to other land of the grantor, thence turning and running northwesterly by land of said Towle, 6.06 feet; thence turning and running northwesterly by land of said Towle and by the land of Nathalie G. Seamans, 31 feet to other land of said Seamans; thence turning and running northeasterly by said land of Nathalie G. Seamans and by land now or formerly of R.D. Seamans and E.A. Waters, 100.47 feet to land now or late of Murphy; thence turning and running southerly by land now or formerly of said Murphy 108.12 feet. to Broad Street; thence turning and running westerly by said Broad Street to the point of beginning 61 feet more or less to the land of said Towle.

Essex County Registry of Deeds  
Book 3067 Page 198

Date: March 4, 1936  
Grantor: Katharine M. Jeffrey of Salem, unmarried  
Grantee: Ernest A. Waters and Louise B. Waters both of Salem  
Consideration: \$1 and other valuable considerations  
Description:

See above

Note: Property was sold in trust for James D. Waters of Salem, a minor child of the grantees.

Essex County Registry of Deeds  
Book 3142 Page 450

Date: April 20, 1938  
Grantor: Ernest A. Waters, of Salem, and Louise B. Hathaway, formerly  
Louise B. Waters, of Marblehead  
Grantee: Joan C. Blake of Salem  
Consideration: Paid  
Description:

See above

Essex County Registry of Deeds  
Book 3811 Page 450

Date: April 11, 1951  
Grantor: Joan C. Blake of Salem  
Grantee: Roland S. Baker and Barbara L. Baker husband and wife of  
Groveland  
Consideration: Paid  
Description:

See above