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15½ River Street

Built for

JOSHUA BECKFORD, shoemaker

by 1805

Research by,

Joyce King

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*"to preserve Historic Sites, Buildings and objects,
and to work for the education of the community
in the true value of the same."*

15½ River Street

This house may be older than the 1805 date given but is not documented before that date. Since there are two houses on the lot, care was taken to be sure of the location of the earliest one. Only one house is mentioned in the 1777 inventory of Joshua Beckford, mariner (page 3). The location of his house is documented in the sale by his widow to Joseph Saul in 1778 (page 3). This shows that the middle of his house was located 1 pole 7 links south of the road (about 21 feet). The house 15½ River St. is about 45 feet from the road.

The March 1805 deposition of Eunice Beckford provides the first mention of Joshua Beckford shoemaker's house when she states that Joshua Beckford son of my uncle Joshua has a house upon the land assigned to his father (page 5). In 1805 the land had been greatly reduced leaving only the half a house (assigned to Elizabeth (Beckford) Dogget as her share) and the small piece where 15½ stands. This must be what Eunice was referring to.

Joshua, shoemaker, apparently built a house for his family, on the only land available to him, or transformed an out building into a dwelling house. Documents may be found in the future which will provide the exact antiquity of this house.

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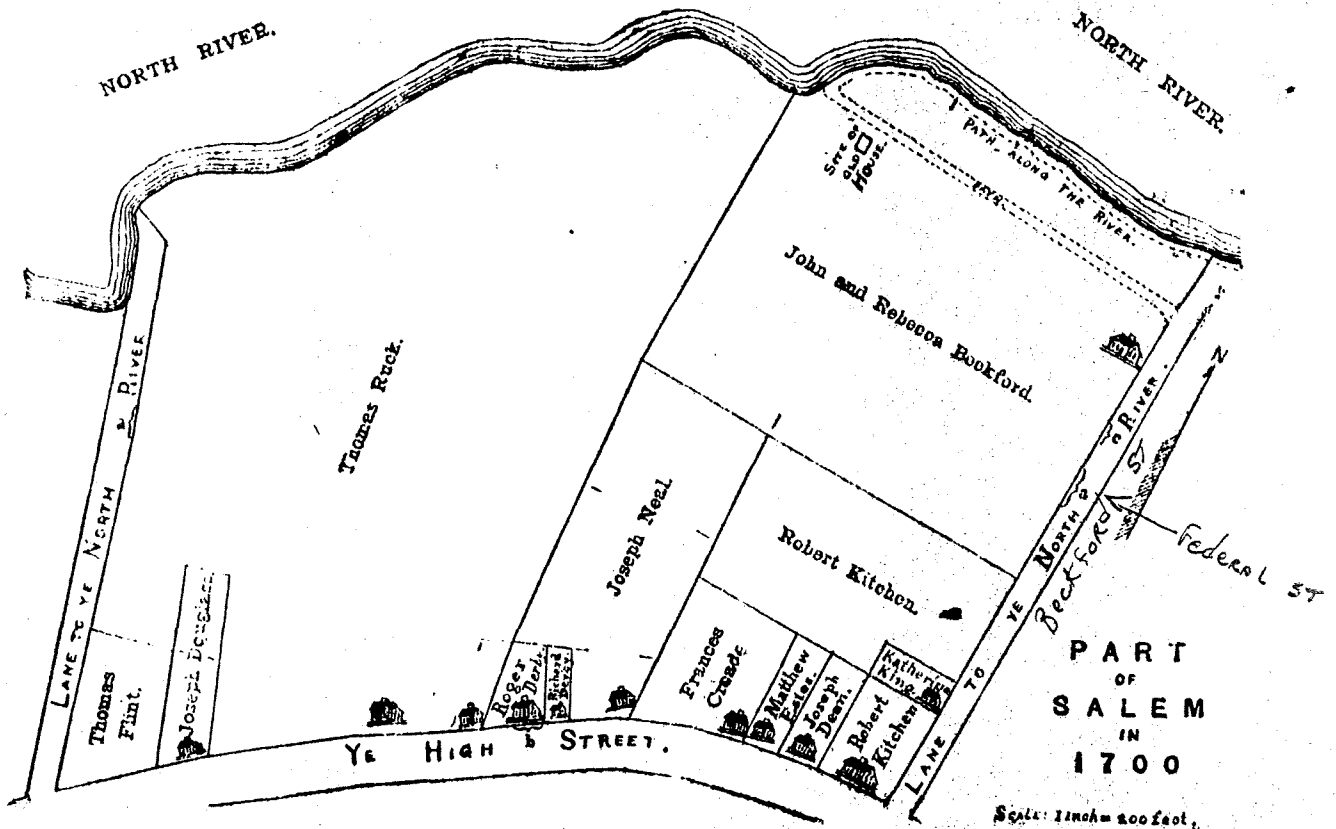
PRIOR TO 1805

15½ River Street

River street was called a way in 1739; road, 1773; private road, 1778; lane, 1782; and River street in 1796." (Essex Antiquarian, vol. 7 page 116)

Although the name River street hardly seems to apply to this high and dry road today, during Salem's early history this was a way bordering on a beautiful, broad river, clean and so deep that vessels were built and launched at the head of it. The area around River street was known as Cape Driver, for the land which jutted out into the river was occupied by the Driver family.

The lot on which this house stands was part of a large tract of land owned by the Beckford family for many years:



John and Rebecca Beckford moved to Reading around 1735, where he was a yeoman. Mr. Beckford sold portions of his estate to his children during the mid 1700's. The lot on which this house stands was in the possession of John's son, George Beckford, by 1757.

George Beckford, shoreman, died on May 29, 1761. In his will (probate #2268) Mr. Beckford gave the use of all his real estate to his wife Elizabeth during her natural life and the remainder to his sons George, Edmund, John and Joshua to be equally divided between them. The inventory of the estate (appendix A) includes three dwelling houses, eight lots of land, three common rights in the great pasture and one half the schooner "Eunice". The lot where 15½ River St. stands is described as:

"Dwelling house and garden spot Lying between y^e Dwelling houses of John and Benjamin Beckford with a piece of Bank land fenced of on y^e north side the Street oposite y^e afs^d Dwelling house"

On Dec. 18. 1773 Widow Elizabeth Beckford released all her rights in and to the estate to her sons. A division of the property was made to settle the estate. Joshua, the youngest, was awarded the lot with the "old dwelling house" bound north by the North River, east and south by Dea. John Beckford and west by Benjamin Beckford. Also one lot of land on the north side of the new street (Federal St.), one common right and one half right in the great pasture. (book 176 page 28)

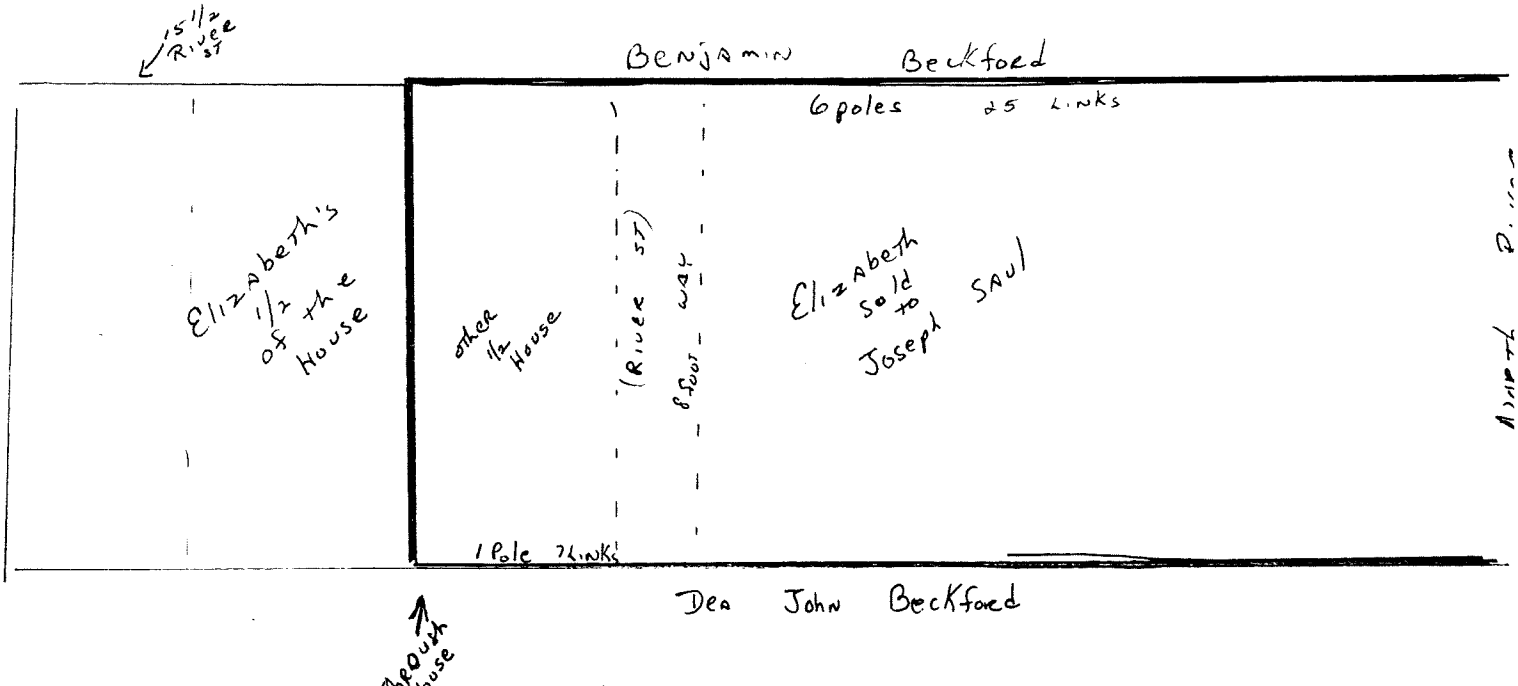
Joshua and John immediately signed over to brogthers George and Edmund their lots on the new street as payment for their sisters' legacies. This document was witnessed by Eunice Beckford and John Archer and later became the object of a court case.

Joshua Beckford married first, Nov. 18. 1762, Rachel Hilliard, who died early without issue. He married second, Oct. 25, 1764, Elizabeth widow of John Brown. Their children were:

- Joshua Beckford born 1775.
- John Beckford bapt. June 22. 1777. (apparently died young)
- Elizabeth Beckford bapt. June 22, 1777; married Elisha Doggett.

Joshua died before 1777. His administration was granted to his widow Elizabeth on July 10, 1777. The inventory (probate #2280) included a dwelling house and land, and 1/2 of a well. Joshua was called a mariner and fisherman. (The Beckford Family, page 247)

Elizabeth married as her third husband Benjamin Cook on March 28, 1778. In July of 1778 "Elizabeth Cook late the widow of Joshua Beckford, by virtue of the order of the court of common pleas for the sum of 240 pounds sold to Joseph Saul, seaman, half or part of my late husband Joshua Beckford his mansion house and land under."



↑ through house

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The first mention of this house appears in the court case concerning the Federal St. property sold by Joshua in 1773:

"March 1805 Eunice Morgan formerly Eunice Beckford made oath that she saw George, Edmund, John and Joshua sign at the bottom of the deed and there seems to be an erasure since that signing and said George, John and Joshua are now dead and John Archer is dead.

Eunice Morgan, widow, aged 51 depose that in the month of Dec. 1773 I lived with my father George Beckford and have full remembrance that one evening in that month my father (who was in a Room adjoining the one I was in) opened the door and asked me and John Archer (who was in the room with me) to come in to witness an instument. After we entered the room I have no doubt the instument was read in my hearing. From the knowledge I had of its contents, when inquired of respecting it some months past in conversation with my son Andrew - who told me that he heard Joshua Beckford was dissatisfied with the sale of his father's land. I then told Andrew, that, that land had been secured to the executor for the payment of legacies and sold for that purpose. While in the room I saw my father and my uncles Edmund John and Joshua sign the instument. Joshua who was the youngest signed last, after which John Archer signed as a witness and I sign^d my name under his at the same time and for the same purpose - the instument which they signed their names to, is the same deed or paper which is hereto annexed and they were the parties named in the body of that instument - John Archer is since dead as are also my father and uncles John and Joshua - I do not recollect the circumstance of them observing the formality of touching the seals and delivering the paper but I remember to have seen four seals upon it and have no doubt in my mind of its having been properly executed - at the time of this transaction I was not married my name then being Eunice Beckford - That name as appears on said paper - I know to be my own handwriting and I saw John Archer sign his name.

Question by Mr. Doggett: When you entered the room was you near enough to see them writing?

Answer - When I entered the room I saw the men standing around the desk - my father said to me come near and see us sign our names.

Question - Have you never in conversation expressed some doubt to your son Andrew of the particulars of the signing and sealing this paper?

Answer - No I have told him that I knew I signed it as a witness and I do not remember to have ever expressed doubt of its proper execution.

Question - Did you ever tell Andrew that you was so young at that time that you could not recall holding the pen and touching the seals?

Answer - I remember to have told him it was so long ago I did not recollect such circumstances clearly but I remember their signing their names.

Question - Is it not possible that the knowledge you now have of the contents of the paper may have been derived from conversation with some of the family? Or from reading it yourself since making it?

Answer - I never have seen this paper from the time of its execution till it was shewn by Eben^r Beckford Esq. three or four weeks past. _____

Before the division my grandmother improved the whole under the will of my grandfather and Joshua Beckford, son of my uncle Joshua has a house upon the land which was assigned to his father in the instument in question. My grandmother died in Oct. of 1774.

Question - Did not your uncles occupy this land under your grandmother's title, before the said deed and in the same parts as were set off to them by deed aforesaid?

Answer - My uncles did pay rent to my grandmother, but they did not occupy before the division the same they did after. (book 176 page 29)

After Elizabeth Beckford's death the south half of the old house was inherited by Elizabeth Dogget and the remainder (15 $\frac{1}{2}$ River), where his house stood, went to her son Joshua Beckford a shoemaker.

Joshua (b. 1775) was married on Dec. 31, 1796 to Mary (Polly) Jennings.

Their children were:

- Mary N. b. 1798; married Stephen Driver 3rd
- Joshua b. 1800; married Sarah Rust
- Eliza b. 1802; married Winthrop Sargent
- John b. 1805
- Harriet b. 1807; married George Mugford
- Emeline b. 1808; married Hiram H. Bryant
- Lucinda b. 1811; married John Howarth
- Louisa b. 1814; married Humphrey Cook
- George b. 1817

In June of 1810 Joshua purchased the house at 8 Carpenter St. and moved there with his family. By 1816 Joshua was in the financial position to purchase land on Essex and Sewall streets where he operated a shoe store and factory. In April of 1818 he built a brick building on the site.

Joshua Beckford died on Oct. 1, 1820 at the age of 45 from "intemperance". In his inventory (probate #2281) the real estate is listed

as:

Dwelling house Essex St.	\$3,000
Dwelling house Carpenter St.	1,100
Dwelling house River St.	300

His widow, Mary, was awarded 1/3 of the estate in May 1822:

The dwelling house and land on Carpenter St. also a small dwelling house and land on or near River St. bound north by the privilege of a passage way and partly on widow Cook, east by land formerly Nichols, south by George West and west by John Archer.

If Mary returned to the River St. house is not known. She is listed as the owner in 1831. The first Salem directory (1837) shows that Mary was living at 8 Carpenter St. while her son-in-law Hiram Bryant was the head of the household at the house near River St.

The Bryants lived at 15 1/2 River St. until the year 1845 when they moved into the house at 8 Carpenter St. An interesting account of the Bryants was told by Charles F. W. Archer in a local newspaper:

"Hiram K. Bryant was a shoemaker, who, before the Civil war. cobbled and tapped footwear at 8 Carpenter street. in the little shop that stood in the yard next door to the Rev. Dr. Samuel Worcester's house. Yet while the "Doctor" waxed his thread and hammered his shoe pegs into the tap, he was dreaming all the while of "Bryant's Great Discovery," the elixir which was to astonish the medical world, put new energy into heart and lungs and cause the halt and lame to throw away their crutches; for the "Doc." was almost persuaded that he was what the real old folks used to call a "natural physician" - prefix with an "N" and not a "Q".

Mrs. Bryant. energetic little woman that she was, kept the "botanical"

kettle a bilin' on the kitchen stove till one day the "Doctor" shouted "Eureka"; squailed the tap hammer and all the old shoe derelicts with it out through the open door, and emerged a full fledged disciple of Esculapius; to give to the world henceforth "Bryant's Great Discovery - an Elixir to thrill the blood and banish all the ills that mortal flesh is heir to.

Flashed from that little shop window, in glistening array, the well filled bottles, filled with a dark liquid most invigorating and by no means unpalatable to the taste. Those were the happy days when no percentages as to contents or formula were required on the label, which perhaps will account for the immediate popularity of Bryant's Elixir - excellent as a preventive as well as a cure".

A shingle appeared on the yellow house that stood end to the street. The letters "M.D." modestly showed for a short time after the name, but were removed when the old school practitioners objected and gave him a very cold shoulder. Then "physician" was substituted and for 20 years thereafter appeared after his name in the directory although in later years the word "botanical" was used in the list of physicians referring to the "Doc."

He had office hours when he first started, but he became so intensely enwrapped in the "discovery" and was so everlastingly on the go all day, that soon he had no time at home. Before long he opened an office in Boston and though there might not have been "millions in it," Bryant's elixir sure was voted great stuff, especially as soon as it was learned that it should be taken as a preventive - a tonic as it were. The "Doc's" fame spread far and wide and greatly did he prosper by all appearances."

Mrs. Marston lived at #17 River street and owned several houses in the area. In 1847 the house was rented out to William Atkins and Edward Peirce. The 1850 census gives a closer look at the occupants at that time:

William Atkins	age 62 laborer	born Mass.
Mary "	" 62	" "
2nd family		
Lucy Ward Peirce	" 60	" "
Charles Peirce	" 16 mariner	" "

(Charles H. Peirce sailed in the ship "St. Paul" a famous old East India trader of Salem. He later enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an acting ensign during the Civil War.)

Susan Marston died on Nov. 22, 1857. Mrs. Marston made many monetary bequests in her will (#46279) (appendix B). On Sept. 28, 1858 the heirs of Susan Marston sold to James Arrington the land and building. This included the right of passing over said private way from River St. and a privilege in common with others in the well of water in said private way. (book 577 page 116)

Mr. Arrington, shipmaster and merchant, lived at #6 Andover St. and continued to lease the house to Lucy Ward Peirce (sometimes called Mrs. Ward). The next tenant along with Mrs. Peirce was Isreal A. Burke, trader (formerly of 8 Carpenter St.).

In 1863 the assessment records show that the Briggs family had joined Mrs. Peirce at 15 1/2 River St.:

<u>occupants</u>	(men only listed)	<u>owner</u>
Edward L. P. Briggs	Navy age 18	James Arrington
Joseph B. Briggs	Army	house value \$150
		land value 150

The house was put up for public auction on April 24, 1845:

Salem Register - Real Estate At Auction Tomorrow 25th inst. at 11 o'clock AM will be sold by order of Probate Ct. on the respective premises.

One undivided 1/14 part of the following described estates, belonging to Daniel R. Beckford (son of Joshua and Sarah Rust Beckford) a minor and 2/3 belonging to Helen E. Driver and Stephen P. Driver (children of Stephen and Mary Beckford Driver) viz:

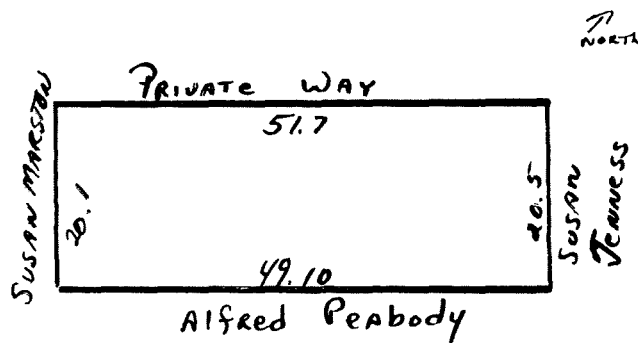
The dwelling house #8 Carpenter street with land adjoining, being about 32 feet front and 100 feet deep. The location of this house is remarkably pleasant, and it is well calculated for one or two families.

Also the dwelling in rear of 15 River street, with the land under and adjoining.

The owners of the remaining portions of the above named estates, will sell their respective shares at the same time.

George Nichols, auctioner

On April 30, 1845 the heirs sold the dwelling house and land to Susan Marston:



As fences stand. With right to pass over said private way and with privilege of the well. (book 577 pages 121, 122, 123)

The Briggs family moved here from North St. Mrs. Lydia (Nichols) Briggs was the widow of Charles Briggs who died off the coast of W. Africa aboard the "Tigress" in 1849.

James Arrington died on July 19, 1866 leaving a widow, Mary (Tufts) Arrington and children: Samuel W., Deborah, Lydia, Zachary T., Philip, Sally, Helen, James, Benjamin and Elizabeth Pierce. The probate case (#31511) contains a inventory of Mr. Arrington's real estate (appendix C).

The 1870 assessment for 15½ River St.:

"only women"	owner Heirs of James Arrington	house \$500
		land 100

The 1870 census gives the women a little more notice:

Lydia Briggs	age 70	keeps house	born Mass.
Lucy Peirce	" 78	keeps house	" "

It may be of interest to include the Arrington family at 6 Andover St.:

Mary Arrington	age 55	keeps house	born N.H.
Mary A. Gale	" 31	no occupation	" Mass.
Samuel Arrington	" 24	exc. of estate	" "
Sarah J. "	" 26	no occupation	" N.H.
Debora "	" 23	" "	" Mass.
Lydia W. "	" 22	" "	" "
Zacary "	" 19	clerk in store	" "
Phillip P. "	" 18	at school	" "
Sally W. "	" 16	" "	" "
Helen M. "	" 11	" "	" "
Sarah J. "	" 2		" "
Charles F. Morse	" 19	laborer	" "

Lucy Peirce died on Sept. 4, 1872. Her estate was probated (#32505) listing all personal estate:

furniture and apparel	\$ 119.73
cash	35.00
cash in hands of J. Arrington	27.70
silver plate	1.00
Savings Bank	362.65
1 share Portland, Saco & Portsmouth R.R.	130.00
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	676.08

Heirs: children Lucy Lemon, Sarah H. Low, Martha D. Hiltz, John H. Ward and Ann M. White. Grandchild - Charles H. Peirce.

After the death of Lucy, Edward L. P. Briggs and family came to live at 15½ River St. Some interesting information is gained from the probate case of James Arrington regarding the 1870's. It seems that Samuel was negligent in his handling of the estate and was accused of selling personal property. Starting in 1873 a careful record was kept. This includes many mentions of 15½ River St.:

Nov. 73 - Nov. 74	rent of Lydia Briggs	\$44
" " " "	" " Edward Briggs	20.92
" 74 - " 75	" " Lydia Briggs	52
" " " "	" " Edward Briggs	48

Aug. 16, 1875 From the Salem Mutual and Springfield Ins. Co. for damage to house on River St. \$10. (This was payment for damage by fire: "July 5, 1875 11:30 AM Alarm from River St.: a two story wooden tenement house belonging to the estate of James Arrington, occupied by two families. Loss \$10; insurance \$500; extinguished by hand hoses. Caused by fire crackers.")

Aug. 16, 1875 D.B. Lord repair house River St. on account \$100
 Nov. 75-75 Rent Edward Briggs \$52; Lydia Briggs \$52
 1882-1884 Edward Briggs \$80; Lydia Briggs \$80

Lydia Briggs died on Dec. 14, 1885. Shortly after her death Edward Briggs moved from the River St. house. Some details of his life can be found in his obituary Feb. 1896:

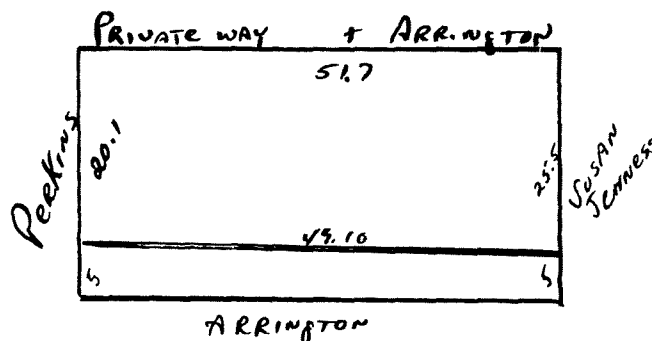
Mr. Briggs was for a long time employed as a train starter at the old Eastern depot in Boston, and for the last several years had

occupied a similar position in the Old Colony depot in the same city. He was a veteran of the late war, having served in the 4th Mass. battery and also in the U.S. Navy. He was at one time a member of post 34 G.A.R."

The 1890 assessment:

Simeon Spear, carpenter	age 59	owner est J. Arrington
George N.A. Hanson, lamp lighter	age 65	house \$500
		land 100

On July 19, 1894 the Arrington heirs sold the land and building to Zachary T. Arrington. (book 1419 page 483-486) On Jan. 25, 1895 a small portion of land was also sold to Zachary. (book 1435 page 123)



The assessment for the next year shows that Mr. Arrington moved into the house:

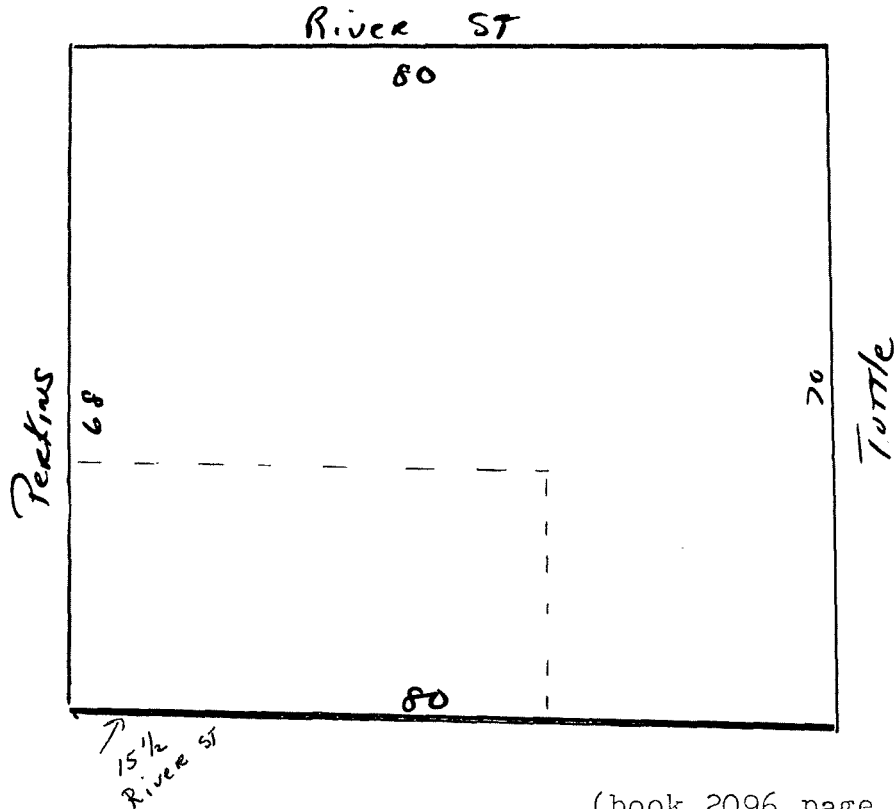
Z. Taylor Arrington	age 44	owner Z. Taylor Arrington
		house \$700
		land 300

Oct. 9, 1896 Zachary T. and Frances Arrington sold the property to Benaiah Corkum. The same sold to me by the Arrington heirs. (book 1494 page 361)

Benaiah Corkum age 27 (1896) was a nurse at the almshouse. Mr. Corkum sold the house and land on Aug. 6, 1906 to James Landers. (book 1834 page 308)

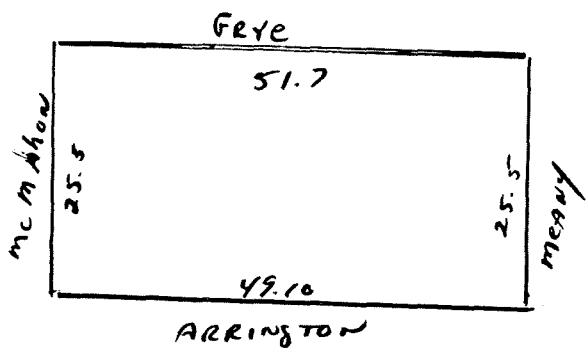
Mr. James Landers sold to Bernard Maguire on Jan.28, 1910. "Being the same premise conveyed to me by Benaiah Corkum. (book 2006 page 335)

Bernard Maguire also owned the houses 13 and 15 River St. He sold the entire lot with buildings to David Frye on July 21, 1910 for the sum of \$3.800:



(book 2096 page 381)

Oct. 22. 1914 David and Ida Frye sold 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ River St. to Agnes Walsh wife of Thomas Walsh:



(book 2279 page 17)

Thomas and Agnes Walsh mortgaged the property on Dec. 31, 1926, to the Salem 5¢ Savings Bank. The Salem 5¢ Savings Bank foreclosed on the mortgage Jan. 16, 1960. (book 4635 page 133)

On Feb. 9, 1960 The Salem 5¢ Savings Bank sold the same property to June P. Turcotte. (book 4642 page 483)

June P. Turcotte sold the land and building at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ River St. to Georgianna Melanson on July 24, 1963. (book 5085 page 136)

July 3, 1964 Georgianna Melanson sold the same property to June P. Turcotte. (book 5185 page 201)

June P. Turcotte sold the same property to James J. McKay on Oct. 28, 1964. (book 5218 page 764)

Nov. 15, 1976 James J. McKay sold to Michael A. Levinson for the sum of \$15,000. (book 6305 page 676)

On June 12. 1978 Michael A. Levinson sold for \$18,500 to James H. Winter the land and building at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ River St. (book 6478 page 700)

On Jan. 30, 1982 Roger Conant Co Op holder of a mortgage from James H. Winter of 15 Taft St., Marblehead, foreclosed on the mortgage. (book 6906 page 645)

March 12, 1982 Roger Conant Co Op sold to Lorraine J. Gadala the land and building together with the right to use for all purposes for which public ways are used, the strip of land 13 feet in width extending from said premise along by land now or formerly McMahan to River St. for title see foeclosure deed book 6906 page 645. (book 6915 page 588)

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.

(A)

To Laundry: brought from y. other side L 70.11.1
 To y. m. shigard v. up to 5 acres of seabeam & weights of 0.17.0
 To 168 yb 1/4 of bellows of. to looking glass of. 0.4.6
 To garden trays of. to boarder platter of. 0.12.0
 To powder of flash of. lat house big with half 6 3/4 3.7.4
 To first growing half 5 3/4 to 1 yearling half 2 1/4 3.17.4
 To a Dwelling house & garden plot lying between y. }
 Dwelling houses of Robert Benjamin Bickford with a } 200.0.0
 field of Bank land fence of one y. north side of the }
 Arch opposite y. ago. Dwelling house }
 To y. Deceased Sale Dwelling house and ware }
 House with the land thuds, in the rear of } 300.0.0
 Equid with the with the front as deep as y. }
 Water on part and y. ware house " " " " }
 To y. half of a Dwelling house & garden lying }
 Between y. Dwelling houses of y. Deceased George } 173.0.0
 and John Bickford being the East End }
 of the house with one half of y. garden }
 in Commission " " " " " " " " }
 To one third part of a Warehouse and wharf }
 lying on the North river " " " " " " " " } 50.0.0
 To about an acre of Land Improved for }
 a farm " " " " " " " " } 23.10.0

To y. fish flakes that stand on the water Land }
 Exclusive of the five Northern flakes " " " " } 10.13.4
 To about 3/4 acres of Land lying in the North }
 field as y. Deed " " " " " " " " } 44.0.10
 To a Lot of Land lying right the town bridge }
 Being part of a Lot known by the name } 00.0.0
 of the Bridge Lot " " " " " " " " }
 To a Common right in y. Great pasture a 1/2 10 " 30.0.0
 To one half of the laborer Service }
 Between about 36 Town " " " " " " } 100.0.0

To 1 acre and 1/2 of Land lying to } 1151.4.9
 1 1/2 1/4 1/2 1/4

As Witness August 1761

Eleas Beth Bickford Thorndik Procter
 George Becke for
 Witness before me Dec 31 1761 Majest Williams.
 Then Elat Bickford and George Geo. Smith
 to L. D. And more Oath. &c.

I Susan Newton of Salem in the County of Essex, State of Massachusetts - Widow, being sick and weak in Body, but by the goodness of God, of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, do make, constitute and declare this present writing to be my last Will and Testament in form and Manner following - That is to say:

I order and direct that all my just Debts and reasonable Funeral charges shall be paid by my Executor, herein after named, out of my Personal Estate, as soon as may be after my Decease

And as to all the Estate, Real and Personal, Houses, Lands, Goods and Effects whatsoever of which I shall die seized and possessed, I do hereby give, devise and bequeath the same and every part thereof as follows -

To my Brother, Abraham Wendall and his wife, the Income of One Thousand Dollars, during their Lives - After their decease, to go to City of Salem as a fund - the Income of which to go to the support of Old Men & Women.

To my Brother, Thomas Wendall of Farmington, State of Maine - One Hundred Dollars.

To the children of my Sister, Abigail Ingalls of Townsend - (Massachusetts) Five Dollars to each of them.

To the children of my Sister, Helen Durant, Ten Dollars to each of them.

To my Niece, Mary Jackson - Fifty Dollars.

To my Niece, Susan Lumsden - Three Hundred Dollars.

To Ephraim Brown and his three sons - Three Hundred Dollars, to each of them

To my Niece, Susan Goodwin of Boston - One Hundred Dollars.

To Nancy Richardson, wife of Jeremiah Richardson, One Hundred Dollars.

To the Samaritan Society, of Salem - Fifty Dollars.

To the Seaman's Widow and Orphan Association of Salem - Fifty Dollars.

To the Widow, Mary Davis - Fifty Dollars.

To the Widow, Abigail Dimond - Fifty Dollars.

To Julia, Daughter of Edward & Julia Burnard - One Hundred Dollars.

To Sophia Grover - Fifty Dollars.

To Abraham Jackson - Fifty Dollars.

To Moses and Ellen Upton - Fifty Dollars to each of them.

To Lucy Ann Russell - Twenty five Dollars.

Turn over

To Hannah Plummer - Fifty Dollars. _____

To the Salem Seaman's Orphan & Children's Friend Society - One Hundred Dollars. _____

(Elizabeth Stimpson - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Lavina Nelson - Wife of Samuel F. Nelson - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Lucinda Chappell - Wife of John D. Chappell - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Hannah Phelps - Wife of William Phelps - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Mary Chandler - Wife of Joseph D. Chandler - One Hundred Dollars. _____

To Julia Barnard - Wife of Edward Barnard - One Hundred Dollars. _____

To Lucy Peirce - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Benjamin Herbert, son of Edward & Julia Barnard - One Hundred Dollars. _____

To Jane Taylor - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Catherine Crooks _____ Daughter of Mary Jackson. Fifty Dollars. _____

I ~~wish~~ ^{order} that my clothing be divided as equally as may be, between Susan Goodwin, Julia Barnard and Nancy Richardson. _____

I likewise give, devise & bequeath to Sally Church - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Mrs. Atkins, Wife of William Atkins - Fifty Dollars. _____

To Susan Beely - Fifty Dollars. _____

To the Salem Mechanic Association, Portrait of George Washington - _____

And I do hereby revoke and declare void all other or former Wills by me at any time heretofore made - And I do hereby appoint Edward Barnard of Salem my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. _____

In Testimony whereof I do set my hand & seal, to this my last Will & Testament, this Sixth Day of December - A.D. - 1848 - _____

Signed, Sealed, published & declared, as for her last Will & Testament, by Susan Marston in presence of us, who in her presence, and in the presence of each other, and at her request, have hereunto set our hands & seals as Witnesses of the same - This Sixth Day of December - 1848 - _____

Susan Marston

Nathan Frye.
William Selby sr
Thomas C. Holmes jr

Schedule of Real Estate.

C

3/5/11 Jo. Anger Dolls. Cts.

Building and Land on Washington St.
Salem known as Arrington's Block } 9000.00

~~in Salem~~ Dwelling House and Land No. 16 High St } 1400.00

Dwelling House and Land No. 13 Gedney St } 1600.00
in Salem

Dwelling House and Land No. 8 1/2 Turnest. } 600.00
in Salem

Dwelling House and Land No. 15 Outlet St } 1500.00
in Salem

Dwelling House and Land No. 15 1/2 River St } 500.00
in Salem

Dwelling House and Land No. 6 Andover St } 3000.00
in Salem

Three Lots of Land in So. Reading subject to claims
of Officers holding Tax titles } 150.00

Two Lots of Land in City of Lynn, one
on Boston St. one on Gardner St } 400.00
\$18100.00

Commonwealth } Wm. C. Coffin
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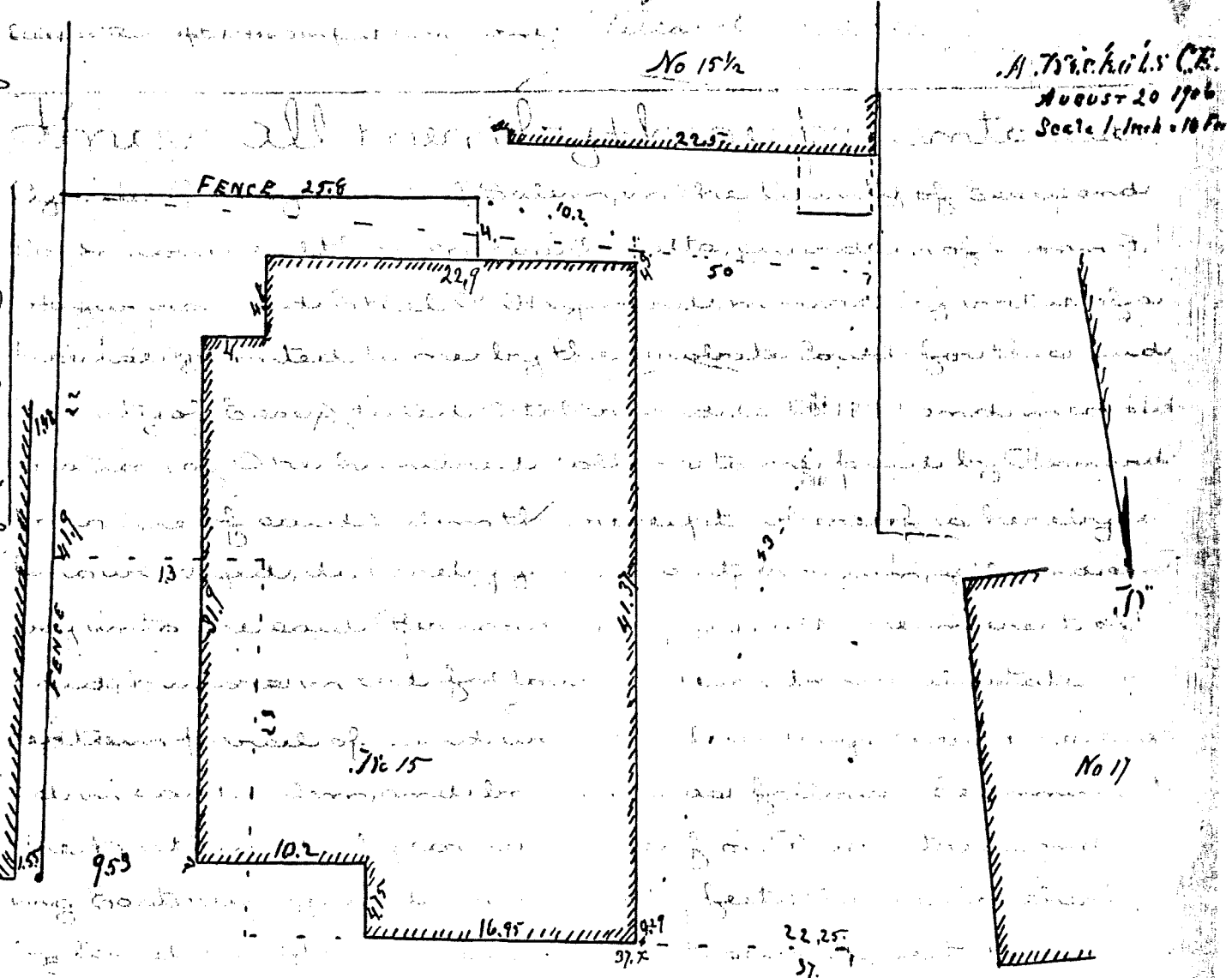
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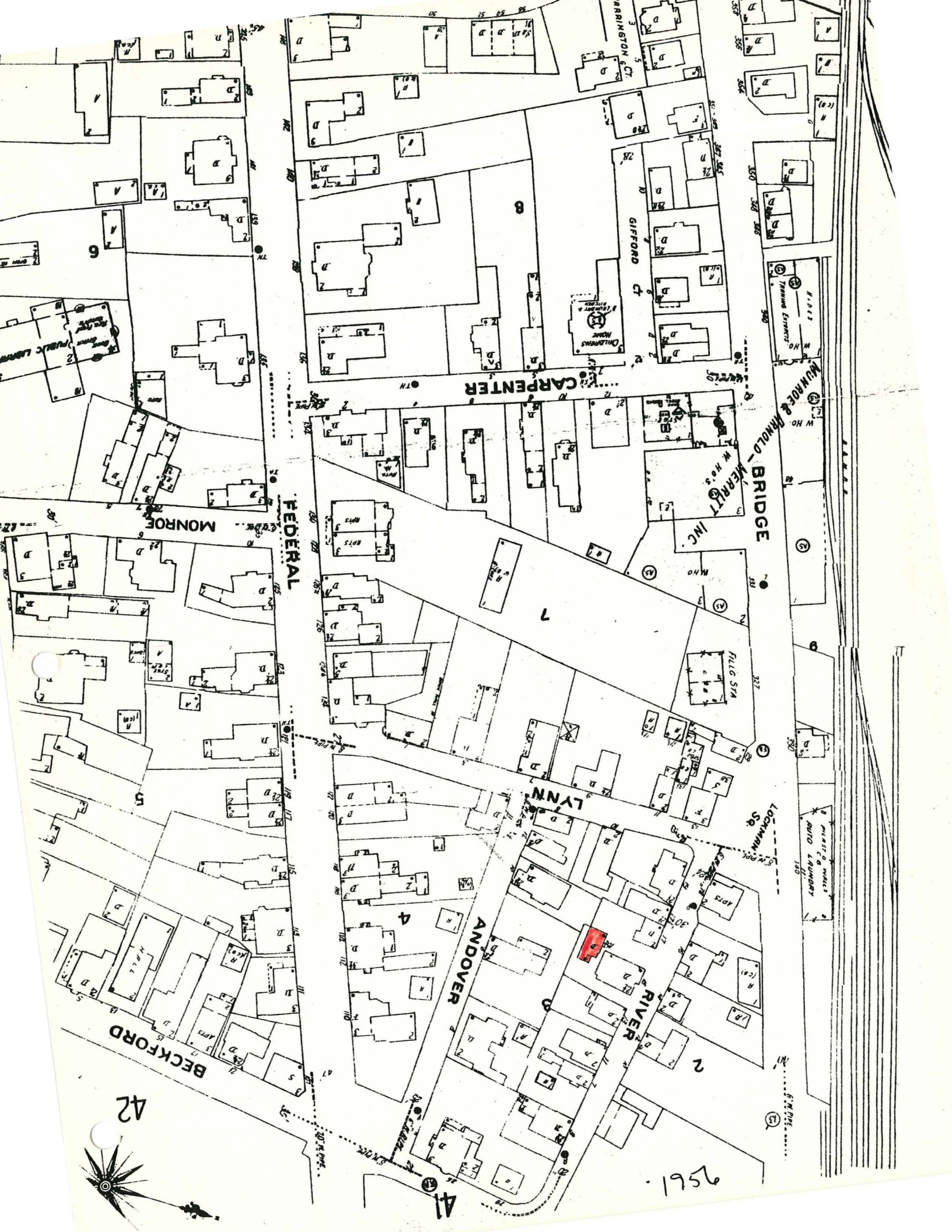
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RIVER STREET

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